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August 2024 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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
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Greetings,

I have talked frequently about how Christianity is under attack. God knew this would happen and in 2 Timothy 4:36-4 tells us, *“³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths.”*

We can see this happening in the world today. There are many examples of churches who are turning from the Bible and adopting doctrines that are contrary to the Gospel. We also see scenarios throughout the world that are mocking God and falling prey to the false teachings.

This past weekend at the opening of the Olympics, they had drag queens reenacting the Last Supper. It has had tremendous outrage from Christians and because of this many supporters have withdrawn their support.

Last week Greg Laurie once again hosted his Harvest Week and it was held in Angel Stadium. Over 250,000 people participated. They had 50,000 in attendance at the stadium and an additional 200,000 online. They had over 5,000 people profess their faith in Jesus Christ.

The attendance was so great that the Fire Marshall closed the doors and wouldn't allow anyone else to enter. But this did not deter those who were unable to get in. They gathered outside the stadium and joined in the celebration of Christ.

Greg Laurie's message contained the following statement: *A lot of people have written California off. It seems like the #1 export of California is Californians! But I have hope for our great state. I pray what happened here tonight at Angel Stadium may spark Christians to pray for a spiritual awakening in our state and nation. With all the uncertainty in America in this political season, we need to look to God. The last great spiritual awakening in America happened in California. TIME magazine dubbed it "The Jesus Revolution." We need to pray, "Do it again, Lord!"*

We may not be able to host such an event in Meyersville, but we can do our part. I pray that we will all commit to reaching out to the lost and making disciples of all that we meet.

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
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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 September 2024 Church Bell is Friday, August 23, 2024 by 9:00 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to stjohnlutheran@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 stjohnlutheran@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 – 1st LT, U.S. Army
 Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL
 Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina
 Zach McBrayer – 1st LT, U.S. Air Force, Germany



CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

Please remember these individuals in your prayers: Hunter Jacob, Cole Ohrt, Ryon Preslar, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy F. Diebel, Virginia Abrameit, Bea Bagwell, Fred “Sandy” Sanders, Robert Moeller, Ryler James Jacob, Billy Guenther, Pamela Allen, Ronnie Moeller, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Dean Ohrt, Dennis Harvey, Mike Rangnow, Glenn Nagel; 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

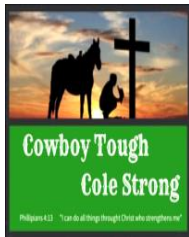
and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.



+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole+

Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough

Cole Strong: Hello everyone! An update after the amazing fundraiser for the Cole Ohrt Walk Strong Foundation: It was another sold out event with the building packed with wonderful supporters of this cause. As always, it was humbling to see that many people come out and support something so special to mine and Cole's hearts. I am so thankful to everyone who sponsored our event this year and to all who donated prizes, money, or just their time to help make this night such a huge success. We appreciate each and every one of you Also a big thank you to all who came that night- we hope to see you again next year! If you truly want to see God's love and generosity first hand you need to come to this event. For me it is the most humbling and awesome experience I've ever been blessed to be a part of! Thank you and God Bless. **+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)**



**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.....

FYI: If anyone would be interested in giving to our mission district, please make your check out to "SOUTH TEXAS MISSION DISTRICT". In the MEMO line, write the name of the congregation and Southwest TX Mission District. This will ensure that your mission district is properly credited. The new Treasurer is Pastor Michael Giese and your check should be mailed to his attention at Holy Cross Lutheran Church P.O. Box 301 Rockport, TX 78381.

Portals of Prayer

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

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.

**Mission of the Month of August
Lutheran Bible Translators**

Over 3500 communities are waiting for the Word of God in the language they understand best. Lutheran Bible Translators partners with local leaders to create translation programs for many such communities who do not have access to God's Word in their native language. Prayers and financial gifts enable them to make the Word more accessible than ever.

NALC WAREHOUSE & NALC WAREHOUSE-ROSENBERG

If you are giving a donation to one of these warehouses, please indicate which one. This designation must be made in order for the funds to be sent to your donation, Minnesota or Texas. Rosenberg Warehouse checks need to be written out to Peace Lutheran Church with Rosenberg Warehouse on the memo line.

