

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church  
1764 Meyersville Road  
Meyersville, Texas 77974-4143  
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## *May 2024 Newsletter*

### **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A North American Lutheran Church  
1764 Meyersville Road  
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Ministers - The People of St. John  
Pastor - The Rev. John Boor  
Organist - Bruce A. Weise

#### **WORSHIP**

Sunday School for All Ages      9:00 a.m.  
Worship      10:15 a.m.

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first & third Sunday of each month. Welcome to all new members!



**THE CHURCH BELL**  
**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Member of North American Lutheran Church (NALC)**

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Greetings,

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day Weekend, we will once again have our service recognizing those gallant individuals that sacrificed so much to provide us with the freedoms we have today. Without their sacrifices we would not be able to worship God as we do today.

As in the past, we will honor not only those who gave their lives to serve, but also to all those who have served in the military. Jesus said, "*No greater love hath a man than one who lay down his life for another.*"

There are two other days each year celebrating those who have served, Veterans Day, November 11, and Armed Forces Day which honors those currently serving in the armed forces. We will be combining the celebrations of all three in our service. We understand the three days and we respect all who have served, who are serving, and especially those who gave their lives in service to the country.

Our guest speakers will once again be Dan Pooley and Nick Lowery. They founded and continue to lead the Warrior Weekend Retreat in our area. They are both veterans and they serve our veterans with Christian Retreats for former members of the military. They provide a service by connecting veterans who are experiencing difficulty in transitioning from the military back to civilian life with other veterans who have transitioned. By connecting with other veterans, they are connected with someone who has experienced exactly what they are and they have a common connection to each other. In other words, they speak a common language.

Christian Warrior Retreat is also our Mission of the Month for the month of May. We proudly support the work of the Christian Warrior Retreat and the work that Dan Pooley and Nick Lowery contribute to the community.

I hope everyone has a blessed Memorial Day Weekend.

God's blessings,  
Pastor John

If you or a family member is in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Church office (361-277-8653) or Pastor John Boor (361-243-0373). Due to the privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify pastors when a member is admitted or treated. If you know of anyone being taken to the hospital (emergency or otherwise), or who is seriously ill please call.



## ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT NUMBERS CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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St. John office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. If you would need immediate assistance outside of office hours, text or call Meliss at 361-649-0413.

### ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER/NAME CHANGES

*Please* notify the Church Office as soon as possible of any change in mailing addresses, and/or phone numbers, and/or name changes. Thank you!

If any elderly person, or youth, needs a ride to Church or youth events, please notify the pastor so arrangements can be made to accommodate these needs.



### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the June 2024 Church Bell is Friday, May 24, 2024 by 9:00 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to [stjohnvlutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnvlutheran@juno.com). Thanks!

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A COPY OF THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER BEFORE IT EVER GOES IN THE MAIL AND SAVE MONEY AS WELL?



If so, contact the church office by email at [stjohnvlutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnvlutheran@juno.com) or by phone (361-277-8653) by call or text with your email address and we will be happy to send you The Church Bell via your email. This will save the church money spent on postage, paper, and copying.

What a great stewardship idea!!!

### Do you have an idea?

Is there something at the church that you think needs fixing or changing? The Church Council and Committee Members would like to have your input. Please feel free to use the 'suggestion box' in the Narthex to pass on your ideas, suggestions, and concerns. Remember, this is your church and your opinion matters. We are eager to hear from you!



### BUSY BAGS IN CHURCH

Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to use. These bags have quiet activities for children to enjoy during Worship. The tote bags have items that younger children might be interested in. Grab a bag on your way in to church, but please "bee" sweet and return it after the service.



### PHONE PRAYER CHAIN

**(immediate or long term needs)**

If you have a prayer request or wish to be on the prayer chain, please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500. We ask that when placing a name on the prayer chain, you would please call back weekly with an update on the person's condition. In case of long term prayer needs, please give monthly updates. If we do not have an update, in an effort to keep our list current and up to date, we will presume the situation has improved and remove the request after 30 days. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### Our Military and their families:

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves  
 Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Fort Hood  
 Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Florida  
 Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, stationed overseas (location unknown)  
 Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force  
 Michael Petrash II - Iraq  
 Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL  
 Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA  
 Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina  
 Zach McBrayer - U.S. Air Force, San Antonio



### CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

**Please remember these individuals in your prayers:** Hunter Jacob, Cole Ohrt, Ryon Preslar, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy F. Diebel, Steve Cusack, Virginia Abrameit, Seth Wendel, Bea Bagwell, Charlie Baros, Cindy (Randy) Wendel, Fred "Sandy" Sanders, Robert Moeller, Ryler James Jacob, Billy Guenther, Pamela Allen, Glenda Henry, Dickie Bettge; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.



