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September 2024 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church
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Pastor's Office Hours in the Parish Hall:
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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,

I recently attended a Seminar in Victoria sponsored by STCH Ministries. One of the breakout sessions that had the biggest impact on me was a session on Human Trafficking.

I learned that Texas is #2 in the nation for human trafficking. Last year there were 2,900 human trafficking incidents in Corpus Christi alone. And sadly, only 1% of the victims of human trafficking are rescued.

I learned that many of the spam emails we receive are from trafficking rings. As adults we realize that they are spam but many 12-15-year-olds decide to play with them and respond. This opens the line of communication.

They highly recommend that families should make it plain that in their family there are no secrets. Obviously, the traffickers stress the minors that it will be our secret. They stressed this is why it should be stressed within the family that we don't keep secrets. Hopefully, the minor will honor that and inform their parents of the conversations.

And of course, social media is another source traffickers use to establish contact. The presenter stated she recommends that children don't have phones as traffickers also try to establish contact through text messages.

Another breakout that interested me was titled "The 2024 Election and the Church." It was stressed that this is a very important election for Christians. The discussion revolved around the issues that affect the church.

They referenced the video of Erik Metaxas "Letter to the American Church" and the importance of the message he presents. They recommended that this video should be shown to all the congregations and that the upcoming election could have a great impact of the freedoms, or lack of freedoms, could be in the balance.

Unfortunately, Christianity is coming under attack more and more. The Covid Pandemic showed us that. While churches were forced to close in many states and some countries, bars and strip clubs were allowed to remain open.

Both of the issues will be affected by the upcoming election. I encourage everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

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

Pastor - John Boor 361- 243-0373
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 Parish Life Team - Beverly Bodden 361-570-3393
 Worship Team - Brenda Gohmert 361-649-1606



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 October 2024 Church Bell is Friday, September 20, 2024 by 9:00 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to stjohnevlutheran@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 stjohnevlutheran@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, Fred “Sandy” Sanders, Ryler James Jacob, Billy Guenther, Pamela Allen, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Dennis Harvey, Mike Rangnow, David Turner family of Bea Bagwell; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.



Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



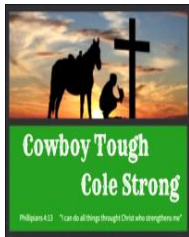
Prayer requests cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during



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)**



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 September
North American Lutheran Seminary

Upheld by world-class faculty, students have time and opportunity to reflect on the depth and beauty of their faith and be properly formed. The NALS has a commitment to truly cultivate the foundation and the deep roots necessary for tomorrow's pastors and church leaders to be the stewards of classic, orthodox, biblical theology in preparation for Word and Sacrament ministry in the North American Lutheran Church (NALC).

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 **ONLY items to FILL** flood buckets and health kits for the month of September for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

NALC Disaster Response

What's in a Flood Bucket?

- 1 roll paper towels
- 1 powder cleanser (like comet)
- 1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso)
- 1 bottle bleach – small! (1/2 gal. or smaller)
- 1 pair rubber gloves
- 1 scrub brush
- 1 pair leather gloves
- 1 pair cotton gloves
- 2 contractor trash bags (3 mil)
- 2 rags

What's in a Health Care Kit?

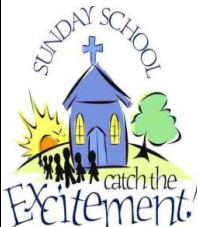
- 1 bath towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 shampoo (2 if travel size)
- 1 bar of soap (2 if travel size)
- 1 toothbrush (individually sealed)
- 1 pack of floss
- 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)
- 1 comb
- 1 deodorant
- 1 nail clippers

CHURCH & OTHER HAPPENINGS

Sunday School

Join us for Sunday School!

Start your school year right by joining us every Sunday at 9 am for Sunday School. Deepen your faith, connect with friends, and grow closer to God. All youth are welcome—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~

Confirmation Classes Start Sunday, September 8th, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 15, 2024 after church services to discuss the placing of TV screens in the sanctuary.

There will be no communion on Sunday, September 29, 2024



THANK YOU TO OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEAM!

