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## *September 2025 Newsletter*

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

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Ministers - The People of St. John  
Pastor - The Rev. John Boor  
Organist - Bruce A. Weise

#### **WORSHIP**

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

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



**THE CHURCH BELL**  
**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Member of North American Lutheran Church (NALC)**

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Greetings,

For over one hundred years, the people of the United States have celebrated Labor Day on the first Monday of September. Labor Day began as a concession by the government for its poor, violent handling of the Pullman Railroad strike. The Day developed into a celebration of Union strength and the right to work for a fair wage. Now, it has evolved into the three-day weekend that marks the unofficial end of summer.

Though Labor Day is not officially on the church calendar, this weekend might be a good time for us to reflect on our understanding of work, and the part it plays in our Christian life.

Our view of work varies tremendously. Many see work as a necessary evil—something that became the curse of humankind because of Adam and Eve's sin. Others see it as a means to an end—we need to eat so we have to work. A minority enjoys their work, and even fewer see their work as a way through which they serve God.

The writer of Ecclesiastes sees work as one of God's blessings and a part of life that is to be enjoyed along with food and drink. This is a profound shift in understanding God's presence and movement in life. Historically, people have sought to experience God in religious rituals and in holy places. Humankind has a common understanding that God is found in mountaintop experiences—few and fleeting as they may be.

The writer of Ecclesiastes proclaims that God is in the middle of life. God is in eating and drinking and working. God is in monsoons, sunsets, and triple-digit temperatures. The writer invites his readers to look around themselves and see God.

God's presence and work is not limited to miracles. We do not just see God in cancer remissions, or the extra one hundred dollars that come in the nick of time, or escaping a serious accident unscathed. God is also in a simple meal, for which we bow and give thanks. God is present in our daily health and recovery from a cold. God is in our work and our ability to pay bills and share our blessings with others.

Work is a gift from God, according to the writer of Ecclesiastes. One of the great blessings of life is to understand our work as a gift from God and to find enjoyment in our work.

We have much to be thankful for this Labor Day weekend. God has richly blessed us. God has given us work through which we serve God, and bear witness to God's love and presence in our lives. God loves us and invites us to share that love with the people around us.

God's blessings

Pastor John

If you or a family member is in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Church office (361-277-8653) or Pastor John Boor (361-243-0373). Due to the privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify pastors when a member is admitted or treated. If you know of anyone being taken to the hospital (emergency or otherwise), or who is seriously ill please call.



**ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT NUMBERS**  
**CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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 Worship Team - Brenda Gohmert 361-649-1606



St. John office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. If you would need immediate assistance outside of office hours, text or call 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 October 2025 Church Bell is Friday, September 19, 2025 by 9:00 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to [stjohnevlutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnevlutheran@juno.com). Thanks!

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**CHURCH NEWSLETTER**  
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**SAVE MONEY AS WELL?**

If so, contact the church office by email at [stjohnevlutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnevlutheran@juno.com) or by phone (361-277-8653) by call or text with your email address and we will be happy to send you The Church Bell via your email. This will save the church money spent on postage, paper, and copying. What a great stewardship idea!!!



**Do you have an idea?**

Is there something at the church that you think needs fixing or changing? The Church Council and Committee Members would like to have your input. Please feel free to use the 'suggestion box' in the Narthex to pass on your ideas, suggestions, and concerns. Remember,

this is your church and your opinion matters. We are eager to hear from you!

**BUSY BAGS IN CHURCH**



Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to use. These bags have quiet activities for children to enjoy during Worship. The tote bags have items that younger children might be interested in. Grab a bag on your way in to church, but please "bee" sweet and return it after the service.



