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March 2026 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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

WORSHIP

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

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





Greetings,

There have been many articles over the past few years about the declining church in America. But I recently read an article in Thrive magazine that states there is a great resurgence in the church by Gen Z (18–25-year-olds).

I am sure that many of us remember when a prayer service in Asbury College in Kentucky resulted in a revival that turned into a multi-week revival. Since then, there have been several other revivals throughout the United States. Today, a confluence of cultural and spiritual indicators suggests that America may be on the cusp of a fresh outpouring – what many are beginning to call the [Fifth Great Awakening](#).

The article went on to say, “America is showing unmistakable signs of spiritual renewal: soaring Bible sales, young people returning to church, worship music topping charts, revival media, college and stadium awakenings, mass baptisms, and national days of prayer.”

The article further stated, “From a resurgence in Scripture hunger to mass public baptism, from student-led outpourings to faith-centered media and national prayer mobilizations – form solid evidence of God’s work that many believers see as the beginnings of a new awakening. The question facing believers today is not whether the Spirit is moving, but how they will respond: Will they join the movement, pray for continuation, and steward the harvest?”

We recently had a planning meeting where they discussed several ways to grow our church. These included how to approach those who are members but not regularly attending but also how to reach out to potential new members.

We hope to have this refined and distributed to the membership in the near future. St. John is taking several steps to help our community grow in God’s word and to reach out to those who are seeking or lost. I pray that all will feel God’s Spirit working in our church and reach out to those who need to hear God’s word.

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
 Mission/Evangelism – Cathie Bettge 361-550-7274
 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 April 2026 Church Bell is Friday, March 20, 2026 by 9:00 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to stjohnvlutheran@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 stjohnvlutheran@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, Pam Ficklen, Stacey Nelson, MayDell Jacob, Caroline Blain, Nancy Butler, Robert Moeller, Jonathan Pokluda, CJ Constable, Kay Nagel, Beverly Bodden, the Family of Nick Picard, the Family of Leon Dohmann; 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.

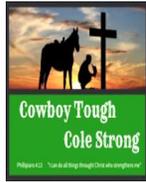


+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:

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 March
CAMAL HOUSE

CAMAL House is a food pantry that has served the people of Cuero for over 30 years. They provide food items & toiletries to 250-400 households monthly in DeWitt County. In order to continue serving families efficiently, community support in the form of food donations, monetary donations, and volunteers is needed.

- Items in Demand -

Below are the items we need more than anything else. Family-sized packages are ideal.

- Canned Meats:** Chicken, Vienna Sausage, Spam, Tuna
- Boxed Dinners:** Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Mac & Cheese
- Individual Meals:** Chili, Soup, Ramen, Easy Mac, Beefaroni, Ravioli
- Baking Items:** Flour, Sugar, Cooking Oil, Baking Powder/Soda, Cornstarch
- Mixes:** Cake, Pancakes, Brownies, Cookies
- Condiments:** Syrup, Peanut Butter, Ketchup, Mustard, Dressing, Spices
- Snacks:** Chips, Fruit Snacks, Pretzels, Granola Bars, Low-Cal options, Gluten Free, Salt-Free
- Canned Vegetables & Fruits**
- Grains:** Cereal, Oatmeal, Grits
- Toiletries:** Shampoo, mouthwash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish soap, laundry soap, toilet paper

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

During the month of March, our collection items will be **STRAW BROOMS** 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 Cathie Bettge 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~





SOME FYIs for YOU

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 March 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, March 25, 2026



From 5:30-7:00 pm. We will be have Raising Canes & Tea for dinner. Youth members that can participate in the Sunrise Service will receive their parts at this time.

Portals of Prayer

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

ATTENTION :

Altar Guild Members, etc.

The Bi-Annual meeting for St. John's Altar Guild will be Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. PLEASE, at least one member from each team is asked to attend for changes in procedures, reminders, discussions, etc.

~Thank You, Carol Ann

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.

Be as QUICK
to PRAY
as YOU are
to TEXT!

