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November 2025 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church
1764 Meyersville Road
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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,

I recently attended the Mission District Pastor's Retreat at Cedarbrake retreat center in Belton. It was refreshing and informative. Our main topic of discussion was on the NALC program of Renew, Equip, and Transform.

The presentation was presented by Rev. Amy Little. It focused on the importance of having long range plans and short-term plans. There was considerable discussion on how to establish these plans and the importance of having them.

As we all know, church attendance has been in the decline, not only in our church but most churches, and the plans we discussed are a step in growing the church. Now is an ideal time to begin this process. Recent studies show that the younger generations are beginning to return to the church. After the assassination of Charlie Kirk many churches have realized a surge in attendance and the sale of Bibles has taken a large increase in sales.

The programs that Rev. Little presented are a first step in revitalizing the church. The first part of her presentation was on the long-term plan, the need to have one and how to establish one. She presented each of us with the beginning curriculum.

We also each received the Life-To-Life Discipleship program. This again, is a program developed by the NALC. The NALC has been using this program for several years in the main office and with the staff at NALC. It was originally started with Bishop Bradosky, and he often spoke of the positive results they had experienced through this program.

In the coming months, I hope to start having meaningful meetings about a long-term plan for St. John and after we have established a long term plan to present it to the congregation.

It is an exciting time to be a Christian. It is an exciting time to be a member at St. John, and I pray for God to give us wisdom and guidance as we move forward.

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

Pastor - John Boor 361- 243-0373
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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 December 2025 Church Bell is Friday, November 21, 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
 John C. Otto – Army, National Guard



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, Laurie Pokluda, Robert Moeller, Jonathan Pokluda, Lovel Blain, Margie Swannack; 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.

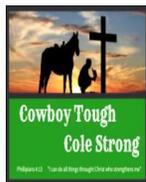


+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:

Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole

Strong (October 10, 2025): It's that time of year again for the Annual Cowboy Tough Cole Strong team roping benefit. This is definitely one of Cole's favorite events of the year and he's so grateful to Justin Shelton and all those involved for doing this every year. Proceeds from this event go towards paying for Cole's care above and beyond what insurance won't pay for and as anyone with a disability knows it is a constant battle. We try to have a silent auction Saturday and Sunday depending on the number of items that are donated. So if you're interested in donating anything from baked/homemade goods, décor, or really anything please contact me at 361-550-8856. And we hope to see you there!♥

+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 November **CHRISTMAS FAMILY**

This November the Mission Evangelism Team has chosen twin 14 year old children (boy and girl) for our Christmas gift giving. The children and family lost their Cheapside Road home to a fire in early October. Please see Pam Haun after church if you are interested in helping to bring some joy to these children by buying a gift for them. Pam has a list of some of their needs and wants. Teenagers might appreciate a gift card to KN Drive-in, Whataburger, or McDonalds. Possibly a Walmart gift card would help fill in the needs also. It would be helpful if you would bring the gift to church wrapped & labeled BOY or GIRL by December 17th.

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

During the month of November, our collection items will be **POWDER CLEANSER (ex. Comet) & SCRUB BRUSHES** 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 Meliss 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 November 19th. 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, November 19, 2025 from 6:30 pm to 8 pm in the basement. We will have pizza for dinner and continue the study lesson from "The Chosen" which will include games and a short movie. Please come join us!



On Sunday, October 19, 2025, our young members were greeted by our new playground. Their morning's lesson from Revelation reminded us of the multitude of angels praising God. As the adults sang "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus", the children joyfully marched around our newly installed playground. We thank God for these wonderful blessings!

Chrismon Ornament Repairs

Plan ahead to come help repair Chrismon Ornaments on Monday, November 17, 2025 @ 1:30 PM in the parish hall. Thank you!!!



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!

Cornucopia

Donations of garden fresh items as well as store bought items of fruits and vegetables are very much appreciated and can be brought to the church at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26th. Volunteers will assemble the cornucopia for the Thanksgiving Eve service. You may pick your items up after the Thanksgiving Service.



