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October 2025 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church
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Pastor's Office Hours in the Parish Hall:
Tues. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Thurs. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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jboor25@yahoo.com

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

WORSHIP

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

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



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

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Greetings,

If you watch the news on a regular basis, I am sure that you are like me and have a serious concern over where the country is headed. There appears to be more violence and intolerance in our country, and our leaders aren't exactly trying to correct the problem.

However, there are more and more reports of the younger generation returning to God. I have talked before about the major revival on a college campus in Kentucky a couple of years ago. Also Greg Laurie has had tremendous response to his Harvest Week in California the past couple of years.

And recently one of our members gave me a copy of an opinion piece in The Epoch Times. It was titled "Gen Z Is Returning to Religion." According to a recent article in Axios, members of Gen Z - which includes people born between 1997 and 2012 - are actually more likely to go to weekly religious services than millennials and young Gen Xers. According to some reports, church attendance has quadrupled among Gen Zers in recent years.

According to the article in The Epoch Times, this is not limited to just the United States. According to the article, the phenomenon is not restricted to the United States. Throughout the West - which has long been the graveyard of Christian civilization, dominated by an aggressive liberal secularism - there are signs of a religious renaissance. A Gen Z influencer Isabel Brown explained that the time-honored traditions and unyielding teachings of the church appeal to young people who feel disillusioned with inauthentic forms of Christianity that sway with the times.

The Axios article also states, "Many young people have turned to religion to find community and connection after the isolating years of the pandemic, which hit Gen Z harder than most."

The Epoch Times closed with;

Where and how far will this new wind blow? It's impossible to say. But for those who long for a restoration of tradition in America and some kind of bulwark against the further erosion of values once held sacred in our country - especially religious ones - this wind bears a scent of hope.

If current data are any indicator, those priorities will be faithful to traditional religious belief, which could signal a wholesale cultural revolution - or, more accurately, restoration.

As Isabel Brown stated, "God's not done with American culture yet."

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

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

Pastor - John Boor 361- 243-0373
 Council President-Glenn Ruschhaupt 361-275-2059
 Vice President – Kyle Newman 361-220-1310
 Secretary – Mike Cowley 361-277-9862
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 Financial Secretary – Pam Haun 361-275-2146

Parish Education – Rachel Nessel 361-571-9228
 Mission/Evangelism – Cathie Bettge 361-550-7274
 Property Team – Marvin Sager 361-243-1166
 Finance Team – Kathy Dunn 361-275-4322
 Parish Life Team – Lloyd Copeland 361-827-6301
 Worship Team - Brenda Gohmert 361-649-1606



Notes from the Church Secretary

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 November 2025 Church Bell is Friday, October 24, 2025 by 9:00 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to stjohnevlutheran@juno.com. Thanks!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A COPY OF THE

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

BEFORE IT EVER GOES IN THE MAIL AND SAVE MONEY AS WELL?

If so, contact the church office by email at 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
- Michael Petrash II – 1st LT, U.S. Army
- Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL
- Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina
- Zach McBrayer – Captain, 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, Laurie Pokluda, Robert Moeller, Jonathan Pokluda; 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



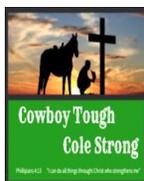
fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

+ 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 October

NALC ADOPT A SEMINARIAN PROGRAM

Your support through the Adopt a Seminarian program is vital to the formation of future pastors and leaders in the North American Lutheran Church. By adopting a seminarian, you offer meaningful encouragement through prayer, personal messages, and, when possible, financial contributions to help fund their seminary journey. Your partnership not only sustains them through the challenges of seminary life but also reminds them that they are not alone on this journey—that the wider church stands with them, investing in their call and the future of Christ's mission.

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

During the month of October, our collection items will be FILLED HEALTH KITS 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 2nd Wednesday at 12:30 PM at the Parsonage.

Mens's Bible Study will be meeting on October 15th.

Meetings are on the 3rd 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 Wednesday, October 29, 2025 from 6 pm to 8 pm in the basement. We will be starting our Bible Study Course and have a movie. Please come join us!

TEAM LEADERS

Planning for the 2026 Budget starts now! Team Leaders please have your budget requests in to the Finance Team/Office no later than Monday, October 13, 2025. Year-to-date figures will be available for pick up from the church office after October 3rd.

All requests will be considered.

Thank you!

