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July 2025 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

WORSHIP

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

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



THE CHURCH BELL
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Greetings,

On July 4th we will celebrate the birth of our nation. A nation that is based on the ideals of liberty, responsibility, Godliness, and the freedom to become what God intended us to become. This was a new and revolutionary idea.

The celebration of our nation's birthday is really a celebration of freedom. We celebrate the precious gift of freedom we have because of the price others paid. You see, we must remember that freedom isn't free. Freedom is very expensive. It has cost some people everything, including their lives. Freedom isn't free, but it is infinitely valuable.

The ideal of freedom is an ideal that our founding fathers believed valuable enough to risk everything on. They risked their fortunes, their families, their reputations, and their honor. They risked their very lives and many of them paid for our freedom with their blood and the blood of their children.

The blood spilled on battlefields called Concord and Charleston and York Town was not the first time blood was spilled for freedom. No, 2,000 years ago a young man's blood spilled upon the ground so that we could all experience freedom.

Jesus came in order to bring us freedom from a host of human maladies. As Christians, we believe that Jesus is the Son of God. In **John 8:34-36** Jesus says

34Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

This week we have been celebrating our independence from tyranny and bondage to an oppressive government; an independence won over 200 years ago. We celebrate an independence, as a nation, that is temporary. A day will come when we no longer enjoy the freedoms we have. Nonetheless, we celebrate our independence. But should we not, daily, celebrate our independence from the tyranny and bondage of guilt, sin, fear, and death; an independence won over 2,000 years ago? Should we not celebrate and discover the depths of an independence that will last for all of eternity?

Jesus took care of the eternal consequences of our sin. But he did more than that. He also took care of our guilt. He satisfied the requirements of the law. When the law is broken a death was required and he paid that penalty for us. Therefore, not on our own - but through him, we are found free of guilt and not subject to blame. Thus, we are free from accusation and when a man is free from accusation, he is free from a great deal of the fear that this life offers.

We are now free of guilt. We are no longer subject to blame. The account has been laid to rest and we can live without fear of a hidden past being brought to light. It has already been brought to light and dealt with.

Have a wonderful 4th of July knowing what Christ has truly given us freedom.

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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 Vice President – Kyle Newman 361-220-1310
 Secretary – Mike Cowley 361-277-9862
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Parish Education – Rachel Nessel 361-571-9228
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 Property Team – Marvin Sager 361-243-1166
 Finance Team – Kathy Dunn 361-275-4322
 Parish Life Team – Lloyd Copeland 361-827-6301
 Worship Team - Brenda Gohmert 361-649-1606



Notes from the Church Secretary

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 August 2025 Church Bell is Friday, July 18, 2025 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 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, Cathie Bettge, Nick Picard, Jonathan Ideus, Pam Ficklen, Stacey Nelson, Bruce Weise, Kelsi Boehm, Family of Ellwood Rangnow, Jr.; 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.

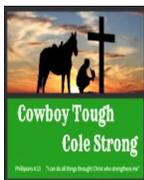


+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:

Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (June 2, 2025): Before going to sleep

I just wanted to wish Cole a happy birthday. He is definitely the most amazing young man I've ever known and I'm lucky enough to be his mother. He had definitely been dealt a very difficult hand in his life but he has handled with more grace and faith than I think I ever could. God has definitely given Cole the grace and strength to deal with this life but I am proud of Cole for accepting these gifts from God. He does give a choice – we can accept His grace or turn our back on it and become bitter. I am so thankful Cole hasn't chosen the latter. I love you baby boy.♥

+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 July
WATER MISSION

Not only does this nonprofit build safe water solutions for people in developing countries, it answers the call right here in the United States. When Asheville, NC lost its municipal water system during Hurricane Helene, Water Mission stepped in to enable the school to filter its own municipal water on the high school campus so students could get back to school. Water Mission distributed 1,100 generators to power homes and wells and provided more than 457,000 gallons of safe water to this area.

