

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church  
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## *August 2025 Newsletter*

### **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A North American Lutheran Church  
1764 Meyersville Road  
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#### **CONTACT US**

Church Office: 361-277-8653  
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Pastor's Office Hours in the Parish Hall:  
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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,

I have been thinking about prayer lately. Philippians 4:6 says, *“Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”*

I recently talked with someone who told me they didn’t know what to say when they pray. Prayer should be a simple conversation with God. We don’t have to have the fancy quotes or fancy words. Talk with God as you would talk with your best friend. Don’t be afraid to tell God anything. God already knows what we need, He just wants to hear it from us.

God hears all of our prayers. Even the ones we pray just because we think we should. But when the chips are down, when we need help the most, when we truly share our thoughts and concerns with God, He reaches out to us. He wants us to communicate with Him. He wants us to share what is bothering us. He wants us to share the good times and the bad. And we should always remember to praise God for what He has done in our lives. All too often we get in the habit of only praying for our wants and needs. We forget to thank Him for all He has done in our lives.

And our prayers should never be only about ourselves. We should always pray for others. Jesus gives us many scriptures where He prayed for others. Our prayers should never be “all about us.”

Jesus was the Son of God and throughout the gospels we read of Jesus going off by Himself and praying as well as praying with others, and praying for others. We need to follow His example.

Jonathan Edwards said, “Prayer is as natural an expression of faith as breathing is of life.” Christians have faith, Christians pray. As truthful as this statement is many Christians do not pray as they should or as often as they should.

*“Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”*

May Peace be with you always,  
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  
 Vice President – Kyle Newman 361-220-1310  
 Secretary – Mike Cowley 361-277-9862  
 Treasurer – Archie Abrameit 512-922-0975  
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Parish Education – Rachel Nessel 361-571-9228  
 Mission/Evangelism – Cathie Bettge 361-550-7274  
 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



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 September 2025 Church Bell is Friday, August 22, 2025 by 9:00 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to [stjohnlutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnlutheran@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 [stjohnlutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnlutheran@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, Cathie Bettge, Nick Picard, Jonathan Ideus, Pam Ficklen, Stacey Nelson, Kelsi Boehm, Family of Travis Schley; 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.

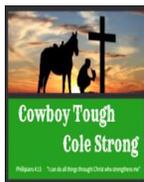


**+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:**

**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 August**

**NALC Seminary**

As Pastor Eric Riesen will be stepping down as Seminary president in January, Rev. Dr. Jukka Kaarianen began his role as NALS president remotely from his home in Finland this past June. He brings with him a wealth of global experience in theological education, pastoral ministry, and mission leadership. The NALS is experiencing unprecedented growth with more students than ever before.

**Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection**

During the month of August our collection items will be gift cards to Walmart, Lowes, Home Depot, or Tractor Supply (TSC). Melissa will be collecting gift cards in the office to mail all at once to the Rosenberg Warehouse.

**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 Melissa 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 August 20<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.

**Rally Sunday & Backpack Blessing Sunday!**

On August 10, we have a special morning planned for our St. John families as we kick off the school year with faith and fellowship!

Rally Sunday - 9 am

We're kicking off a brand new Sunday School year with Camp Jesus! Join us for songs, crafts, and campfire-style fun as kids reconnect, make new friends, and grow in God's word together.

Backpack Blessing - 10:15 am worship service

All students are invited to bring their backpacks forward during worship for a special blessing. We'll pray for guidance, protection, and peace as they head into the next school year.

We can't wait to see you there!

**Camp Lone Star Trip**

Camp Lone Star was an incredible place for our youth! 8 youth boys attended with 1 Pioneer leader at the La Grange location July 6-11. The theme was Defined, focusing on being defined by God and not by this world. The day would start out with singing and a message from the speaker for the week. Then the campers would do challenge course activities and Bible study time to reflect on the theme of the day. The campers would also enjoy activities like arts and crafts, archery, swimming, lake activities, and a huge slip n slide, just to name a few. In the evenings, we were able to get together as a group to learn the story of Gideon. The boys learned that God sees our potential even when we don't, and will be there to fight for us even when we have fears and doubts. Our theme was G.O.A.T. (God Over All Things). The evenings were for reflection and devotions around a camp fire with songs to get us ready for bed time. The whole experience was a great way to build a stronger relationship with God, and all campers are looking forward to going back next year!

