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November 2024 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

WORSHIP

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

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



THE CHURCH BELL

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Greetings,

Philippians 4:6-7 reads, *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

Supplication is defined as a form of prayer, a call for help from God. It is a prayer that has a spirit of reverence and devotion, a solemn prayer, to plead humbly to a higher power.

What Paul is saying is that we can take everything to God in prayer. It has been said, “There is nothing too great for God’s power; and nothing too small for his fatherly care.” Just as our children may take anything, large or small, to a parent, and whatever happens is of interest to the parent, we may take to God and like a loving parent, it is of interest and concern to God.

We can pray for ourselves or others. We can pray for forgiveness for the past, for the things we need in the present, and for help and guidance for the future. We can take it all into the presence of God. We can comment to God’s care those near and far who are within our memories and our hearts.

Paul is also plain that, “thanksgiving must be the universal accompaniment of prayer.” Every prayer must include thanks for the great privilege of prayer itself. Paul further insists that we must give thanks in everything, in sorrows and joys alike. This implies two things, gratitude and perfect submission to the will of God. We must truly believe that God is working all things together for good in order to feel the perfect gratitude which believing prayer demands.

When we pray, we must remember three things. We must remember the love of God, which desires only what is best for us. And the wisdom of God, and trust that He knows what is best for us. And finally, the power of God, which can bring to us that which is best for us.

If we pray a believing prayer we will receive the true peace of God. God’s peace will watch over our hearts. And that peace is as Paul says, a peace, *“which surpasses all comprehension.”*

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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 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 December 2024 Church Bell is Friday, November 22, 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, James Turner, Dot Ball, Pat Hays, Tristan Benignus, Rev. Dr. Amy Little, Micky McDougld, Christy Johns, Beatrice Fagg, Family of Clydell Tam; 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



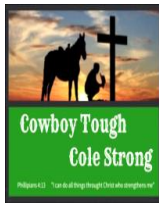
filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole+

Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole

Strong: Hi everyone ! Figured it was time for an update on Cole! He is doing well - staying healthy by the grace of God and with the help of amazing nurses. Cole actually started college this fall with some online courses. To say he's enjoying it would be a lie- he's always hated school. However he is doing an amazing job keeping up with his course work with the help of a couple of awesome nurses and I'm very proud of him. Even though he hates it he gives it his all. I also wanted to remind everyone of the annual Cowboy Tough Cole Strong Team Roping and Silent Auction benefit coming up this month on the 18th-20th. We will have a silent auction going on during the day Saturday and Sunday with lots of homemade goodies, decor, and much more! As many of you know this event is one of the highlights of Cole's year and he's really looking forward to it. If anyone would like to donate towards this event or the silent auction you can contact me at 361-550-8856. Also we are looking for another nurse for Cole to work 2-3 nights a week. Very easy work and laid back work environment for sure! Contact me at number above if interested or you know someone who would be. God has truly blessed us with the best nurses and I know He'll provide us with another one. Lastly I would like to ask all of you to pray for a young man named Cameron who was run over by a bulldozer at work last Monday. He's in a hospital in Houston fighting for his life and he needs all our prayers. Please also pray for his parents- the pain and suffering they're going through watching their son suffer I know is unimaginable. Thank you all for your continued prayers for Cole's healing as well. God bless each of you ♥

+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)*



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 November
Christmas Families

This month we have chosen two Christmas Families. More information will be available in our Sunday bulletins.

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 listed below (especially those emphasized below) for the month of November 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

The EMPHASIS is on the following items for
Hurricanes Helene & Milton Recovery:

Cleanup:

- Flood/Cleaning buckets
- Rakes, shovels, mops brooms
- Leather gloves
- 3 mil heavy duty trash bags
- Rubber boots
- Wheelbarrows

Keeping warm:

- Coats--new or gently used—
please wash!
- Gloves, knit hats, scarves
- NO OTHER CLOTHES ACCEPTED!**
- Quilts, blankets, linens
- NO PILLOWS!**

Household:

- Bibles--write words of encouragement!
- Kitchen kits
- Storage bins with lids
- Sleeping bags
- Diapers--Kids & Adults
- Feminine products

Christmas decorations:

Ornaments--nothing glass or breakable
Christmas lights--battery powered only
Stockings, garland, wrapping paper, etc.

Toys & Card games:

Do Not Wrap!
NO STUFFED ANIMALS!
New toys only.

Mail Received-Hurricanes Helene & Milton Recovery...

“Pray for those in crisis, for all volunteers and relief workers, and for God’s love to be shared through acts of service.”

The Rosenberg Warehouse is working with the Anglicans to ship supplies to Tallahassee. Mary Bates, national disaster coordinator, is requesting gift cards from Walmart, Lowe’s, Home Depot, and Tractor Supply in any amount if you would like to help. Please send gift cards directly to :

NALC Disaster Response National Warehouse
16500 Noble Ave.
Caldwell, OH 43724.

*Include a note stating from whom or where the donation comes from.

