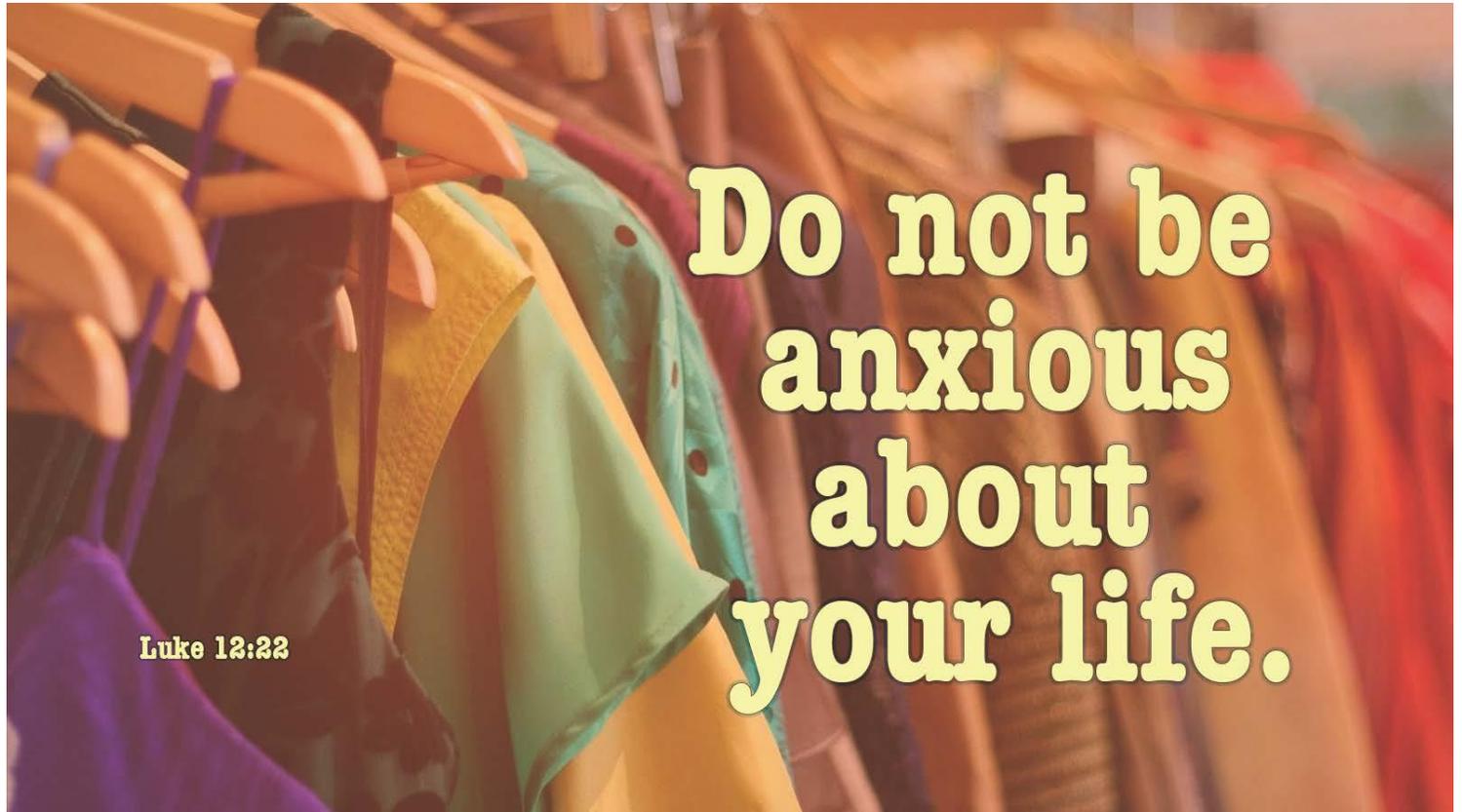


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
August 10, 2025**

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



Luke 12:22

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 10, 2025

Greeters This Week: Trish Hood

Greeters Next Week: Beverly Bodden

Reader This Week: Trish Hood

Reader Next Week: Beverly Bodden

Acolyte This Week:

Acolyte Next Week:

Altar Guild This Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Altar Guild Next Month: Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

Communion Assistant This Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

Communion Assistant Next Month: Obert Sagebiel



Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

Worship Notes Regarding Today's Service:

For those of you who would prefer to remain in your cars, we will continue to broadcast the service on FM 101.5. You can follow the service in the bulletin as the liturgy, the organ music, hymns with the lyrics by our song leaders, and Pastor John's message will be on the broadcast. Thank you!