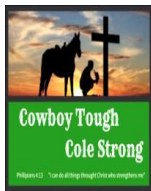
### Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus

### Prayer requests cards are available in the pews

and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.





**+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole+**

**Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole**

**Strong:** Hello everyone. As usual I will start this post with an apology for my absence. I have no excuse other than I'm a really bad Facebooker. But I

should be better for no other reason than I owe it to all of you praying for Cole to give you regular updates. Cole is doing well other than a swollen, purple big toe he recently acquired while his crazy parents drove his wheelchair into the back of the church pew (I won't mention which one of us it was). Other than that I am so happy to say Cole has been staying very healthy. This in itself is a huge blessing considering all the complications that can come with this injury. I give all the credit to the amazing care he receives from his nurses. He really has the best we could have ever asked for. Cole and I were talking the other day to one of our newer nurses about some of the benefits that have been thrown for Cole since his accident. By the time I got through telling her about the first team roping fundraiser and the big benefit at Schroeder and the bidding on Cole's Stock show heifers the year he got hurt we were both in tears. I was completely overwhelmed again by the generosity that has been shown and continues to be shown to us by family, friends, and this community. When I let myself think about it I just can't stop the tears—tears of joy, sadness, and gratefulness all at the same time. So I really don't like to cry so I rarely let myself ponder on this for too long but maybe that's selfish. So tonight as tears are freely flowing I just want to thank everyone in this amazing community again from the bottom of my heart. No words can I say to express my gratitude to each and every one of you who have helped us on this journey. We can never repay you for all you have done. The only think we know to do is pay it forward by helping others through Cole's foundation, offering a helping hand wherever we can, or just offering our prayers for all of you when you need it. I only hope we can do half as good a job as all of you have. God bless you and keep praying for Cole's healing—it's coming. P.S. – I promise to try and be better about posting more regularly. **+Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole+ At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list: *Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual To help family stay strong Patience ~ Stay positive ~The drive to keep trying (perseverance)***

**Mission of the Month of May**

Christian's Warriors Retreat

**What is Christian Warriors Retreat?**

Christian Warriors Retreat (CWR) is a Christian organization committed to serving our veterans, first responders, and their loving families. Our bi-annual retreats are currently held at the beautiful El Shaddai Ranch in Yorktown, Texas. Each of our four-day retreats starts on a Thursday night and ends on a Sunday afternoon. At each retreat, veterans and first responders are invited to stay onsite completely free of charge. Their lodging, meals, and snacks are provided for through the donation of our amazing financial supporters. Leaders and volunteers at CWR serve each guest with honor and attendees are integrated into CWR's family through live music and worship, powerful guest speakers, and small group gatherings designed to serve those who serve with the love

and grace of God. Our organization has plans to launch CWR retreats in new locations throughout our nation.

**NALC Warehouse** – We will be collecting straw brooms and string mops in May for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

**NALC Disaster Response**

**What's in a Flood Bucket?**

- 1 bucket (5 gal.) with a lid – Firehouse Subs \$3.00 ea. (Check other restaurants, donut shops, school kitchens, etc.)**
- 1 roll paper towels – Walmart 44 cents a roll**
- 1 powder cleanser – Walmart 88 cents ea.**
- 1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso) – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.**
- 1 bottle bleach – small! – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.**
- 1 pair rubber gloves – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.**
- 1 scrub brush – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.**
- 1 pair leather gloves – Home Depot 3 pk under \$6.00**
- 1 pair cotton gloves – Walmart 6 pk under \$5.00/Home Depot or Lowe's \$1.00 ea.**
- 2 contractor trash bags (3 mil) – shop around.....**
- 2 rags – Don't buy! Cut up old bath & beach towels, dish towels, wash cloths.....**

**NALC Disaster Response**

If you would like to give a monetary donation to those affected by the Texas Panhandle Fires, please send a check to the following address: NALC Disaster Response, ATTN: Mary Bates, 16500 Noble Ave., Caldwell, OH 43724. Make sure to mark it for the Texas Panhandle Fires. If you have any questions, see Cathie Bettge or Meliss Eckhardt.

**Are you in need of a home for gently used prayer materials?**

Our church will be collecting new and gently used Bibles and prayer books. If you have any questions, please contact Cathie Bettge or Meliss Eckhardt.