Put together Disaster Kits—fill up your Mission District Warehouses.

Financial contributions are needed to pay for traveling expenses and for materials needing to be bought. Please send monetary donations directly to the NALC main office; attention Disaster Response

North American Lutheran Church
ATTN: Disaster Response
2113 Harwood Rd. Suite 309 PMB 409
Bedford, TX 76021-4703

* Include a note stating that the donation is for disaster response.

You can also donate online from the NALC website: thenalc.org

Please keep our brothers and sisters in prayer. If you have any questions, contact me.

God Bless You! Michael Dittrich (cell: 281-381-5588)



Portals of Prayer

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

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. They will need to be back to St. John Church no later than Sunday, November 10th, 2024. Cathie Bettge will need to be delivering them the following week.



TEAM LEADERS

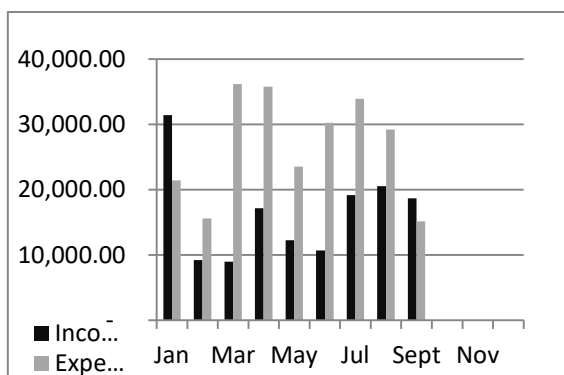
Planning for the 2025 Budget starts now! Team Leaders please have your budget requests in to the Finance Team/Office no later than Friday, November 1, 2024. Year-to-date figures are available for pick up from the church office. All requests will be considered. Thank you!
 ~ St. John Finance Team ~

PERSONAL NOTES

With Our Deepest Sympathy



Please keep the family of Clydell Tam in your thoughts & prayers. Clydell passed away on Thursday, October 17, 2024. She is Beatrice Fagg's sister and Clay Haun's aunt. May God comfort her family at this time of loss.



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

Church Council Minutes ~ September 24, 2024
Trish Hood

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

Call to Order: Glenn called the meeting to order.

Opening Devotion: Cathie led us in devotion based on Luke 5, the story of Jesus telling the fishermen to throw their

nets to the other side, and they got so many fish that they had to get another boat to hold them all. Jesus told them they were now fishers of men. The leadership of churches today is a lot like fishermen. Even Jesus understands the mundane jobs that fishermen and Christians must do.

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting: Kathy made a motion, and Brenda seconded to approve the minutes with correction of date as presented. Motion passed.

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

Pastor Report: The Camal Board met this week and we reviewed the increase in families served, the impact this has on our current location, and how to meet the needs in the future. The number of families served is on a continual rise. We reviewed the average number of families served during the first 8 months of 2004 (241), 2014 (374), and 2024 (400). The current location is overwhelmed and we were gifted land on the corner of Main and Indianola and we voted to enter into a contract with RMA to design a building for it and discussed companies to organize a fundraising campaign. As a reminder I will be on vacation 9/30 – 10/5, at a Pastor's Retreat 10/15-10/17, and in New Ulm for the Ficklen wedding on 10/18 – 10/19.

Finance Team: Finance committee met on September 16 with Pastor John Boor, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Archie Abrameit, Laurie Wendel, Kathy Dunn and M'Liss Moore present. Pastor opened with prayer. We reviewed all the budget reports in detail.

It was suggested that we start planning for our new budget year. We will ask Meliss Eckhardt to prepare reports for each committee with what they have spent so far in 2024. Each committee should submit their budget request by November 1. We closed with the Lord prayer. ~Kathy Dunn

Mission/Evangelism Team: Mission Ev Team meeting Sept. 18, 2024

We opened with prayer. Members present were Pastor Boor, Obert Sagebiel, Pam Haun, Cheryl Bramlette, Cathie Bettge.

A thank you letter was read from a resident of the Adult & Teen Challenge women's home in San Antonio who was a recipient of funds from a St. John Church member.

Cheryl verified Pastor Mark Braaten from NALC has arrangements to arrive Saturday, October 26 and join us in service Sunday, October 27 as guest speaker.

St. John received thank you's from Eight Days of Hope and Water Missions for our Mission of the Month donations. Discussed choosing a Christmas Family for the month of November.

October collection: any health kit items

October Mission of the Month: Hillside Lutheran Church in Spring Hill, Kansas---a small congregation that left the ELCA but encountered financial challenges with this endeavor (chosen by Pastor Mark Braaten)

Reviewed: Service Projects Committees, phone prayer chain, church bulletin prayer list, and Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse delivery

New Business: questioned a Mission Grant Application Form

FYI: NALC---new address

NALS---new president search

Next meeting; November 19, 2024 @ 6 pm in the parish hall

Parish Life Team: Parish Life sent out 5 Get Well cards this month. I spoke to Cathie Bettge about the Reformation Sunday meal. We will serve BBQ with sauce like we did last year. I will get in contact with our son, Trent, who did the meat and sauce for the meal. Congregation will bring sides and desserts. Sincerely, Bev Bodden

Parish Ed: Good Morning! Parish Ed did not meet in September. Our next meeting will be October 5 at 1:30 pm to discuss our Christmas Program.

