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## *June 2025 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**  
**Member of North American Lutheran Church (NALC)**

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Greetings,

The first widely promoted Father's Day celebration was held in Spokane, Washington, on June 19, 1910. A woman named Louise Dodd envisioned the event as a special religious service that involved small gifts as well as loving greetings from children to their fathers. She took her idea to her pastor and he shared the idea with the local pastor's association. The mayor of the city and the governor of the state endorsed the idea. Even the famed politician, William Jennings Bryan, weighed in with words of support. The third Sunday in June was established as Father's Day.

The idea of fatherhood is strong in the Bible. Unlike the gods of other religions, the Christian God is portrayed as a loving Father. Christ declared God his own Father and claimed to show in himself what the Father was like. In the Christian faith, every day is a Father's Day, because every day we honor our Heavenly Father for the amazing grace he has shown to us.

It's important that we always remember who our Spiritual Father is. Spiritually, we have been adopted into the Heavenly Father's family. We were not born a child of God. We're not naturally a child of God. We are adopted.

What an amazing Heavenly Father we have. Through Jesus, we have been "reborn" into God's family (**John 3:7**). **Ephesians 1:5** tells us: *"He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ."* The Apostle John says (**1 John 3:1**), *"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"*

We might be adopted, but that doesn't mean that we are a "second rate" child of God. The Heavenly Father loves us and blesses us as a full son, a full daughter. He showers us with his blessings. He forgives our sins. And he has an inheritance waiting for us that is beyond your imagination.

On Father's Day, we honor the earthly fathers that God has placed into our lives. Through them, God has given to us many blessings. And on this day, and every day, we honor our Heavenly Father. The sacrifices he has made for us are beyond our understanding. The good things he has waiting for us are beyond our understanding. Today we are reminded that God truly is our greatest father. May we honor him, and worship him, all of our lives. Amen.

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

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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 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 July 2025 Church Bell is Friday, June 20, 2025 by 9:00 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to [stjohnelutheran@juno.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 – 1<sup>st</sup> LT, U.S. Army
- Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL
- Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina
- Zach McBrayer – 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Deb Wagner, Wanda Hays; Nick Picard, Jonathan Ideus, Pam Ficklen, Stacey Nelson; 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.

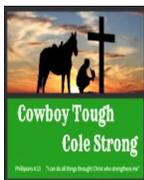


**+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:**

**Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole**

**Strong (May 19, 2025):** I know this is a little delayed but it's been a crazy week. I just wanted to thank everyone who helped make this year's Cole Ohrt Walk Strong Bingo fundraiser another huge success. This was our fifth year doing this and I am always humbled by the love and generosity of this community. To everyone who donated to offset expenses, bought a table/ticket and came to the event, bought an auction item, cup, etc. or just came to show your love and support for our cause-thank you. We appreciate every one of you for supporting our desire to help others that suffer with disabilities like Cole. And to all the beautiful women on the board who donate their time selflessly to make this event wonderful every year you are loved and appreciated. And lastly to all who help us with organizing gifts, shopping, setting up, and tearing down just know we couldn't do it without you and your hard work doesn't go unnoticed. I hope to see you all again next year! 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)***



**Mission of the Month of May  
NALC DISASTER RESPONSE**

**The Disaster Response Fund provides resources for:**

- respond rapidly when domestic natural disasters occur
- alleviate human suffering
- provide transitional assistance
- enable those affected to begin the rebuilding process

The NALC's Disaster Response Coordinator administers the use of the fund, working cooperatively with and through local NALC congregations and members, as well as other compatible disaster relief organizations such as LCMS Disaster Response.

(Check Memo Line: "Disaster Response Fund")

**Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection**

We will be collecting toothbrushes & toothpaste for the month of June 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

**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!

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 12:30 PM at the Parsonage.

**Mens's Bible Study** will be meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

Youth group will meet on June 21, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m. More details will be shared soon in our Worship Service Bulletins.



