

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
August 17, 2025**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**Jeremiah 23:29**

## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Sunday, August 17, 2025**

**Greeters This Week:** Beverly Bodden

**Greeters Next Week:** Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

**Reader This Week:** Beverly Bodden

**Reader Next Week:** Neal Moritz

**Acolyte This Week:**

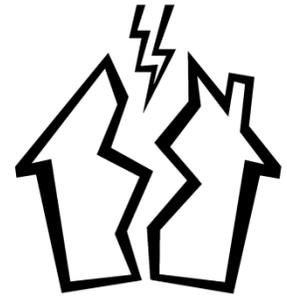
**Acolyte Next Week:**

**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!

### HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to commune with us if, as a baptized Christian, you believe that you are a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness; that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Sacrament; that this is more than a symbolic act, but a way God proclaims forgiveness to us who are repentant.

*May your participation increase your faith and strengthen your love for God and one another.*

*(For those attending, please fill out a tan communion card.)*

*The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude.*

*Please prepare for worship with silent meditation at this time.*

## AS WE GATHER

Houses will be divided over the message of Jesus' salvation. Some will believe and some will resist the good news. Some will twist the truth and try to undermine our faith, but we can be confident that the Holy Spirit will guide us in all truth. God sends those who preach the good news to those who will hear and obey. We are encouraged by those who are strong in faith to continue the race set before us.

**PRELUDE:**

*“Offertoire”*

**Leon Boellmann**

**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:**

*“Faith of Our Fathers”*

**LBW #500**

**<sup>1</sup>Faith of our fathers living still  
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
Whene'er we hear that glorious word.**

*Refrain*

*Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.*

<sup>2</sup>The martyrs, chained in prisons dark,  
Were still in heart and conscience free;  
And blest would be their children's fate  
If they, like them, should die for thee. [*Refrain*]

<sup>3</sup>Faith of our fathers! We will love  
Both friend and foe in all our strife;  
Proclaim thee, too, as love knows how,  
By saving Word and faithful life. [*Refrain*]

*Stand as you are able*

## **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**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

L Let us pray,

**C Almighty, eternal God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love; and in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. Grant this, we pray, 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: Jeremiah 23:16-29**

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD." <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'" <sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? <sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. <sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. <sup>21</sup>"I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. <sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. <sup>23</sup>Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

### **Responsive Reading**

#### **Psalm 119:81-88**

<sup>81</sup>My soul has longed for your salvation; I have put my hope in your word.

<sup>82</sup>**My eyes have failed from watching for your promise, and I say, "When will you comfort me?"**

<sup>83</sup>I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, but I have not forgotten your statutes.

<sup>84</sup>**How much longer must I wait? when will you give judgment against those who persecute me?**

<sup>85</sup>The proud have dug pits for me; they do not keep your law.

<sup>86</sup>**All your commandments are true; help me, for they persecute me with lies.**

<sup>87</sup>They had almost made an end of me on earth, but I have not forsaken your commandments.

<sup>88</sup>**In your lovingkindness, revive me, that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.**

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3**

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup>By

faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup>By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. <sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. <sup>29</sup>By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

*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 12:49-53 [54-56]**

L The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)**

<sup>49</sup>{Jesus said to his disciples,} "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup>For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." [<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"]

L The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)**

*Please be seated*

#### **MESSAGE**

<sup>1</sup>“I was there to hear your borneing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”

<sup>2</sup>“When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”

<sup>3</sup>“In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.”

<sup>4</sup>“I was there to hear your borneing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.”

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Grayson Wayne Egg

**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:***“Reflections From a Stained Glass Window”**John M Rasley**(Please use the yellow envelopes for cash/coin offerings & include your name.)**Stand as you are able***OFFERTORY****Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.****Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life.****Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; Unite them with the prayers we offer now.****Grace our table with your presence, And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

L Merciful Father,

**C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C It is right to give him thanks and praise.**  
L It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

L Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
That all those who believe in him should not perish,  
But have eternal life.  
We give thanks to you for the salvation  
You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
That we may receive our Lord  
With a living faith as he comes to us  
In his holy supper.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

L In the night in which he was betrayed  
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying;  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
And gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
Shed for you and for all people  
For the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.**

L Come for the Lord's Table is ready.  
C **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**HOLY COMMUNION** *(For those attending, please fill out a tan communion card.)*

L May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C **Amen**

**POST COMMUNION**

C **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Let us pray;

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **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***



## 2 Timothy 1:7

**“For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”**

*[This verse encourages us to face challenges with courage and strength. As we enter August we are reminded that God empowers us to overcome fear and approach new situations with confidence and love.]*

[www.prayerlit.com/bible-verses-for-august](http://www.prayerlit.com/bible-verses-for-august)

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 8/17</b>	<b>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship with Communion
<b>Mon 8/18</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting
<b>Tues 8/19</b>	9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Office Hours
<b>Wed 8/20</b>	9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
<b>Thurs 8/21</b>	?????	Office Hours
	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Pastor’s Office Hours
	*** <i>Committee Reports Due</i> ***	
<b>Fri 8/22</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	*** <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> ***	
<b>Sat 8/23</b>	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting & Dinner
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service

Pastor will be at CAMAL House Tuesday & Wednesday.

### **Next Sun. Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
10:15 a.m.	Worship

## *Have a Blessed Week!*



Office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. If you would need immediate assistance outside of office hours, text or call Melissa at 361-649-0413.



*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 9, 2025** General \$20.00, Building \$50.00, Youth \$10.00; **Total: \$80.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 11

**Sunday, August 10, 2025** General \$910.00, MOM (August) NALC Seminary \$200.00, Sunday School \$16.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Building \$260.00; **Total: \$1,406.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 58, Sunday School – 6 Children, 4 Teachers, Adult Study – 8

### **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](mailto: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.*

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### **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!**

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**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!

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### **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. Melissa 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).

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### **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.

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## 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.

### Sunday, August 17, 2025 – Property Team Meeting

### Monday, August 18, 2025 – Finance Team Meeting 7:00 PM

### Tuesday & Wednesday, August 19 & 20, 2025 – Pastor will not have office hours.

Pastor John will be at CAMAL House for meetings on both these days.

### 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.

### Saturday, August 23, 2025 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall with Communion

We will continue our Evening Worship Service with communion on Saturday, August 23, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be an alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

**Called Congregational Meeting on  
Sunday, August 24, 2025 after church services  
to discuss and vote on the purchasing and  
installation of playground equipment.**

### Tuesday, August 26, 2025 – Council Meeting

## SAVE THE DATE

On **October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday with guest speaker, Maddie Benson, the director of development for the NALC, followed by lunch. More information is to come in the upcoming bulletins and newsletter.



## **HOLY BAPTISM**

Today we welcome as a member by Holy Baptism Grayson Wayne Egg. He was born November 8, 2024 in Victoria, Texas to Garrett Egg & Raylee Johnston Egg. Grayson's baptismal sponsors are Paige Kutchka and Chance Dukes.

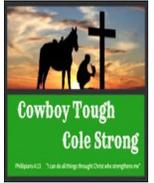


# **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

Michael Petrash II - 1<sup>st</sup> LT,  
United States 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



## **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, MayDell Jacob, Caroline Blain; 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

When God's most holy Word arises, it is always its lot that Satan opposes it with all his might. At first he rages against it with force and wicked power. If that promises no success, he attacks it with false tongues and erring spirits and teachers. What he is unable to crush by force he thus seeks to suppress by cunning and lies.

~ Martin Luther ~

*Personal Letter to the Saxon Nobility, 1524*



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