

Celebrating



St. John's Lutheran Church  
Monett, MO  
1919 - 2019

For the Lord is  
good,  
and his love  
endures  
forever; his  
faithfulness  
continues  
through all  
generations.

Psalm 100:5

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# St. John's Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Commemoration of Moses, 2024

Dear Saints at Trinity,

*"Listen, O heavens, and I will speak; hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants. I will proclaim the name of Jesus Christ. O, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he." (Deuteronomy 32:1-4)*

When the Lutherans of Monett were beginning to grow as a tender new congregation meeting in the Kirchner home around an altar that has now found a home at St. John's, it was Rev. Roschke of Freistatt who answered the request for a Lutheran pastor to also serve them in the name of Jesus Christ. He did so faithfully for 5 years, beginning in 1900--when your own congregation was a mere quarter-century old.

And as the 'roaring twenties' got underway it was Rev. Bernthal of Freistatt who came to carefully tend and till the Lutheran congregation of Monett, gathering pledges and offerings throughout the circuit in 1921 so that the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (UAC) might build its first building. And again, less than two decades later, St. John's was strengthened by Rev. Stuenkel of Freistatt during a time of pastoral vacancy here while your congregation was nearing its 75th anniversary.

All this is to say that we join you this weekend in giving thanks to our God for the years of his tender grace he has shown to you and to us in Jesus Christ. Your plenty supplied our need time and again as you worked in the strength of the Lord to establish your brothers and sisters in the faith here at St. John's.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gifts!

Rev. Andrew C. Kennell, Pastor  
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