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October 2024 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American 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
Member of North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

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Greetings,

After 20 years of studying Martin Luther was committed to the idea that salvation could be reached through faith and by divine grace only. He vigorously objected to the corrupt practice of selling indulgences.

In the teaching of the Catholic Church, an indulgence is "a way to reduce the amount of punishment one has to undergo for sins" which may reduce either or both of the penance required after a sin has been forgiven, or after death, the time to be spent in Purgatory (Ill.). Acting on this belief, he wrote the "Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences," also known as "The 95 Theses," a list of questions and propositions for debate. On October 31, 1517 Luther defiantly nailed a copy of his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg Castle church.

The first two of the theses contained Luther's central idea, that God intended believers to seek repentance and that faith alone, and not deeds, would lead to salvation. The other 93 theses, a number of them directly criticizing the practice of indulgences, supported these first two.

The Message of Reformation not a message that began with Martin Luther but with Jesus Christ, the first true reformer. It is something that is to continue today - in the church and in your hearts.

Martin Luther, struggling with church doctrine, knew, both Jews and Christians had forgotten the simple truth and added their own rules.

Today, the problem is not over. Even though we are the children of God, we're still subject to error - whether it is because of pride or anything else, the church keeps on shifting away from the simple truth. Many believers have strayed and struggle with keeping proper balance.

The concept of God as a stern judge who demanded righteousness and was so far removed from man that he could only be approached thru Mary or the priests. The more Luther tried to please God the more he realized he could not do it. He turned to the Word in despair. He read in Romans 1:17, "*the righteous man shall live by faith.*" And Romans 3:38, "*for we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law*". And Ephesians 2:8, "*For by grace you have been saved through faith.*"

Finally, he was freed indeed.

This year Reformation Sunday will be October 27 and we will have the Rev. Dr. Mark Braaten as our guest speaker. Please mark the date and join us as we celebrate Reformation Sunday and honor Martin Luther.

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 November 2024 Church Bell is Friday, October 18, 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 Pettrash 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, James Turner, Dot Ball, Pat Hays, Tristan Benignus, the Family of Rick Gonzales, the Family of Wilburn Oehlke; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.



Nursing Home:

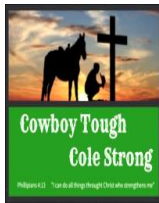
Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



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 October-December 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 October
Hillside Lutheran Church**

This month we have chosen Hillside Lutheran Church. It was recommended to us by Pastor Braaten of the NALC. It is what he has chosen for his charity as our guest for Mission Sunday/Reformation Sunday. Hillside is a small congregation located in Spring Hill, Kansas that decided to leave the ELCA. Due to that decision they now find themselves with a financial challenge. Earlier they had received some grant money and now are required to refund that tot the ELCA. Along with this issue, their pastor left the congregation. According to Pastor Braaten, they are a great group of people and are determined to do ministry.

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 health kit items for the month of October for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

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 Heath 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

Deepen your faith, connect with friends, and grow closer to God by joining us every Sunday at 9 am for Sunday School.

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~

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.

Seeking Donations for the Basement

We are so grateful for the donations we've already received for the newly renovated church basement! With a TV, game tables, and a rug in place, the space is coming together. However, we still need a few more items to complete the room. We're looking for: couches, armchairs, or bean bags; coffee bar setup (Keurig, mugs, etc.), fridge, bookshelves. If you're able to help, please contact Rachel Nessel at (361) 571-9228. Thank you for your continued generosity and support for our youth! ~ Rachel Nessel

Samaritans Purse Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Our Samaritans Purse Christmas Child shoeboxes are available in the narthex and the wings for pick-up. Get yours early so you can start filling it with love. More information to come at a later time.

ATTENTION: ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

The biannual meeting for St. John's Altar Guild will be Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. PLEASE, at least one member from each team is asked to attend for changes in procedures, reminders, discussion. Thank you!
~ Carol Ann ~

TEAM LEADERS

Planning for the 2025 Budget starts now! Team Leaders please have your budget requests in to the Finance Team/Office no later than Friday, November 1, 2024. Year-to-date figures will be available for pick up from the church office the first week in October. All requests will be considered. Thank you!
~ St. John Finance Team ~



26TH Alton C. Allen Historical Conference Preservation of Historic Texas Cemeteries: A Shared Responsibility

This conference will be held October 19th, 2024 in Hallettsville, Texas. Pre-registration by October 12, 2024 guarantees you a ticket. For more information, please pick up a pamphlet from the table in the Narthex. Thank you!