~ St. John Finance Team ~



ATTENTION: ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

The Bi-Annual Altar Guild Meeting for St. John's Altar Guild will be Tuesday, October 14, 2025 @ 7 PM in the Sanctuary. Please at least one member from each team is asked to attend for changes in procedures, reminders, and discussion. Thank you, Carol Ann

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes may still be picked up. OCC Shoeboxes are due back by November 9th, 2025 for display in church. Thank you!

REFORMATION SUNDAY

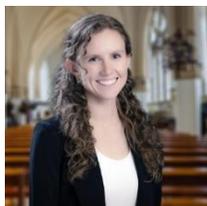
SAVE THE DATE

On October 26th, 2025, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday with guest speaker, Maddie Benson, the director of development for the NALC, followed by lunch.



Maddie Benson serves as the Director of

Development for the North American Lutheran Church (NALC), where she leads strategic initiatives to support the mission and ministry of the church through stewardship, fundraising, and donor engagement. With a strong background in nonprofit development and a deep commitment to faith-based service, Maddie works closely with congregations, individuals, and partner organizations to cultivate generosity and build sustainable support for the NALC's growing ministries. Her leadership reflects a passion for connecting people to the transformative work of the



Gospel through meaningful giving and faithful partnership.

ST. John Lutheran Church – Meyersville

Please join us for the following:

EVENT: REFORMATION SUNDAY
Guest speaker: Maddie Benson, the director of development for the NALC
DATE: Sunday, October 26, 2025
TIME: 9 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Church Service
Pot Luck Meal to follow
Members of our congregation are asked to bring a side dish and dessert.
PLACE: St. John Lutheran Church
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SOME FYIs for YOU

- October 4 – Evening Worship Service- with Communion
- October 5 – Confirmation Class
- October 7 – Worship Team Meeting
- October 8 – Women's Bible Study
- October 11 – Evening Worhsip Serive
- October 12 – Confirmation Class – Property Team Meeting
- October 13 – Budget Requests Due TODAY
- October 14 – Bi-Annual Altar Guild Meeting
- October 15 – Men's Bible Study
- October 18 – Evening Worship Service- with Communion
- October 19 – Confirmation Class
- October 20 – Finance Team Meeting
- October 21-23 – Pastor at Pastor's Retreat -Belton
- October 23 – Committee Reports Due
- October 24 – Newsletter Articles Due
- October 25 – Evening Worship Service
- October 26 – Reformation Sunday-Mission Feast – Pot Luck Lunch
- October 28 – Council Meeting
- October 29 – Youth Group Meeting
- October 31 – 2026 Budget Due to Church Office



We want to send our deepest sympathy to the Family of Barbara Audilet who passed away Tuesday, September 16, 2025. We especially send our condolences to her husband, Doug and her children.



May her family find peace and comfort in you, O Lord.

Work Crews Needed (email from Michael Dittrich)

If interested, contact Mary Bates.

Thanks! Michael Dittrich

Good morning, Please share this email with everyone in Texas and others who might be interested in a mission trip or volunteer day in Burnet and San Saba. The Anglicans have made arrangements with the attached retreat center, NALC Disaster Response has housing at First Lutheran Church in Burnet and housing at St. James Lutheran Church in Llano, especially for larger groups. There are 400 families that have been case managed by The Ark group and are ready for volunteers now - thank you for your prayers and support - God Bless - talk to you at 4:30 today.

Mary: 740-509-1132

Invitation

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Victoria has invited our congregation members to attend a Games Night on Thursday, October 23, 2025 @ 5:30 PM. Registration - 5:30PM, Meal - 6 PM, & Play Time 7 PM - 9:30 PM for \$10.00 per person. For reservations please call: Pat Dedear 361-676-5087, Ann Gaskamp 361-550-2861, or Church Office 361-575-4305.

Food, Fun, & Fellowship

Bunco Invitation

St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Cuero has invited our congregation members to join them for food, fun, & fellowship with Bunco on Monday, October 27, 2025. Registration & Light Meal @ 6:00 PM and Games begin @ 7:00 PM. Please RSVP by October 22, 2025 to Marlene Fromme 361-275-4214 or Church Office 361-275-2845. Hope to see you there!

