

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
February 15, 2026**

Transfiguration of Our Lord

**I have
set my
King on
Zion, my
holy hill.**

Psalm 2:6

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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday, February 15, 2026

Greeters This Week: Jo Wieland, LaRae & Jessie Kelley

Greeters Next Week: Dianna & George Soliz

Reader This Week: LaRae Kelley

Reader Next Week: Dwight Jander

Acolyte This Week: Levi Moritz

Acolyte Next Week: Bryson Henkes

Altar Guild This Month: Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

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

Communion Assistant This Month: Johnny Jank

Communion Assistant Next Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt



Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

Worship Notes Regarding Today's Service:

For those of you who would prefer to remain in your cars, we will continue to broadcast the service on FM 101.5. You can follow the service in the bulletin as the liturgy, the organ music, hymns with the lyrics by our song leaders, and Pastor John's message will be on the broadcast. Thank you!

HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to commune with us if, as a baptized Christian, you believe that you are a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness; that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Sacrament; that this is more than a symbolic act, but a way God proclaims forgiveness to us who are repentant.

May your participation increase your faith and strengthen your love for God and one another.

(For those attending, please fill out a tan communion card.)

*The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude.
Please prepare for worship with silent meditation at this time.*

AS WE GATHER

God's glory shines from the mountaintop! We are reminded how on the heights, Moses received the Ten Commandments and Jesus was transfigured in full view of three of his disciples. Yet, as the glory of God shines from above, life is lived at the bottom of the hill. The "mountaintop experiences" of God's glory give us a glimpse into the hidden reality of faith that is lived out here on earth.

PRELUDE: *"Puer nobis nascitur"* **Nicholas Lebèque**

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand as you are able

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for Reflection and Meditation

L Most merciful God,

C We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

LBW #315

¹**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

²**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit; Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.**

**³Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.**

**⁴Finish then thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray,

C O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Joel 2:12-19

¹²“Yet even now,” says the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. ¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and repent, and leave a blessing behind him, a cereal offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God? ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. ¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, “Spare thy people, O LORD, and make not thy heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’” ¹⁸Then the LORD became jealous for his land, and had pity on his people. ¹⁹The LORD answered and said to his people, “Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 15

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love;
according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

²**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight,
so that thou art justified in thy sentence and blameless in thy judgment.**

⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

⁶**Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸**Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which thou hast broken rejoice.**

⁹Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

¹³Then I will teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners will return to thee.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

6 Working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² For he says, “At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation.” Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³ We put no obstacle in any one’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, ⁷ truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Stand as you are able

GOSPEL VERSE

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

6 “Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. ² “Thus, when you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵ “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶ “And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

"Beautiful Savior"

LBW #518

¹**Beautiful Savior, King of Creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

²**Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

³**Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.**

⁴**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!**

Stand as you are able

L Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

APOSTLES' CREED

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy catholic church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**C Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!**

Each petition ends with "...Lord, in your mercy," The congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

L The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

L Let us share the peace.

Please be seated

OFFERING: "Hear Us, Dear Lord, We Entreat Thee" Donald Lee Moore

(Please use the yellow envelopes for cash/coin offerings & include your name.)

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OFFERTORY

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

L Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

L It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

L Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
That all those who believe in him should not perish,
But have eternal life.
We give thanks to you for the salvation
You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
That we may receive our Lord
With a living faith as he comes to us
In his holy supper.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

L In the night in which he was betrayed
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying;
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people
For the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

L Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

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LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation.
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

L Come for the Lord's Table is ready.

C **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

HOLY COMMUNION *(For those attending, please fill out a tan communion card.)*

L May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

POST COMMUNION

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Let us pray;

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

THE DOXOLOGY:

LBW #565

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

POSTLUDE:

“Chorus of Praise”

Rob Roy Perry



Proverbs 17:17

“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.”

[True friendship is characterized by unwavering love, especially during difficult times. This verse highlights the importance of being there for one another, encouraging you to nurture your friendships this month.]

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 2/15	Transfiguration of Our Lord	
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship w/Communion
	11:30 p.m.	Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting
Mon 2/16	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	6:30 p.m.	4-H Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting
Tues 2/17	10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Office Hours
Wed 2/18	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	????	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
Thurs 2/19	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	Committee Reports Due	
Fri 2/20	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	*** Newsletter Deadline***	
Sat 2/21	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service w/Communion

Next Sun. First Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m.	Confirmation
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
10:15 a.m.	Worship

Have a Blessed Week!

Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's.

Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Saturday, February 7, 2026 General \$1,480.00; **Total: \$1,480.00**

Attendance: Worship – 9

Sunday, February 8, 2026 General \$2,780.00, MOM (February) Eight Days of Hope \$750.00, Sunday School \$59.00, Old Stone Church \$150.00, Building \$1,350.00, Youth \$25.00; **Total: \$5,114.00**

Attendance: Worship –64, Sunday School – 4 Children, 2 Teachers, Adult Study – 10

Correction to 2026 Church Directory

Melanie & Holden Light 4414 County Road 2289 Odem, TX 78370



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.