### **Portals of Prayer**

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

### **SOME FYIs for YOU**



- June 1 – Graduation Sunday
- June 3 – Worship Team Meeting
- June 7 – Evening Worship Service
- June 11 – Women's Bible Study
- June 14 – Evening Worhsip Serive - with Communion
- June 15 – Father's Day
  - Property Team Meeting
- June 18 – Men's Bible Study
- June 21 – Youth Group Meeting
  - Evening Worship Service
- June 24 – Council Meeting
- June 28 – Evening Woship Service

### **With Our Deepest Sympathy**



*Please keep the family of  
Lonnie Maywald  
in your thoughts & prayers.  
Lonnie passed away on  
Tuesday, May 6, 2025.  
Lonnie is Lindsey Richard  
Ficklen's mother.  
May God comfort her family  
at this time of loss.*

### **Graduation Sunday**

Graduation Sunday at St. John will be celebrated on Sunday, June 1, 2025 We will be recognizing all 2025 Kinder, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, High School & College Graduates during this time. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board or email: [stjohnelutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnelutheran@juno.com) with your graduate's information for the bulletin or drop it by the church office.



### **Congratulations to Our Graduates!**

#### **College Graduates**

Mason Nagel graduated from Texas A & M and is the son of Nikki Carver. Mason plans on starting his adventures in work life.

#### **High School Graduates**

Ella Jander graduated from Cuero High School and is the daughter of Dwight & LeAnn Jander. Ella plans on attending to Texas A & M.

Caleb Nagel graduated from Cuero High School and is the son of Nikki Carver. Caleb plans on attending Blinn College.

Kyle Nagel graduated from Cuero High School and is the son of Nikki Carver. Kyle plans on attending Blinn College.

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates**

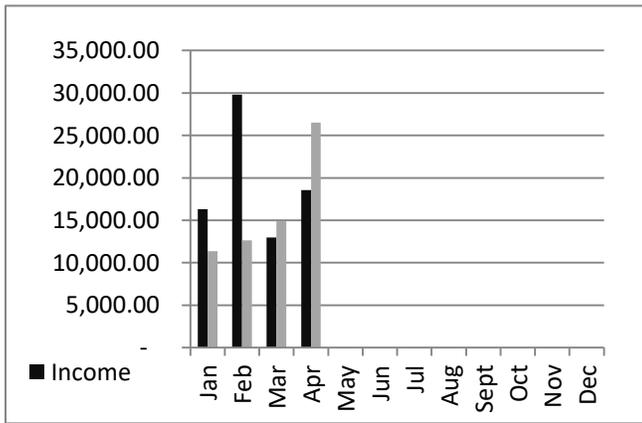
Gracie Diebel , daughter of Brian & Feather Diebel, has graduated from 8th grade at Cuero Jr. High and will be moving on to Cuero High School.

Lane Moritz, son of Neal & Lenzi Moritz, has graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Cuero Jr. High and will be moving on to Cuero High School.

Morgan Zengerle, daughter of Jeff & Tamara, has graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Cuero Jr. High and will be moving on to Cuero High School. She was 13<sup>th</sup> in her class of 147.

#### **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.



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

## Church Council Minutes ~ April 22, 2025 by Kathy Dunn

**Members Present:** Glenn Ruschhaupt (President), Pastor Boor, Kyle Newman (Vice President), Kathy Dunn (Secretary Pro Tem and Finance), Marv Sager (Property), Brenda Gohmert (Worship), Rachel Nessel (Parish Ed), Lloyd Copeland (Parish Life), Archie Abrameit (Treasurer)

**Call to Order:** Glenn called the meeting to order.

**Opening Devotion:** Kathy Dunn read a Devotional from Portals of Prayer

**Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting:** Marv made a motion to approve the minutes. Pastor John seconded. Motion carried.

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

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Pastor Report:** I will be on vacation May 11 – May 17. Johnna and Johnny will be conducting the service on May 11. I will be back on May 18, and that will be confirmation Sunday.

On April 13<sup>th</sup> I baptized Rex Lee Garrett, son of Richard and Kally Garrett.

Will baptize Jannette Lynn Rhoton, daughter of Robert and Breanna Rhoton on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

On May 25<sup>th</sup> we will once again have a service focused on our veterans. Dan Pooley will from Warriors Retreat will once again give the message. Also, Jeff Zengerle will give a short talk on his position with the county as Veterans services to tell the veterans present how he can help them with their veteran's benefits.