March 1 – Confirmation Class

– Life-to-Life Discipleship Mtg. @ 11:30

March 4 – Lenten Service @ 7 PM

March 6 – WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

March 7 – Evening Worship Service @ 6 PM

March 8 – DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

– Property Team Meeting @ 8 AM

– Confirmation Class

March 10 – Bi-Annual Altar Guild Meeting @ 7 PM

March 11 – Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor @ 10 AM

– Women's Bible Study @ 12:30 PM

– Lenten Service @ 7 PM

March 14 – Evening Worship Service-

with Communion @ 6 PM

March 15 – Confirmation Class

– Life-to-Life Discipleship Mtg. @ 11:30

March 17 – Happy Saint Patrick's Day!!!

– Pastor @ CAMAL House

March 18 – Mission/Ev. Team Meeting @ 6 PM

– Lenten Service @ 7 PM

March 19 – Committee Reports Due

March 20 – FIRST DAY OF SPRING

– Newsletter Articles Due

March 21 – Evening Worship Service @ 6 PM

March 22 – Confirmation Class

March 23 – 4- H Meeting @ 6:30 PM

March 24 – Council Meeting @ 7PM

March 25 – Old Stone Church Meeting @ 9 AM

– Youth Group @ 5:30-7 PM

– Lenten Service @ 7 PM

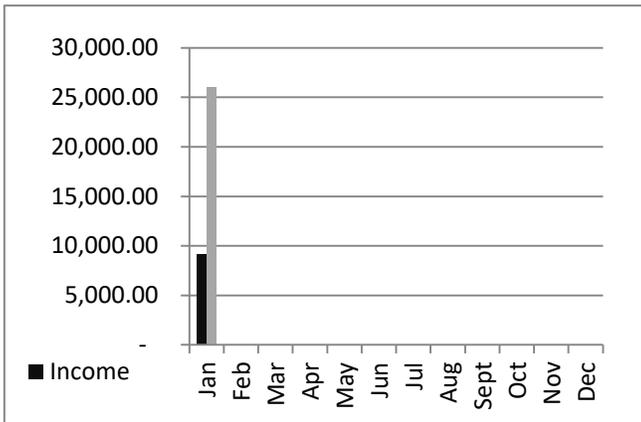
March 28 – Evening Worship Service-

with Communion @ 6 PM

March 29 – PALM SUNDAY

– Confirmation Class





General Fund – 2026 Income vs Expenses
General Fund chart without Designated Giving funds.

Church Council Minutes ~ January 27, 2026

Members Present: Lloyd Copeland, Mike Cowley, Marv Sager, Glenn Ruschhaupt, John Boor, Kathy Dunn, Brenda Gohmert, Laurie Wendel, and M'Liss Moore

Call to Order: Glenn Ruschhaupt called the meeting to order

Opening Devotion and Prayer: Kathy Dunn provided an opening devotion and prayer

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting: Brenda Gohmert made a motion to approve the December council minutes. Marv Sager seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Report: Report presented by M'Liss Moore. Council requested to review designated memorials at the February meeting.

Pastor's Report:

John Boor presented the following Pastor's Report: The first meeting of the Life-to-Life Discipleship met last week for the first class and was attended by 21 people. They agreed they would meet on alternating Sundays after Church Service.

The Retreat for the Renew group will meet on Saturday, February, the retreat will be led by Rachel Nessel. Below is the NALC's explanation of the Renew program, the importance of it, and the reasons churches should implement it.

RENEW: A UNIFIED PATHWAY FOR CLARITY, HOPE, AND MISSION ALIGNMENT—A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR CONGREGATIONAL RENEWAL ACROSS THE NALC

The Rev. Tom Brashears Director of Leadership Development North American Lutheran Church Across the North American Lutheran Church, congregations are expressing a deep desire for clarity, unity, and direction. Many feel the weight of complexity and competing demands. Pastors and leaders want to

move forward with confidence but often lack a structured process to help their congregations discern where God is leading next. RENEW is a simple, repeatable, movement— building process designed to help congregations rediscover their purpose, gain alignment, and step boldly into the future God has prepared for them. It provides shared language, shared tools, and a shared journey—one that every congregation, no matter the size or context, can take together. And anyone can facilitate it. This is not a program. It is a catalytic experience that awakens identity, strengthens relationships, clarifies mission, and sets a congregation on a healthy, sustainable path forward. If your congregation is longing for renewed direction, confidence, and momentum, RENEW offers a clear path forward.

