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May 2025 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church
1764 Meyersville Road
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Office Hours: see weekly bulletin
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Pastor's Office Hours in the Parish Hall:
Tues. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Thurs. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(Pr. John's Cell: 361-243-0373)
jboor25@yahoo.com

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!





Greetings,

As Christians, when we are asked about the most important days in the year we always think of Christmas and Easter. And while these are important days in Christianity, I believe there are two other important days in our growth as Christians. The day we are baptized, and the day we are confirmed.

Baptism in the Lutheran Church is a sacrament that signifies the initiation into the Christian faith, and is performed with water and God's Word. It is for forgiveness of sins, delivery from death and the devil, and grant eternal salvation to all who believe.

We baptized two young children in April. On the 13th we baptized Rex Lee Garrett, son of Richard and Kally Garrett. And on April 27th we baptized Jannette Lynn Rhoton, daughter of Robert and Breanna Rhoton. It is always a blessing when we baptize young children and welcome them into our Christian family.

May 18th is confirmation Sunday. We will be confirming three young adults this year, Kaleigh Newman, Shelby Newman, and Kinley Nessel. We will accept them as newly confirmed members of God's church. It is a major milestone in their Christian journey.

Through the Bible they learned that God has a plan and how that plan affects all of us. They learned that God had a plan for our salvation from the beginning, and that we are all saved by faith alone.

They also learned the doctrine of the Lutheran Church. Including the two sacraments, baptism and the Lord's Supper. On the 18th they will receive communion for the first time.

It is always rewarding to see our youth complete confirmation and take the next step in the world of Christianity. As I explain to all of them this is just the first step. Their foundation to build on their entire life. Too often people believe that once they are confirmed they believe they have arrived, they have completed the journey, when in fact it is just the beginning.

I pray that our congregation will all be present on the 18th to support our newest confirmands and join them in a celebration of their continuing growth in God's kingdom.

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
 Council President-Glenn Ruschhaupt 361-275-2059
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 Parish Life Team – Lloyd Copeland 361-827-6301
 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 Melissa at 361-649-0413.

ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER/NAME CHANGES

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

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



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the June 2025 Church Bell is Friday, May 23, 2025 by 9:00 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to stjohnelutheran@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 stjohnelutheran@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 Cavazos
 Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Florida
 Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, Fort Riley, Kansas
 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, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Christy Johns, Beatrice Fagg, David Diebel, Obert Sagebiel, Elizabeth Beard, Ray Butler, MayDell Jacob, Mary Wagner, Carol Ann Sagebiel, Cathie Bettge, Wanda Hays; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.



Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



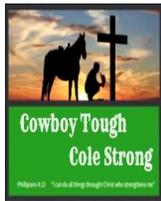
Prayer requests cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:

Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (April 3, 2025):

Hello everyone! Figured it was time for an update on Cole. He is doing well. He is in his second semester of college and no he still doesn't like it. Of course he never has liked school. He still dedicated to working hard at therapy even on the days he really doesn't want to go. He is a very determined young man. We were recently talking about how tough life can be not just for him but others we know and Cole said "you just have to keep living and keep believing". I couldn't have said it any better. Coming from someone who has lived through what he has the past seven years I think that's pretty amazing advice for anyone going through tough times. Sometimes we are in Gods waiting room and we just have to trust His timing no matter how frustrating it can be at times. I also wanted to post pictures (see FB) of the Cole Ohrt Walk Strong Foundation fundraiser coming up. Once again we raise money each year to help pay for people with disabilities like Cole's and other serious neurological issues to receive the therapy they need regardless of their insurance coverage or lack of. It is a wonderful event and we invite to come join us. If you're unable to come but would still like to donate I'm also posting multiple underwriting/donating opportunities for anyone who is interested. Well that's all for now. Keep those prayers coming and if there's anything or anyone you would like us to pray for just message us here and we'll be happy to pray for 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)*



Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

We will be collecting new or used Bibles for the month of May for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

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, national warehouse or Texas warehouse. *Rosenberg Warehouse checks need to be written out to Peace Lutheran Church with Rosenberg Warehouse on the memo line.*

What's in a Flood Bucket?

- 1 five gallon bucket with lid
- 1 roll paper towels
- 1 powder scouring cleanser (like comet)
- 1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso)
- 1 bottle bleach – small! (1/2 gal. or smaller)
- 1 scrub brush
- 1 pair rubber gloves (size L preferred, reusable)
- 1 pair leather gloves (size L preferred)
- 1 pair cotton gloves (size L preferred)
- 2 large contractor trash bags (3 mil)
- 2 rags

What's in a Heath Care Kit?