**CHURCH & OTHER HAPPENINGS**



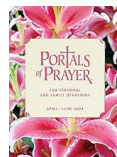
**Sunday School** will continue through the school year. We'd love to see all the children every Sunday at 9AM!

**Women's Bible Study** will now be meeting monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 12:30 PM at the Parsonage.

**Mens's Bible Study** WILL NOT be meeting in February or March, but will resume meetings in April on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7 PM in the Parish Hall.



**The Quilters** will be meeting in the parsonage each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Come and join the bee! Donations of clean used sheets & pillowcases can be used. Please leave on the table on the stage.



**Portals of Prayer**

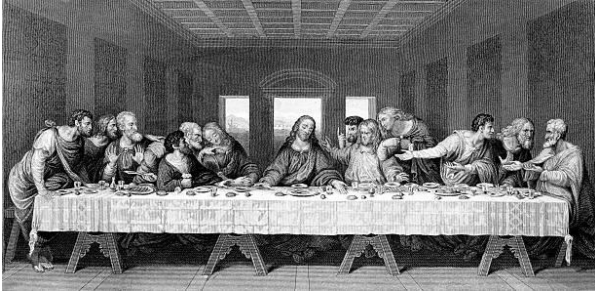
Both pocket size and large print April-June Portals of Prayer are available in the narthex.

## Church Workday

Thank you to all who gave of their time Saturday, April 6, 2024 to enhance the beauty of our church and its grounds. Your generosity and dedication are greatly appreciated.

## Easter Sunday Services & Fellowship

Thank you to all who were involved with the beautiful Sunrise Service, delicious breakfast, delightfully educational Sunday School activities, and an awesome Easter Sunday Service. We had quite a few visitors and all who were involved shared our love for our Lord and Savior. Awesome job everyone!



## LIVING LAST SUPPER MAUNDY THURSDAY

A thousand thank yous and overwhelming gratitude for the help and support shown by all that played a part in making the presentation of the "Living Last Supper" a very special part of St John's observance of Maundy Thursday. There is a risk in trying to name everyone, in that I may leave someone out. I

*Thank you!*

apologize in advance should that be the case, but here goes my attempt. First thank you for the support of the Worship Team which allowed us to pursue the Living Last Supper's revival, as it was last presented 20 years ago, in 2004. Secondly, and most importantly thank you to the amazing cast members. The veterans, from the last presentation, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Mike Cowley & Mitchell Jank. The "new kids on the block" Caden & Dwight Jander, Hudson & Jeff Zengerle, Jason Ohrt, Rick Garrett, Kyle Newman & Hayden Leist. And finally, two who stepped up in our "hour of need", Obert Sagebiel and Cord Hansen. Thank you also to others who planned to be a part of the cast but due to unexpected circumstances were unable to. Thanks to Bev Bodden and Virginia Jank for narrating and Carol Ann Sagebiel for assisting with the costumes and getting them on the correct characters. Extra thanks for Bev baking the unleavened bread and altar guild, Virginia and Betty Diebel, for making the Holy Communion part to the service work in the middle of the production. Additional thanks to cast members and "innocent bystanders" who moved pews and helped get the stage set up and tore down. Thanks to Don Wendel who is always there to lend a helping hand and made sure the church is ready for whatever we throw his way. Thank you, Melissa, for making a real bulletin out of an idea and a rough

draft. Thank you, Pastor John for your support and encouragement when I was near pronouncing "time of death" on the whole project. Finally, and without a doubt a huge thank you to Virgie Gohmert, who initiated the original production here at St John so many years ago. Without her vision for the first production and excellent record keeping of every nuance of this special service we could not have begun to attempt and undertaking such as this. Lastly thank you to all who attended the service and made this a worthwhile meaningful endeavor.

~Johnny Paul Jank~

## Kickin It For Cows Purse and Camo Bingo Benefiting the Cole Ohrt Walk Strong Non-Profit

Bingo Date May 9, 2024 at the Friar Ag Homemaking Building Sponsorship Form-Please see attached forms to be a Premier Sponsor this year for the Bingo-these tables will be sold first and are only on sale now. Public tables go on sale March 10<sup>th</sup>. Get premier seating, special recognition, servers, and additional perks. Don't wait these will go fast. Want to help underwrite different parts of the bingo, please see the underwriting page and return that form to us. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact the following people: Amanda Luddeke 361-648-8147; Julie Ohrt 361-550-8856; Leslie Crews 361-645-4808.

## Graduation Sunday

Graduation Sunday at St. John is on the horizon. We will be recognizing all 2024 Kinder, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, High School & College Graduates during this upcoming service. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board or email: [stjohnelutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnelutheran@juno.com) with your graduate's information for the bulletin or drop it by the church office.



