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February 2026 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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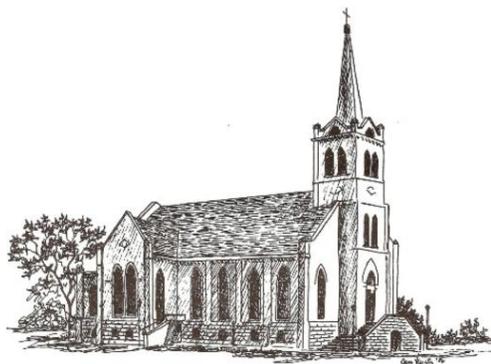
Church Office: 361-277-8653
Office Hours: see weekly bulletin
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Pastor's Office Hours in the Parish Hall:
Tues. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Thurs. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(Pr. John's Cell: 361-243-0373)
jboor25@yahoo.com

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!





Greetings,

The season of Lent comes early this year.

During the Lenten season, we will have regular Wednesday night services at 7 PM. The Lenten season is a way of preparing spiritually for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. The Lenten season also serves as a time of repentance, self-examination, and spiritual renewal in preparation for the joyous celebration of Easter.

Ash Wednesday is February 18th. We will have weekly Lenten services on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. I will be doing two separate series this year as in the past.

On Sundays I will be doing a series simply called, "For Us". "For us" is not simply a pithy line to use because it is easy to repeat. It is a confession of who God is and what He brings in giving us His Son. It helps us understand *why* God would send His Son to die for us. The phrase "for us" also captures much of the Reformation's theological emphasis—and Luther's understanding of Scripture in particular. Luther went from searching for a righteous God and finding only stern rebuke to seeing God in the form of a little baby and as the one who became one of us *for us* so that we might become like Him.

On Wednesday nights I will be doing a series titled "The Hand of The Lord".

Jesus holds us in His hands, and no one can snatch us from His hand (John 10:28). Our Lord has hands, real hands. Jesus has accomplished all that we need. Amazingly, He takes our manipulative, distorted, self-serving hands and restores them into useful hands for His purposes, both to literally use them in service and to make our whole lives into His instruments of witness, service, and praise.

I hope all will have the time to attend both services each week as we all prepare for the celebration of Easter together. This is a great time in our congregation to grow in our spirituality together.

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
 Council President-Glenn Ruschhaupt 361-275-2059
 Vice President – Kyle Newman 361-220-1310
 Secretary – Mike Cowley 361-277-9862
 Treasurer – M'Liss Moore 361-564-4497
 Financial Secretary – Pam Haun 361-275-2146

Parish Education – Kathy Dunn 361-275-4322
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 Property Team – Marvin Sager 361-243-1166
 Finance Team – Laurie Wendel 361-564-6319
 Parish Life Team – Lloyd Copeland 361-827-6301
 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 March 2026 Church Bell is Friday, February 20, 2026 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, Robert Moeller, Jonathan Pokluda, CJ Constable, Kay Nagel; 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.

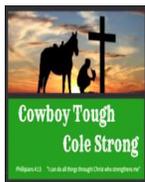


+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:

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 February Eight Days of Hope

[Eight Days of Hope](#) is a faith-based ministry that responds to natural disasters such as tornadoes, floods, and hurricanes. The ministry has rebuilt hundreds of homes and has impacted thousands of families. They respond with hundreds of volunteers who help rebuild, but most importantly share the hope found in Jesus. In 2025 they assisted first responders in search and recovery and provided mass feeding after the devastating floods in Kerrville, TX. American Family Radio has partnered with this ministry since it was organized in 2005.

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

During the month of February, our collection items will be **Metal or Leaf Rakes** 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 NOT be meeting on February 18th due to Lenten Services. 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

Next meeting is planned for
Wednesday, February 25, 2026
From 5:30-6:30 pm. Please join us for a new year
of youth activities in Christ.