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

We will be collecting a bar of soap (or 2 if travel size) for the month of July 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.*

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!

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

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 July 16th. 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

Youth group will meet on July 26, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.. Dinner will be provided.

ALSO: Needing more volunteers from the Youth Group for VBS. Please get with Sara to find out what is needed.



Portals of Prayer

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

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.

With Our Deepest Sympathy

Please keep the family of

Ellwood Rangnow, Jr.

in your thoughts & prayers.

Ellwood passed away on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

He was the son of the late

Lorine & Ellwood Rangnow, Sr.

May God comfort his family at this time of loss.

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to this year's St. John Ev. Lutheran Church Scholarship recipients, Ella Jander and Cason Jander.

May God guide you both in the next chapter of your lives and may this scholarship be a blessing to your future studies.

Thank You Notes

Dear St. John's, Lutheran Church,
I would like to start off by thanking the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church for the church's generosity by giving me this academic scholarship. This scholarship will greatly assist me as I pursue my studies at Texas A&M University. It not only eases the financial burden of my education but also inspires me to give back to my community in the future. I am grateful to be part of such a caring and supportive church family. Your investment in my education encourages me to strive for academic success and to live out the values of faith, service, and compassion that our church embodies. Once again, thank you for your generosity and for your supports as I continue with this chapter in my life.
Sincerely, Cason Jander

Thank you so much for your kindness and support. The church scholarship will help me tremendously as I take my next steps at Texas A&M University this coming Fall. It is such an honor to have received this scholarship. God has provided so much for me and continues to help me every day. Thank you for everyone's prayers and blessings. It means so much to me to know I have everyone's encouragement and support in my future. Thank you again for everything! Ella Jander

To My St. John's Family in Christ,

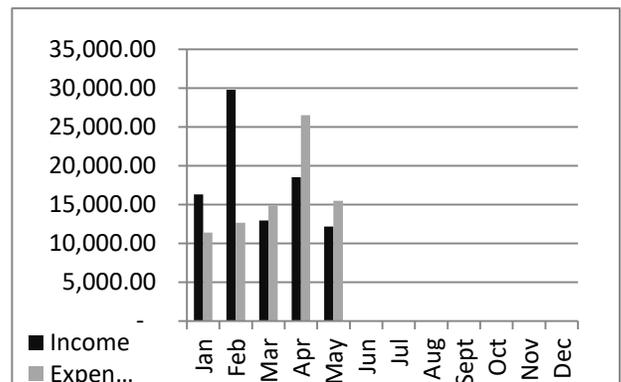
I will never be able to put into words, the love and gratitude my family and I have for all that you have done for us. Thank you for the monetary support, the food donations, and all the generous acts you have bestowed on us. But above all, thank you for the prayers, every single one of them. I saw them work from the moment the news spread and the prayer chains were activated. I saw the healing hand of God bring my husband out of the jaws of death and onto the path we're on now. You all helped make that miracle happen, and I will live in wonder knowing I witnessed that miracle. Thank you. We do not know how long our journey will last or what the final outcome will be, but we have trust in God to continue holding us every step of the way. And we know our family in Christ will surround us with love and support as we continue on our journey. Thank you all and may we all continue to walk with Christ.

Love, Johnna Picard

Thank You! I want to express my sincere appreciation for all the cards, telephone calls, visits, and especially all the prayers for healing, during my recent hospitalization. Thank you, Pastor John, for your visits and prayers. Thank you all again for your concern.

May God continue to richly bless us all.

~Bruce Weise~



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

Church Council Minutes for May 27, 2025

Members Present: Rachel Nessel, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Archie Abrameit, Mike Cowley, Kathy Dunn, Marv Sager, John Boor, Kyle Newman, Pam Haun, and Lloyd Copeland

Call to Order:

Glenn Ruschhaupt called the meeting to order

Opening Devotion:

Rachel Nessel opened with a devotion

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting:

Kathy Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes, Marv Sager seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Report presented by Archie Abrameit. Pam Haun made motion to approve. Lloyd Copeland seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor Report: John Boor presented the following Pastor’s Report: Our Saturday night services will begin this coming Saturday, May 31st.