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

Used Bibles/Prayer Books

- Gently Used Bibles in any language
- Prayer Books
- Children's Bible Stories

**Mission of the Month of May
CHRISTIAN WARRIOR'S RETREAT**

What is Christian Warriors Retreat?

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

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

Used Portals of Prayers are also being collected and delivered to Victoria Christian Assistance Ministries in Victoria. If you have questions, please contact Margie Swannack or Meliss Eckhardt. Thank you!

**5th Annual Kickin It for Cole Ohrt Walk Strong 2025-
Thursday, May 8, 2025**

Doors open at 5:00 PM. Bingo starts at 6:30 PM ~ Friar Ag Center, Cuero, TX

For tickets & more information call (361)648-8147 or (361)578-2257

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 May 21st. 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.

Youth Group

May 17th at 6:30 p.m. – 10:00

p.m. there will be a Youth Group Gathering. We will play games and volleyball. A devotional will be held at the campfire and a taco bar with chips and dips will be available for the youth to enjoy.



Grave Decoration/Church Under the Trees & Pot Luck Luncheon

The Grave Decoration Service Under the Trees will be on Sunday, May 4, 2025. A Pot Luck Luncheon will be held in the parish hall following the service. Please bring one meat dish and one side dish or dessert. Hope to see you there!



Youth Group Silent Auction

Items are set up in the Parish Hall for the youth’s silent auction. Last day to bid on items is May 4 up until 11:30 AM. Winners will be announced at the Pot Luck Luncheon. Proceeds are for the Youth Group’s Summer Camp.

Portals of Prayer

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

SOME FYIs for YOU

May 1 – National Day of Prayer

May 3 – Church Work Day

May 4 – Grave Decoration Day
(Church Under the Trees)
Potluck Dinner to Follow

May 7 – Ascension of the Lord

May 11 – Mother’s Day

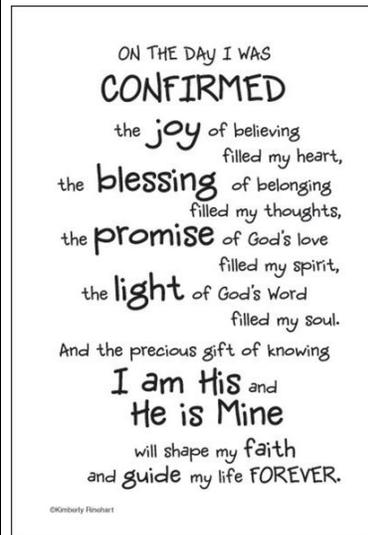
May 17 – Youth Group Event

May 18 – Confirmation Sunday

May 23 – High School Graduations

May 25 – Memorial Day Service

May 26 – Memorial Day



Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for May 18th, 2025.



Confirmands are:
Kaleigh Newman
Shelby Newman
Kinley Nessel

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

Graduation Sunday

Graduation Sunday at St. John is on the horizon. We will be recognizing all 2025 Kinder, 8th grade, High School & College Graduates during this upcoming service. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board or email: stjohnevlutheran@juno.com with your graduate’s information for the bulletin or drop it by the church office.



St. John ~ Memorial Day Service

We will have a Memorial Day service on Sunday, May 25, 2025 to honor & remember all Military Men & Women. We have a running list for the bulletin that we have used the last several years. If someone has passed away in the past year, or you know of any new military personnel, please let the office know by calling or texting 361-277-8653 or by emailing us at stjohnevlutheran@juno.com. Thank you!



Altar Flowers

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

Congratulations on Your New Arrival!!!

WELCOME
to the world
little ONE

We want to send congratulations to Breanna & Robbie Rhoton (and Big Brother Jay) on the birth of their daughter (& sister), Jannette Lynn Rhoton, on Friday, April 4, 2025. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 ozs. and was 20.5 inches long. Jannette is also welcomed by her proud grandparents Dianna & George Soliz.

May God send many blessings to this family and especially little Jannette Lynn.

With Our Deepest Sympathy

Please keep the family of Jay Bramlette in your thoughts & prayers. Jay passed away on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025. May God comfort his family at this time of loss.