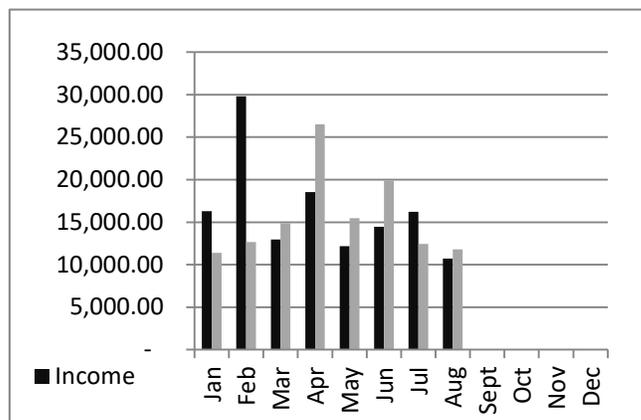
Altar Flowers

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 ~ August 26, 2025

Members Present: : Kyle Newman, Archie Abrameit, Mike Cowley, Marv Sager, John Boor, Pam Haun, Rachel Nessel, and Kathy Dunn

Call to Order: Kyle Newman called the meeting to order

Opening Devotion and Prayer: Opened with a devotion by Kyle Newman and a prayer by John Boor
Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting: Marv Sager made a motion to approve the minutes, Pam Haun seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Report presented by Archie Abrameit. Kathy Dunn made motion to approve. Marv Sager seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Report:

John Boor presented the following Pastor's Report: I attended the NALC Convocation in Pittsburgh. One of the break-outs was on church renewal and was very informative.

It was decided in the Mission District break-out that the Mission Districts will be changed effective Jan 1, 2026. Our new dean will be Jared Stillions, he is the pastor in Hallettsville.

I will be attending a workshop at Parkway Church in Victoria on Friday September 19. It is conducted by STCHM ministries.

Our annual Pastor's retreat will be on October 21 – 23 at Cedarbreak in Belton. The cost is \$360.

Archie Abrameit made a motion to approve the \$360 cost to attend the Pastor's retreat. Kathy Dunn seconded

the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business: Kyle Newman updated council on the playground unit and the installation of the mulch pit. The playground unit and fencing are being paid for with donations, whereas the mulch pit is being paid with existing church funds. It was agreed that all payments need to go through the church after the donations are made. It was also discussed the prudence of withholding a portion of the mulch installation payment until the job is complete.

Other old business included a brief AED update. No new information at this time. Will discuss at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance Team Report: The finance team met on Monday, August 19. All members were present. We reviewed the financial records for the month and year to date. Respectfully submitted Kathy Dunn team leader.

Mission/Evangelism Team:

Mission/Evangelism Team chose the Picard Family as our Christmas Family for this year. We will have Christmas in September.

Next meeting: September 17, 2025

Parish Life Team:

Our committee did not meet in August.

Lloyd Copeland

Parish Ed Team Report: Parish Ed did not meet in August. Rally Sunday/Backpack Blessing was held on August 10. It was a wonderful way to kick off the Sunday School year and send our students and teachers off with prayers for a great school year. Our next youth group gathering will be August 23 at 5 pm. Looking ahead, we'll begin planning the Christmas program soon. Our next Parish Ed meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 6 at 2:30 p.m.

Thank you! Rachel Nessel

Worship Team: Worship Team Minutes 8/5/25

All members were present except Pastor John because he was at a conference. We talked about Saturday night services and that they are still going well. Also discussed new members to join Worship team. Candy will contact some.

New business – I will get with Marv and discuss organ maintenance and oboe repairs. I will get with Mission team to see if guest speaker has any song requests for their service. We also discussed Sharing of the peace and the length of it.

With no further discussion we selected songs through October 19. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: October 7

Property Team Report: Meeting Date – August 17,

2025

Members Present – Glenn Ruschhaupt, Dickie Bettge, Dennis Nagel, John Boor, and Marv Sager

Items Completed: Parsonage cleaned; Restroom and various kitchen supplies replenished; Bird droppings at sanctuary entrance cleaned off ledge; Deer netting installed around new oak trees; 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 door locks lubricated; Wasps sprayed; Fill sand spread adjacent to drop-off area; Caliche applied to low area in cemetery drive; New door lever fixture installed on Parish Hall access door

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 remains 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. Current estimate for entire project cost is still around \$150,000.
- **Cemetery Light Pole Electrical Outlets** – Consensus remains to install outlets at the flagpole light to avoid the cost of burying new cable from the breaker box on the exterior was of the Old Stone Church, pending contractor availability.
- **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 availability to repair metal flashing and caulk various **windowpane framing**.
- **Playground Equipment** – Subject to results of August 24th called congregation meeting, potential need for development of policy for play set use, and selection of suitable gate locking device(s).

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: 09/14/25

Marv Sager said he will have firm bids soon for prep work, painting, and window restoration. He suggested we have a called congregation meeting for September 14 in order to present the bids to the congregation. There was discussion on how the congregation will pay for the work.