**Youth Group**

Youth group will meet on August 23, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m. Dinner and meeting will be held before Saturday Church Service.



**Portals of Prayer**

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

**SOME FYIs for YOU**

- August 2 – Evening Worship Service- with Communion
- August 3 – Vacation Bible School Sunday
- August 9 – Evening Worhsip Serive
- August 10 – Rally Sunday/Backpack Blessing
- August 13 – Women’s Bible Study
- August 16 – Evening Worship Service- with Communion
- August 17 – Property Team Meeting
- August 20 – Men’s Bible Study
- August 21 – Committee Reports Due
- August 22 – Newsletter Articles Due
- August 23 – Evening Worship Service
- August 26 – Council Meeting
- August 30 – Evening Worship Service



Dear Friends,

Cancer can shake up a person’s life with a jolt. You, my church family, are the blessing God has given me to lift me up and encourage my heart during this challenging time. Thank you for the inspirational and caring cards, texts, phone calls, well wishes, and continued prayers. I am scheduled to finish this first round of chemo by the end of this month. A second round of a different chemo will follow that into October. I trust that God hears your prayers and trust that I will be able to continue to tolerate what side effects can come with these medications. With praise and thanksgiving to our Almighty God for His bountiful mercy and grace.



Cathie & Dickie  
Psalm 46:10



I want to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, cards, and food after my stroke, during my stay in the hospital, my rehab at PAM, and my Home Health Care. You all lifted me up and gave me strength. Thank you so very much.

Elizabeth Beard

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.  
 Jeremiah 29:13

**Congratulations!!!**

On Thursday, June 26, 2025,  
 Nancy Carol Butler  
 was baptized here at  
 St. John Ev. Lutheran Church  
 by Pastor John Boor.  
 Her sponsors are  
 Trish Hood & Dean Ohrt.  
 May God continue to walk with  
 her and guide her  
 through the life ahead of her.

**Welcome New Members!**



On Sunday, July 13, 2025,  
 we gave a warm welcome to our  
 new members,  
 Nancy Butler and Mark Lester.  
 We are very happy & blessed  
 to have you become members  
 here at St. John!

With Deepest Sympathy



We want to send our deepest sympathy to the Family of Travis Schley who passed away Thursday, July 10, 2025.

We especially send our condolences to his wife, Kristen and his sons, Tucker & Cooper. May his family find peace and comfort in you, O Lord.

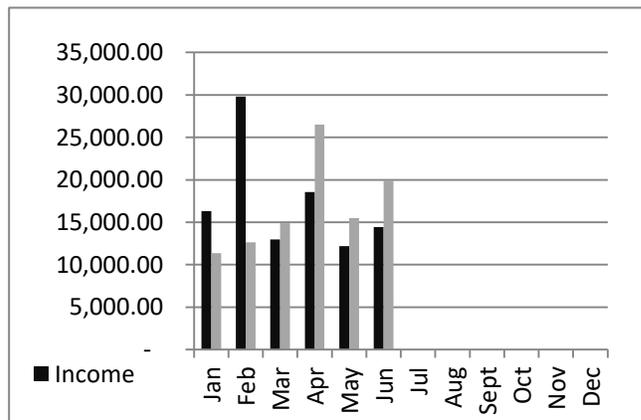
I want to take a minute and thank the congregation for the warm welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church. A special thank you to Trish Hood and Dean Ohrt for sponsoring me on my baptism as well. I can't thank Pastor John enough for mentoring my way and the prayers as I navigated through and Ray for being by my side and supporting me. I look forward to worshipping with you all.  
 Nancy Butler



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 ~ June 24, 2025**

**Members Present:** Glenn Ruschhaupt, Archie Abrameit, Mike Cowley, Kathy Dunn, Marv Sager, John Boor, Pam Haun, Lloyd Copeland, and Brenda Gohmert

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

**Opening Devotion:** Opened with a prayer

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

**Financial Report:** : Report presented by Archie Abrameit. Kathy Dunn made motion to approve. Brenda Gohmert seconded. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Pastor Report:** John Boor presented the following Pastor's Report: I ask that the council would approve the church to pay for my trip to the NALC Convocation in Pittsburgh, Pa in August. The approx. cost would be:

Flight to Pittsburgh	\$402
Convocation registration	\$450
Hotel	\$492
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1344</b>

Ralph Reitmeyer, Mission District Dean, has advised that we will be voting on adding a new Mission District at the convocation and how the Districts will be divided. I will be baptizing Nancy Butler on Thursday 6/26/2025 at 6 PM.