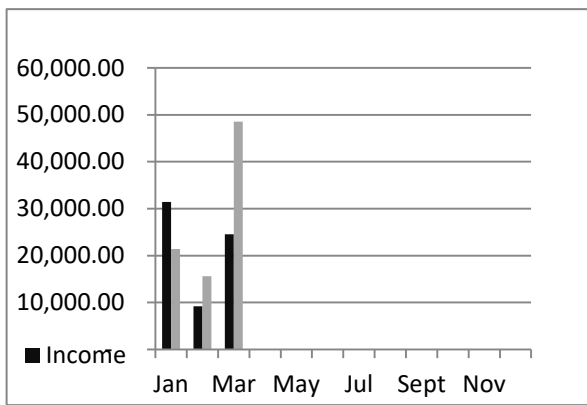
## St. John ~ Memorial Day Service

We will have a Memorial Day service on Sunday, May 26, 2024 to honor & remember all Military Men & Women. We have a running list for the bulletin that we have used the last several years. If someone has passed away in the past year, or you know of any new military personnel, please let the office know by calling or texting 361-277-8653 or by emailing us at [stjohnelutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnelutheran@juno.com). Thank you!



## Altar Flowers

If you would like to bring fresh flowers to church for the altar on the first Sunday of any month, please let the church office recognize you in the bulletin. Flowers can also be given in memory or honor of someone. Flowers can be put on the pedestals any Sunday as long as they are not being used for another purpose. Flowers DO NOT have to be purchased from a florist. Summer garden flowers are beautiful and adorning. The Altar Guild does have a few guidelines as to the size and placement of the bouquet(s) and vases so just contact one of the members or call the church office.



### General Fund – 2024 Income vs Expenses

General Fund chart without Designated Giving funds.

### Church Council Minutes ~ March 26, 2024

Trish Hood

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pastor Boor, Glenn Ruschhaupt (President), Kyle Newman (Vice-President), Trish Hood (Secretary), Archie Abrameit (Treasurer), M'Liss Moore (Financial Secretary), Kathy Dunn (Finance), Cathie Bettge (Mission/Evangelism), Beverly Bodden (Parish Life), Rachel Nessel (Parish Ed), Marv Sager (Property), Brenda Gohmert (Worship).

**CALL TO ORDER:** Glenn called the meeting to order.

**OPENING DEVOTION:** Pastor led us in a devotion about a man who forgot to pick up his son after school, and was very worried about his son when he realized he had forgotten him, But when he finally went to pick him up, his son said, "I met so many new friends." In Luke 2, in the story of Mary and Joseph believing that Jesus was lost, but he was making many new friends.

#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING:**

Brenda made a motion, and Pastor 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Cathie made the motion to accept the financial report, and Brenda seconded. Motion passed.

**PASTOR REPORT:** \*\*Camal Board will meet on May the 21<sup>st</sup> here at the Parish Hall. \*\*On Sunday I received a call that requested I go to Hospice in Victoria to give Jason Hoy communion. I went and gave him communion and he gave a tithe which re-instates his membership. \*\*On 3-19 I received a request from Pamela Allen who lives on Mueller-Lang Road asking if I would visit her and give her communion. She is on in home Hospice care and I agreed and visited her and gave her communion. ~Pastor John~

**OLD BUSINESS:** Pastor made a motion to approve the amended Property Use Policy. M'Liss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **FINANCE TEAM:**

**Finance Committee Meeting** 3-18-2024

**Members Present:** M'Liss Moore, Marv Sager, Archie Abrameit, Laurie Wendel, Kathy Dunn and Pastor John Boor.

Pastor John opened the meeting with a prayer.

We reviewed the financial statements from January and February 2024. We did show a loss for the month of February, but a significant gain for both months. The insurance expense was higher due to the new policy; we are paying quarterly. Bank balances are good and stable. We have had some generous donations. Meliss Eckhardt and M'Liss Moore worked on the church audit with Church Mutual. \*\*We also reviewed the check ledger and credit card reports. The reports appear to be in order. The pasture grass lease is in process. The road fence needs to be replaced/repared before cattle can return. We are getting bids. The property team is working out something with the fence work & the grass for cattle. \*\*Marv discussed some plans for the basement and a bid is forthcoming. Since the basement is part of the church we could use some money from the church renovation fund. We also still have a balance of about \$16,000 from a \$40,000 donation made years ago for the basement. \*\*The company working on the church entrance looked at the basement and has some helpful suggestions regarding hardy board rather than plaster and sheetrock. They will submit a bid next week. \*\*Rachel Nessel and Dwight Jander are on the committee for the Church Scholarship. They have received one application. \*\*Kyle Newman put up a piece of Plexiglas in the window near the landing of the elevator that seems to be a good temporary fix for keeping rain out. \*\*We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting will be May 20, 2024. \*\*Kathy Dunn