Archie Abrameit made a motion to call a Congregation Meeting for September 14 to present bids on painting the Church and window restoration. Pam Haun seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of Committee Reports: Marv Sager moved to approved all team reports. John Boor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: Discussed forms for Church record book. Pam Haun suggested to allow Meliss Eckhardt to determine a solution for the pages and binders for a new Church record book since the existing record book is no longer being made. Council agreed with this.

John Boor gave an update on computer concerns. Rachel Nessel suggested to get a quotes for Windows 11 installed on the existing computer and a quote on purchasing a new computer that comes with Windows 11 installed. We can also ask Christopher what he thinks is best, and if we get a new computer, can we transfer software and existing files to the new computer. Also discussed updating the church website. Will discuss further at a future council meeting.

John Boor moved to adjourn. Kathy Dunn seconded. Motion carried.

Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Mike Cowley, Secretary

The **CONSTITUTION FOR St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church** will be available in the near future in the Narthex or from the church office. Pick up your copy. One copy per family please. The following explains how to become a member of

St. John and retain that membership throughout the years.

**BYLAWS of ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
PART III – MEMBERSHIP**

A. Baptized Members 1. A child, one or both of whose parents or guardians are members of the congregation, shall, upon receiving Baptism, become a baptized member. 2. A child, neither of whose parents or guardians is a member of the congregation, shall upon receiving Baptism, become a baptized member of the congregation; unless for good reason he is to be a baptized member of another congregation, in which case his membership shall be transferred to that congregation. 3. A child baptized in another congregation

shall be received as a baptized member in the congregation when a transfer has been received. 4. An un-baptized adult who has received instruction and has given evidence of an adequate understanding and acceptance of the teachings of the work of God as confessed by the Lutheran Church, shall upon confession of faith and Baptism, become a baptized member of the congregation. 5. When one or both parents of baptized children are received into the membership of the congregation, such children should be received as baptized members with the consent of the member parent or parents. 6. Where a baptized child is an orphan or ward of someone and these people move into the area served by this congregation, the child may be received as a baptized member when it is commended to the care of this congregation by the congregation which baptized the child. 7. When the parents of a baptized child are not themselves members of the Lutheran Church but move into the area served by this congregation and desire to have their child put within the pastoral care of this congregation, the child may be received as a baptized member.

B. Confirmed Members 1. A baptized adult, not previously a confirmed member of a Lutheran congregation, shall become a confirmed member of this congregation after having received instruction, having given evidence of adequate understanding of the teachings of the Word of God as confessed by the Lutheran Church, and having publicly affirmed their faith. 2. A baptized member of the congregation shall become a confirmed member through the rite of confirmation; except that an adult who has become a baptized member in accordance with the provisions of Section A, (4), of this part of the bylaws shall be considered a confirmed member without participation in the rite of confirmation 3. An applicant for membership who presents a Letter of Transfer which certifies that he is a confirmed member in good standing of a Lutheran congregation shall become a confirmed member of the congregation upon approval by the Church Council. The acceptance of the applicant shall be reported to the congregation. 4. An applicant for membership who presents evidence of confirmation in a Lutheran congregation but does not have a Letter of Transfer shall be admitted to confirmed membership when the Church Council had determined that he meets the standards of Christian faith and life indicated in the constitution and bylaws, and when he has affirmed his faith.

C. Voting Members The Church Council shall determine the roster of voting members of the congregation in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and bylaws. The roster of voting members shall be available at all regularly called meetings of the congregation.

D. Associate Members A person holding membership in other Lutheran congregations but who wish to participate in the life and mission of this congregation as outlined in this congregation's constitution.

E. Discontinuance of Membership 1. The congregation shall, in the event that a member moves from the community it serves, except those in the Armed Services or those enrolled in an institution of higher learning, encourage the member to request a transfer to a Lutheran congregation which can serve him effectively. Should the member fail to request a transfer, a Lutheran congregation in the community of his residence shall be notified. 2. A confirmed member in good standing desiring to change his membership to another Lutheran congregation shall, upon request, receive a Letter of Transfer. 3. A confirmed member who does not, for a period of one year, partake of Holy Communion, support the church with his offerings, and does not appear to desire to participate in the life and worship of the congregation shall be visited by the pastor and a member of the congregation's council and encouraged by them to active membership. If during the second year, the confirmed member does not actively participate; his name shall be removed from the confirmed membership roster of the congregation, but shall be retained on a responsibility list as one who is in special need of the congregation's prayer and concern. Members outside the community shall be contacted by letter and encouraged to transfer membership to a church in their community. If that has not been accomplished in one year and the member has not fulfilled the previously mentioned criteria the person's name shall be removed from the confirmed membership roster. Extenuating circumstances may be considered on an individual basis by the church council.