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse –

We will be collecting any items to fill flood buckets and health kits for the month of August for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

CHURCH & OTHER HAPPENINGS

Sunday School

Summer Sunday School of Miracles of Jesus ended on August 4th, 2024. We'd love to continue to see all the children at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, August 11, 2024 as we kick off the new Sunday School Year with Rally Sunday and Backpack Blessings. We have lots of things planned and can't wait to see you and learn more about our amazing Lord.



Rally Sunday will kick off at 9 a.m. on August 11th, 2024 with some fun outdoor activities, including a scavenger hunt!



For our **Backpack Blessing**, we invite all children to bring their backpacks to our 10:15 service on August 11th, 2024. As the new school year begins, we will pray over our students and their school bags/supplies, asking for God's protection and guidance throughout the year.

We can't wait to see you there!!!!
"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."
~Proverbs 22:6~

Vacation Bible School

VBS was held from **July 29-August 2** from **8:30-noon** when they dove into an amazing undersea adventure to experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Kids were immersed in the Word and discovered what living water is really all about! Look for more information on this exciting adventure in September's newsletter.



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

Mens's Bible Study will be meeting on June 19th in the Parish Hall. Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday monthly, unless otherwise noted.

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.



We Are Still Looking for Acolytes for the Summer



If anyone would like to acolyte on a Sunday morning, please let Pastor know or the office so we can include your name in the bulletin. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board. What a way to praise our Lord, serve at church, and have volunteer credit on future applications (job & college)!

Organ Assistant

Wanda Hays has graciously agreed to be trained to push the buttons on the organ when and if Bruce should be out. THANK YOU, WANDA!!!

After some discussion, we have come to the conclusion that more than one person trained in pushing the buttons would be more ideal.

Having more than one person trained is advantageous to us all. Here's

your chance to happily "push some buttons". Join Wanda in her learning endeavor and learn to push the organ's buttons. Sometimes two heads are better than one in times like this. Learning together with someone else is more fun and I also find it builds our confidence because we have someone to help us along.

Seeking Donations for the Basement

Renovations of our church basement are nearing completion and the space is looking amazing! This newly transformed space will serve as a safe and fun place for our youth to gather, learn, and grow in their faith.

We deeply appreciate the support & dedication of our congregation in making this dream a reality. Your investment in our youth is an investment in the future. To make this space truly welcoming and comfortable, we are seeking donations for furnishing it. If you are able, please consider contributing any of the following items: Big Screen TV (55"+), Game tables (pool, foosball, etc.),

game, couches, armchairs, bean bag chairs, coffee bar setup, Keurig machine, fridge, rugs, bookshelves. Every donation, big or small will help create an inviting & engaging environment for our youth. Thank you for your continued support & generosity! If you have any items to donate or would like to contribute financially, please contact Rachel Nessel at (361) 571-9228.

Thank you! ~ Rachel Nessel

Join us Online in August!



August 9, 2024 from 6-9 p.m. ET to hear from Bishop Dan Selbo, participate in elections and voting, and hear updates from across the NALC. It

is easier than ever to attend the **2024 NALC Mission Convocation**. With no need to travel, and minimal registration costs, we encourage all pastors and delegates to attend. All members of your congregation are invited to join in on the livestream as well! Go to www.lutheranweek.com and select the Register Now tab. Clergy delegate registration fee: \$25; Lay delegate registration fee: \$25; visitor registration fee: \$0; Registration closes Friday, August 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. ET Note: You will need ZOOM on your computer!

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.