Old Business:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance Team Report:

The finance committee did not meet in January, the next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2026. Sincerely, Laurie Wendel

Mission/Evangelism Team:

January 21, 2026

Open with prayer: Cathie

Members present: Cheryl Bramlette, Linda Ruschhaupt, Pam Haun, Obert Sagebiel, Cathie Bettge

Old business: Christmas family in December— Pam and Laurie delivered the gifts. A very heartfelt thank you was received from the family.

New business: Reformation/Mission Feast—Cheryl has reached out to the NALC to start the process for scheduling a guest speaker for our Reformation/ Mission guest

Mission of the Month: February: Eight Days of Hope
 March

Collection: February: metal or leaf rake
 March

NALC 2026 Disaster Packet info received

Southern District Ladies Group info: discussed how to share info

Service Projects: posted 2026 sign up list on bulletin board in church foyer

Prayer Chain: posted 2026 sign up list on bulletin board in church foyer

Close with Lord's Prayer

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2025

Parish Life Team:

Our team did not meet in January. Bev reported that two Get Well cards were sent.

Parish Ed Team Report:

Please refer to Rachel Nessel's Annual Report.
A Parish Ed meeting will be scheduled next month.

Worship Team:

Worship Team did not meet this month, but will meet on Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

Property Team Report:

Meeting Date – January 11, 2026

Members Present – Dickie Bettge, Vance Egg, John Boor, Mitchell Jank and Marv Sager

Items Completed: Parsonage cleaned; Restroom and various kitchen supplies replenished; Various light bulbs replaced; Various door locks lubricated; Property insurance policy renewed; Additional meetings with insurance adjuster and potential contractor; Sanctuary plumbing repaired; Organ tuned; Basement cleaned; Initial insurance claim payment received

Items Discussed:

- Churchyard rutting repair – Plan is to level with sand infill at planned future congregation workday
- Storm damage repairs – Communications with insurance adjuster along with potential repair contractors continue. Additional meeting with adjuster held on January 12th regarding potential additional supplemental damages claim.
- Congregation spring workday – Date and proposed tasks along with prioritization for use of storm damage repair funding, to be determined at future called Team meeting planned for follow-up to final insurance compensation.

Old Stone Church – Next meeting in January of 2026

Items for Council Approval – None

Next Scheduled Meeting: 02/08/26

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Cody Paul of AlSCO Uniforms gave a presentation on Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), which is a service that his company provides. Over the past year, Church council has been discussing the need of having an AED on premise, so Cody's presentation was appreciated. For approximately \$128 per month, AlSCO Uniforms provides an AED and a First Aid cabinet that is serviced on a monthly basis. Cody said he would provide additional information in the coming weeks, and council will put this topic on the February agenda to discuss further.

Council discussed if it is necessary to purchase Texas Labor Law posters to be displayed in the office. It was

concluded that we are in compliance with the existing posters that are currently being displayed.

Council discussed a letter provided by Ilene Gohmert, addressing monthly payroll and quarterly tax reporting that she provides. It appeared that the reporting fees remain the same as in the past.

Brenda Gohmert made a motion to remove Archie Abrameit as Treasurer and add M'Liss Moore as the new Treasurer for all necessary signature cards on bank accounts. Kathy Dunn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of Committee Reports: John Boor made a motion to approve all reports that were presented.

Kathy Dunn 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

If you **ONLY**
PRAY
when you're
IN trouble
...YOU'RE
IN TROUBLE!



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.

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.

Scholarships for 2026

NALC Continental Youth Gathering

This summer the NALC will be hosting its second Continental Youth Gathering. It will be July 7-10 in Roanoke, Virginia. The first Youth Gathering in 2024 was an incredible event. We are hoping to have many of our Texas youth in attendance for this one! Our Texas Region Missions Team is going to help with this. We will again be offering scholarships for youth in our Region that would like to attend the gathering. Our hope is to particularly support youth who otherwise might not be able to attend.

If you would like to apply for a scholarship, or would just like more information, please contact Pastor Mark Braaten at mbraaten@oslctyler.org

Applications must be received by April 15.