Thank you, Rachel Nessel

Property Team Report: Property Team did not meet in September; still awaiting bids/estimates on several potential projects.

Worship Team: 9/3/2024 Worship Team Minutes
The Worship Team met on September 3, 2024 with all members present as well as Glenn Ruschhaupt. We opened with Pastor leading us in prayer. We then started on old business and I told them about the Congregational meeting that will be held on September 15. The item on the agenda will be the screens that Council approved to take to the Congregation. It was brought up about having mock displays to show the congregation.

The next item was about the Organ programming so we can get answers to Bruce's questions about the Organ and Chimes. We need to get on his list so he can come in the Fall. (Marv did let me know later that he checked and we are on his list for the Fall)

With no other discussion we chose songs for September 22- November 17

We closed with the Lord Prayer and next meeting will be November 5, 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.

- 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

**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 Thanksgiving Prayer

O Lord our God, who supplies us with countless blessings,
lift up our hearts in gratitude and thanksgiving.

Help us to remember the gifts we seldom notice,
the abundance we take for granted,
the rich possibilities you provide.

For our daily bread, for water that is pure,
for houses to live in and friends to enjoy,
we give you humble thanks.

For beauty and fruitfulness, for healing and hope,
for the comfort of your presence,
we lift our voices in joyful praise
now and always.

Amen.

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

November 3

Greeters - Cathie & Dickie Bettge
Reader - Cathie Bettge

November 10

Greeters - Trish Hood
Reader - Trish Hood

November 17

Greeters - Dianna & George Soliz
Reader - Cathie Bettge

November 24

Greeters - The Hays Family
Reader - Wanda Hays

November Communion Assistant

Wanda Hays

November Altar Guild

M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

November Nursing Home Visitor

Mary Wagner

LOOKING AHEAD...

December 1

Greeters - Beverly Bodden
Reader - Beverly Bodden

December Communion Assistant

Johnny Jank

December Altar Guild

Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

December Nursing Home Visitor

Linda Ruschhaupt & Dianna Bartosh

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 - Kristine Schroeder
- 3 - Marlee Blain
Sharon Goebel
- 6 - Elizabeth Beard
- 7 - Shirley Wendel
- 9 - Brighton Blain
- 10 - Lacey Rains
- 11 - Patrick Ohrt
- 12 - Abbey Dreier
Trenton Bodden
- 13 - Daren Otto
- 14 - Buck Rangnow
- 17 - Elaine Moritz
- 18 - Meliss Eckhardt
- 19 - Bruce Weise
- 21 - Scott Motley
Cord Hanson
- 22 - Fred Mueller
- 25 - Carla Metting
- 28 - Beverly Bodden
- 29 - Kally Garrett
Kevin Bodden
- 30 - Jenny 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:

- 8 - Mickey & Elizabeth Beard
- 9 - Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Happy Anniversary



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

Keep up with St. John ~ Meyersville online
<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>
or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org for weekly bulletins & monthly newsletters.

November 2024







*Happy
Thanksgiving*

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, TX

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

Mission of the Month:

Christmas Families

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Please look on our website: http://stjohnmeyersville.org/ or our FaceBook page: <u>St. John Meyersville</u> for changes & updates.</i></p> <p>*meet at the parsonage</p>	<p>Office Hours: *Please see the Bulletins</p> 				<p>All Saints Day 1</p> <p><i>Team Leader Budget Requests Due to Finance Team/Office TODAY</i></p>	<p>2</p>
<p>24th Sunday after Pentecost 3 All Saints Sunday</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Election Day</p> <p>7 AM – 7 PM Voting in the Parish Hall</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1:30 PM Quilters* 7 PM Worship Team Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>Parish Hall will be used for the General Election</p>						
<p>25th Sunday after Pentecost 10</p> <p>8:00 AM Property Team 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship – Christmas Child Shoebboxes Due</p>	<p>11 Veteran's Day</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study* 1:30 PM Quilters*</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>26th Sunday after Pentecost 17</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>7 PM Finance Team Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10 AM CAMAL House</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 AM Cornucopia 1:30 PM Quilters* 6 PM Mission/Evg. Team Meeting 7 PM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p> <p>**Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>**Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>Christ the King 24</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship 3:00 PM Church Christmas Decorating</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9 AM Old Stone Church Meeting 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service</p>	<p>Thanksgiving Day 28</p>  <p>Thanksgiving</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

We thank you, Lord,
for all you give. The food we eat,
the lives we live.
And to our loved ones far away,
Please send your blessings,
Lord, we pray.
And help us all to live our days
With thankful hearts
and loving ways.
Amen