**PHONE PRAYER CHAIN**

**(immediate or long term needs)**

If you have a prayer request or wish to be on the prayer chain, please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500. We ask that when placing a name on the prayer chain, you would please call back weekly with an update on the person's condition. In case of long term prayer needs, please give monthly updates. If we do not have an update, in an effort to keep our list current and up to date, we will presume the situation has improved and remove the request after 30 days. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Our Military and their families:**

- Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
- Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Fort Cavazos
- Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Florida
- Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, Fort Riley, Kansas
- Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force
- Michael Petrash II – 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, Pam Ficklen, Stacey Nelson, MayDell Jacob, Caroline Blain, Nancy Butler, Clifford Diebel; 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.

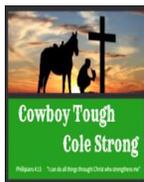


### **+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:**

#### **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 September Christmas in September**

We have a family from our very own congregation who is experiencing a health issue after being diagnosed with leukemia. This means he will need extensive and extended medical care. Nick will be undergoing a bone marrow transplant in San Antonio this September. He will need to stay within a 2 mile proximity to the hospital which means the additional cost for lodging, food, and fuel. To help defray their living expenses during the bone marrow transplant the Mission Evangelism Team has chosen the Nick Picard family to be our Mission of the Month Christmas Family. Also, September is designated as Blood Cancer Awareness Month.

### **Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection**

During the month of September, our collection items will be FILLED FLOOD BUCKETS for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

### **NALC WAREHOUSE & NALC WAREHOUSE-ROSENBERG**

If you are giving a donation to one of these warehouses, please indicate which one. This designation must be made in order for the funds to be sent to your donation, national warehouse or Texas warehouse. *Rosenberg Warehouse checks need to be written out to Peace Lutheran Church with Rosenberg Warehouse on the memo line.*

### **Are you in need of a home for gently used prayer materials?**

Used Portals of Prayers are also being collected and delivered to Victoria Christian Assistance Ministries in Victoria. If you have questions, please contact Margie Swannack or Melissa Eckhardt. Thank you!

### **What's in a Flood Bucket?**

- 1 five gallon bucket with lid (*check at schools, restaurants, donut shops*)
- 1 roll paper towels (*Walmart \$0.68*)
- 1 powder scouring cleanser (like comet) (*Walmart \$0.88*)
- 1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso) (*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)
- 1 bottle bleach – small! (1/2 gal. or smaller) (*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)
- 1 scrub brush (*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)
- 1 pair rubber gloves (size L preferred, reusable) (*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)
- 1 pair leather gloves (size L preferred) (*H Depot 3pk/\$6.00*)
- 1 pair cotton gloves (size L preferred) (*H Depot \$1 ea. or Walmart 6pk/\$5.00*)
- 2 large contractor trash bags (3 mil)
- 2 rags (*cut up old bath or beach towels, dish towels, wash cloths*)

### **What's in a Heath Care Kit?**

- 1 bath towel
- 1 wash cloth (optional)
- 1 shampoo (2 or 3 if travel size)
- 1 bar of soap (2 or 3 if travel size)
- 1 toothbrush (individually sealed) (*Dollar Tree 4pk/\$1.75*)
- 1 pack of floss (optional)
- 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size) (*Walmart \$0.77 to \$0.90*)
- 1 comb (*Dollar Tree 12 pk/\$1.75*)
- 1 deodorant (*Walmart \$1.18*)
- 1 nail clippers (optional)

### **Used Bibles/Prayer Books**

- Gently Used Bibles in any language
- Prayer Books
- Children's Bible Stories

## **CHURCH & OTHER HAPPENINGS**

### **Sunday School**

Deepen your faith, connect with friends, and grow closer to God by joining us every Sunday at 9 am for Sunday School. All youth are welcome—see you there!

***“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”***

***~Proverbs 22:6~***

**Women's Bible Study** will now be meeting monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 12:30 PM at the Parsonage.

**Mens's Bible Study** will be meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday monthly, unless otherwise noted.

**The Quilters** will be meeting in the parsonage each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Come and join the bee! Donations of clean used sheets & pillowcases can be used. Please leave on the table on the stage.