I baptized 2 children in April. On April 13, 2025, I baptized Rex Lee Garrett, son of Rick and Kally Garrett. On April 27th I baptized Jannett Lynn Rhoton, daughter of Robby and Breanna Rhoton.

I request that council accept the below as a gift to the church. These items are for the Saturday Night Service.

Item	Donated by Johnny Jank	Donated by Pastor John	
Timbootech wireless HDMI Transmitter and Receiver	\$129.99		
2 TPyeess Bluetooth Speakers @\$49.99 ea.	\$98.98		
JMOX Adapter USB/3.5mm	\$6.98		
BO3 Pro Bluetooth Transmitter/Receiver	\$69.99		
75 In. TPL Smart TV		\$528.00	
Bietrun Wireless Microphone Headset 160 ft range		\$31.99	
6 Ft. Folding Table		69.98	
White sheet		52.85	
Total	\$305.94	\$682.82	\$988.76

Respectfully Presented, Pastor John Boor
Rachel Nessel made motion to approve request in Pastor’s report. Kyle Newman seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: No new business

Finance Team: Did not meet

Mission/Evangelism Team:

May 21, 2025 Mission Evangelism Agenda

Prayer:

Member’s present: Pam Haun, Obert Sagebiel, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Linda Ruschhaupt—led the meeting in place of Cathie Bettge

Old Business: Mission Feast/ Reformation speaker—Maddie Benson, Director of Development with the NALC, will be flying in from Colorado. MET has \$500 designated for missions. Glenn said he thought any expenditures over budget for the speaker that council would approve. So we will ask if council would approve expenditures over this budget for transportation, lodging, and food.

Mission of the Month: June—it was discussed to have St. John youth campers as the MOM. The choice was to go with the NALC Disaster Relief due to the many tornadoes.

July—Water Mission because we had not had them in awhile

Collection: June—toothbrushes and toothpaste

July—bar soap (or 2 if travel size)

Service Projects: no update

Prayer Chain: no update

New Business: none

Close with the Lord’s Prayer

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 in the parish hall

I (Cathie Bettge) was not in attendance but would add that hurricane season is upon us and predicted are at least 13 to 19 named storms, 6 to 10 hurricanes, and 3 to 5 major hurricanes.

Parish Life Team:

May Report- Parish Life Committee 5-22-25

Parish Life Team met April 24, 2025 in the Parish Hall, and met again May 3, 2025

- Our April and May meetings overlapped due to waiting on Church Council meeting April 22 to vote on Grave Decoration pot luck meal or the spaghetti meal proposed by the Parish Education Team

Members present: Linda Ruschhaupt, Glen Ruschhaupt,

Candy Cowley, J P Jank, Beverly Bodden, Norrean Sager, Karon Copeland, Lloyd Copeland

Old Business discussed:

- Pancake Easter Breakfast- a list was made of items purchased and used; notes were made to help prepare for next year quantities/budget

- Get Well/Sympathy April cards sent: Bev reported 5

New Business discussed:

- Discussed Job descriptions/budgets for Parish Life Team and Parish Education Team.

- Responsibilities of each team

- May 4 Grave Decoration/ pot luck meal
We agreed to meet May 3 to set up tables/chairs- all helped with that

Linda will decorate tables

Norrean - kitchen inventory and help organize/clean the kitchen

Copelands will bring extra cups and napkins

Bev to ask Brian Wendel for ice

Any that attend meal to help in the kitchen/clean up

- May 18 Confirmation Sunday/ hand out pocket crosses to confirmands
- May 25 Veteran Day Service – Candy offered to bring cookies/lemonade to serve after the service. She will need help serving.
- Johnny Paul would like to set up a Men's Get Together/Prayer Group. He will try to get that started sometime in the summer and meet a couple times a year

May 22 – Bev reported 5 Get Well Cards were sent in May

Parish Ed Team Report: May 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:28 pm. In attendance were Rachel Nessel, Pastor Boor, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Joie Stiles-Caskey, Kathy Dunn, Sara Newman, Kaleigh Newman, Laurie Pokluda. Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer. Concerns have been voiced that the Saturday evening service may negatively impact Sunday School attendance. We plan to give the Saturday service a month to move forward to determine the actual impact. We have a variety of options to ensure we meet the

educational needs of the youth in our congregation.