*The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude.
Please prepare for worship with silent meditation at this time.*

AS WE GATHER

Jesus taught the twelve, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” God loves his children so deeply that every one of us is a priceless treasure to Him. The psalmist sang of God’s watchful eye and protection. To Abraham, God promised an heir and descendants too numerous to count. God saw the ancestors of the faith through trials and brought them to safety. Our faith rests in Christ alone.

PRELUDE: *“Sonata I and II”*

Don Ignazio Cirri

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand as you are able

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for Reflection and Meditation

L Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

L Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

OPENING HYMN:

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

LBW #476

**¹Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!**

**²Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you In his love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!**

**³Praie the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,
For he stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!**

**⁴Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,
For he stays close beside you, In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!**

GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

L Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray,

C Almighty and merciful God, only by your gift of grace can the faithful offer service that is worthy of you and deserving of praise. Keep us from stumbling as we run to receive your promises; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

¹The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O LORD God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 33:12-22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

¹³The LORD looks down from heaven, and beholds all the people in the world.

¹⁴From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works.

¹⁶There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save.

¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, on those who wait upon his love,

¹⁹To pluck their lives from death, and to feed them in time of famine.

²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

²¹Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy name we put our trust.

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, as we have put our trust in you.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob,

heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Stand as you are able

GOSPEL VERSE

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:22-34 [35-40]

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

²²{Jesus} said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³²Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. [³⁵Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”]

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“Listen, God Is Calling”

WOV #712

Refrain:

*Listen, listen, God is calling through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.*

¹Jesus gave his mandate: share the good news
That he came to save us and set us free. *[Refrain]*

²Let none be forgotten throughout the world.
In the triune name of God go and baptize. *[Refrain]*

³Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast,
walking in your precepts, led by your Word. *[Refrain]*

Stand as you are able

Let us confess our faith through the Apostles' Creed

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BACKPACK BLESSINGS

(All students in the church are invited to come with their backpacks to the front of the worship space.)

L: As a new school year begins, we gather to lift up our students in prayer. We bless these backpacks as symbols of the learning ahead, and we bless those who carry them—children and youth growing in wisdom, knowledge, and faith. May they walk into each day with confidence, knowing that Christ goes with them.

C: We give thanks for the gift of learning and for the those who support, teach, and nurture our students in faith and love.

SCRIPTURE READING by Mr. Kelly Dunn, Meyersville School Superintendent

L: We pray for our students as they begin this new year. Grant them curiosity and wonder, discipline and joy. When school feels overwhelming, may they remember they are never alone.

C: May they grow in knowledge and faith. May God’s peace guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

L: We pray for teachers, staff, and school leaders—those entrusted with guiding young minds. Grant them wisdom, patience, and compassion in the work they do.

C: Bless them with strength for each day and joy in their calling.

L: We pray for families—parents, grandparents, and caregivers—who encourage, support, and love these students. Strengthen them for the year ahead and remind them that their faithful presence makes a lasting difference.

C: May homes be places of safety, encouragement, and grace.

L: Let us pray. Gracious God, As these students begin a new school year, bless them with open minds, eager hearts, and the courage to be kind and brave. When they feel excited, may they give thanks. When they feel afraid, may they turn to You. Fill their backpacks not only with school supplies, but with your promises: that they are loved, that they are never alone, and that they are held in your care. Bless these backpacks as a reminder that wherever they go, Your presence goes with them.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: Amen.

L: Students, you may return to your seats. Know that your church family walks with you—and prays for you—every step of the way.

(All students return to their seats with their backpacks.)

SHARING THE PEACE

L The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

L Let us share the peace.

Please be seated

OFFERING: *“Little Offertory in D”* *Edward Broughton*
(Please use the yellow envelopes for cash offerings & include your name.)