REFORMATION SUNDAY SAVE THE DATE

On October 27th, 2024, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday with guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Mark Braaten of NALC. The Rev. Dr. Mark Braaten is the proud grandfather of three girls – Skylar and Scarlett who recently turned one and Sophia who is 8 months. He has been married to Karen for 37 years and has three children – Amber (married to Luke), Christopher (married to Rachel), and Cassandra. Pastor Mark takes great pride in being a native Minnesotan, now he and Karen reside just outside of Tyler, Texas. Pastor Mark earned a Bachelor's degree in Religion from Augsburg College in Minneapolis in 1977. He graduated from Luther Seminary in St. Paul in 1981 with a Master of Divinity degree and again in 2003 with a Doctor of Ministry degree. He was ordained as a pastor in 1981. He has served as a congregational pastor for 40 years, with congregations in Kentucky, Colorado, New Mexico, Minnesota, and Texas. He has been active in the North American Lutheran Church since its beginning. He presently serves as the Southern Area Assistant to the Bishop of the North American Lutheran Church. Pastor Mark is the author of a number of books, including *Come Lord Jesus A Study of Revelation*, *Prayer as Joy*, *Prayer as Struggle*, *Ruth – The Adult Version*, and a new book on Revelation entitled *Engaging Revelation* which should be published this spring. His passions are studying the Bible, particularly the book of Revelation, spending time with family, swimming, and fishing. Rev. Dr. Braaten has two missions that are his favorite. The first is Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in Joliet, IL. They are a new Spanish Speaking mission started in a suburb of Chicago. Pastor Keith Forni is the mission developer. They just began about 6 months ago and have about 30 in worship. They have great potential in a predominately Spanish speaking area. The second is Hillside Lutheran Church in Spring Hill, Kansas. They are a small congregation that was ELCA. They decided to leave the ELCA and the ELCA gave them all sort of grief. The ELCA threatened law suits and their pastor left. It was difficult. The congregation did successfully leave the ELCA and join the NALC. They have some grant money that they need to refund of the ELCA so they have financial challenges, but they are a great group of people and determined to do ministry.



Mark Braaten and best friend Bethge

ST. John Lutheran Church – Meyersville

Please join us for the following:

EVENT: REFORMATION SUNDAY
 Guest speaker: Rev. Dr. Mark Braaten, Southern Area Assistant to the Bishop of the NALC
 DATE: Sunday, October 27, 2024
 TIME: 9 AM Sunday School
 10:15 AM Church Service
 BBQ meal to follow
 Members of our congregation are asked to bring a side dish and dessert.
 PLACE: St. John Lutheran Church
 1764 Meyersville Rd
 Meyersville
 361-277-8653
 LOVE OFFERING: Cristo Rey Lutheran Church & Hillside Lutheran Church



PERSONAL NOTES

With Our Deepest Sympathy

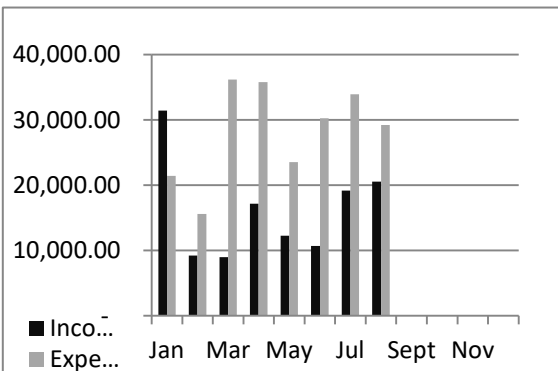
Please keep the family of Rick Gonzales

in your thoughts & prayers. Rick passed away on Friday, September 6, 2024. He is the nephew of Robert Moeller. May God comfort his family at this time of loss.



Please keep the family of Wilburn E. Oehlke

in your thoughts & prayers. Wilburn passed away on Tuesday, September 17, 2024. He is the father of Deborah (Glawson) Vanderheiden. May God comfort his family at this time of loss.



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

Church Council Minutes ~ August 27, 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), Rachel Nessel (Parish Ed), Marv Sager (Property) Brenda Gohmert (Worship).

Call to Order: Glenn called the meeting to order.

Opening Devotion: Kyle led us in devotion based on First John. With knowledge comes pain, but when knowledge hurts, Jesus is there to help us understand and get through the pain.

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

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

Pastor Report: I attended the STCH Ministries seminar at Parkway church on 8/6. There were several different break out groups and the two that made the greatest impression on me were the one on “Human Trafficking” and The 2024 Election and the Church” Both were very informative. I will give more details at the meeting. Pastor Boor

Discussion: Brenda made a motion to pay Pastor’s way to the Mission District Pastor’s Retreat. Bev seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Team: Finance Team did not meet this month. Next meeting is September 16, 2024.

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

Mission/Evangelism Team: Mission/Evangelism Team did not meet this month.