***FRIENDLY REMINDER: PLEASE HELP TO KEEP
OUR CEMETERY AND ADJACENT GROUNDS
LOOKING THEIR BEST....***

CEMETERY DECORATIONS

In respect of those buried in this cemetery, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church feels responsible for keeping our cemetery presentable and well maintained into perpetuity. In order to accomplish this at a sustainable cost, all users must abide by the following rules concerning decorations:

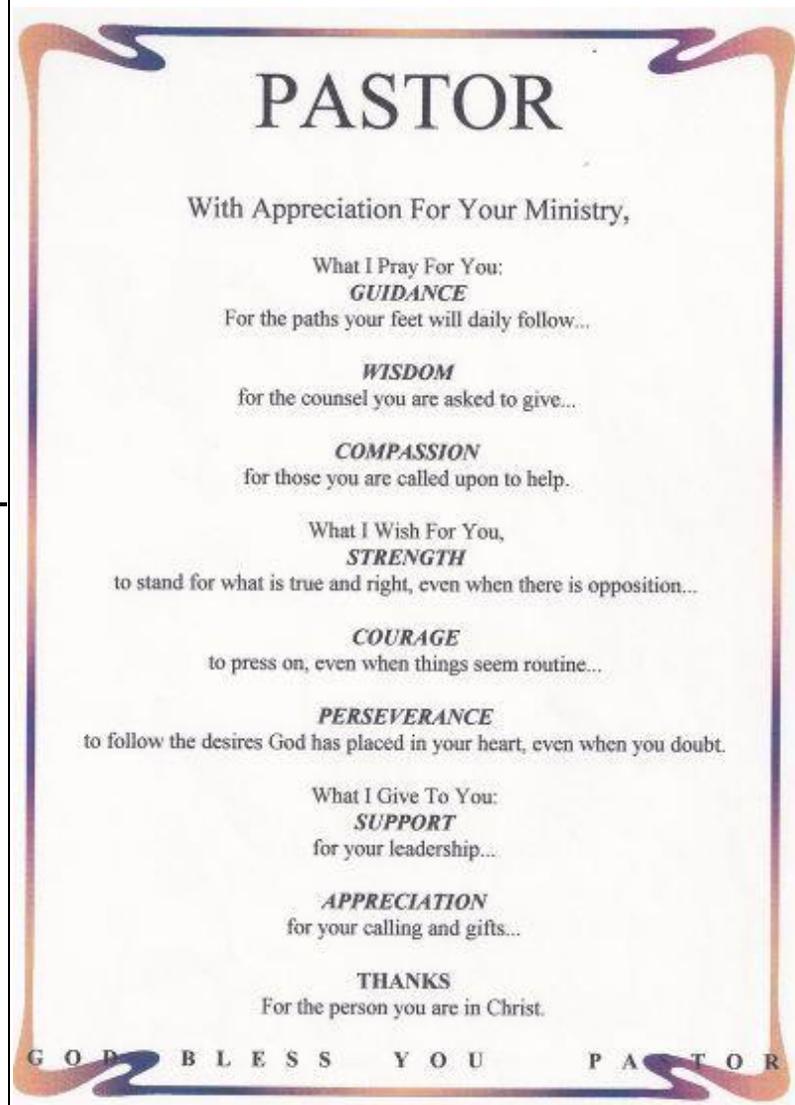
- A. In-ground vases, ornaments, figurines, statues, pictures, glass or other breakable containers, trellises, shepherd hooks, loose flowers, solar lights, or any commemorative articles of non-degradable materials are not permitted and will be removed and discarded without notice.
- B. All vases shall be attached permanently to the headstone or slab or be of sufficient weight to resist windy conditions. All flowers shall be adequately secured in

the previously described vases to keep them from blowing out. Loose flowers on graves will not be permitted.

- C. White solar powered decorations are allowed (one per grave) if they are attached to the headstone or base and not placed in the grass.
- D. Funeral flowers and wreaths placed on fresh graves shall be removed within two weeks of the funeral.
- E. Flags look impressive on a cemetery, but they fade quickly and usually do not stay upright long if placed directly into the ground. If flags are used, they shall be placed in a small diameter PVC plastic pipe driven into the ground next to the headstone as to not impede mowing. Only one flag per grave is permitted.