Monday, February 16, 2026 is Presidents Day

"Presidents' Day in the United States, holiday (third Monday in February) popularly recognized as honoring George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The holiday was established by Congress in 1879 to honor George Washington's Birthday on February 22. In 1971, it was moved to the third Monday which often places the holiday between Abraham Lincoln's birthday on February 12 and Washington's Birthday on February 22. The day is now commonly recognized as a day to celebrate the birthdays and lives of all U.S. presidents."

(taken from www.britannica.com)

NALC WAREHOUSE & NALC WAREHOUSE-ROSENBERG

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

NALC Disaster Response

What's in a Flood Bucket?

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

What's in a Heath Care Kit?

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

We will also be collecting new and gently used Bibles of any language as well as prayer books for Disaster Relief. If you have questions, please contact Cathie Bettge. Thank you!

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

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

During the month of February, our collection items will be **METAL OR LEAF RAKES** for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

Mission of the Month for 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Every Sunday - 9:00 A.M. - Sunday School-

*Come deepen your faith, connect with friends, and grow closer to God!
All youth are welcome — we'd love to see you there!*

***"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."
~Proverbs 22:6~***

Each Sunday - Portals of Prayer –

January-March Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.

Sunday, February 15, 2026 – Confirmation

– Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting @ 11:30 PM

Monday, February 16, 2026 – 4-H Meeting @ 6:30 PM

– Finance Team Meeting @ 7 PM

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – Pastor @ CAMAL House

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – ASH WEDNESDAY

– Lenten Service @ 7 PM

Thursday, February 19, 2026 – Committee Reports Due

Friday, February 20, 2026 – Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, February 21, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, February 22, 2026 – Confirmation

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 – Council Meeting @ 7 PM

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 – Youth Group @ 5:30 PM

– Lenten Service @ 7 PM

Saturday, February 28, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall w/Communion

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

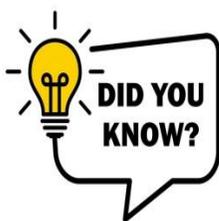
Wednesday, February 18, 2026 is Ash Wednesday

“Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent, a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. It is a solemn day of reflection and repentance.

During a special service, a minister applies ashes to the foreheads of worshippers in the shape of a cross, accompanied by the phrase: ‘Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.’ (Genesis 3:19) Ashes are an ancient biblical symbol of mourning, repentance, and humility, representing a desire to turn away from sin and toward God. It is a day to reflect on one’s mortality and need for spiritual transformation.”

(taken from www.museumofthebible.org)

With this in mind, we hope to see you at Ash Wednesday Services here at St. John Ev. Lutheran Church on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM.



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

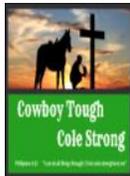
\$20.00 per person

St. John's Lutheran Church, Goliad, TX

See Meliss Eckhardt for more information.

PRAYER REQUESTS

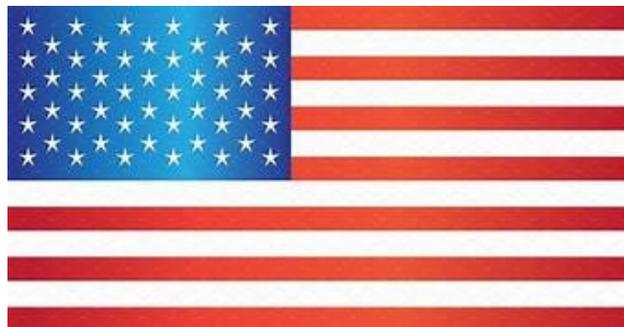
+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole: Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (October 10, 2025): It's that time of year again for the Annual Cowboy Tough Cole Strong team roping benefit. This is definitely one of Cole's favorite events of the year and he's so grateful to Justin Shelton and all those 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)*

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,
United States 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



PHONE PRAYER CHAIN (immediate or long term needs):

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

CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

Please remember these individuals in your prayers: Hunter Jacob, Cole Ohrt, Ryon Preslar, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay Diebel, Fred "Sandy" Sanders, Ryler James Jacob, Billy Guenther, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Christy Johns, Beatrice Fagg, David Diebel, Obert Sagebiel, Elizabeth Beard, Ray Butler, Cathie Bettge, Nick Picard, Jonathan Ideus, Pam Ficklen, Stacey Nelson, MayDell Jacob, Caroline Blain, 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



REMEMBER TO PRAY WITHOUT CEASING FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS!!!



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

He is the Hope and saving Light of lands benighted; By Him are they who dwelt in night fed and lighted. He is Israel's praise and bliss, their joy, reward, and glory.

~ Martin Luther~

Hymn Text: "In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"