We are thrilled to share that our Vacation Bible School, "Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God," was a tremendous success! Over the course of five days, we had the joy of hosting 30+ children who dived deep into learning about God's love and friendship. This success would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our amazing teachers, leaders, helpers, and counselors. Your enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment made this week unforgettable for the kids. Thank you for sharing your time and talents, and for creating a fun and nurturing environment for our young explorers. **Special Thanks To:** Bev Bodden, Pastor John Boor, Cathie Bettge, Feather Diebel, Gracie Diebel, Kathy Dunn, Meliss Eckhardt, Taylor Gayle, Lisa Gabrysch, Kally Garrett, Kendall Helms, Johnny Jank, LaRae Kelley, Johnna Picard, Lane Moritz, M'Liss Moore, Maelee Montgomery, Kaleigh Newman, Shelby Newman, Kinley Nessel, Carson Purdy, Laurie Pokluda, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Linda Ruschhaupt, Marv Sager, Sydney Schaefer, JoBeth Stiles-Caskey, Don Wendel, Seth Wendel, Jo Wieland, Jeff Zengerle, Morgan Zengerle, Tamara Zengerle, and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Yorktown (for sharing some decorations/supplies). To all our volunteers, parents, and church members who supported this program, whether through donations, prayers, or hands-on assistance, we are deeply grateful! Your contributions made a significant impact, and we couldn't have done it without you!

As we reflect on this wonderful experience, we are reminded of the power of community and faith. Thank you for helping us dive into a deeper relationship with God and each other. With heartfelt gratitude, ~Rachel Nessel, Parish Ed Committee~

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.



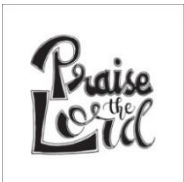
The Quilters will be meeting in the parsonage each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Come and join the bee! Donations of clean used sheets & pillowcases can be used. Please leave on the table on the stage.

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.

Organ Assistants

We presently have three people who have graciously agreed to be trained to push the buttons on the organ when and if Bruce should be out. A BIG THANKS TO YOU ALL!!!



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

Bunco Party

The Women of Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley cordially invite the ladies and friends of your congregation to come join the fun, Monday, September 9, 2024 at Zion Lutheran Church, 12183 FM 236, Victoria, TX 77905. Registration/refreshments is from 6-7 pm and Bunco starts at 7:05 pm. Please RSVP by Saturday, September 7, 2024 to Cass Martignoni (361) 649-3138 or the Church Office (361) 578-5447.

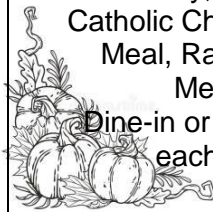
Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Fall Festival

On Sunday, September 29, 2024, Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church will be holding their annual BBQ Meal, Raffle, Live Auction, & Country Store.

Meal is from 11 AM – 12:30 PM.

Dine-in or to-go plates will be available for \$15 each. Please come out and join us!



PERSONAL NOTES

With Our Deepest Sympathy

*Please keep the family of
Bea Bagwell
in your thoughts & prayers.
Bea passed away on Tuesday,
August 6, 2024. She is the
mother of Brenda Boor. May
God comfort her family
at this time of loss.*



THANK YOU!!!

Note Received from Water Mission

Dear Pastor John, Cathie, and everyone at St. John Ev. Lutheran, I'm writing to say thank you for your congregation's latest gift and to invite you to join us for our upcoming virtual event. A Water Mission partner gave a gift last year with expressed purpose of producing a short film about the impact of safe water in a developing country when a disaster strikes. I hope y'all can join us. Thank you again and I hope you have a great week! Faithfully yours, Ken Garber, Partnerships Manager of Water Mission

Thank You!!!!

Dear Friends! The Rosenberg disaster response warehouse has benefited so much from your love & support! There have been so many disasters this year & it takes all of us together to accomplish as much as is done to the Glory of God! Thank you so much for your generosity!

God bless you! ~ Michael & Pat Dittrich

THANK YOU !

The family of Bea Bagwell would like to express a sincere thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, etc. during the loss of my mother. They truly were comforting and appreciated.