We are now 11 weeks away from Vacation Bible School. A vinyl poster was printed and hung on the fence facing Meyersville ISD. Additionally, Sara took postcards to the school to give to all youth to encourage them to register. Our facebook page has details on how to register. Rachel will work on getting details into the newsletter and bulletins and will also email past attendees.

Regarding logistics, art will be held in the parsonage, Kaleigh has agreed to teach the 2nd-4th grade class. Sara will check if Ella might be available and interested in teaching a class.

Jo Wieland, Joie and Virginia Abrameit have volunteered to help with snacks. Joie will ask Bev if she can assist and purchase items like she did last year.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:24 pm.

Worship Team: Did not meet in May

Property Team Report: Did not meet in May

Approval of Committee Reports: John Boor moved to approved all team report. Marv Sager seconded. Motion carried.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: None

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

Forth of July Prayer

Dear Lord, we remember today how blessed we are. We remember with gratitude, all who sacrificed and gave their lives so we could have the freedoms we enjoy today. We pray for our country and our leaders. We pray for revival, repentance, renewal, healing and restoration for our country. May the changes we want to see begin with each of us. May we humble ourselves before you. May we live with the same faith, courage and convictions as those who founded and fought for our nation. We pray for all who wish to harm our country and we humbly ask for your blessing to be on the U.S.A. In the name of Jesus we ask these things. Amen

Debbie Kay, Hope For The Broken Hearted.com

Father

Today we think of our nation's independence. The ability that we have to worship you freely, openly, and without the threat of persecution. We ultimately thank You for bestowing that freedom on us as a nation. May we use that freedom to help lead others to the true freedom that comes from knowing Your Son, Jesus, our LORD. May we forever praise and honor Your name.

Amen.



Hear Ye!!! Hear Ye!!!

VBS is in need of more volunteers to help during the week of July 28-August 1 from 8:30 – Noon! Please contact Rachel Nessel at 361-571-9228 if you are interested in helping.



Also, they are in need of Christmas trees of any size, from 3 ft. to ceiling height to make our area more natural. Would like skinnier trees, but if you have one you'd be willing to let us borrow, please let Rachel know as soon as possible. Thank you!

SOME FYIs for YOU

- July 5 – Evening Worship Service- with Communion
- July 9 – Women's Bible Study
- July 12 – Evening Worshp Serive
- July 13 – Property Team Meeting
- July 16 – Men's Bible Study
- July 17 – Committee Reports Due
- July 18 – Newsletter Articles Due
- July 19 – Evening Woship Service – with communion
- July 21 – Finance Team Meeting
- July 22 – Council Meeting
- July 26 – Youth Group w/Dinner – Evening Worship Service
- July 28-Aug. 1 – Vacation Bible School



VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

July 6

Greeters - John & Margie Swannack
Reader - Dickie Bettge

July 13

Greeters - The Hays Family
Reader - Kinley Nessel

July 20

Greeters - Marv & Norrean Sager
Reader - Kathy Dunn

July 27

Greeters - Meliss & Morris Eckhardt
Reader - Dwight Jander

July Communion Assistant

Johnny Jank

July Altar Guild

Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

July Nursing Home Visitor

Karon Copeland

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August 3

Greeters - Cathie & Dickie Bettge
Reader - Cathie Bettge

August Communion Assistant

Glenn Ruschhaupt

August Altar Guild

Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

August Nursing Home Visitor

Patricia Hood

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.