May 18 will be confirmation Sunday. I will be confirming, with council approval, Kaleigh Newman, Shelby Newman, and Kinley Nessel.

**Finance Team:** The Finance Committee did not meet in April. Our next meeting will be on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm..

Kathy Dunn

**Addition to Finance Team report:** Kathy met with Meliss Eckhardt to review the Asset Accounts. She provided notes for all members.

### Mission/Evangelism Team:

Mission Evangelism Team did not meet in April.

May Mission of the Month: Christian Warrior's Retreat

May Rosenberg Warehouse Collection: new or used bibles

### Parish Life Team:

April Report- Parish Life Committee 4-17-25

Our scheduled meeting for 4-9-25 was cancelled due to committee

members unable to attend that day.

This month, so far, 5 get well cards have been sent.

Our committee was asked to help the Parish Education Committee pick up the

food items needed for the youth group Easter morning "Pancake Breakfast".

These items have been purchased and delivered to the Parish Hall kitchen.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 24. Items to discuss include:

Grave Decoration Day (Church Under the Trees) and meal Confirmation Sunday

**Addition to Parish Life Team report:** Lloyd expressed concerns about the low annual budget for this committee (\$300). Just this month with the Easter Pancake breakfast and other expenses, we spent more than that. We agreed to adjust this item on the budget for next year. Lloyd also mentioned that the Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser set for May 4<sup>th</sup> conflicts with Grave Decoration Day.

**Parish Ed:** Although our Parish Ed committee did not meet in April, the month has been full of joyful activity and preparation!

We were blessed with 18 children participating in our Sunday School activity on Palm Sunday. A special thank you to Laurie Pokluda for leading the painting session—it was a beautiful and creative time for the kids! During the Palm Procession into our worship service, we welcomed even more children into the celebration. We hope the congregation enjoyed their energy and enthusiasm as much as we did!

Behind the scenes, Johnna, Sara, Kathy, Joie, and I have been busy planning for our Easter Sunday activities for our youth.

Here's what to look forward to:

- 7:30 a.m. – Our Youth Group will lead the Sunrise Service, followed by a pancake breakfast.
- 9–10 a.m. – We'll hold a special Sunday School session with Easter crafts and an egg hunt.
- 10 a.m. – Our youth will present the Tomb Skit in the Parish Hall. Special thanks to Glenn for agreeing to coordinate the tomb setup.

We're also hard at work raising funds for Summer Camp!

The Palm Sunday breakfast taco fundraiser was a success, bringing in \$1,344—thank you to everyone who supported us! Our Silent Auction is now live on the stage in the Parish Hall and will run through May 4. We'll wrap up our fundraiser efforts with a Spaghetti Plate Fundraiser on May 4, following worship. We'll accept free-will donations and reserve plates for those interested.

Vacation Bible School registration is open now! We'll be

handing out VBS postcards during Easter worship/activities, and we've also printed a 2' x 6' sign for the church fence to help spread the word to families in our community.

Volunteers are still very much needed—please consider helping if you're able!

Our next Parish Education Committee Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

As always, thank you for your continued support and prayers for our children, youth, and programs.

**Addition to Parish Ed Team report:** The Spaghetti supper that the youth group planned to raise money for Church Camp has been cancelled due to previously scheduled Grave Decoration Day & Lunch. They have already collected over \$2000 through Breakfast Taco Sales and the Silent Auction. Marv moved and Kyle seconded to cancel the Spaghetti Supper; motion carried. Marv will put up the VBS sign on the church fence.

**Worship Team:** Worship Team Minutes April 15, 2024

Worship team met on April 15 with Pastor John leading us in the opening prayer. We discussed communion assistants and Johnny Paul said there are 3 so far interested. Will advertise in bulletin if anyone else would be interested. Under new business it was brought up about holding monthly meetings and the consensus was to continue by monthly but definitely if anything comes up, we can hold another meeting if needed. Also, I let the team know that Marv and Noreen Sager had resigned from our team. We all fully understood but both of them will be truly missed. So, if you are interested in joining our team please let us know we would love to have you. The last item was a proposal of a Saturday evening service. This service will be liturgically based including confession of sins, creeds, and the Lord's Prayer. Scripture readings and sermon will be the same as Sunday morning service. Johnny Paul made the motion to have Saturday evening services as per outline in proposal and Pastor seconded it. All members voted for it. I now will present it to Church Council. Also, Johnny did mention that the cry room should have a radio with a rechargeable battery and a head set so parents can hear the church service. With no other business, we selected songs through July 6. Next meeting will be on June 3

Addition to Worship Team report: Discussion was held to discuss Saturday evening Church services every Saturday in the parish house at 6 or 6:30 pm.