### Youth Group

Youth group will meet on September 27, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m. Pizza for dinner and meeting will be held before Saturday Church Service.

### **Confirmation Classes Start Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 9:00 AM**

### **CALLED CONGREGATION MEETING**

**Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 14, 2025 after church services to present bids on painting the church and window restoration.**

### **Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes**

Starting September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes may be picked up. Watch bulletins and next month's newsletter for more information on date due back. Thank you!

### **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, Melissa 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

### **VBS Families**

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 face!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1m9gawalSCBQPm5eeT9qyFygZsTkbChpF/view?usp=sharing>

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

### **SOME FYIs for YOU**

- September 6 – Parish Ed Meeting  
– Evening Worship Service-  
with Communion
- September 7 – Confirmation Parent/Student  
Meeting in the Parsonage
- September 10 – Women's Bible Study
- September 13 – Evening Worship Service
- September 14 – Confirmation Class  
– CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MTG
- September 15 – Finance Team Meeting
- September 16 – Pastor @ CAMAL House
- September 17 – Men's Bible Study
- September 18 – Committee Reports Due
- September 19 – Newsletter Articles Due
- September 20 – Evening Worship Service-  
with Communion
- September 21 – Confirmation Class  
Property Team Meeting
- September 23 – Council Meeting
- September 27 – Youth Group  
Evening Worship Service
- September 28 – Confirmation Class



### **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.



## Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

### Fall Festival

On Sunday, September 28, 2025, Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church will be holding their annual BBQ Meal, Raffle, Live Auction, & Country Store starting at 11 AM. Dine-in or to-go plates will be available for \$15 each until 12:30 PM. Please come out and join us.

### **WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS**

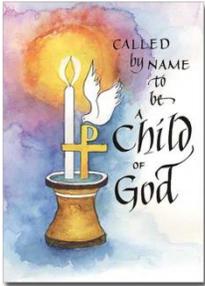
Congratulations to

Dean Ohrt and Bridget Vinklerek who were married on July 12, 2025 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Yoakum. Pastor John participated in the service by giving the blessing. May Dean & Bridget walk together with Christ in this new chapter of their lives. May their journey be filled with love, happiness, and many blessings.



### **HOLY BAPTISM**

On Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, we welcomed 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.



We want to send our deepest sympathy to the Family of Arleen Mary (Sager) Weise who passed away Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

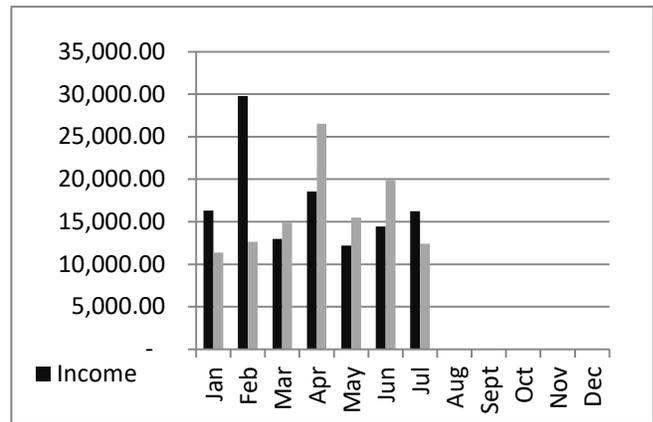
We especially send our condolences to her husband, Roger and her brother and sister-in-law, Marvin & Norrean Sager. May her family find peace and comfort in you, O Lord.

### 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.

### **Portals of Prayer**

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



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

### **Church Council Minutes ~ July 22, 2025**

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

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

**Opening Devotion and Prayer:** Opened with a devotion and prayer by Archie Abrameit

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

**Financial Report:** : Report presented by Archie Abrameit. Pam Haun made motion to approve. Marv Sager seconded. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Pastor Report:**

John Boor presented the following Pastor's Report: We received Nancy Butler and Mark Lester as new members on July 13.