PERSONAL NOTES

With Our Deepest Sympathy



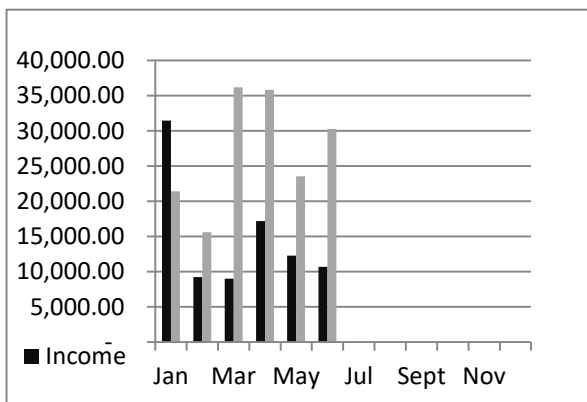
In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the family of Steve Cusack in your thoughts & prayers. Steve passed away on Thursday, July 25, 2024. May God comfort his family at this time of loss.

Please keep the family of John (J.G.) Roller in your thoughts & prayers. John passed away on Sunday, July 28, 2024. He is the uncle of Melissa Eckhardt & Dianna Soliz. May God comfort his family at this time of loss.

Altar Flowers

On August 4th, 2024, Ray & Linda Boyer had flowers placed on the altar in loving memory of their son, Chad Michael Boyer. Thank you for allowing us to share in this loving gesture of remembrance of your son.



General Fund – 2024 Income vs Expenses
General Fund chart without Designated Giving funds.

Church Council Minutes ~ June 25, 2024

Trish Hood

Members Present: Pastor Boor, Glenn Ruschhaupt (President), Kyle Newman (Vice-President), Trish Hood (Secretary), Archie Abrameit (Treasurer), Kathy Dunn (Finance), Cathie Bettge (Mission/Evangelism), Beverly Bodden (Parish Life), Marv Sager (Property), Brenda Gohmert (Worship).

Call to Order: Glenn called the meeting to order.

Opening Devotion: Beverly led the devotion based on Joel 2:13. We get tired, feel alone, and blue, but we know God is always with us. We just need to be patient, and He will come to us.

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting: Archie made a motion, and Marv 2nd the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Financial Report: Cathie made the motion to accept the financial report, and Bev seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor Report: I will be covering for Tim Muehlbrad in Yorktown the week of 6-24-2024 through 6-29-2024, while he is on vacation.

I have heard several positive comments about the services by Johnna and Johnny while I was on vacation.

I plan on attending a conference at Parkway Church in Victoria on August 6. It is promoted as a conference for people who help people and is put on by STCH Ministries. It will be a full day conference.

OLD BUSINESS: Natalie Carson asked to use our Parish Hall on November 4, 5, and 6 for election. Kathy made a motion to give them permission to use our Parish Hall, and Brenda seconded. Motion carried.

We discussed the use of the Basement, and we all agreed to use it primarily for our Youth.

FINANCE TEAM: Finance Team did not meet in June. Next meeting is July 17 at 7pm. ~ Kathy Dunn

Mission/Evangelism Team: Mission Ev Team did not meet in June. Next meeting is July 17 at 6pm.

Mission of the Month of July: Water Missions
Rosenberg Warehouse Collections: leaf rakes and wide short handled shovels

Delivery to Rosenberg Warehouse by Marv and Norrean Sager: 6 boxes of quilts (46), 2 prayer books, 5 straw brooms, 4 string mops, 1 box of cleaning supplies, and 4 filled flood buckets.

Parish Life Team: Parish Life did not send out any get well cards this month. However, there were two 8th grade graduates that were given cards a metal Bible verse bookmark. And there were three 12th grade graduates that were given cards and a 2024 graduate keychain. These cards, bookmarks and keychains were given in celebration of Graduation Sunday, June 2, 2024.

Parish Life was also asked to get snacks/drinks for VBS next month ~ Bev Bodden

Parish Ed: Meeting held 6/16/24. Called to order at 9 am. Present: Rachel, Joie, Kathy, Laurie, Glenn, and Pastor John Summer Sunday School was readdressed. Glenn, Laurie, Kathy, and Joie will meet separately to discuss coordination of summer Sunday School, which will be held June 30 – August 4 with the theme of “Miracles of Jesus”. We will put the information in the bulletin and newsletter. Regular Sunday School will resume with Rally Sunday/Backpack Blessing on August 11.