I recommend that receive Nancy Butler as a member. Her final new member class will be 7/3/2025 and I would like to receive her and Mark Nester as new

members on 7/13/2025.

I will be participating in Dean Ohrt's wedding on 7/12/2025. It will be a Catholic wedding and I will be giving the blessing.

Kathy Dunn made a motion to approve the NALC Convocation expenses listed above. Pam Haun seconded. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** Discussed progress on acquiring an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for the Church. Council discussed this at a previous meeting. Cost is approximately \$4,000. Will have further discussion at next month's meeting, to include discussion around training.

**New Business:** No new business

**Finance Team:** The finance team did not meet in June. Next meeting will be July 21 at 7pm.

**Mission/Evangelism Team:**

Mission Evangelism Team did not meet in June.

It was decided at the May meeting to support: Water Missions for our July Mission of the Month.

The July Rosenberg Warehouse Collection will be bar soap (2 if travel size).

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 16 @ 6 pm in the parish hall

**Parish Life Team:**

Our team did not meet in June.

**Old Business:** We completed the projects listed on our May agenda

Grave Decoration Day/ Pot Luck Meal

Confirmation Sunday/ hand out pocket crosses to confirmands

Memorial Day Handouts and Refreshments after church

**New Business:** Joie Caskey called Karon Copeland and requested our team's help to purchase food items for St John Vacation Bible School, which Lloyd and Karon agreed to do. The specific list and amounts will be sent to us when the Parish Education Team completes their curriculum plans.

For June – Bev reported 1 Get Well Card and 1 Sympathy Card were sent

**Parish Ed:** No meeting was held in June.

Sunday School will continue through the summer. June attendance so far, even with the Saturday service starting, has been good.

As of this report, we are now 5 1/2 weeks away from Vacation Bible School. We currently have 35 children registered. Once we have 36 children registered, we will turn off online registration. We still need a few more volunteers. A majority of our materials have been

purchased. We have already expended our budget and some decorations, crafts, and snack supplies still need to be purchased.

**Worship Team:** Worship team met on June 3, 2025 with a members present. We opened with an update on the first Saturday night service. Pastor and Johnny reported it went well with 25 present. We talked about possibly sending out a survey about what you like or dislike in Saturday service so we can get input. At any time a person can put suggestions in the suggestion box. We discussed that August 3 will be our VBS Sunday and August 10 will be Rally Sunday and Backpack blessing. With no further business we selected songs through August 24.

Closed with Lord's prayer.

Next meeting August 5.

**Property Team Report: Meeting Date-June 15, 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
- Fire Extinguisher Check and Maintenance
- New fan motor installed in Parish Hall meeting room AC unit
- Parish Hall AC duct drain pans cleaned
- Monthly cleaning in basement
- Drain installed in elevator drop-off area
- Parish Hall door locks lubricated
- Bid acquired for installation of attic ladder access in Parish Hall stage ceiling
- Meeting with additional potential 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.

**Items Discussed:**

- **Main church exterior cleaning and repairs, per above**
- **Monthly cleaning of basement**
- **Completion of drain at elevator drop-off area**
- **Flagpole leveling** – Consensus is to attempt leveling via placement of shims beneath metal plate on existing concrete base.
- **Flagpole Painting** - Consensus is to remove for sandblasting and painting
- **Sanctuary roof and window leaks** – Contractor will be engaged to repair metal flashing and caulk various windowpane framing

**Old Stone Church** – Items discussed at May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting included installation of door locking device and purchase of a new dehumidifier

**Items for Council Approval** – Acceptance of \$2662.70 bid for installation of stage ceiling attic access ladder

**Next Scheduled Meeting: 07/13/25**

Lloyd Copeland made motion to approve \$2,662.70 bid for installation of stage ceiling attic access ladder. John Boor seconded. Motion carried.

**Approval of Committee Reports:** John Boor moved to approve all team report. Brenda Gohmert 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

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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**

**Back to School Prayer & Verse for Protection**

**Protection from Harm:** Dear Lord, shield us from any harm as we go back to school. Surround us with Your angels and keep us safe from all dangers. Amen.