A reminder I will be in Pittsburgh at the NALC Convocation Aug. 5-8.

God's blessings Pastor John

**Old Business:** Further discussed progress on acquiring an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for the Church. Rachel Nessel will check her contacts and discuss at a future meeting. Training on AED can be provided by Wanda Hayes. Will have further discussion next month.

John Boor read a message from the NALC Disaster Response Team in reference to the flood damage in the Hill Country. They stated that the only supplies they currently need are fencing and other ag supplies. Cash

is a priority for the purchase of shovels, chainsaws, and other tools and equipment for clean up. Clean up will be ongoing for approximately another 30 days, and then reconstruction.

**New Business:** No new business

**Finance Team Report:** No report

**Mission/Evangelism Team:**

July 11, 2025 Mission Evangelism Team Report  
Members joining in for text meeting: Pam Haun,  
Pastor Boor, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Linda Ruschhaupt,  
Cheryl Bramlette, Obert Sagebiel, Cathie Bettge.

Mission of the Month: August---NALC Seminary  
September---Rosenberg  
Disaster Warehouse

Collections: August---for Rosenberg Warehouse:  
gift cards to Home Depot, Lowes, or Walmart  
September---for Rosenberg Warehouse: FILLED  
FLOOD BUCKETS

**Parish Life Team:**

July Report- Parish Life Committee 7-14-2025  
Our team did not meet in July.

**New Business:** Lloyd and Karon plan to purchase  
Parish Ed's requested food items for St. John's Vacation  
Bible School to be delivered by July 26.

As of July – Bev reported : 8 Get Well Cards and 0  
Sympathy Card were sent.

**Parish Ed Team Report:** There was no Parish  
Education meeting held in July.

Earlier in the month, eight of our youth boys  
attended Camp Lone Star in La Grange from July 6–11,  
accompanied by one Pioneer Leader. We are thankful to  
Johnna for leading this experience and sharing the  
following update:

“Camp Lone Star was an incredible place for our  
youth! Eight youth boys attended with one 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  
campfire with songs to get us ready for bedtime. 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!”

We are extremely grateful for the financial support that  
enabled these campers to have this awesome  
experience!

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 28 - August  
1. We are excited to welcome 36 children who have  
signed up to attend. Registration is now closed as we  
have reached our maximum. This year's program is  
shaping up to be full of energy, fun, and faith-filled  
learning with our theme of True North: Trusting Jesus in  
a Wild World.

Our VBS teaching team includes Ella Jander (9-12 year  
olds), Kaleigh Newman (6-8 year olds), and Trish Hood  
(3-5 year olds). We are grateful for their dedication and  
leadership. In addition, we have approximately 20  
volunteers who will be assisting with games, snacks, art,  
music, and more. Their support is what makes this event  
possible, and we are thankful for the many hands and  
hearts coming together to serve!

We will decorate the Parish Hall on July 27 for  
VBS. Additional details to come.

Vacation Bible School Sunday will be held August 3  
during our worship service. Our youth will sing a song  
from VBS and share some key things they learned  
during the week.

Our next youth group event will be held on July 26 at 5  
pm. Dinner will be provided.

Looking ahead, our Rally Sunday and Backpack  
Blessing will be held on August 10 at 9 am and 10:15  
am, respectively. This year's theme for Rally Sunday is  
“Camp Jesus”. This theme invites children to connect  
with God the way they might at camp—through nature,  
quiet moments, and joyful community. It emphasizes  
rest, reflection, and growing closer to Jesus by  
unplugging from distractions. Kids will create nature-  
inspired crafts and feel God's presence in the  
“campfires” of friendship and faith.

During our Backpack Blessing, we invite all youth to  
bring their backpacks to our worship service. Together,  
we'll pray for each student as they head into a new  
school year—asking God to bless their learning,  
friendships, and daily adventures.