~ Brenda Boor & Family

PROOF THAT PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

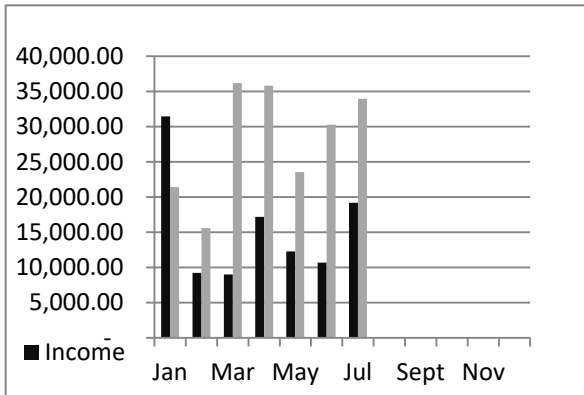
THANK YOU NOTE FROM GLEN NAGEL

Thank you!

Your thoughtfulness will be remembered for many a day.

Thank you so much for your prayers. As I told Dennis God answered all the prayers of you good people.

Praise God, Glen Nagel



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

Church Council Minutes ~ July 23, 2024

Trish Hood

Members Present: Pastor Boor, Glenn Ruschhaupt (President), Trish Hood (Secretary), Archie Abrameit (Treasurer), Kathy Dunn (Finance), Cathie Bettge (Mission/Evangelism), Marv Sager (Property).

Call to Order: Glenn called the meeting to order.

Opening Devotion: Archie shared a devotion on Jeremiah about plans for the future, and about all the what ifs, and worry about what happens next. Trust God, and He will take care of your what ifs, and worries.

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting: Pastor made a motion, and Cathie seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

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

Pastor Report: No report

OLD BUSINESS: Glenn reminded the council about sending Trish their reports.

FINANCE TEAM: Finance Team Report 7-15-24 Finance Team met on July 15, 2024. Archie Abrameit, Pastor John Boor, Marv Sager, Kathy Dunn and Glenn Ruschhaupt were present.

Pastor John opened with prayer.

We reviewed the Financial Reports.

Our Property Insurance will be due in December. We are getting bids already. Texas Farm Bureau plans to give us a bid. Hurricane Beryl damages may affect the cost.

Seminary Fund-we will request that Council appoint the Finance committee to come up with a plan for how this can be spent. NALC will pay 80%.

Meliss Eckhardt, Church Secretary, is back from knee surgery and is doing well.

We reviewed the Credit Card Statements. No discrepancies noted.

Our next meeting will be on September 16th at 7 pm.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer. ~ Kathy Dunn

DISCUSSION: Council discussed the Seminary Fund, and Kathy made a motion, and Trish seconded to appoint the Finance Team to come up with a plan for how this should be spent. Motion carried.

Mission/Evangelism Team: July 17, 2024

Open with prayer

Members present: Cathie Bettge, Pastor Boor, Pam Haun, Linda Ruschhaupt, Obert Sagabiel

Old business: 1) Cheryl will contact Reformation/Mission speaker, Pastor Mark Braaten from the NALC for his choice of a designated mission for October 2) Pam will check into info on a Christmas family 3) discussed church directory pertaining to baptized babies with nonmember parents; the baby's name is added to the redbook, but the baby's name and nonmember parent's names are not added to the directory 4) the birthday and anniversary entries in the newsletter are of members

Collection: August—any items from Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse list for flood buckets and health kits. Flood buckets are not needed at this time, just the items to fill them.

Mission of the Month: August—Lutheran Bible Translators
New business: church bulletin prayer requests should be kept current. Person requesting to include a name should update office secretary monthly on progress of the person needing prayers.

Close with Lord's Prayer Next meeting: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 @ 6 PM.

Parish Life Team: Parish Life sent out 5 Get Well cards this month. Planning snacks/drink lists for VBS and planning for breakfast on Rally Sunday as well.

Sincerely, Bev Bodden

Parish Ed: Parish Ed Report July 14, 2024

Meeting held 7/14/24. Called to order at 8:30 am.

Present: Rachel, Joie, Kathy, Laurie, Glenn, Kally, Johnna, and Pastor John

Laurie started the meeting with an opening prayer.

VBS

VBS will be July 29-August 2 from 8:30-noon. We currently have 33 kids registered.