Marv made a motion that Council approve the Saturday worship service proposal, and that a previous Council motion to have the screen in the pulpit question on the next congregation meeting agenda, be rescinded. Lloyd seconded, and the motion passed with 2 dissenting votes.

**Property Team Report:**

**Meeting Date – April 13, 2025**

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

**Items Complete:**

Parsonage cleaned; Restroom and various kitchen supplies replenished; Parish Hall light bulb replaced; AC filters

checked/replaced; AC split system installed in church office; Exterior light fixtures on poles replaced; Written proposal obtained for washing down church building; Broken flagpole light at cemetery replaced; Power to light pole at cemetery restored; Breaker box at Old Stone Church repaired; Acquired bid for sidewalk construction and resolution of ponding at drop-off area; Meeting with contractor to solicit bids for major church building maintenance and repairs, including caulking, window frame repair and sealing, masonry work, steeple repair, and full exterior paint job.; Agreement for monthly cleaning of basement

**Items Discussed:**

**Main church exterior cleaning and repairs, per above:**

**Monthly cleaning of basement; Insurance requirements/questions regarding playground equipment**

Generally parallel state installation recommendations, along with information regarding access and degree of use

**Current maintenance/improvement project**

Sanctuary nursery painting and painting of exterior metal rails, exterior metal light poles, expected to be completed prior to Easter Sunday. The price quote was 4,775.00.

The President did a telephone poll and it passed.

**Current elevator issue**

Service appointment scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup>

**Bid for sidewalk construction and ponding problem resolution**

Includes extending existing sidewalk at Parish Hall to elevator drop-off area, and constructing sidewalk from cemetery side Parish Hall exit over to sacristy entrance steps. Also includes installation of patio type drain to resolve rainwater ponding issue near drop-off area.

Expected completion during week after Easter. The price quote was \$4,975.00. The President did a telephone poll and it passed.

**Date for spring workday**

Planned for May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 am to 10:30 am

**Old Stone Church** – Painting, window reglazing, replacement of rotted window frame boards, etc. was largely completed during the last week of March. Next regularly scheduled meeting is May 28.

**Items for Council Approval** – Acceptance of \$4,975 bid for sidewalk construction and ponding resolution. This was done by telephone poll, and it passed as mentioned above.

**Next Scheduled Meeting: 05/11/25**

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS:**

We discussed having the church secretary, Meliss Eckhardt, receive the draft copy of the minutes before they are approved. This will help in planning to finalize the minutes. All agreed that she should get a copy as soon as they are available, but not put them in the newsletter till approved.

**Scholarships** – we have received two completed applications. We agreed to award both students a \$1000 scholarship. They are Ella and Cason Jander. Lloyd made the motion and Paster John seconded, motion carried.

**Discuss Playground Update:** Marv has discussed with our

insurance provider. There should not be an issue if: Playground will be for the Church members and guests of church members – not open to the public.

Required 6 inches of loose fill surface under the playground Must be installed by licensed contractor with Insurance proof such as a certificate of insurance proving they have liability coverage.

There is no formal youth program except CCD type programs – playground will be used by children of the church members

The playground must be in a fenced area.

The cost of the playground installation and equipment is quite high. Rachel and Johnna are inquiring with other companies and used equipment.

**Church repairs:** church building washing is needed again. Marv got a quote from Terry Brown and talked with Ruben Cardenas about doing more stone work before we wash it again.

Later Marv asked whether we need to get the congregation's vote on the Saturday evening service. After discussion we decided yes. So Lloyd moved to rescind the previous motion and Marv seconded. But the motion did not pass, 4 for and 5 against. So, the motion approving the Sat. services still stands. This will be announced in church soon.