Stand as you are able

OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace!**

(after each petition “Lord in your mercy,” RESPONSE “HEAR OUR PRAYER”)

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please stand

Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation.
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen

HYMN:

“Earth and All Stars”

LBW #558

**¹Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Oh, victory! Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new song!**

Refrain:

*He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise him with a new song!*

**²Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees! Loud rustling dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]**

**³Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]**

**⁴Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]**

**⁵Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]**

**⁶Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]**

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE DOXOLOGY:

LBW# 565

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

POSTLUDE:

“Go Forth in Faith”

David Paxton

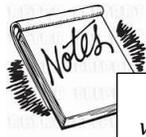
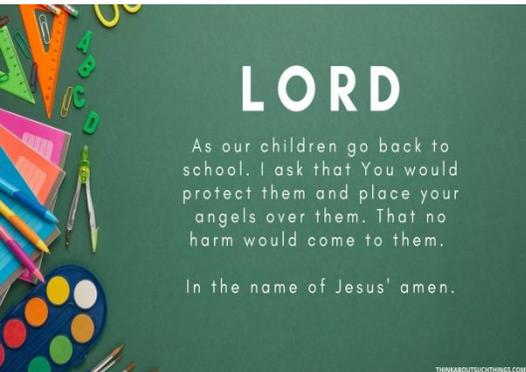


Psalm 32:8

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.”

[God promises to guide us through every decision and uncertainty. In August, as we reflect on the past months and look forward, we can rely on His wisdom to navigate our paths. His guidance is not only a promise but a personal relationship with each of us.

www.prayerlit.com/bible-verses-for-august



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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 8/10 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

10:15 a.m.

Sunday School – Rally Sunday

Adult Study

Worship – Backpack Blessing

Mon 8/11 *Office Closed*

Tues 8/12 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Pastor's Office Hours

Office Hours

Wed 8/13 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m.

Office Hours

Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor

Women's Bible Study

Quilters

Thurs 8/14 9:30 a.m.-1:30 Office Hours

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Pastor's Office Hours

Fri 8/15 *Office Closed*

Sat 8/16 6:00 p.m.

Evening Worship Service
with Communion

Next Sun. Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m.

Property Team Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

Adult Study

10:15 a.m.

Worship - Communion

Have a Blessed Week!

Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's.

Prayer request 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.

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Saturday, August 2, 2025 General \$250.00, Cemetery \$20.00; **Total: \$270.00**

Attendance: Worship – 18

Sunday, August 3, 2025 General \$5,810.00, MOM (August) NALC Seminary \$720.00, Cemetery \$2,540.00, Old Stone Church \$2,620.00, SS Mission \$13.00, Building \$1,795.00, Youth \$50.00, Organ \$20.00; **Total: \$13,568.00**

Attendance: Worship – 101, Sunday School – 11 Children, 2 Teacher, Adult Study – 10

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 at stjohnelutheran@juno.com or by phone (361-277-8653) 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!!!



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.*

NALC Disaster Response

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 Health 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)

We will also be collecting new and gently used Bibles of any language as well as prayer books for Disaster Relief. If you have questions, please contact Cathie Bettge. Thank you!

Additional Donations: 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. Thank you!

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) for the San Saba Texas Hill Country Flood Victims. Please write the amount and purchase date on the gift cards. Meliss will be collecting gift cards in the office to mail all at once to the St. Paul Lutheran Church (NALC) in Crawford as directed by Rosenberg Warehouse director, Michael Dittrich.

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

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).

Mission of the Month for August **North American Lutheran Church 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.

*Prayer for School
Students*

*Lord, be with me as I walk into
school today. Help me focus, learn
well, and honor You in all I do.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Sunday - 9:00 A.M. - Sunday School-

Come deepen your faith, connect with friends, and grow closer to God!

All youth are welcome — we'd love to 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~



Each Sunday - Portals of Prayer –

July - September Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.