- Online registration will be turned off. We will accept additional registrations on a case-by-case basis.
- Laurie will purchase friendship bracelets and camp shirts. Camp shirts will be worn on the last day of camp and to church on 8/4.
- Kathy has purchased nametags, which will be used for each camper each day
- Rachel will lead the opening – Kaleigh and Shelby can help.
- We still need adult and teen volunteers to help.
- Rachel will send the master contact list to M'liss. We still need the completed forms for Sebastian and Lily.
- Rachel will communicate with the parents prior to the first day of camp regarding: Check in/check out times/procedures, Change of clothes for littles, Sunscreen application prior to camp, Reminder to send child with labeled water bottle, Authorized pickup person, Reminder that no meals are provided – only snacks
- On Sunday, August 4, from 9-10 am, we will invite parents and kids to Sunday School. We will review what was learned during VBS, sing songs, and see artwork in basement.
- During our church service on Sunday, August 4, children will be invited to sing one of our songs during the church welcome. We may work on a powerpoint to show during this opening.

Rally Sunday/Backpack Blessing

- Rally Sunday will be held August 11. Johnna will be heading up this event. Theme will be the same as

VBS – underwater. Children should be dressed to be outside as we'll have a water-based opening and an outdoor scavenger hunt organized by Laurie. Bev will coordinate food. If time permits, we will do a short "meet the teacher".

- During the August 11 church service, we will have a backpack blessing. Additionally, our opening song will be one of our VBS songs. While the children will not go to the front to perform, we hope they will sing loud and proud from their seats!
- Meeting was adjourned at 10 am.

Property Team Report: JULY 2024

Property Team has not yet held its July meeting, which is now scheduled for Sunday, July 21st.

Business items addressed at that time will be reported on at Council meeting.

Items Complete: Parsonage cleaned; Restroom and various kitchen supplies replenished; Water well filters changed (Thanks, Glenn); Bird netting installed on elevator awning; Pasture lease extended for additional year; Pricing acquired for various basement flooring options; Blinking sanctuary light repaired; AC filters checked

Next Scheduled Meeting: 08/11/24

DISCUSSION: Pastor made a motion to repair/replace the sockets on the lights in the sanctuary. Cathie seconded. Motion carried. Archie made a motion to authorize the Property Team to begin implementation of a plan to secure church property. Pastor seconded. Motion carried.

Worship Team:

Worship Team met on Tuesday July 2, 2024 with Pastor leading us in prayer to begin the meeting. We discussed the information that Johnny had received on the screen and audio equipment. There are several options to consider and he is also looking at someone else to give us more information. The proposal he had was for a system that would need to be put up and taken down and that does not seem to be the best but will do research. Also if anyone in the congregation has suggestions or other information, please feel free to contact us because when it is all said and done, the congregation will have the final say. On that note, Johnny is still for a technology team. So please reach out to him if interested. In Old Business, Bruce is going to get a list of items that need to be addressed with the organ programming system to Marv, so that he can contact Mr. Visar. Also we need to find out why the chimes currently cannot be saved in the memory playback system like the rest of the organ can.

Under new business, there was a suggestion about the Meditation time during the Prelude that is printed in the bulletin. If we should have quiet time prior to the service. It was discussed but no action was taken. With no further business, we selected songs. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting is Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

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



My friend Agnes is an accomplished harpist who frequently plays for weddings, receptions, parties and other such events. She is also blond and has an appropriately cherubic face. She was on her way to an engagement at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, and stepped into an elevator with her large golden harp. Just before the doors closed, a distinguished gray-haired man stepped on. As the elevator rose, he looked thoughtfully first at her and then her harp and asked, "And just how far up are you going?"

**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

GRANDPARENTS

Grandparents are special people
with wisdom and pride.

They are always offering love and kindness
and are always there to guide.

They often make you feel
so confident and strong.

Their arms are always open
no matter what you did wrong.

They try to help out
in every way that they can.

They love all their grandchildren
the same whether you're a child, woman or man.

They are always there to listen
and to lend a helping hand.

They show you respect
and they try to understand.

They give their love, devotion and so much more,
that's easy to see.

