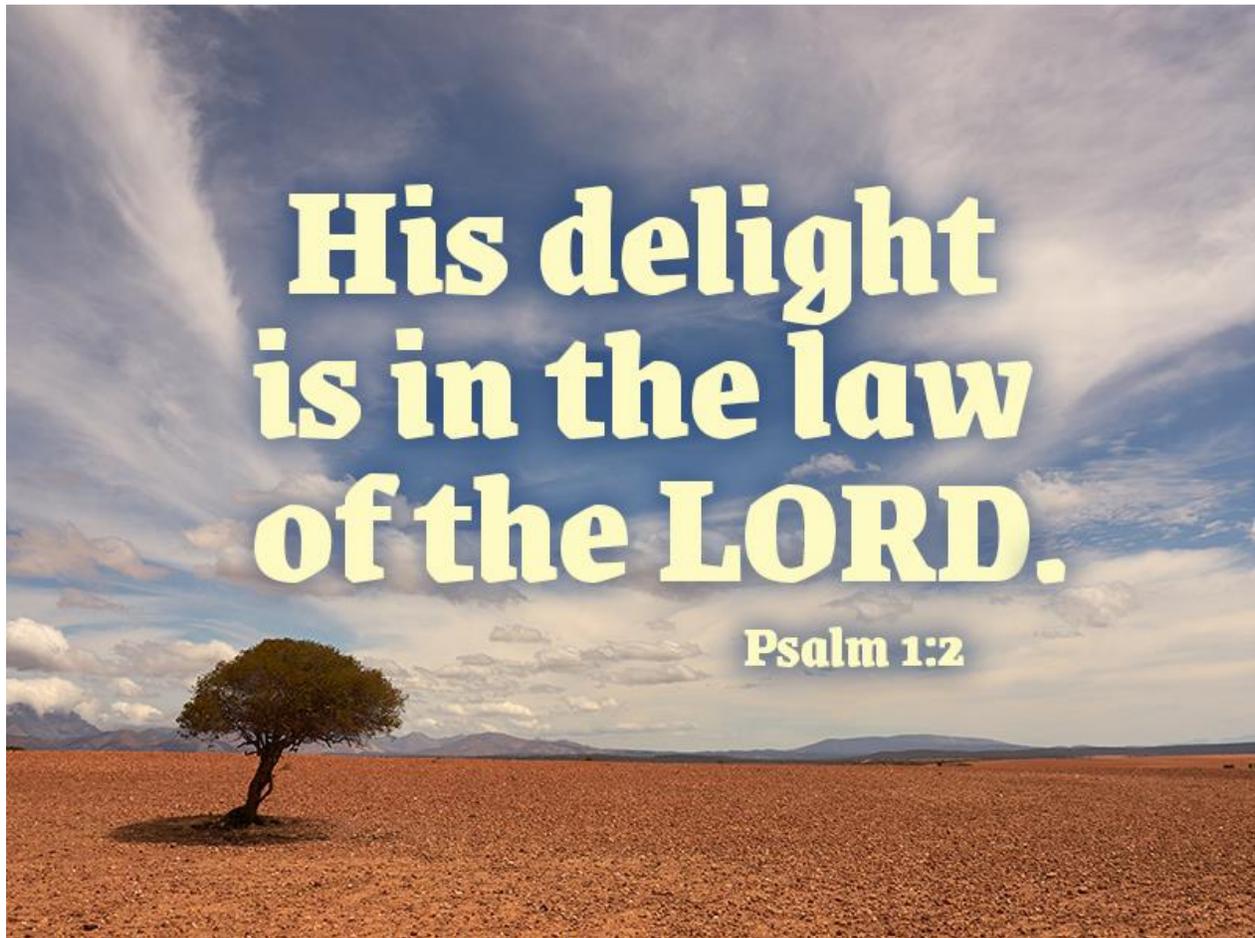


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
September 7, 2025**

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Psalm 1:2

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 7, 2025

Greeters This Week: The Newman Family

Greeters Next Week: John & Margie Swannack

Reader This Week: Shelby Newman

Reader Next Week: Neal Moritz

Acolyte This Week:

Acolyte Next Week:

Altar Guild This Month: Laurie Wendel & Brenda Boor

Altar Guild Next Month: M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

Communion Assistant This Month: Obert Sagebiel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Brian Wendel



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

Life lived in the intentional presence of God is one filled with true joy and spiritual abundance. There is a cost, however, to following Jesus. The cost isn't measured in silver or gold, but in the very giving away of one's life for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus warned his followers to "count the cost" before they embarked on the journey with him. It sounds daunting, but once you're on the path it is true freedom.