#### **MISSION EVANGELISM TEAM:**

March 19, 2024

Members Present: Pastor Boor, Linda Ruschhaupt, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Obert Sagebiel, Pam Haun

Old Business: Will begin contacting someone to be our Mission Feast/Reformation presenter; Decided to remove Warrior's Weekend from our mission of the month list at this time; Reviewed Eight Days of Hope's refuge for girls rescued from human trafficking; Reviewed the Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Financial Status—as of 12/31/23 they are holding \$5,000 in reserve in case of emergencies

Collection for April: flood buckets

Mission of the Month for April: Huntsville Hospitality House/possible speaker available

Service Projects: most categories are filled

Prayer Chain: bulletin prayer request versus phone prayer chain discussed/ will make necessary change in bulletin wording for clarity

New business: Linda will research Lennon-aid.org as a possible Mission of the Month; discussed VCAM (Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry) as a place to inquire about taking outdated devotional booklets, brochures, and spiritual literature

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: May 21, 2024 @ 6 PM in parish hall

### **PARISH LIFE TEAM:**

Parish Life sent out 3 Get Well cards this month and one Sympathy card. I talked with Rachel regarding the Easter Sunday School Breakfast, and Parish Life is going to get the breakfast items needed for this. Sincerely, Bev Bodden

### **PARISH ED:**

Parish Ed Meeting was held March 10, 2024. Present were Pastor John, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Kathy Dunn, Joie Caskey, and Rachel. Meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m.

Regarding Palm Sunday, we will order a 12-pack of a craft from Oriental Trading. \*\*Regarding Easter: \*\*Kathy will mail flyers/letters to parents of our youth this week.

\*\*Kathy will ask Laurie to be the lead on decorating the cross. We made the decision to use silk flowers this year instead of fresh. \*\*Immediately following the Sunrise Service led by the Confirmands, we will have our pancake breakfast. Pastor mentioned that Brian Diebel, Britton Blain, and Morgan Zengerle may be able to help and recommended we reach out to them. Bev has agreed to purchase necessary food items. \*\*For Sunday School, which will start at 9:00 a.m. we will start with the Resurrection Conversation, then the Easter egg Hunt.

Older children will hide the eggs (purchased from Oriental Trading) once they finish eating. We will have a back drop for pictures-Kathy will get with Laurie on this.

\*\*Following the Easter egg hunt, we will have our younger children perform the tomb skit done in prior years. Kathy will send this document electronically.

Johnny Paul has agreed to set up a microphone for the kids to use. \*\*Following the skit, we will split the kids into multiple groups to complete crafts purchased from Oriental Trading. \*\*We will end Sunday School with a closing prayer. \*\*Regarding VBS – we agreed to purchase a kit from the same place we purchased our Christmas Program. The theme is Scuba. Our next Parish Ed meeting will be held on April 14 immediately after worship. Thank you, Rachel Nessel

**PROPERTY TEAM REPORT:**  
**Meeting Date: MARCH 17th**  
**Members Present:** Richard Bettge, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Vance Egg, Dennis Nagel, John Boor, and Marv Sager  
**Items Complete:** Parsonage cleaned; Restroom and various kitchen supplies replenished; Four trees planted on 02/24 in accord with Council approved plan; Church property restriction sign installed; Sanctuary entrance ceiling repaired; Agreement made with cemetery tombstone repair entity; AC filters checked  
**Renovation Progress:** Work to mitigate construction errors is still awaiting contractor availability and potential approval of contractor proposal related to mitigation of bird issue.