**Related Verse:** "The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." – Psalm 121:7-8

**Texas Hill Country  
Flooding Donations**

**As informed by John Conrad from the NALC, flood buckets are what are exactly needed at this time.**

**Gift cards to Home Depot/Lowe's/Walmart/Tractor Supply are also still best for the time being. Please write the amount and purchase date on the gift cards.**

If you want to mail gift cards to the Kerrville Flood Victims, send them to the following address:

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
ATTN: Meredith Meyer  
P.O. Box 98  
Crawford, TX 76638

POC for St. Paul Lutheran Church is Meredith Meyer and her contact number is 254-709-2573.

Fencing supplies are still heavily needed. If someone would like to furnish fencing supplies, the contact for fencing supplies is Brad Williams (325-372-7072).

Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response Coordinator, plans to be in the Kerrville San Saba area the Week of August 17 to assess and plan for the long-term recovery.



## **VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:**

### **August 3**

**Greeters** - Cathie & Dickie Bettge  
**Reader** - Cathie Bettge

### **August 10**

**Greeters** - Trish Hood  
**Reader** - Trish Hood

### **August 17**

**Greeters** - Beverly Bodden  
**Reader** - Beverly Bodden

### **August 24**

**Greeters** - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt  
**Reader** - Neal Moritz

### **August 31**

**Greeters** - Youth Group  
**Reader** - Kaleigh Newman

### **August Communion Assistant**

Glenn Ruschhaupt

### **August Altar Guild**

Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

### **August Nursing Home Visitor**

Patricia Hood

## **LOOKING AHEAD. . .**

### **September 7**

**Greeters** - The Newman Family  
**Reader** - Shelby Newman

### **September Communion Assistant**

Obert Sagebiel

### **September Altar Guild**

Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

### **September Nursing Home Visitor**

Margie Swannack

**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:**

- 3** - Shelby Newman
- 4** - Glenda Henry  
Sydney Schaefer
- 5** - Jaymee Rangnow  
Madyx Blain
- 8** - Jo Beth Caskey
- 9** - LeAnn Jander
- 10** - Lane Moritz
- 11** - Caleb Nagel & Kyle Nagel  
Kaley Coker
- 14** - Sandy Motley
- 16** - Marjorie Ideus  
Kay Nagel
- 19** - Linda Ruschhaupt
- 20** - Kyle Newman
- 21** - Rick Garrett
- 22** - Jonathan Albrecht
- 23** - Betty Diebel
- 24** - Clifford Diebel
- 25** - Dianne Moeller  
Paul Wendel
- 29** - Jaxon Egg  
Sara Newman



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

## **Anniversary Greetings to:**

- 5** - Taylor & Amanda Johnson
- 8** - Lloyd & Karen Copeland
- 15** - Paul & Shirley Wendel  
Robert & M'Liss Moore  
Rick & Kally Garrett
- 18** - Jeff & Tamara Zengerle
- 24** - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt



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# August 2025



## St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, TX

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Mission of the Month:  
NALC Seminary



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Please look on our website:</i> <a href="http://stjohnmeyersville.org/">http://stjohnmeyersville.org/</a> or our Facebook page: <u>St. John Meyersville</u> for changes &amp; updates.</p> <p>*meet at the parsonage</p>	<p>Office Hours: *Please see the weekly Bulletins</p> 				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service with Communion
<p><b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 3</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School – VBS Sunday 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship – VBS Sunday</p> 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 1:30 PM Quilters*	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
Pastor John at Convocation in Pittsburg, PA						
<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School – Rally Sunday 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship – Backpack Blessing</p>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours	<b>13</b> 10AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 12:30PM Women's Bible Study* 1:30 PM Quilters *	<b>14</b> 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service with Communion
<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 17</b> 8:00 AM Property Team 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship</p> 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 1:30 PM Quilters * 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	<b>21</b> 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:00 PM Youth Group Meeting & Dinner 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
Pastor @ CAMAL House						
<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 24</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p><b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 31</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship</p>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7 PM Council Meeting	<b>27</b> 1:30 PM Quilters *	<b>28</b> 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

**\*\*Committee Reports  
Due, please email to  
Council Members.**

**\*\*Newsletter  
deadline. Please have  
all articles to office.**