Portals of Prayer

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

Note from Our Christmas Family

Wishing you, all of the members of the Lutheran
Church in Meyersville, a Merry Christmas. We
want to take this time to thank you so much for all
ya'll have provided and blessed us and our
children with this Christmas. We are very thankful
and grateful for you all and May God always bless
each and every single one of you. These
handmade quilts are absolutely adorable as well
and we felt the love and warmth.
Thank you all and Merry Christmas.

~The Sanchez Family~

THANK YOU NOTE FROM OUR TRUE NORTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Thank you to everyone who helped make our True
North Christmas program such a special and meaningful
celebration! With 107 people in attendance and over 20
kids sharing their time and talents in the program, it was
a joy to see our church family and community explore
the wonder of Jesus' birth together. As we ventured
through our Alaskan wilderness adventure, we were
reminded that no matter the path or challenge, we can
always **Trust Jesus**. Your efforts truly helped us guide
hearts toward Christ this Christmas season!

~ Thank you, Rachel

A Note from the Bettges

Dear Friends,
With your prayers, love, and support I made it through
all of the chemotherapy. Then in the first week of
December I started another phase with the surgery.
It has been 5 weeks since the surgery on Dec. 4th and
with God's healing hand I have made very good
progress. The report after surgery showed no cancer
and the lymph nodes were clear. Dickie and I thank
you for remembering us in your many heartfelt prayers.
May God's blessings enrich your lives this year. Praise
God from whom all blessings flow.

Cathie & Dickie

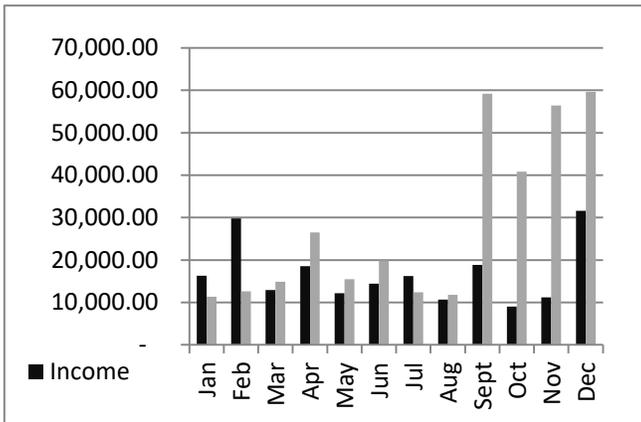
Altar Flowers

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.

SOME FYIs for YOU

- February 1 – Confirmation Class
 - Council Installation
 - Life-to-Life Discipleship Mtg. @ 12:30
- February 3 – Worship Team Meeting @ 7 PM
- February 7 – Renew Group Retreat @ 9 AM
 - Evening Worship Service @ 6 PM
- February 8 – Property Team Meeting @ 8 AM
 - Confirmation Class
- February 11 – Women's Bible Study
- February 14 – Evening Worship Service-
with Communion
- February 15 – Confirmation Class
 - Life-to-Life Discipleship Mtg. @ 12:30
- February 16 – 4- H Meeting @ 6:30 PM
 - Finance Team Meeting @ 7 PM
- February 17 – Pastor @ CAMAL House
- February 18 – ASH WEDNESDAY
 - Lenten Service @ 7 PM
- February 19 – Committee Reports Due
- February 20 – Newsletter Articles Due
- February 21 – Evening Worship Service
- February 22 – Confirmation Class
- February 24 – Council Meeting @ 7PM
- February 25 – Youth Group @5:30 PM
 - Lenten Service @ 7 PM
- February 28 – Evening Worship Service-
with Communion





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

Church Council Minutes ~ December 23, 2025

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

Call to Order: Kyle Newman called the meeting to order

Opening Devotion and Prayer: John Boor provided an opening devotion

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting: Pam Haun made a motion to approve the minutes. Marv Sager seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Report presented by Archie Abrameit. Council discussed making the congregation aware at the annual meeting of the Church’s average giving and average expenses over the last three years, and the fact that we are currently in a deficit phase, which is not sustainable.