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### **Ongoing Discussion Items:**

**Steeple Repair** – Bid will be requested from entity which repaired Old Stone Church steeple.; **Baseball request** –

Potential for inclusion of additional youth activities/games should mitigate concerns regarding liability insurance policy exclusions. Related regulations to be drafted for Team and Council consideration/ approval.; **Texas**

**Gravestone Care, LLC** – Cemetery Committee has submitted payment for project startup.;

**Pasture Lease Renewal** – Team consensus is to seek agreement with lessee, providing grazing privileges for a specific period in exchange for rebuilding the county road right-of-way fence from the school to the creek. Related bids for fence work are being acquired.;

**Property Use Policy Review** – Team consensus is to continue current fee schedules for facility use, along with policy wording additions/changes specific to differing types of events, including the non-fee criteria per discussion at February Council meeting.;

**Spring Congregation Workday** – Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> designated for general cleanup in cemetery and church grounds in advance of April 14<sup>th</sup> cemetery decoration and church under the trees.;

**Tree Removal** – Bids will be requested for removal of two trees adjacent to parsonage per previous discussions.

### **Old Stone Church:**

Next meeting scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

**Items for Council Approval:** None

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** 04/14/24

### **WORSHIP TEAM:**

Worship Team met on Monday, March 4. Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer. We then went into Old Business, we discussed the Last Supper Reenactment and Johnny had a visual presentation so we would know how it was going to look. He has everyone in place and going to start practices. We also discussed communion for that service and it will take place in front of the stage so that the men will be behind us as we take communion. The Reenactment will take place on Maundy Thursday, March 28. We also discussed Easter Sunrise Service that will be in the Main Church at 7:30 and flyers should be going out. New Business: We discussed Church Under the Trees that will take place on April 14, weather permitting, and Pastor's vacation days will be June 2-9 and we will not have communion on June 2. With no further business, we selected songs through May 12. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting Tuesday May 7 at 7 PM  
Brenda Gohmert

There being no further business to come before council, the meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.  
Respectfully Submitted, Trish Hood, Secretary

The **CONSTITUTION FOR St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church** will be available in the near future in the Narthex or from the church office. Pick up your copy. One copy per family please.

The following explains how to become a member of St. John and retain that membership throughout the years.



**BYLAWS of ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PART III – MEMBERSHIP**

**A. Baptized Members** 1. A child, one or both of whose parents or guardians are members of the congregation, shall, upon receiving Baptism, become a baptized member. 2. A child, neither of whose parents or guardians is a member of the congregation, shall upon receiving Baptism, become a baptized member of the congregation; unless for good reason he is to be a baptized member of another congregation, in which case his membership shall be transferred to that congregation. 3. A child baptized in another congregation shall be received as a baptized member in the congregation when a transfer has been received. 4. An un-baptized adult who has received instruction and has given evidence of an adequate understanding and acceptance of the teachings of the work of God as confessed by the Lutheran Church, shall upon confession of faith and Baptism, become a baptized member of the congregation. 5. When one or both parents of baptized children are received into the membership of the congregation, such children should be received as baptized members with the consent of the member parent or parents. 6. Where a baptized child is an orphan or ward of someone and these people move into the area served by this congregation, the child may be received as a baptized member when it is commended to the care of this congregation by the congregation which baptized the child. 7. When the parents of a baptized child are not themselves members of the Lutheran Church but move into the area served by this congregation and desire to have their child put within the pastoral care of this congregation, the child may be received as a baptized member.

**B. Confirmed Members** 1. A baptized adult, not previously a confirmed member of a Lutheran congregation, shall become a confirmed member of this congregation after having received instruction, having given evidence of adequate understanding of the teachings of the Word of God as confessed by the Lutheran Church, and having publicly affirmed their faith. 2. A baptized member of the congregation shall become a confirmed member through the rite of confirmation; except that an adult who has become a baptized member in accordance with the provisions of Section A, (4), of this part of the bylaws shall be considered a confirmed member without participation in the rite of confirmation. 3. An applicant for membership who presents a Letter of Transfer which certifies that he is a confirmed member in good standing of a Lutheran congregation shall become a confirmed member of the congregation upon approval by the Church Council. The acceptance of the applicant shall be reported to the congregation. 4. An applicant for membership who presents evidence of confirmation in a Lutheran congregation but does not have a Letter of Transfer shall be admitted to confirmed membership when the Church Council had determined that he meets the standards of Christian faith and life indicated in the constitution and bylaws, and when he has affirmed his faith.

**C. Voting Members** The Church Council shall determine the roster of voting members of the congregation in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and bylaws. The roster of voting members shall be available at all regularly called meetings of the congregation.

**D. Associate Members** A person holding membership in other Lutheran congregations but who wish to participate in the life and mission of this congregation as outlined in this congregation's constitution.