PRELUDE: *"Prelude and Fugue in F Major"*

J. S. Bach

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:

"Day by Day"

WOV #746

**¹Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.**

**²Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.**

**³Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear;
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.**

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 O Lord, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good. 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: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on his law day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you — I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵For this

perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it — to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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: Matthew 20:1-16

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

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 snowstorms!
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]*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L 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!**

Each petition ends with "...Lord, in your mercy,"

The congregation responds with "**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.**

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.

OFFERING:

"Heavenly Love"

Giuseppe Giordani

(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



James 1:5

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

[As we face new challenges in September, this verse reminds us that God is the source of wisdom. We can freely ask Him for guidance, trusting that He will provide the understanding we need.]

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 9/07	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Parent/Student Mtg. in Parsonage
	10:15 a.m.	Worship with Communion
Mon 9/08	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Tues 9/09	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Pastor’s Office Hours
	9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Office Hours
Wed 9/10	9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Office Hours
	10:00 a.m.	Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor
	12:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
Thurs 9/11	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Office Hours
Fri 9/12	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Sat 9/13	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service

Next Sun. Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
10:15 a.m.	Worship – Called Congregational Meeting after service



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.

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 30, 2025 General \$4,285.00, Building \$50.00, Youth \$500.00; **Total: \$4,835.00**

Attendance: Worship – 16

Sunday, August 31, 2025 General \$2,016.84, MOM (August) NALC Seminary \$150.00, MOM (September) Christmas in September \$200.00, Sunday School \$36.50, Building \$60.00, Youth \$2,050.00; **Total: \$4,513.34**

Attendance: Worship – 72, Sunday School – 13 Children, 3 Teachers, Adult Study – 11

Keep up with St. John online: St. John Meyersville

<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>



Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org to view weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters.

For those on church premises wishing to worship in their vehicles, tune in to FM 101.5 at 10:15 a.m. Sunday mornings.

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

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 (*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 (2or 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)

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!

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

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

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!

Mission of the Month for 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.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

Starting TODAY, September 7th, 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!

CALLED CONGREGATION MEETING

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

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 as well as October – December Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.

Saturday, September 6, 2025 – Parish Ed Meeting 2:30 PM

Saturday, September 6, 2025 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall with Communion

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

Sunday, September 7, 2025 – Parent/Student Meeting/Class 9:00 AM

PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Parents of this year's confirmation students, there will be a meeting with Pastor John in the Parsonage on Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 9:00 AM. Please make sure to attend. First Confirmation class is set to begin following the parent meeting.

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 – Women's Bible Study 12:30 PM

Saturday, September 13, 2025 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall We will continue our Evening Worship Service with communion on Saturday, September 13, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be an alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, September 14, 2025 – Confirmation Class 9:00 AM

Sunday, September 14, 2025 – Property Team Meeting 8:00 AM

Sunday, September 14, 2025 – CALLED CONGREGATION MEETING

Meeting is after church services and purpose is to present bids on painting the church and window restoration.

SAVE THE DATE

On October 26th, 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.

Bunco Party

The Women of Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley cordially invite the ladies and friends of your congregation to come join the fun, Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at Zion Lutheran Church, 12183 FM 236, Victoria, TX 77905. Registration/refreshments is from 6-7 pm and Bunco starts at 7:05 pm. **Please RSVP by Saturday, September 20, 2025** to Cass Martignoni (361) 649-3138 or the Church Office (361) 578-5447.

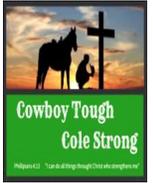
Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church Fall Festival

On Sunday, September 28, 2025, Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic church will be holding their annual BBQ Meal, Raffle, & Country Store, & Live Auction 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.



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 - 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, MayDell Jacob, Caroline Blain, Clifford Diebel, Nancy Butler; 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

You have two ways open before you, either towards heaven and eternal life, or towards hell; either with Christ or with the world... Therefore, if you wish to be a child of God, get ready for persecution.

~ Martin Luther~

Sermon on Matthew 5