September Mission of the Month is North American Lutheran Seminary.

September Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection:

ITEMS ONLY for flood buckets and health kits.

Next meeting is September 18 at 7:00p.m.

Parish Life Team: Parish Life sent out 4 Get Well cards this month and one sympathy card. We bought snacks/drinks for Vacation Bible School and used the leftover snacks for Rally Day/Backpack Blessing Sunday (with a few cinnamon rolls and doughnuts to add) Thank you to all who helped in the kitchen that week. It was a lot of fun seeing all those kiddos having fun! Sincerely, Bev Bodden

Parish Ed: Parish Ed did not meet in August.

Scuba VBS was held July 20-August 2 from 8:30-noon and was an overwhelming success! Over the course of the 5-day camp, we taught 32 children aged 3-12. Eleven teens served as youth counselors during the camp, and were invaluable to the success of our camp. Additionally, 25 adults volunteered their time and talents in countless ways, from setting up/decorating our facilities, to organizing /preparing activities, to teaching/leading/serving our youth throughout the camp. I am so proud and thankful for the support and

teamwork displayed for this great event!

On August 4, our youth shared what they learned and created at VBS at Sunday School, then shared a song during our worship service.

On August 11, thirteen kids attended our Rally Sunday event. Regular Sunday School classes have now resumed for the 2024-2025 school year with Rachel, Kathy, Joie, and Johnna serving as teachers. On this day, we also had a backpack blessing during the worship service, which was very well attended!

In preparation for the Christmas Season, we have already purchased a Christmas Program, Scuba Christmas. We hope the kids will enjoy revisiting some of the characters and songs we learned about during VBS.

Our next meeting will be held October 5 at 1:30 pm.

Rachel Nessel

Property Team Report: August 11, 2024

Members Present-Richard Bettge, Dennis Nagel, Vance Egg, Pastor John Boor, and Marv Sager

Items Complete: Parsonage cleaned; Wasp nests sprayed; Restroom and various kitchen supplies replenished; Elevator door issue checked; Sanctuary AC issue resolved; Basement flooring installation scheduled; Parts ordered for sign system (Thanks M'Liss); Sanctuary socket and socket wiring replaced; Bid acquired for restoration of power from Old Stone Church to light pole at cemetery; +Sanctuary door closure device repaired

Items Discussed

- **Locking facility access doors**
- Necessary keyed alike locks will be acquired and installed, per approval by Council in July meeting. Applicable announcements will be placed in Sunday worship bulletins prior to installation.
- **Security camera system**
- Various coverage options together applicable pricing will be acquired via meeting with vendor
- **Restoration of power to light pole**
- Bid for replacement of buried wiring from Old Stone Church to the light pole adjacent to the Cemetery, along with presentation for Council approval.
- **Replacement of deteriorated exterior basement doors and sanctuary wing entrance door**
- Awaiting price from vendor.
- **Sanctuary AC Issue**
- Remedy for system float switch activation was determined for preemption of future reoccurrence.
- **Basement Flooring**
- Tentative Installation schedule August 22-24.
- **Items for Council Approval:**
- Bid for restoration of power from Old Stone Church to cemetery light pole.
- **Next Scheduled Meeting 09/08/2024**

Worship Team: Worship Team Report for August 11, 2024
The Worship Team had a called meeting on Sunday August 11 after Church Service, all members were present as well as

Glenn Ruschhaupt. The only topic on the agenda was to discuss the James Teleco Bid for the video projection equipment for the Church which includes two monitors to be mounted on the wall directly in front of the wings in a way that would be sturdy enough to hold the monitors. The bid does not include electrical needs to power the two monitors. After a lengthy discussion and a field trip into the church a motion was made and seconded to take the bid to the council at the next council meeting for the council to decide the next step. The motion passed by a very close margin.

Discussion: Council discussed the James Teleco bid, took a field trip into the church, and after much discussion, Pastor made a motion to let the congregation voice their opinions at a called congregational meeting after Worship on September 8. Kathy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The date was changed to September 15th due to the church constitution.

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.

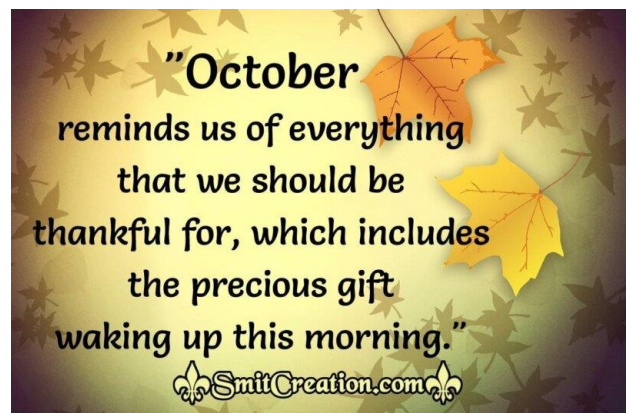
***FRIENDLY REMINDER: PLEASE HELP TO KEEP
OUR CEMETERY AND ADJACENT GROUNDS
LOOKING THEIR BEST....
CEMETERY DECORATIONS***

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



Let's all pray
that October,
November and
December are months
filled with healing,
blessings, growth,
new opportunities,
love and recovery
from all that is going
on in our world today.
Amen!