**E. Discontinuance of Membership** 1. The congregation shall, in the event that a member moves from the community it serves, except those in the Armed Services or those enrolled in an institution of higher learning, encourage the member to request a transfer to a Lutheran congregation which can serve him effectively. Should the member fail to request a transfer, a Lutheran congregation in the community of his residence shall be notified. 2. A confirmed member in good standing desiring to change his membership to another Lutheran congregation shall, upon request, receive a Letter of Transfer. 3. A confirmed member who does not, for a period of one year, partake of Holy Communion, support the church with his offerings, and does not appear to desire to participate in the life and worship of the congregation shall be visited by the pastor and a member of the congregation's council and encouraged by them to active membership. If during the second year, the confirmed member does not actively participate, his name shall be removed from the confirmed membership roster of the congregation, but shall be retained on a responsibility list as one who is in special need of the congregation's prayer and concern. Members outside the community shall be contacted by letter and encouraged to transfer membership to a church in their community. If that has not been accomplished in one year and the member has not fulfilled the previously mentioned criteria the person's name shall be removed from the confirmed membership roster. Extenuating circumstances may be considered on an individual basis by the church council.

***FRIENDLY REMINDER: PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR  
CEMETERY AND ADJACENT GROUNDS LOOKING  
THEIR BEST....***

**CEMETERY DECORATIONS**

In respect of those buried in this cemetery, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church feels responsible for keeping our cemetery presentable and well maintained into perpetuity.

In order to accomplish this at a sustainable cost, all users must abide by the following rules concerning decorations:

- A. In-ground vases, ornaments, figurines, statues, pictures, glass or other breakable containers, trellises, shepherd hooks, loose flowers, solar lights, or any commemorative articles of non-degradable materials are not permitted and will be removed and discarded without notice.
- B. All vases shall be attached permanently to the headstone or slab or be of sufficient weight to resist windy conditions. All flowers shall be adequately secured in the previously described vases to keep them from

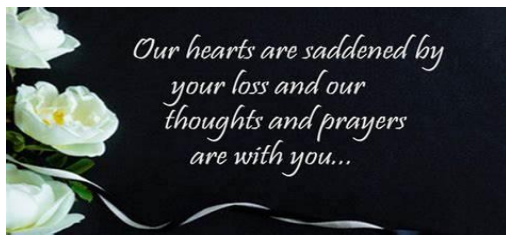
blowing out. Loose flowers on graves will not be permitted.


- C. White solar powered decorations are allowed (one per grave) if they are attached to the headstone or base and not placed in the grass.
- D. Funeral flowers and wreaths placed on fresh graves shall be removed within two weeks of the funeral.
- E. Flags look impressive on a cemetery, but they fade quickly and usually do not stay upright long if placed directly into the ground. If flags are used, they shall be placed in a small diameter PVC plastic pipe driven into the ground next to the headstone as to not impede mowing. Only one flag per grave is permitted.


The cemetery committee at their discretion shall remove and discard any decorations that they deem inappropriate.

**THANK YOU**

**PERSONAL NOTES**



 We want to send our deepest sympathy to the Family of Anitta Mollenkopf, who passed away April 5, 2024. We especially send our condolences to Pastor Jonathan Mollenkopf of St Paul Lutheran Church in Nordheim for the loss of his wife. May Pastor Jonathan, his family, and his congregation find peace and comfort in you, O Lord.

 We want to send our deepest sympathy to the Family of Jason Frederick. Jason passed away during the night, Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at his home which was his wish.



**Happy Memorial Day!**

Celebrating you and all the lives you've touched,  
all the memories you've made,  
and the love and laughter you've shared...  
Celebrating 100 wonderful years of you!

*Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

**You are Invited to  
A 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Celebration for  
Caroline Blain  
Saturday,  
May 25, 2024  
from 2pm to 6pm  
Yorktown VFW Hall**

**Your presence is your gift.**

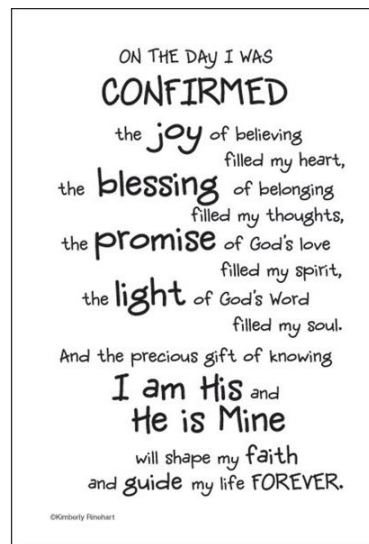


**HOLY BAPTISM**  
On Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, we welcomed as a member by Holy Baptism Bauer Patrick Egg.

He was born July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Victoria, Texas to Garrett & Raylee (Johnston) Egg. Bauer's baptismal sponsors are Robyn Johnston & Brock Haun.

To all of the Wonderful Mothers at St. John! Have a Blessed Day!