The cemetery committee at their discretion shall remove and discard any decorations that they deem inappropriate.

THANK YOU



VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

October 5

Greeters - Dianna & George Soliz
Reader - LaRae Kelley

October 12

Greeters - Cathie & Dickie Bettge
Reader - Dickie Bettge

October 19

Greeters - Beverly Bodden
Reader - Ayla Nessel

October 26

Greeters - Trish Hood
Reader - Trish Hood

October Communion Assistant

Brian Wendel

October Altar Guild

M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

October Nursing Home Visitor

Patricia Hood

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November 2

Greeters - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt
Reader - LaRae Kelley

November Communion Assistant

Jeff Zengerle

November Altar Guild

Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

November Nursing Home Visitor

Mary Wagner

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:

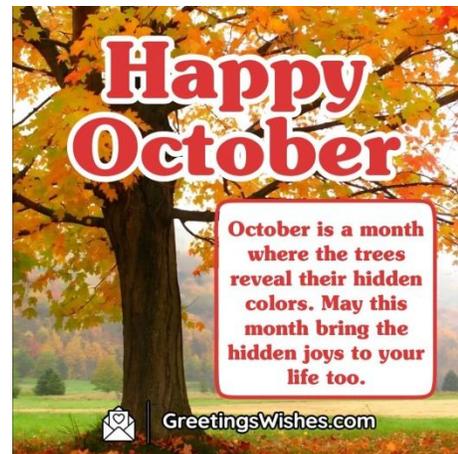
- 7 - Debbie Vanderheiden
- 8 - Cheryl Bramlette
- Evelyn Diebel
- 9 - Pam Haun
- 12 - Lynn Lueckemeyer
- 14 - Obert Sagebiel
- 19 - Nancy Butler
- 20 - Kinley Nessel
- 21 - Laurie Pokluda
- 23 - Don Wendel
- Dwight Jander
- 26 - Sadie Garrett
- Tristan Hays
- Brent Dreier
- 30 - Bobby Zengerle
- 31 - Gordon Gohmert
John Lloyd Gohmert



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

Anniversary Greetings to:

- 8 - Kevin & Beverly Bodden
- 21 - Billy & Peggy Guenther



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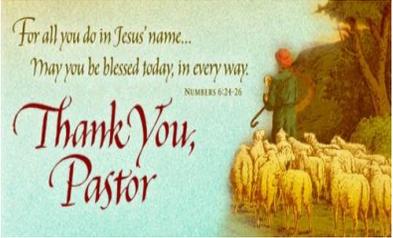
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Mission of the Month:
**NALC ADOPT A
SEMINARIAN PROGRAM**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>For all you do in Jesus' name... May you be blessed today, in every way. NUMBERS 6:24-26</p> <p>Thank You, Pastor</p>	<p>Office Hours: *Please see the Bulletins</p> 		<p>1 1:30 PM Quilters</p>	<p>2 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service with Communion</p> 
<p>Team Leaders need to pick-up YTD figures from the Church Office after Friday, October 3, 2025!</p>						
<p>17th Sunday after Pentecost 5</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship</p> 	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7PM Worship Team Meeting</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study @ Parsonage 1:30 PM Quilters</p>	<p>9 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service</p>
<p>18th Sunday after Pentecost 12</p> <p>8:00 AM Property Team Meeting 9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship</p> 	<p>13 Budget Requests due to Finance Team/Office no later than TODAY!</p>	<p>14 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Biannual Altar Guild Meeting</p>	<p>15 1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>16 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service with Communion</p> 
<p>19th Sunday after Pentecost 19</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship</p> 	<p>20 6:30 PM 4-H Meeting in Parish Hall 7:00 PM Finance Team Meeting</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 1:30 PM Quilters</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service</p>
<p>Pastor John at a Pastors' Retreat in Belton</p>						
<p>20th Sunday after Pentecost 26</p> <p>Reformation Sunday - Mission Feast</p>  <p>9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship - Guest Speaker Luncheon after service.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>29 1:30 PM Quilters 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Group Meeting</p>	<p>30 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p> <p>**Team Leaders - 2026 Budget Due to the Church Office by tomorrow.</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>*Please note: All events subject to change. Please look on our website: http://stjohnmeyersville.org/ or our Facebook page: <u>St. John Meyersville</u> for changes & updates.</p>

*****BUDGET DUE*****