**Approval of Committee Reports:** Motion by Pastor John to approve all reports; Brenda seconded; motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Pastor John. Brenda seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Dunn, Secretary Pro Tem

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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, texts and phone calls during mom's snakebite/ illness.

She enjoys the cards so much and enjoys her phone calls. I could feel the power of prayer surround me and give us strength to get through.

I also want to express my gratitude for the prayers, texts and phone calls during my recent illness/surgery.

I want to thank Pastor for his prayers and support. We would not have gotten through all of this without your prayers and support.

God bless you all,

Wanda and MayDell



## VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

### June 1

Greeters - Trish Hood  
Reader - Trish Hood

### June 8

Greeters - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt  
Reader - Ayla Nessel

### June 15

Greeters - Youth Group  
Reader - Kaleigh Newman

### June 22

Greeters - The Newman Family  
Reader - Shelby Newman

### June 29

Greeters - Dianna & George Soliz  
Reader - LaRae Kelley

### June Communion Assistant

Wanda Hays

### June Altar Guild

Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

### June Nursing Home Visitor

Cathie Bettge

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### July 6

Greeters - John & Margie Swannack  
Reader - Dickie Bettge

### July Communion Assistant

Johnny Jank

### July Altar Guild

Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

### July Nursing Home Visitor

Karon Copeland

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:

- 5 - Ayla Nessel
- 6 - Arlene Wallace
- 12 - Seth Wendel
- 13 - Mitchell Jank
- 15 - Marigayle Ohrt  
Linda Boyer
- 17 - Dawn Otto  
Mike Cowley  
Dylan Ohrt
- 18 - Kaleb Newman
- 21 - Morgan Goebel
- 22 - Lenzi Moritz
- 23 - Kinley Leist  
Dennis Nagel
- 24 - Jay Louis Rhoton
- 26 - Lloyd Copeland  
Mary Wagner

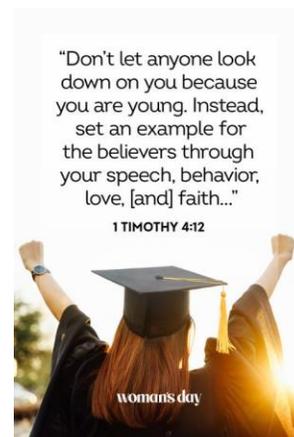
*Happy Birthday*

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

## Anniversary Greetings to:

- 4 - Bobby & Letha Blain
- 7 - Dustin & Rachel Nessel
- 9 - Ray & Linda Boyer
- 11 - Brian & Feather Diebel
- 13 - Dwight & LeAnn Jander
- 14 - Bobby & Phillyce Zengerle
- 18 - John Lloyd & Brenda Gohmert
- 21 - Clifford & Meri Diebel

*Happy Anniversary*



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## St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, TX

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Mission of the Month:  
NALC Disaster Response



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter 1</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship – <b>Graduation Sunday</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7:00 PM Worship Team Meeting	<b>4</b> 1:30 PM Quilters*	<b>5</b> 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
<b>Day of Pentecost 8</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours	<b>11</b> 10AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 12:30PM Women's Bible Study* 1:30 PM Quilters*	<b>12</b> 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service with Communion
<b>The Holy Trinity 15</b> 8:00 AM Property Team 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship – <b>Happy Father's Day!</b> 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> CAMAL House Meeting	<b>18</b> 1:30 PM Quilters * 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	<b>19</b> 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours  <b>**Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.</b>	<b>20</b> 5:30-6:30PM 4-H Officer Elections  <b>**Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.</b>	<b>21</b> 5:00 PM Youth Group Meeting 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 22</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7 PM Council Meeting	<b>25</b> 1:30 PM Quilters *	<b>26</b> 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 29</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship	<b>30</b>				 <b>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</b> Office Hours: *Please see the weekly Bulletins	Please look on our website: <a href="http://stjohnmeyersville.org/">http://stjohnmeyersville.org/</a> or our Facebook page: <b>St. John Meyersville</b> for changes & updates.  *meet at the parsonage