VBS: VBS will be July 29-August 2 from 8:30-noon. Registrations have already exceeded our goal of 24 kids aged 3-12. We currently have 30 kids registered. While there was some hesitation on how to accommodate more children, we hope to not have to cap registration and would like to continue to encourage anyone who is interested in coming to register!

We need volunteers to serve as teachers and camp counselors, especially as our numbers increase!

We previously ordered enough supplies for 24 kids. To accommodate potentially larger numbers, we will double this order so we will have enough supplies for 48 kids. Rachel will submit this order to the church office.

Meeting was adjourned at 10 am.

Property Team Report:

Property Team did not meet in June.

Items completed: ~ Parsonage cleaned ~ Restroom & various kitchen supplies replenished ~ Trees removed per previously approved tree plan ~ Sidewalks pressure washed (Thanks Dennis) ~ Installation & painting of new basement walls & ceiling paneling, along with lighting completed. ~ Sanctuary entrance door handle repaired ~ AC filters checked.

PENDING: KWORKS plans to begin installation of bird netting beneath the elevator awning on Monday, June 24th

Next Scheduled Meeting: 7/14/24

Worship Team:

Worship Team did not meet in June. Next meeting July 1, 2024

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.

RELIGION JOKES

From Seniorific News April 2024



We were celebrating the 100th anniversary of our church, and several former pastors and the bishop were in attendance. At one point, our minister had the children gather at the altar for a talk about the importance of the day. He began by asking them, "Does anyone know what the bishop does?" There was silence. But finally, one little boy answered gravely, "He's the one you can move diagonally."

**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

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYERS
FOR OUR TEACHERS & OUR CHILDREN**

Back to School Prayer for Students

Father, I pray for each and every child of every age that will be heading away from home to attend school this year. I pray that you cover them in your full armor so they may repel the enemy's tactics. I pray for their health and safety and that school administrators are able to prepare a healthy and safe environment for them to learn in. I pray that each child is able to put aside their fear and worry so they may fully enjoy the resources in learning that they'll be provided. I pray for the parents who may be home worrying. I pray they trust that you will be watching and protecting their children during this time away from home. And I pray that you will destroy any tactic the enemy wishing to use to do harm or cause temptation to these young, innocent souls. And I pray that each day, each and every child will come home, safe and fully of joy, ready to share in the excitement of everything they learned. Amen. (From www.bloggersforthe kingdom.com)

Back to School Prayer for Joy & Passion

Father, I pray each child finds some form of joy as they come to school each day. And that they become passionate about something. It could be science, art, music, math, reading—anything. I just pray that each child is provided an environment that promotes and fosters a joyful and passionate outlook for each student. In Jesus Name, Amen! (From www.bloggersforthe kingdom.com)

Back to School Prayer for Wisdom

Father, I pray for every child to have the wisdom to make good decisions and to understand right from wrong. I pray they always seek to glorify you in their words and actions and to know when the enemy is trying to trick them into something. I pray they have control over their words and always use them to build others up and not get pulled into gossip or other types of things that the enemy may tempt them towards. In Jesus' Name, Amen. (From www.bloggersforthe kingdom.com)

Back to School Prayer Against Bullying

Father, please prepare the children to be strong and confident against the bullies they may face at school. Help them to understand that the person bullying them is lost and hurting and needs forgiveness and prayer. I pray they are able to avoid these situations, but if they do encounter them, I pray that you are right there with them to guide them in handling the situation. Amen. (From www.bloggersforthe kingdom.com)

Back to School Prayer for Protection

Father, I pray that each child is surrounded by the full armor of God as he or she walks through the doors of school each day. I pray that they are able to avoid danger in any form and that each day, please keep them safe from harm and bring them home at the end of each day safely. In Jesus' Name, Amen. (From www.bloggersforthe kingdom.com)

Prayer for Safety in the Classroom

Heavenly Father, I lift up all teachers who are working in classrooms today. I pray that you would surround them with Your protection as they teach. That You would keep them safe from harm's way and help them to always be aware of potential dangers. I ask that your angels would be around about the school and classrooms. That no weapon formed against these teachers and students would prosper. In the mighty name of Jesus, Amen. (From www.thinkaboutsuchthings.com)