SOME FYIs for YOU

- November 1 – Evening Worship Service~ with Communion
- November 2 – Confirmation Class
- November 3-5 – Parish Hall used for General Election
- November 8 – Evening Workship Strive
- November 9 – Confirmation Class
 - Property Team Meeting
 - Worship – Quilt Litany
- November 9-15 – Pastor on Vacation
- November 11 – Veteran's Day
- November 12 – Women's Bible Study
- November 15 – Evening Worship Service~ with Communion
- November 16 – Confirmation Class
- November 17 – Repairing of Chrismon Ornaments
- November 19 – Old Stone Church Meeting
 - Youth Group Meeting
 - Men's Bible Study
- November 20 – Committee Reports Due
- November 21 – Newsletter Articles Due
- November 22 – Evening Worship Service
- November 23 – Confirmation
- November 25 – Council Meeting
- November 26 – Thanksgiving Eve Service
- November 27 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!!
- November 29 – Evening Worship Service
- November 29/30 – Church Christmas Decorating
(Watch for announcement in bulletin)

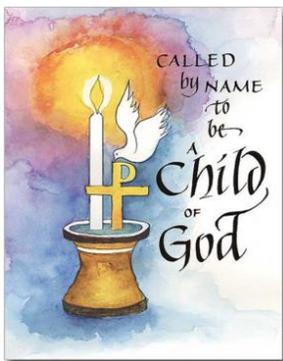
Decorating of Church for Christmas

Plans are being made to decorate the church for Christmas on November 29th or 30th, 2025... Watch bulletins for further details. Thank you!



HOLY BAPTISM

On Saturday, October 11, 2025, we welcomed as a member by Holy Baptism, Wylder Garrett-Tyler Eichhorn. He was born December 24, 2024 in Cuero, Texas to Ryan & Abby (Jackson) Eichhorn. Wylder's baptismal sponsors are Czevn Johnson & Tyler Ortega.



Reader/Greeter Sign-Up Sheet

Please consider being a reader and/or greeter next year. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex or please call the office. Thank you!



Pastor Appreciation Sunday, October 12, 2025

Portals of Prayer

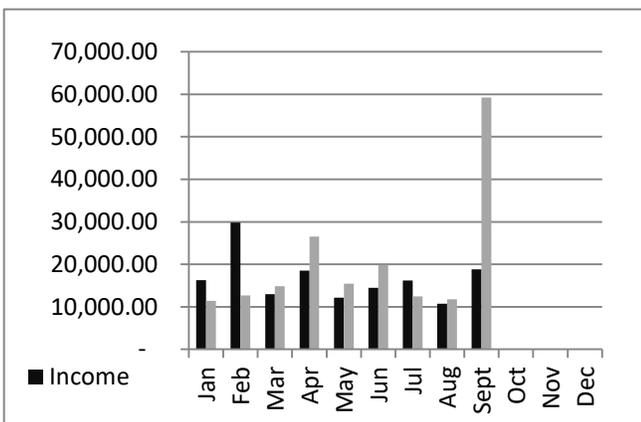
Both pocket size and large print July - September Portals of Prayer are available in the narthex.

Election Day

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 4th!! Remember the Parish Hall will be used for the General Election on November 3-5, 2025.

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.



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

Church Council Minutes ~ September 23, 2025

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

Call to Order: Glenn Ruschhaupt called the meeting to order

Opening Devotion and Prayer: Opened with a prayer by John Boor

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting: Brenda Gohmert made a motion to approve the minutes, Pam Haun seconded. Motion carried.

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

Pastor Report:

John Boor presented the following Pastor's Report: I have 5 youth in confirmation.

A reminder that the Pastor Retreat is October 21-23

Old Business: Lloyd Copeland gave an update on AED. The congregation can rent an AED for \$76 per month and that includes frequent inspections and maintenance. Lloyd said he can try to have someone give a presentation. We will address at future meeting. John Boor gave an update on new Windows software. Discussed if we should purchase Windows 11 or just buy a new computer with Windows 11 already installed. Council agreed it was best to purchase a new computer with software already installed since the old computer probably doesn't have much life left in it. Rachel Nessel made a motion to purchase a new computer with Windows 11 already installed. Marv Sager seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance Team Report: Kathy Dunn presented the following report: The Finance team met on September 15th with Archie Abrameit, M'Liss Moore, Laurie Wendel, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Marc Sager, Pam Haun, and Kathy Dunn present. Pastor John was ill (Covid). We reviewed the Financial Reports as of August 31st and we are over budget in several areas. We will be reviewing the budget further at our next Team Meeting on October 20th. We will send team leaders their 2025 expenditures and income reports and ask that they present their recommendation for the 2026 Budget by October 13th. -Kathy Dunn