In your time of sorrow, my Thoughts ARE WITH YOU

Church Council Minutes ~ March 25, 2025

Members Present: Rachel Nessel, Brenda Gohmert, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Archie Abrameit, Mike Cowley, Cathie Bettge, Kathy Dunn, Marv Sager, John Boor

Call to Order: Glenn Ruschhaupt called the meeting to order

Opening Devotion: John Boor opened with a prayer

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting: Marv Sager made a motion to approve the minutes, Brenda Gohmert seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Report presented by Archie Abrameit. John Boor made motion to approve. Cathie Bettge seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Report: John Boor presented the following Pastor's Report:

I would like approval to accept Mark Lester as a new member. He comes from a Methodist background and I have met with him and discussed our differences in doctrine.

I would like guidance on how a past member, baptized and confirmed at St. John, who has been away from St. John for several years is reinstated as an active member at St. John. Does it require council vote or is their simply communing and contributing automatically reinstate them?

DISCUSSION: After some discussion, Rachel Nessel made a motion to accept Mark Lester as a new member. Brenda Gohmert seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Glenn Ruschhaupt discussed the importance of using Robert's Rules of Order in council meetings, as outlined in the church constitution, and reminded council to please abide by those rules in order to keep meetings efficient and allow everyone a voice.

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance Team: ST JOHN FINANCE COMMITTEE
AGENDA - 3/17/25

Pastor John Boor opening the meeting with prayer. Those attending were Kathy Dunn, Archie Abrameit, Laurie Wendel, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Pastor John Boor, and Marv Sager. Pam Haun was unable to attend.

We reviewed the Financial Reports in detail. We will follow up on a discussion about the history of some of the Asset Accounts.

Offerings and donations have been increasing. We have a positive balance at the end of February and March is looking good as well.

The cost of Portals of Prayer is \$585.60 per year.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on May 19, 2025.

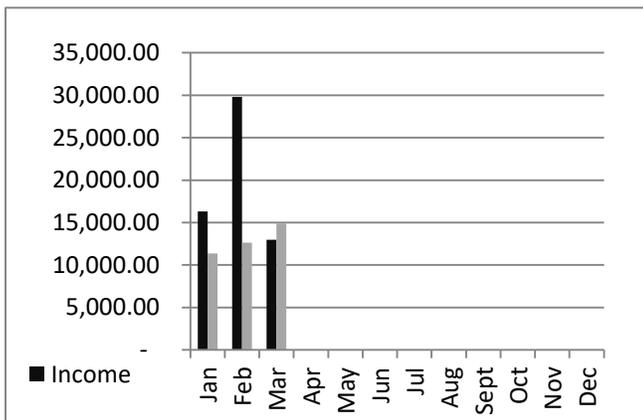
-Kathy Dunn

Mission/Evangelism Team: Mission Evangelism Team Council Report for March 19, 2025

Present: Glenn Rushhaupt, Cathie Bettge, Linda Ruschhaupt, Pam Haun, Obert Sagabiel, Pastor Boor

Open with prayer: Cathie Bettge

Old business: Rosenberg Warehouse has sent thank you



General Fund – 2025 Income vs Expenses
General Fund chart without Designated Giving funds.

cards for our monetary donations and needed items. They are still in need of quilts, flood buckets, and health kits.

Collection: April---bath towels and washcloths

May---new or used bibles

Mission of the month: April---South Texas Children's Home Ministries

May---Christian Warrior's Retreat

Service projects: still have open areas to fill

New business: Reformation/Mission Feast speaker has been contacted. I am waiting on a reply.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: May 21, 2025 @ 6:00 pm in the parish hall

Parish Life Team: No report provided

Parish Ed: Parish Ed committee met on Saturday, March 15.

Present: Pastor Boor, Rachel Nessel, Laurie Pokluda, JoBeth Stiles-Caskey, Kathy Dunn, Sara Newman, Johnna Picard
Meeting was called to order at 1:36 pm. Pastor opened with a prayer.

Palm Sunday will be April 13.

- Youth group will have breakfast tacos available for donations in the morning with proceeds going to summer camp.
- During Sunday School, Laurie will lead the kids in doing a painting.
- At the beginning of our worship service, our youth will process into church with palms.

Easter Sunday will be April 20.