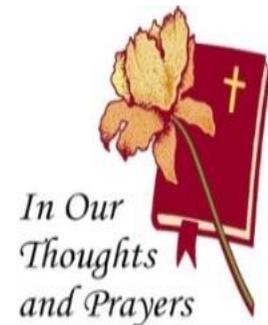
With Our Deepest Sympathy

*Please keep the family of
 Nicholas Jacob Picard
 in your thoughts & prayers.
 Nick passed away on Saturday,
 February 14, 2026. He is the
 husband of Johnna Gohmert
 Picard and father of Rayland,
 Seeley, Slade, and Lyanna Picard.
 May God comfort his family at this time of loss.*



With Our Deepest Sympathy

*Please keep the family of
 Leon David Dohmann
 in your thoughts & prayers.
 Leon passed away on Friday,
 February 20, 2026. He is survived
 by his brother, Edgar Lee Dohmann
 and joins his parents, Edgar &
 Florine Dohmann ; wife, Mary Jo
 Loos Dohmann; and nephew, Ryan
 Dohmann in their heavenly home.
 May God comfort his family at this time of loss.*



Thoughts for Those Grieving:

- "Grief is love with nowhere to go—yet it still finds its way into every memory, every heartbeat, and every quiet moment."
- "Though their presence is gone from sight, their love remains stitched into the fabric of your soul."
- "The ones we love never truly leave us; they live on in the stories we tell, the lessons they taught, and the love they gave."
- "Loss changes the shape of our days, but changes the shape of our hearts forever."
- "Even in the silence, their laughter echoes; even in the darkness, their light remains."

May you find comfort in remembering God's promise that we shall see our loved ones again in Heaven. Your church family is praying for you all. May God's peace be with each of you during these difficult times.



VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

March 1

Greeters - Meliss & Morris Eckhardt
Reader - Kinley Nessel

March 8

Greeters - Margie & John Swannack
Reader - Kathy Dunn

March 15

Greeters - Marvin & Norrean Sager
Reader - Dickie Bettge

March 22

Greeters - The Henry Rangnow Family
Reader - Neal Moritz

March 29

Greeters - The Hays Family
Reader - Wanda Hays

March Communion Assistant

Brian Wendel

March Altar Guild

M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

March Nursing Home Visitor

Dianna Soliz

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April 5

Greeters - Beverly Bodden
Reader - Beverly Bodden

April Communion Assistant

Jeff Zengerle

April Altar Guild

Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

April Nursing Home Visitor

Carol Ann Sagebiel

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 - Crystal Eichhorn
- 3 - Kathy Dunn
Hudson Zengerle
- 6 - Dee Moeller
- 8 - Michele Motley
- 11 - Tammy Blain
Kyler Leist
- 14 - Gary Moeller
- 17 - Henry Lee Rangnow
- 19 - Kendall Helms
- 20 - Cason Jander
- 25 - Marvin Sager
Melanie Light
- 27 - Dustin Nessel
- 28 - Timothy Blake Schaefer

Happy Birthday

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

Anniversary Greetings to:

- 2 - Fred & Rose Mueller
- 6 - Sandy & Vicki Motley
- 7 - Kenneth & Betty Diebel
- 24 - Christian & Kaley Coker

Happy Anniversary



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Mission of the Month:
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2nd Sunday in Lent 1 9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 PM Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting 	2	3 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours	4 1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Lenten Service	5 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	6 World Day of Prayer	7 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
3rd Sunday in Lent 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 <i>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS</i>	9	10 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7:00 PM Bi-Annual Altar Guild Meeting	11 10:00 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study @ Parsonage 1:30 PM Quilters 7 PM Lenten Service	12 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	13	14 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service 
4th Sunday in Lent 15 9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 PM Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting 	16	17 Pastor @ CAMAL House	18 1:30 PM Quilters 6:00 PM Mission/ Evangelism Team Meeting 7 PM Lenten Service	19 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours **Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.	20 First Day of Spring **Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.	21 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
5th Sunday in Lent 22 9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship	23 6:30 PM 4 – H Meeting	24 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Council Meeting	25 9:00 AM Old Stone Church Meeting 1:30 PM Quilters 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Youth Group 7 PM Lenten Service	26 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	27	28 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
Palm Sunday 29 9:00 AM Confirmation 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship	30	31 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours			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.