Mission/Evangelism Team: Sept. 18, 2025

Members joining in 2 pm text meeting: Cathie Bettge, Cheryl Bramlette, Linda Ruschhaupt, Pam Haun, Obert Sagebiel, Pastor Boor, Glen Ruschhaupt

Old business: Cheryl reported on her phone visit with our speaker for the October 26, 2025 Reformation Celebration. Ms. Maddie Benson will arrive in the area on Thursday, October 23rd for other appointments. Mission Ev Team will take her to dinner Saturday evening, October 25th. Sunday the 26th she will join our 9 AM Adult Sunday School and address any questions presented. Ms. Benson will attend our 10:15 church service and present a temple talk. Following the service everyone is invited to a meal in the parish hall.

Collection for October will be filled health kits
Mission of the Month for October will be NALC Adopt a Seminarian Program (speaker's charity choice)

New business: Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were placed in the wings of church and in the foyer for pick up. They are due back Sunday, November 9th before the service for display in church.
Next meeting: November 19, Wednesday @ 6 pm in the parish hall

Parish Life Team: 9-18-2025

Our team did not meet in September.

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

Parish Ed Team Report: September Parish Ed Meeting was held September 7, 2025

Called to Order: 8:34 a.m.

Present: Rachel Nessel, Laurie Pokluda, Trish Hood, Sara Newman, Kathy Dunn

1. The True North Christmas Program
Rachel will ask Melissa to purchase curriculum.; Practices will begin in early November.; Rehearsal on December 14; dress rehearsal December 21.; Program scheduled for December 21 at 6:00 p.m.; Costumes: begin work earlier to allow time for adjustments.; Laurie and Trish will work on goodie bags for the youth.; Regarding Christmas decorations in the church, Trish mentioned that she volunteered to decorate. Youth group and Sunday School will help decorate on either November 30 or December 7 (during Sunday School).
2. After Program
Cookie social will be held.; Trish and Laurie will bake cookies.; Rachel will contact Lloyd for additional support.
3. Playground Update
Things are moving along but no additional installation dates were discussed.; Council has asked that a playground usage policy be put in place. Rachel is working on a draft.

4. Youth Group Update
Fundraising for camp is in progress.; Possible movie night fundraiser was discussed but tabled for now.

Adjourned: 8:59 a.m.

Thank you! Rachel Nessel

Worship Team: We did not meet this month.

Next Meeting is October 7

Property Team Report:

Meeting Date – September 21, 2025

Members Present – Dickie Bettge, Dennis Nagel, Vance Egg, John Boor, and Marv Sager

Items Completed:

Parsonage cleaned; Restroom and various kitchen supplies replenished; Deer netting removed from around new oak trees; Playground fence installed; Various door locks lubricated; Parish Hall AC repaired; Main church building painting contract executed; New trees fertilized and deep watered; Basement cleaned

Items Discussed:

- **Main church exterior cleaning and repairs, per above** - Painting operation planned to begin this week on the parsonage side of the building.
- **Flagpole leveling** – Consensus remains to attempt leveling via placement of shims beneath metal plate on existing concrete base.
- **Flagpole Painting** - Consensus is to consult with Cardenas Painting while man lift is available
- **Sanctuary roof and window leaks** – Plans are to have Cardenas to repair/caulk metal flashing and caulk various windowpane framing.
- **Playground Equipment** – Required fencing is installed. Consensus is to utilize combination type locks on access gates.
- **St. John 175 Year Anniversary** - Need to begin planning for commemorative event in 2026

Old Stone Church – Next regular meeting scheduled for September 24th at 9:00 am

Items for Council Approval – None

Next Scheduled Meeting: 10/12/25

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed Pastor Annual evaluation.

Discussed annual nominating committee

Discussed Election Administrator to use the Parish Hall.