- Rachel provided a tentative script for the sunrise service. Rachel, Sara, and Johnna will work on finalizing the script and assigning parts to our youth to begin practicing.
- Kathy will reach out to Glenn about setting up the Easter tomb and will find the script.
- Sara will coordinate breakfast, which will start immediately following the Sunrise Service.
- For Sunday School, we will order 15 dozen pre-filled eggs for the Easter Egg hunt. We will start Sunday School with the Resurrection Eggs lesson, then have the Easter egg hunt. Next, we will split into our classrooms and do a few Easter crafts. We will have a backdrop available in the Parish Hall for pictures.
- At 10 am, our youth will perform the Tomb skit outside of the basement for the Sunday School kids and the attendees of our Worship service.

At our last Council meeting, council approved funding for up to 11 youth to attend Camp Lone Star this summer!

- Discovery Camp for ages 14-18 – June 29-July 4 - \$849 before March 1
 - Kaleigh Newman has already registered and self-paid. To my knowledge, no other youth from our church have expressed interest at this time.
- Pioneer Camp – July 6-11, \$125 deposit due per camper to secure spots.

- Alpha Camp for ages 8-12: \$749 pp, Omega Camp for ages 13-18: \$779 pp

- This program requires 5-10 campers per Pioneer Leader. Johnna has offered to serve as our Pioneer Leader. We currently have 8 boys registered!

- Council has requested that the youth attending camp fundraise to offset as much of the cost of camp as possible. Fundraisers will be held Palm Sunday (breakfast tacos), May 4 spaghetti lunch, and potentially a Chick-fil-a Spirit Night.

VBS will be July 28-August 1 from 8:30-noon.

- Our theme will be True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.
- Max attendance will be 40 children aged 3-11
- Rachel will get with Melissa to order the kit from Group Publishing.
- Rachel will also work on creating/ordering an outdoor banner to help publicize our VBS
- Regarding logistics, we discussed having 3 classrooms to be held on the stage, in the double room, and in the basement. Art class can be held in the parsonage.
- Rachel will reach out to Lloyd about snacks for VBS.
- Adult volunteers include Rachel, Kathy, Laurie, and Joie. Sara, Lisa Gabrysch, and Brenda Gohmert are possible volunteers. Youth counselors include Kaleigh, Shelby, Kinley, and Ayla. Cathie Bettge also mentioned her 2 granddaughters might be available to volunteer as counselors.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Property Team Report:

Meeting Date – March 09, 2025

Members Present – Glenn Ruschhaupt, Dickie Bettge, Vance Egg, Dennis Nagel, John Boor, and Marv Sager

Items Complete:

Parsonage cleaned; Wasp nests sprayed; Restroom and various kitchen supplies replenished; Restroom light bulb replaced; AC filters checked/replaced; Deliveries/Office sign installed; Drop box for deliveries acquired; Pasture lease 2 year extension executed; Piano tuning; Elevator door openers reprogrammed

Items Discussed:

Main church exterior cleaning and repairs; Verbal washing estimate of \$2500-\$3000 acquired from contractor; Security camera system; Various coverage options in light of current locked access; Restoration of power from Old Stone Church to cemetery light pole; Awaiting contractor availability; Church steeple repair-Discussions ongoing with potential contractor; Current maintenance/improvement needs-Acquisition of bids for sanctuary nursery painting and painting of exterior metal rails, etc. along with steeple repair still in progress; Current elevator door issue-Awaiting new door opener part and service company availability; Playground Equipment-Awaiting specific preferences from Parish Ed for detailed vetting by Property Team, and ultimate

presentation to Council; Proposed donation of new sanctuary stained-glass window-Donor offer has been withdrawn; Council Action regarding screen in the sanctuary pulpit-Team majority consensus is in agreement with Congregation annual meeting minutes stating that applicable vote by Congregation included regular use of screen in the pulpit Old Stone Church: Next meeting scheduled for March 26th

Items for Council Approval:

Next Scheduled Meeting: 04/13/25

In addition to Marv Sager's written report, Marv mentioned that the window A/C unit in the office went out, and it will be replaced with a mini-split system that has been ordered.

Rachel Nessel asked if the church basement can be included as part of the cleaning schedule, and Marv said he would be sure to include it.

Worship Team: Brenda Gohmert present report (Secretary could not open report on computer)

Approval of Committee Reports: John Boor made a motion to approve all team reports. Rachel Nessel seconded. The motion carried.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed voting roster and local evangelism. The idea is to use this information for a more current church directory and who to reach out to explain membership options. Reaching out/making contact is the goal. Cathie Bettge discussed the possibility of creating a welcoming committee similar to what the congregation had in the past.