TODAY, Sunday, August 10, 2025 – Rally Sunday/Backpack Blessing

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 - Women's Bible Study

Saturday, August 16, 2025 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall with Communion

We will continue our Evening Worship Service with communion on Saturday, August 17, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be an alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, August 17, 2025 – Property Team Meeting

Wednesday, August 20, 2025 – Men's Bible Study

Thursday, August 21, 2025 - Committee Reports Due

Friday, August 22, 2025 – Newsletter Articles Due

Saturday, August 23, 2025 – Youth Group Meeting

Youth group will meet on August 23, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided at the youth group meeting.

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 – Council Meeting

Thank You for an Incredible Week of VBS!

We are so thankful for everyone who helped make our True North Vacation Bible School such a memorable and faith-filled week for our children! From decorating classrooms and preparing thoughtful art activities to guiding kids to/from activities, teaching lessons, preparing snacks, and supporting behind the scenes—each of you played an important part in helping our kids grow in faith and discover that Jesus is our True North.

We had over 30 children attend, and the joy, laughter, and love that filled our church was truly something special. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ and showing our young ones what it means to follow Him.

We'd like to recognize and celebrate our amazing volunteers:

Virginia Abremeit, Pastor John Boor, Lloyd & Karen Copeland, Gracie Diebel, Charlotte Doehrman, Zoe Doehrman, Kathy Dunn, Meliss Eckhardt, Lisa Gabrysch, Brenda Gohmert, Pam Hahn, Bryson Henkes, Glenda Henry, Trish Hood, Ella Jander, Melody Lindig, Ayla Nessel, Kinley Nessel, Sara Newman, Shelby Newman, Kaleigh Newman, Kamrie Ohrt, Rayland Picard, Laurie Pokluda, Carson Purdy, River City Community Church in Selma, Marv Sager, Joie Stiles-Caskey, Laurie Wendel, Jo Wieland, Morgan Zengerle, Hudson Zengerle.

From the bottom of my heart—thank you for helping guide our children toward Jesus, our True North!

With gratitude,

Rachel Nessel, VBS Director & Parish Ed Chair

St. John Lutheran Church

Dear families,

Thank you for trusting us with your amazing kids (and grandkids) during this year's Vacation Bible School at St. John Lutheran Church! It was such a joy to spend the week with them - singing, learning, laughing, and growing in faith together.

We've put together a short video to give you a glimpse of all the fun and meaningful moments from the week. We hope it brings a smile to your

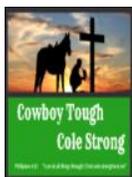
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We also want to give a heartfelt thank you to our incredible church family for their volunteerism, support, encouragement, and prayers. VBS wouldn't be possible without them!

Our prayer is that our campers were encouraged, energized, and reminded of God's incredible love - and that no matter what, they can always **trust Jesus**.

With gratitude!

Rachel Nessel, St. John Parish Ed Chair



PRAYER REQUESTS



+ **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

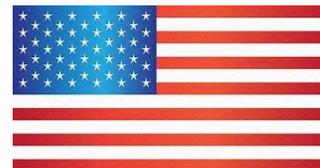
than I think I ever could. God has definitely given Cole the grace and strength to deal with this life but I am proud of Cole for accepting these gifts from God. He does give a choice – we can accept His grace or turn our back on it and become bitter. I am so thankful Cole hasn't chosen the latter. I 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)*

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, U.S. Army, Fort Riley, Kansas
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force

Michael Petrash II - 1st LT,
United States Army
Andrew Washington, L CPL –
USMC, Pensacola, FL
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina
Zach McBrayer – 1st LT, U.S. Air Force, Germany



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.

CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

Please remember these individuals in your prayers: Hunter Jacob, Cole Ohrt, Ryon Preslar, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay 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; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus

SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

(Jesus) means to say: Beware, and test your own heart, and know assuredly that your heart will be where your treasure is... what is dear to a man, that is his God. His heart is occupied about it day and night; he sleeps and wakes with it, whether it be money and property, pleasure or honor, etc. Observe your own heart and you will soon find what is sticking in it, and where your treasure is.

~Martin Luther~

Commentary on the Sermon on the Mount



*Dear God,
As we send our children back to school, we pray for Your protection and guidance. Keep them safe from harm, both physically and emotionally. Help them to find friends who will support and encourage them. Give them wisdom as they face challenging situations. And help them to always remember that You are with them, no matter what.*



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