Back to School Blessing

Dear Heavenly Father, For all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector. Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm. Put our sons and daughters in the right place, at the right time, to receive your grace. Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts. Help us to mature as parents and caregivers. Bless every family, oh Lord. We entrust our children to you, dear God. Since from the beginning, they are yours to keep. In the name of the greatest Son of all, Jesus Christ. Amen. (From www.prayerforanxiety.com)

A Prayer for the Start of the School Year

Lord, as a new school year begins, bless the teachers and students to start the year strong. Give teachers renewed energy and enthusiasm to teach with passion and purpose. I pray for smooth routines and procedures to be established within the school. May the new year bring new hope, excitement, and readiness to learn and grow. Amen.

(From www.garmentsofsplendor.com)

A Prayer for Our Teachers

Dear God, Thank you for the amazing teachers who have given their lives to serve our children. As they prepare for the new year, fill them with strength to lead, grace to guide and hope to thrive in their classroom. Bless them beyond measure for their willingness to pour into the next generation through education. Amen. (From FB – Funny Teacher Memes)

Prayers for Teachers: Praying for Strength

Lord, I pray for teachers everywhere, that they may receive strength and stamina to continue in the work that you have called them to. The role of a teacher is of great importance, and many work countless hours each year to provide the best learning experience for their students. It is a deeply rewarding occupation that also comes with challenges and hardships. Give teachers the strength to continue on, knowing that their work is not in vain. Amen.

(From www.garmentsofsplendor.com)

Prayers for Teachers: For Safety & Protection

Lord, I pray for the safety of our teachers and students. Unfortunately, we are often reminded on the news that we live in a cruel and harsh world. Protect our teachers and students from harm and danger. While they are in class, may they teach freely without fear of outside threats or intruders. Provide each school with high levels of security that will ward off evil offenders. Surround your teachers and students with your hedge of protection, that they may teach with joy and peace of mind. In Jesus' name, Amen.

(From www.garmentsofsplendor.com)

Prayer for Teachers: A Prayer for Perseverance

Lord, I pray for perseverance for the teachers in my community. As the school year continues, give them the diligence to perform each day with excellence. Help them to pick up where they left off, and continue to teach with joy, patience, and perseverance.

(From www.garmentsofsplendor.com)

Prayers for Teachers: For Wisdom & Direction

Lord, I pray for wisdom and direction for teachers. There is so much that they must accomplish at the end of each school year. Give them the wisdom to know how to best meet the needs of each of their students. May they be able to receive help from parents, support staff, and volunteers to help run their classrooms smoothly and effectively. Give them direction and guidance to accomplish the tasks they need to do each day. Amen. (From www.garmentsofsplendor.com)

Back to School Prayer for Teachers Safety & Protection

Father, thank you for giving us people with the gift of teaching our children. I ask you to wrap your arms around each one of them with an armor of protection against all threats and dangers they may face throughout the school day. Watch over them and protect them from violence. Protect their bodies and minds from sickness. Father, keep them safe so they can be there for the students throughout the day. Amen.

(From www.bloggersforthe kingdom.com)

Prayers for Teachers: Unity with Staff and Administration

Lord, I pray for unity among the staff and administration of the schools in my community *and around the world*. May everyone work together with the common goal of serving their student body with excellence and diligence. I pray against quarrels and negative attitudes among the school community, and that conflicts and disagreements in school policy and practice may be handled with utmost respect and professionalism. May the unity among the staff spread within the entire school, cultivating a positive learning environment. Amen.

(From www.garmentsofsplendor.com)

Prayer for Teachers

Heavenly Father, what a gift you've given in our teachers, the ones you've anointed to speak knowledge and wisdom into our ears. Bless our teachers and fill them with unending patience, compassion, and love. Surround each classroom with your protections. Lord, creating a space that is safe to learn, filled with kindness, and full of your love. Clothe each teacher in strength and dignity, confident in their calling to prepare our children for the future. Help them to speak with wisdom, act with compassion, demonstrate kindness, and be a blessing to each student in their classroom. Amen.