John Boor brought up the topic of team meetings, and the benefits of meeting monthly. Everyone is busy, but the benefits of meeting monthly typically results in shorter meetings and better communication back to the congregation. Glenn Ruschhaupt discussed the acceptance of two lecterns gifted by Johnny Paul and Virginia Jank to be used as seen fit. Brenda Gohmert made a motion to accept the lecterns. John Boor seconded. Motion carried.

Marv Sager made the recommendation to have Chris Gohmert consult the congregation on advice with a Windows 10 update, a malware scan, and possible system update. We can also Chris if he can consult or offer advice on a website update. Chris will be contacted, and an update will be provided at a future council meeting.

Kathy Dunn moved to adjourn. John Boor seconded. Motion carried.

Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Mike Cowley, 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



***Dear St. John's Lutheran
Church family: Thank you for
your prayers, cards, memorials,
and your kindness during Jay's
recent illness. God bless each
of you.***

The Jay Bramlette Family

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE



Home Monday, April 14, 2025. Much improved, but moving in low gear, physically and mentally. Words cannot express how the many prayers of our many prayer warriors for Obert and me has strengthened and supported us (keep them coming) through this situation. All are held up in prayers for ya'll, too. God bless all.

♥ Carol Ann ♥

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

May 4

Greeters - The Hays Family
Reader - Wanda Hays

May 11

Greeters - Marv & Norrean Sager
Reader - Kathy Dunn

May 18

Greeters - Cathie & Dickie Bettge
Reader - Dickie Bettge

May 25

Greeters - Beverly Bodden
Reader - Beverly Bodden

May Communion Assistant

Pam Haun

May Altar Guild

Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

May Nursing Home Visitor

Virginia Abrameit

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June 1

Greeters - Trish Hood
Reader - Trish Hood

June Communion Assistant

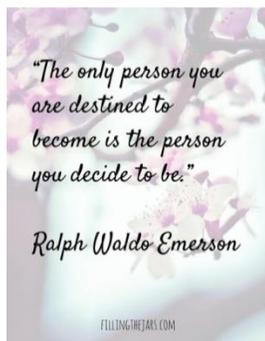
Wanda Hays

June Altar Guild

Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

June Nursing Home Visitor

Cathie Bettge



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

Happy Birthday to:

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

Happy Birthday

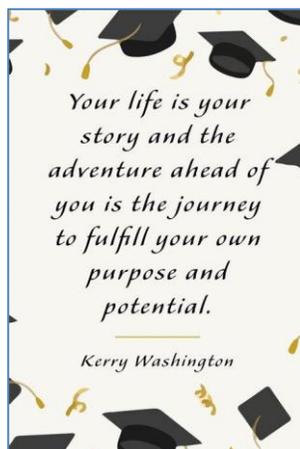
Our apologies if we have missed your special date. Please contact the church office to help with corrections. Thank you!

Anniversary Greetings to:

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

Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to Our Graduates!



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

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**Mission of the Month:
Christian Warrior's Retreat**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Please look on our website: http://stjohnmeyersville.org/ or our Facebook page: <u>St. John Meyersville</u> for changes & updates.</i></p> <p><i>*meet at the parsonage</i></p>	 CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Office Hours: *Please see the weekly Bulletins			<p>National Day of Prayer 1 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 8:30-10:30AM Church Workday</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p>Third Sunday of Easter 4 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship - GRAVE DECORATION DAY Church Under the Trees Pot Luck Luncheon</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>7 1:30 PM Quilters*</p>	<p>Ascension of the Lord 8 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 1:30 PM Parish Ed Meeting</p>
<p>Fourth Sunday of Easter 11 <i>~Happy Mother's Day!!!~</i> 8:00 AM Property Team 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 10AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 12:30PM Women's Bible Study* 1:30 PM Quilters * 6:00 PM Mission Ev. Team Meeting</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 5:30-6:30PM 4-H Officer Elections</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>Pastor John on Vacation May 11th – 17th</p>						
<p>Fifth Sunday of Easter 18 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship-Confirmation Sunday</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>	<p>19 7 PM Finance Meeting</p>	<p>20 CAMAL House Mtg.</p>	<p>21 1:30 PM Quilters * 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>22 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p> <p>**Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.</p>	<p>23 Cuero Graduation Yorktown Graduation Nordheim Graduation</p> <p>**Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>Sixth Sunday of Easter 25 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship – Memorial Day Service</p>	<p>Memorial Day 26</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>With Honor & Gratitude We Remember</p> </div>	<p>27 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>28 9 AM Old Stone Church Meeting</p>	<p>29 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>