Lloyd Copelan made a motion to allow them to use the Parish Hall. Rachel Nessel seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Committee Reports: John Boor made a

motion to approve all team reports. Marv Sager seconded. Motion carried

Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Mike Cowley

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

Letter from Mrs. Evelyn Diebel

Oct. 21, 2025

Dear Members of St. John

Just a few lines to tell you all I'm doing well, and well taken care of. Enclosed is a check for my dues! I've been going to the Lutheran Church here in Seguin with my daughter Teresa and family every Sun. Thank you all for the prayers you offer for me, "Keep them going!"

I do miss seeing you all, "but thankful I can be, as where I am!"

Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers!

Sincerely Evelyn Diebel



Mulch pit for playground completed on October 15, 2025.

Playground installation in progress on October 17, 2025.



Playground completed on October 17, 2025.

Blessed Beyond Measure

What a joy to see our new playground come to life October 15 to 17! Through the generosity, hard work, and faith of our congregation, a dream for our youngest members has become a reality.

God's abundance is all around us—in the laughter of children, the fellowship of our church family, and the blessings that come when we work together in His name.

We give our heartfelt thanks to everyone who gave their time, talents, and support to make this possible. May this playground be a place where joy overflows, friendships grow, and God's love is celebrated in every smile and every giggle.

God Bless You!

Thankful
&
Blessed

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

November 2

Greeters - Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt
Reader - LaRae Kelley

November 9

Greeters - Cheryl Bramlette
Reader - Ayla Nessel

November 16

Greeters - Youth Group
Reader - Kaleigh Newman

November 23

Greeters - The Newman Family
Reader - Shelby Newman

November 30

Greeters - John & Margie Swannack
Reader - Neal Moritz

November Communion Assistant

Jeff Zengerle

November Altar Guild

Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

November Nursing Home Visitor

Mary Wagner

LOOKING AHEAD. . .

December 7

Greeters - Cheryl Bramlette
Reader - Dwight Jander

December Communion Assistant

Pam Haun

December Altar Guild

Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

December Nursing Home Visitor

Linda Ruschhaupt & Dianna Bartosh

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 - Kristine Schroeder
- 3 - Sharon Goebel
- 6 - Elizabeth Beard
- 7 - Shirley Wendel
- 11 - Patrick Ohrt
- 12 - Abbey Dreier
Trenton Bodden
- 13 - Daren Otto
- 17 - Elaine Moritz
- 18 - Meliss Eckhardt
- 19 - Bruce Weise
- 21 - Scott Motley
- 22 - Fred Mueller
- 24 - Ray Butler
- 25 - Carla Metting
- 28 - Beverly Bodden
- 29 - Kally Garrett
Kevin Bodden
- 30 - Jenny 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 - Mickey & Elizabeth Beard
- 9 - Kernell & Elaine Moritz



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November 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
FAMILY**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>*Please note: All events subject to change. Please look on our website: http://stjohnmeyersville.org/ or our Facebook page: St. John Meyersville for changes & updates.</i></p>	<p>Office Hours: *Please see the Bulletins</p> 					<p>1</p> <p>6:00 PM Evening Worship Service with Communion Don't forget to set your clocks behind an hour.</p> 
<p>All Saints Sunday 2</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>Election Day 4</p> <p>7 AM – 7 PM Voting in the Parish Hall</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:30 PM Quilters</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00 PM Evening Worship Service</p>
<p>Parish Hall will be used for the General Election</p>						
<p>22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9</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 - <i>Quilt Litany</i></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>Veteran's Day 11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study @ Parsonage 1:30 PM Quilters</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:00 PM Evening Worship Service with Communion</p> 
<p>Pastor John on Vacation 11/10/25 thru 11/15/25</p>						
<p>23rd Sunday after Pentecost 16</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>1:30 PM Repairing of Chrismon Ornaments in Parish Hall</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9 AM Old Stone Church Meeting 1:30 PM Quilters 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Youth Group Meeting 7 PM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours</p> <p>**Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>**Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:00 PM Evening Worship Service</p>
<p>Christ the King 23</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service</p>	<p>27</p> <p><i>Happy Thanksgiving</i></p> 	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:00 PM Evening Worship Service</p>
<p>1st Sunday in Advent 30</p> <p>9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship</p>	<p>Note</p>	<p>Church Christmas Decorating Saturday or Sunday after Thanksgiving</p>				