(From www.prayerandpossibilities.com)

Prayer for Teachers

Heavenly Father, Thank you for all teachers. Thank you for the way in which they give of themselves each day serving your children. Father, please fill their hearts with courage and optimism this week by your mighty Spirit. Fill them with your strength, so they may rise to every challenge and not grow weary. Fill them with your wisdom, so that they may be able to make good judgment when guiding and helping others. Fill them with your peace, so that when stress and anxiety comes it would not overwhelm them. Father, fill them with your joy and protect them and their families. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. (From Reflective Thinker)

Back to School Prayer

Dear God,

As we send our children back to school, we pray for Your protection and guidance. Keep them safe from harm, both physically and emotionally. Help them to find friends who will support and encourage them. Give them wisdom as they face challenging situations. And help them to always remember that You are with them, no matter what.

We also pray for our teachers and school staff. Give them strength, patience, and knowledge as they work with our kids each day. Help them to be role models of Your love and grace. And bless them with all the resources they need to provide a top-quality education for our children.

Finally, we pray for all the parents out there who are sending their kids back to school. May we find comfort in knowing that You are holding them all in the palm of Your hand. And may we trust that, despite any challenges that come our way, You will always be with us and see us through.

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

August 4

Greeters - Youth Group
Reader - Dickie Bettge

August 11

Greeters - Cathie & Dickie Bettge
Reader - Youth

August 18

Greeters - The Hays Family
Reader - Wanda Hays

August 25

Greeters - Marv & Norrean Sager
Reader - Neal Moritz

August Communion Assistant

Brian Wendel

August Altar Guild

Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

August Nursing Home Visitor

Patricia Hood

LOOKING AHEAD...

September 1

Greeters - Beverly Bodden
Reader - Beverly Bodden

September Communion Assistant

Jeff Zengerle

September Altar Guild

Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

September Nursing Home Visitor

Margie Swannack

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:

- 3 - Shelby Newman
- 4 - Glenda Henry
Sydney Schaefer
- 5 - Jaymee Rangnow
Madyx Blain
- 8 - Jo Beth Caskey
- 9 - LeAnn Jander
- 10 - Lane Moritz
- 11 - Caleb Nagel & Kyle Nagel
Kaley Coker
- 14 - Sandy Motley
- 16 - Marjorie Ideus
Kay Nagel
- 19 - Linda Ruschhaupt
- 20 - Crosson Rains
Kyle Newman
- 21 - Rick Garrett
Ryan Eichhorn
- 22 - Jonathan Albrecht
- 23 - Betty Diebel
- 24 - Clifford Diebel
- 25 - Dianne Moeller
Paul Wendel
- 29 - Jaxon Egg
Sara Newman



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

Anniversary Greetings to:

- 8 - Lloyd & Karen Copeland
- 15 - Paul & Shirley Wendel
Robert & M'Liss Moore
Rick & Kally Garrett
- 18 - Jeff & Tamara Zengerle
- 24 - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt



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Mission of the Month:
Lutheran Bible
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>*Please note: All events subject to change. Please look on our website: http://stjohnmeyersville.org/ or our Facebook page: St. John Meyersville for changes & updates.</i></p>	 <p>Office Hours: <i>*Please see the Bulletins</i></p>			<p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>11th Sunday after Pentecost 4 9:00 AM Sunday School – VBS Recap 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship</p> 			<p>1:30 PM Quilters</p>	<p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>12th Sunday after Pentecost 11 8:00 AM Property Team Meeting 9:00 AM Sunday School – Rally Sunday/Backpack Blessing 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship</p>			<p>1:30 PM Quilters</p>	<p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>13th Sunday after Pentecost 18 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship</p> 			<p>10:00 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study @ Parsonage 1:30 PM Quilters</p>	<p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>14th Sunday after Pentecost 25 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship</p>			<p>9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>31</p>
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July 29 – August 2 8:30 AM - NOON

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