Thank you! Rachel Nessel

**Worship Team:** No report

**Property Team Report:** Meeting Date – July 20, 2025  
**Members Present** – Glenn Ruschhaupt, Dickie Bettge,  
Vance Egg, Dennis Nagel, Mitchell Jank, John Boor,  
and Marv Sager

**Items Complete:** Parsonage cleaned; Restroom and

various kitchen supplies replenished; Monthly cleaning of basement; Installation of attic ladder access in Parish Hall stage ceiling; Additional contractor meetings regarding potential major church building maintenance and repairs, including caulking, window, frame repair and sealing, masonry work, steeple repair, and full exterior paint job.; Various doors and lock lubricated; Wasps sprayed; Fill sand delivered for area adjacent to drop-off area (Thanks, Archie)

#### **Items Discussed:**

**Main church exterior cleaning and repairs, per above** – Bid of \$83,800 acquired for masonry repair, caulking, and full exterior painting. Property Team’s recommendation is to combine this work with repair of stained-glass window framing, steeple bell tower exterior repair, and Sanctuary interior wall and ceiling repair where needed, all into a single major renovation project. While still awaiting cost estimates on alternatives related to stained glass window woodwork repair, but based upon past experienced actual costs, along with discussions to date, total project cost would likely run around \$150,000. ; **Sanding of dirt area adjacent to drop-off area** – Mini workday scheduled for Wednesday, July 23 at 6:00 pm. ; **Cemetery Light Pole Electrical Outlets** – Consensus is to install outlets at the flagpole light to avoid the cost of burying new cable from the breaker box on the Old Stone Church to the subject light pole. **Flagpole Leveling** – Consensus remains to attempt leveling via placement of shims beneath metal plate on existing concrete base. ; **Flagpole Painting** – Consensus remains to remove for sandblasting and painting. ; **Sanctuary roof and window leaks** – Awaiting contractor to repair metal flashing and caulk various windowpane framing.

**Old Stone Church** – Next regular meeting scheduled for September

**Items for Council Approval** – Eventual presentation of main church building renovation to Congregation

#### **Next Scheduled Meeting: 08/10/25**

Marv Sager mentioned after his report that he wanted to get council to begin thinking about these major renovations costs. The Property team will continue to gather information on specific costs and will address at a future council meeting. Marv pointed out that the last time the Church was painted was in 1991.

**Approval of Committee Reports:** John Boor moved to approved all team reports. Pam Haun seconded. Motion carried.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS:** John Boor mentioned that we are running out of forms for the record book of

the congregation. Nobody makes these forms anymore. We do have a computer backup of the records. Will discuss options at a future meeting.

John Boor updated council on computer concerns from a meeting with Chris Gohmert attended by Melissa Eckhardt and M’Liss Moore. Shared finding on Anti-Virus software, Shepherd’s Staff, Quick Books, and other suggestions. Will discuss further at a future council meeting.

Lloyd Copeland 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.

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***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.

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***THANK YOU***

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Never regret a day  
in your life: good days give  
happiness, bad days give  
experience, worst days give  
lessons, and best days  
give memories.

## VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

### September 7

Greeters - The Newman Family  
Reader - Shelby Newman

### September 14

Greeters - John & Margie Swannack  
Reader - Neal Moritz

### September 21

Greeters - The Hays Family  
Reader - Wanda Hays

### September 28

Greeters - Marv & Norrean Sager  
Reader - Kathy Dunn

**September Communion Assistant**  
Obert Sagebiel

**September Altar Guild**  
Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

**September Nursing Home Visitor**  
Margie Swannack

## LOOKING AHEAD. . .

### October 5

Greeters - Dianna & George Soliz  
Reader - LaRae Kelley

**October Communion Assistant**  
Brian Wendel

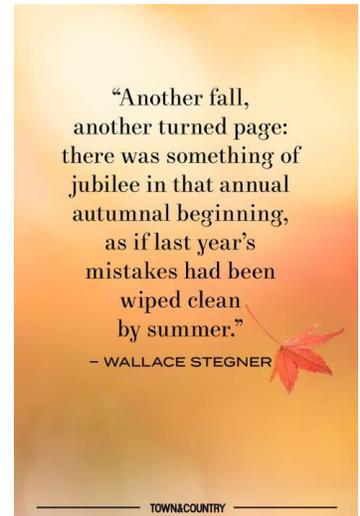
**October Altar Guild**  
M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