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Happy Birthday to:

- 1 - Kernell Moritz
- 2 - Keaton Wendel
- 4 - Martha Diebel
- 6 - Ella Jander
Vicki Motley
- 7 - Rachel Nessel
Ty Iselt
- 10 - Richard Ficklen
Bauer Egg
- 13 - Brenda Boor
- 15 - Stephanie Egg
- 16 - Chance Sanders
- 17 - Morgan Zengerle
- 22 - Brenda Gohmert
Archie Abrameit
- 23 - Jimmy Caskey
Margie Swannack
- 29 - Summer (Dunn) Helms



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

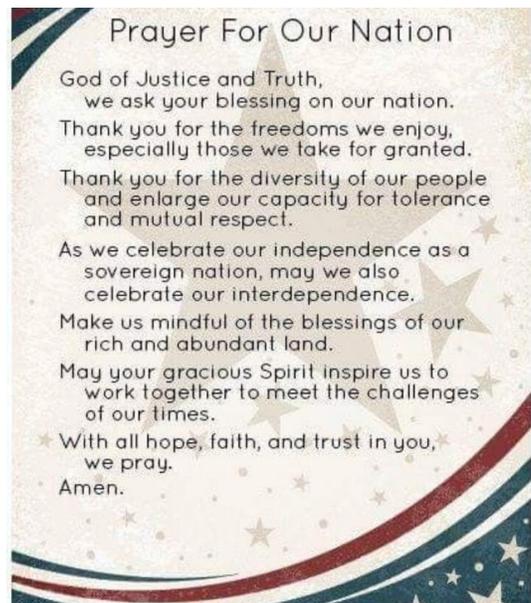
Anniversary Greetings to:

- 3 - Jay & Cheryl Bramlette
- 4 - Dennis & Kay Nagel
- 6 - Buck & Toi Rangnow
- 7 - Cory & Lacey Rains
- 13 - Dickie & Cathie Bettge
- 18 - Morris & Meliss Eckhardt
- 20 - Kyle & Sara Newman
- 22 - Jason & Marigayle Ohrt
- 27 - Jimmy & JoBeth Caskey
Marvin & Norrean Sager
Pat & Wanda Hays



Prayer For Our Nation

God of Justice and Truth,
we ask your blessing on our nation.
Thank you for the freedoms we enjoy,
especially those we take for granted.
Thank you for the diversity of our people
and enlarge our capacity for tolerance
and mutual respect.
As we celebrate our independence as a
sovereign nation, may we also
celebrate our interdependence.
Make us mindful of the blessings of our
rich and abundant land.
May your gracious Spirit inspire us to
work together to meet the challenges
of our times.
With all hope, faith, and trust in you,
we pray.
Amen.



July 2025

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, TX

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Mission of the Month:
Water Mission



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours	2 1:30 PM Quilters*	3 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours	4 	5 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service with Communion
4th Sunday after Pentecost 6 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship 	7	8 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours	9 10AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 12:30PM Women's Bible Study* 1:30 PM Quilters*	10 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours	11	12 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
5th Sunday after Pentecost 13 8:00 AM Property Team 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship	14	15 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours	16 1:30 PM Quilters * 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	17 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours **Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.	18 **Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.	19 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service with Communion
6th Sunday after Pentecost 20 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship 	21 7 PM Finance Meeting	22 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7 PM Council Meeting	23 1:30 PM Quilters *	24 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours	25	26 5:00 PM Youth Group Meeting w/Dinner 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
7th Sunday after Pentecost 27 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship	28	29 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours	30 1:30 PM Quilters *	31 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours	 Office Hours: *Please see the weekly Bulletins	<i>Please look on our website: http://stjohnmeyersville.org/ or our Facebook page: St. John Meyersville for changes & updates.</i> *meet at the parsonage
Vacation Bible School July 28 – August 1 8:30 AM - NOON						