Marv Sager made a motion to approve the Financial Report, Rachel Nessel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pastor Report:

John Boor presented the following Pastor’s Report:

As we have discussed the past two meetings, I have been researching a plan for establishing a long-term plan. It is part of the NALC Renew-Equip-Transform program and a long-term plan is the first step.

I recommend that we move forward with this in January. I believe it should be a group of 9–12 people with 2 members of council and the remainder should be from the congregation with members of all ages. I have talked with Rachel and she has agreed to be the presenter. I am hopeful, that with council approval, we will begin recruiting members in January with an all-day retreat in early February.

I have also been talking with Rachel and Johnna about other ministries that we hope to start in the near future

to hopefully increase Sunday attendance by our younger members.

Archie Abrameit made a motion to move forward with the NALC Renew-Equip-Transform program. Pam Haun seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance Team Report:

The Finance Committee met on Sunday, December 14, 2025, after the Congregational meeting. The Congregation did approve the Budget, so we discussed moving forward to paying the Property Insurance. We considered paying in installments or all at once. We had an anonymous donor offer to loan the money to the church without interest, and so we accepted this offer.

We need to appoint an Audit Committee before the next Congregational Meeting

Kathy Dunn, Team Leader

Council also discussed forming the Audit Committee.

Mission/Evangelism Team:

Mission Ev Team did not meet in December.

Parish Life Team:

December Report- Parish Life Committee 12-18-2025
 Our team met, via texting, to provide and organize the refreshments for the upcoming Sunday School Christmas program to be held December 21, 2025 at 6 PM.

Bev reported that 4 Get Well Cards and 1 Sympathy Cards were sent.

Parish Ed Team Report:

Meeting: Parish Ed did not meet in December.

Christmas Program: The Youth Christmas program, True North Christmas, is scheduled for Sunday, December 21 at 6 pm. Approximately 20 youth will participate. Parish Life has agreed to assist with refreshments in the Parish Hall following the program (thank you!). We will hold our dress rehearsal that morning during Sunday School, then we’ll decorate the church and Parish Hall at 2 pm that day.

Youth Fundraiser: On January 2 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall, Summer Camp attendees will host a fundraiser movie night featuring The King of Kings by Angel Studios. The event is free, with a concession stand offering snacks and treats for purchase. All proceeds will offset costs of youth attending Camp Lone Star.

Small Group Ministry: Small group ministry will begin Wednesday, January 21 at 6 pm in the Parish Hall.

Thank you! Rachel Nessel

Worship Team:

Worship Team Minutes

Worship team met on December 2 at

7. All members were present. Under old business, we discussed the Christmas program time and Christmas eve services. Also, we have several members interested in helping with communion and there will be an informational meeting sometime after Christmas. Thanks to all members willing to help out in this manner. Under New business, we discussed putting something in the News Letter to attract members that may not be aware that we have the Saturday Night service and that it is available with communion on the appropriate Saturdays.

With no other business to discuss, we selected songs through February 15.

Next meeting will be on February 3.

Property Team Report:

Meeting Date – December 14, 2025

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

Items Completed:

Parsonage cleaned; Restroom and various kitchen supplies replenished; Playground sign installed; Various light bulbs replaced; Light receptacle in Parish Hall kitchen replaced; Various door locks lubricated; Church building painting and miscellaneous repairs completed; Stained glass repair proposal acquired; Storm damage holes in parsonage and garage roofs covered; Downed tree wood and debris in church pasture gathered and stacked for burning; Liability insurance policies renewed; Church and flagpole painting completed; Church sign washed; Basement cleaned

Items Discussed:

- **Main church exterior cleaning and repairs** – Completion of painting operation along with significant repairs to window framing during painting.
- **Storm damage repairs** – Communications with insurance adjuster along with potential repair contractors continue. Adjuster verbally communicated that initial preliminary report to insurance company estimates damage value total of approximately \$160,000.
- Churchyard rutting repairs, sanctuary restroom plumbing, organ tuning, and property insurance policy renewal.