**October Nursing Home Visitor**  
Patricia Hood

**Volunteers:** If you are down for a service, you are responsible for getting a substitute if you cannot make it. Please let the church office know if you have switched so the correct names can be in the bulletin.

## Happy Birthday to:

- 1 - Robert Moore
- 4 - Neal Moritz  
Luke Moritz
- 5 - Seeley Picard  
Slade Picard
- 7 - Patrick Hays
- 15 - Johnny Paul Jank
- 16 - Jordan Egg
- 19 - Carl Eichhorn
- 21 - Peyton Diebel
- 22 - Trevor Bodden
- 23 - Terry Haun
- 25 - Jeri Ficklen  
Mackenzie Blain
- 26 - Kenneth Diebel  
Kyle Jank
- 27 - Meri Cay Diebel
- 28 - Johnna Picard
- 29 - Brian Wendel
- 30 - Jason Ohrt  
Lyanna Picard



## Anniversary Greetings to:

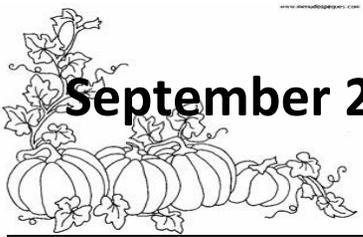
- 1 - David & Kristine Schroeder
- 4 - Leon & Arlene Wallace
- 7 - Johnny & Virginia Jank  
Archie & Virginia Abrameit  
Brent & Shelley Dreier
- 17 - Brian & Laurie Wendel
- 19 - Blake & Kathy Dunn



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

*If you'd like to receive your monthly church newsletter via email, call or text the church office at 361-277-8653.*

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# September 2025

## St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, TX

Church Office: (361)277-8653, Pastor John's Cell: (361)243-0373

Mission of the Month:  
Christmas in September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Please look on our website: <a href="http://stjohnmeyersville.org/">http://stjohnmeyersville.org/</a> or our Facebook page: <u>St. John Meyersville for changes &amp; updates.</u></i></p> <p>*meet at the parsonage</p>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours	<b>3</b> 1:30 PM Quilters*	<b>4</b> 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 2:30 PM Parish Ed Meeting 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service with Communion 
<p><b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 7</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 9:00 AM Confirmation Parent/ Student Meeting in the Parsonage 10:15 AM Worship </p>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours	<b>10</b> 10AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 12:30PM Women's Bible Study* 1:30 PM Quilters*	<b>11</b> 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
<p><b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 14</b> 8:00 AM Property Team 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 10:15 AM Worship – <i>Called Congregational Meeting after service</i></p>	<b>15</b> 6:30 PM 4-H Meeting 7 PM Finance Team Meeting in the Parsonage	<b>16</b> Pastor @ CAMAL House	<b>17</b> 1:30 PM Quilters * 6 PM Mission Ev. Team Meeting 7 PM Men's Bible Study	<b>18</b> 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours  <b>**Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>**Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.</b>	<b>20</b> 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service with Communion 
<p><b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 21</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 10:15 AM Worship </p>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7 PM Council Meeting	<b>24</b> 9 AM Old Stone Church Meeting 1:30 PM Quilters *	<b>25</b> 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5:00 PM Youth Group Meeting & Pizza for Dinner 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
<p><b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 28</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 10:15 AM Worship</p>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's Office Hours			Office Hours: *Please see the weekly Bulletins  	