Happy Mother's Day!



**Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

**Confirmands are:  
Gracie Diebel  
Lane Moritz  
Morgan Zengerle**

Congratulations to each of you. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit always inspire you to be a strong Christian, sharing and holding steadfast to your faith as you travel along in your life. God bless each of you!

## VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

### May 5

Greeters - Trish Hood  
Reader - Trish Hood

### May 12

Greeters - Beverly Bodden  
Reader - Beverly Bodden

### May 19

Greeters - The Hays Family  
Reader - Wanda Hays

### May 26

Greeters - Youth Group  
Reader - Neal Moritz

### May Communion Assistant

Johnny Jank

### May Altar Guild

M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

### May Nursing Home Visitor

Virginia Abrameit

## LOOKING AHEAD...

### June 2

Greeters - Cheryl Bramlette  
Reader - Kathy Dunn

### June Communion Assistant

Glenn Ruschhaupt

### June Altar Guild

Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

### June Nursing Home Visitor

Cathie Bettge

**Volunteers:** If you are down for a service, you are responsible for getting a substitute if you cannot make it. Please let the church office know if you have switched so the correct names can be in the bulletin.

## Happy Birthday to:

- 4 - Gracie Diebel
- Katrina Moritz
- 5 - MayDell Jacob
- 10 - Jason Wendel
- 15 - Beatrice Fagg
- 19 - Brian Diebel
- Cade Light
- 21 - David Diebel
- 22 - Travis Eichhorn
- 25 - Kolby Jank
- 26 - Candice Cowley
- Dianna Bartosh
- Glenn Ruschhaupt
- Grayson Schaefer
- 27 - Clay Haun
- Mason Nagel
- 28 - Ashley Ohrt
- 29 - Caden Jander
- 30 - Dianna Soliz
- Tamara Zengerle

*Happy Birthday*

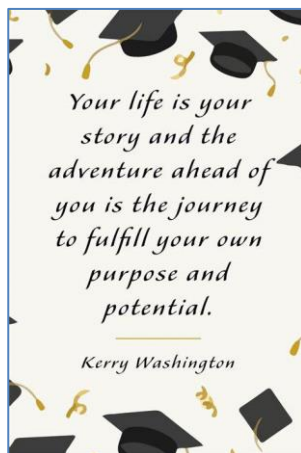
*Our apologies if we have missed your special date. Please contact the church office to help with corrections. Thank you!*

## Anniversary Greetings to:

- 13 - Michael & Candy Cowley
- 18 - Gary & Dee Moeller
- 24 - Obert & Carol Ann Sagebiel
- 30 - Melanie & Holden Light

*Happy Anniversary*

## Congratulations to Our Graduates!



**Congratulations to all the Graduates who will walk the stage this month! May God walk with you on your graduation and on all the days to come before and after! May God bless each of you as you enter into a new chapter of your life! The congregation of St. John is very proud of each of you!**

*If you'd like to receive your monthly church newsletter via email, call or text the church office at 361-277-8653.*





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## St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, TX

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Mission of the Month:  
Christian Warrior's Retreat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Please look on our website: <a href="http://stjohnmeyersville.org/">http://stjohnmeyersville.org/</a> or our Facebook page: <u>St. John Meyersville</u> for changes &amp; updates.</i></p> <p><i>*meet at the parsonage</i></p>						
<p><b>Sixth Sunday of Easter 5</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>		<p><b>6</b> 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7 PM Worship Team Meeting</p>	<p><b>7</b> 10AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 12:30PM Women's Bible Study* 1:30 PM Quilters*</p>	<p><b>8</b> <i>Ascension of the Lord</i> 9 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>		
<p><b>Seventh Sunday of Easter 12</b> <i>~Happy Mother's Day!!!~</i> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship</p>		<p><b>13</b> 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p><b>14</b> 1:30 PM Quilters * 6:00 PM Mission Ev. Team Meeting 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>15</b> 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>		
<p><b>Day of Pentecost 19</b> 8:00 AM Property Team 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship-Confirmation Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p><b>20</b> 7 PM Finance Meeting</p>	<p><b>21</b> CAMAL House Mtg. Here in Parish Hall</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9 AM Old Stone Church Meeting 1:30 PM Quilters *</p>	<p><b>23</b> 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p><b>24</b> Cuero Graduation Yorktown Graduation Nordheim Graduation</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>The Holy Trinity 26</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship – <b>Memorial Day Service</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> <i>Memorial Day</i></p>	<p><b>28</b> 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Office Hours: *Please see the weekly Bulletins</p>