Old Stone Church – Last meeting held on Nov. 19th.

Items for Council Approval – None

Next Scheduled Meeting: 01/11/26

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed NALC Constitutional Amendments. Will need to vote on the amendments at our annual meeting on the third Sunday in January. It will be put on the agenda.

Nominating committee update. Kathy Dunn is interested in running for Parish Ed leader. In order to do so, she would need to resign as Finance team leader if elected to be Parish Ed leader. Lori Wendel is interested in taking over Kathy Dunn's remaining term as Finance team leader if this happens. M'Liss Moore is interested in running for Treasurer.

Discussed use of Church Parish hall for March 2026 election. Marv Sager made a motion to approve use. Rachel Nessel seconded. Motion carried.

Archie Abrameit reminded council to complete Pastor evaluation forms. Will have an evaluation in January.

Approval of Committee Reports: Archie Abrameit made a motion to approve all team reports. Pam Haun seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Closed 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



The Worship Team, Church Council, and Pastor John are working diligently to provide different ways to meet the needs of our congregation.

One of those needs is to offer alternatives for worship. If you are not able to attend the regular Sunday morning service, or if you would just like a change, the Worship Team would like to invite you to give the Saturday evening service a try. The service is presented on a large Screen and includes all of the essentials of Lutheran Worship. The music selections are varied and include traditional hymns, Christian contemporary, and are accompanied by popular artists. We hope that offering this alternative, all members will have access to a weekly service and take part in the worship life of St. John here in Meyersville. It takes a strong, active congregation to build our church and keep it alive. Please consider attending one of the services. You never know what blessings you might receive with your attendance.

**Sign-Up Sheet for 2026
Prayer Chain & Service Projects**

A sign-up sheet for the 2026 Prayer Chain and the 2026 Service Projects is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please consider being a part of one or both of these. Thank you!

WNALC South Texas Mission Gathering

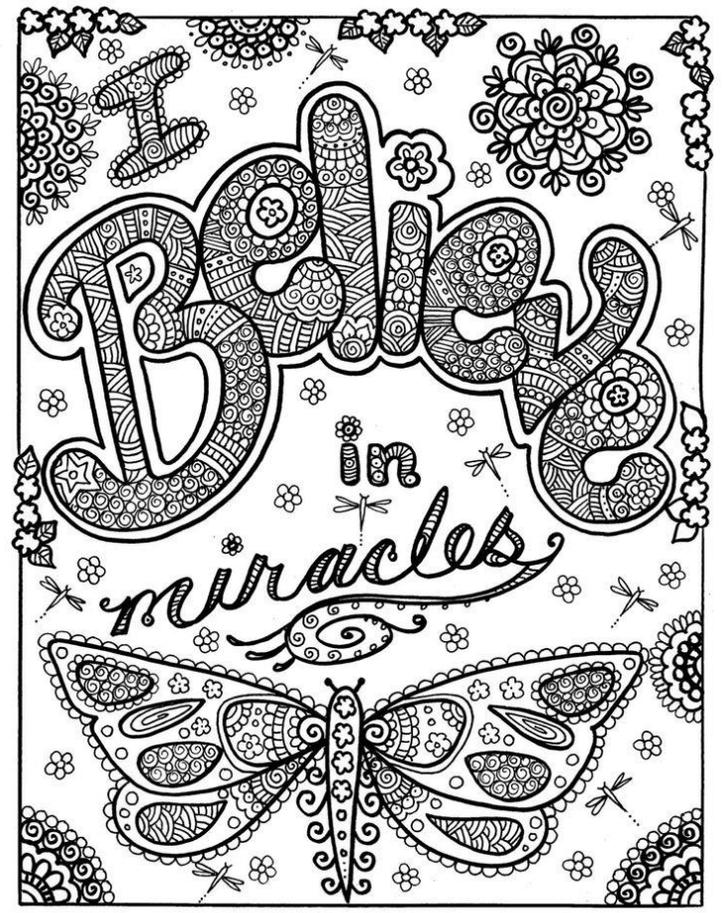
Save the date: Saturday, April 11, 2026
 Registration Deadline: Wednesday, March 25, 2026
 \$20.00 per person
 St. John's Lutheran Church, Goliad, TX
 See Meliss Eckhardt for more information.



Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting

Our first meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 was great. We plan on meeting again on Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 12:30 PM and we invite anyone still interested to come join us on this new adventure.

The URL for the NALC Life-to-Life Discipleship Manual is as follows: <https://nalclifetolife.org/>. Once here choose to join the life-to-life movement and fill out the form. This will give you a PDF to print immediately and they will also email a copy to you. I did find that bound printed version as Johnna showed in church can be purchased for a fee from <https://thenalc.org/> website. Remember this is the book that will be used and is free as long as you request it from the NALC at the above URL.



February Thoughts

"February may be short, but it's long enough to plant the seeds of a beautiful year."

"February teaches us that love and hope can bloom even in the coldest seasons."

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

February 1

Greeters - Archie & Virginia Abrameit
Reader - Ayla Nessel

February 8

Greeters - The Newman Family
Reader - Kaleigh Newman

February 15

Greeters - Jo Wieland, LaRae & Jessie Kelley
Reader - LaRae Kelley

February 22

Greeters - Dianna & George Soliz
Reader - Dwight Jander

February Communion Assistant

Johnny Jank

February Altar Guild

Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

February Nursing Home Visitor

Laurie Pokluda

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March 1

Greeters - Meliss & Morris Eckhardt
Reader - Kinley Nessel

March Communion Assistant

Glenn Ruschhaupt

March Altar Guild

M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

March Nursing Home Visitor

Dianna Soliz

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 - Amanda Denson Johnson
- Dorothy Fay Diebel
- Virginia Jank
- 4 - Ernest Metting
- Jayce Egg
- 6 - Margaret Krause
- 8 - Harper Light
- 10 - Rex Lee Garrett
- 14 - Bobby Blain
- Phillyce Zengerle
- 16 - Norrean Sager
- 18 - Alexis Haun
- Robert Moeller
- 19 - Megan Ohrt
- 21 - Charles Egg
- 22 - Dean Ohrt
- Laurie Wendel
- Shelley Dreier
- 28 - Maverick Eckhardt



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

Anniversary Greetings to:

- 1 - Gordon & Jenny Gohmert
- 14 - Richard & Pam Ficklen
- 23 - George & Dianna Soliz



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Mission of the Month:
Eight Days of Hope

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4th Sunday after Epiphany 1 9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship- Council Installation 12:30 PM Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting 	2	3 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Worship Team Meeting	4 1:30 PM Quilters	5 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	6	7 9:00 AM Renew Group Retreat 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
5th Sunday after Epiphany 8 8:00 AM Property Team Meeting 9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship	9	10 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours	11 10:00 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study @ Parsonage 1:30 PM Quilters	12 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	13	14 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service 
Transfiguration of our Lord 15 9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship 12:30 PM Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting 	16 6:30 PM 4 – H Meeting 7 PM Finance Team Meeting	17 Pastor @ CAMAL House	Ash Wednesday 18 1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Lenten Service	19 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours **Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.	20 **Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.	21 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
1st Sunday in Lent 22 9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship	23	24 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Council Meeting	25 1:30 PM Quilters 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Group 7 PM Lenten Service	26 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	27	28 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service 
					Office Hours: *Please see the Bulletins 	*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.