Grandparents,
what perfect examples
of the kind of person that we should be.

~By Stacy Smith~



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Grandparents Day

Y D N A C K N O I T A C A V K X R
M F S O J C U A A M M P J F R J E
I O K I S S E S C O C A U K N A V
M M A L W E J J O V H N Q A D S O
I L O S A Z P E Z I F Q O M L T P
M X B O M X S O A E A H O D I N E
A H I Z E N P W P S H K C N H E E
G P M Q M S P Z L P E Z O A C R L
H G N I M M I W S E Y A O R D A S
P C R E H U G S S G M I K G N P F
E S T E E W S D A G W L I L A D A
E S G D Y V N G N R K A E V R N P
P L E Y L A O B A A R U S X G A L
A S X M E J T L N N A G J C S R A
W Z M D A E G H W D P H L A Z G Y
S L I D E G M W H P Q T I C K L E
D H T G Q Z G A P A P S Z A T J R

Grandparents	hideandseek	grandchild	sleepover	swimming
vacation	cookies	grandma	grandpa	kisses
sweets	movies	peepaw	tickle	games
slide	candy	memaw	poppy	laugh
hugs	park	mimi	play	love
papa	nana	fun	pa	ma

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

September 1

Greeters - Beverly Bodden
Reader - Beverly Bodden

September 8

Greeters - Trish Hood
Reader - Trish Hood

September 15

Greeters - Cheryl Bramlette
Reader - Cathie Bettge

September 22

Greeters - Margie & John Swannack
Reader - Kathy Dunn

September 29

Greeters - Cathie & Dickie Bettge
Reader - Dickie Bettge

September Communion Assistant

Jeff Zengerle

September Altar Guild

Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

September Nursing Home Visitor

Margie Swannack

LOOKING AHEAD...

October 6

Greeters - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt
Reader - Neal Moritz

October Communion Assistant

Pam Haun

October Altar Guild

Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

October Nursing Home Visitor

Patricia Hood

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:

1 - Robert Moore
4 - Neal Moritz
Luke Moritz
5 - Seeley Kethan
Slade Kethan
7 - Patrick Hays
9 - Mike Rangnow
14 - Michael Light
15 - Johnny Paul Jank
16 - Jordan Egg
17 - Sebastian Cornett
19 - Carl Eichhorn
21 - Peyton Diebel
David Kelley
22 - Trevor Bodden
23 - Terry Haun
25 - Jeri Ficklen
Mackenzie Blain
26 - Kenneth Diebel
Kyle Jank
27 - Meri Cay Diebel
28 - Johnna Picard
29 - Brian Wendel
30 - Jason Ohrt
Lyanna Picard



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

Anniversary Greetings to:

1 - David & Kristine Schroeder
4 - Leon & Arlene Wallace
7 - Johnny & Virginia Jank
Archie & Virginia Abrameit
Brent & Shelley Dreier
17 - Brian & Laurie Wendel
19 - Blake & Kathy Dunn



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Mission of the Month:
**North American Lutheran
Seminary**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15th Sunday after Pentecost 1 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship 	2 LABOR DAY	3 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Worship Team	4 1:30 PM Quilters	5	6	7
16th Sunday after Pentecost 8 8:00 AM Property Team Meeting 9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship  <i>Happy Grandparents' Day!!!</i>	9 6:30 PM 4-H Meeting in Parish Hall	10 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours	11 10:00 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study @ Parsonage 1:30 PM Quilters	12 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	13	14
17th Sunday after Pentecost 15 9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship-Called Congregational Meeting to discuss tv screens 	16 7 PM Finance Team	17 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours	18 1:30 PM Quilters 6 PM Mission Ev. Team Meeting 7 PM Men's Bible Study	19 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours **Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.	20 **Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.	21
18th Sunday after Pentecost 22 9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship <i>First Day of Autumn</i>	23	24 10 AM CAMAL House 7 PM Council Meeting	25 9 AM Old Stone Church Meeting 1:30 PM Quilters	26 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	27	28
19th Sunday after Pentecost 29 9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Pastor on Vacation---September 30-October 5 </div>				30 <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>	Office Hours: *Please see the Bulletins 