POSITIVITY
IN LIFE

OCTOBER



Goodbye September
God has a special
plan for us in October,
and we are so ready
to receive it! Thank you,
God, for every blessing.
-Shelby Condo Kelly's Treehouse
Just Believe!
Amen

Just for KIDS
Bugs in the Bible

Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs! Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.

Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse. Circle them in the puzzle below.

Proverbs 6:6 _____ Exodus 16:20 _____
Psalms 78:45 _____ 1 Sam. 24:14 _____
Matt. 23:24 _____ Isaiah 50:9 _____
Judges 14:8 _____ Isaiah 59:5 _____
Acts 12:23 _____ Leviticus 11:22 _____
Leviticus 11:22 _____ Leviticus 11:22 _____
Deuteronomy 7:20 _____

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O L S P I D E R S B E
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S A E F K A T Y D I D
G F L I E S W O R M S

FALL WORDS CRYPTOGRAM

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{A} \quad \quad \quad \underline{E} \\ 16 \ 4 \ 11 \ 14 \ 26 \ 20 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{S} \ \underline{N} \quad \quad \underline{E} \\ 24 \ 23 \ 19 \ 12 \ 17 \ 13 \ 5 \ 26 \ 10 \end{array}$$

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Answer: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggot, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

October 6

Greeters - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt
Reader - Neal Moritz

October 13

Greeters - The Hays Family
Reader - Wanda Hays

October 20

Greeters - Margie & John Swannack
Reader - Dwight Jander

October 27

Greeters - Youth Group
Reader - Kathy Dunn

October Communion Assistant

Pam Haun

October Altar Guild

Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

October Nursing Home Visitor

Patricia Hood

LOOKING AHEAD...

November 3

Greeters - Cathie & Dickie Bettge
Reader - Dickie Bettge

November Communion Assistant

Wanda Hays

November Altar Guild

M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

November Nursing Home Visitor

Mary Wagner

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 - Justin Ficklen
- 7 - Debbie Glawson
- 8 - Cheryl Bramlette
- Evelyn Diebel
- 9 - Pam Haun
- 12 - Joan Gohmert
Lynn Lueckemeyer
- 14 - Obert Sagebiel
- 20 - Kinley Nessel
- 21 - Cole Rains
Laurie Pokluda
- 23 - Don Wendel
Dwight Jander
- 26 - Sadie Garrett
Tristan Hays
Brent Dreier
- 30 - Bobby Zengerle
- 31 - Gordon Gohmert
Jenny Gohmert
John Lloyd Gohmert

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:

- 7 - Carl & Crystal Eichhorn
- 8 - Kevin & Beverly Bodden

Happy Anniversary



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October 2024

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, TX

Mission of the Month:
Hillside Lutheran Church

Church Office: (361)277-8653, Pastor John's Cell: (361)243-0373

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><i>Thank You Pastor</i> I PRAY THAT IN THIS SEASON THAT GOD WOULD BE YOUR CONSTANT COMPANION. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENDURANCE AS OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER!</p>		1	2 1:30 PM Quilters	3	4	5 1:30 PM Parish Ed. Mtg.
Pastor John on Vacation---September 30-October 5 Team Leaders need to pick-up YTD figures from the Church Office this week!						
20th Sunday after Pentecost 6 9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship 	7	8 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Biannual Altar Guild Meeting	9 10:00 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study @ Parsonage 1:30 PM Quilters	10 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	11	12
21st Sunday after Pentecost 13 9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship 	14 6:30 PM 4-H Meeting in Parish Hall	15	16 1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Men's Bible Study	17 **Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.	18 **Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.	19 Pastor John performing a wedding in New Ulm
Pastor John at a Pastors' Retreat						
Pastor John in New Ulm for Wedding						
22nd Sunday after Pentecost 20 9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship 	21	22 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Council Meeting	23 1:30 PM Quilters	24 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	25	26
23rd Sunday after Pentecost 27 Reformation Sunday - Mission Feast 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship - Guest Speaker Luncheon after service. 	28	29 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours	30 1:30 PM Quilters	31 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours **Team Leaders - 2025 Budget Due to the Church Office by tomorrow.	<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 