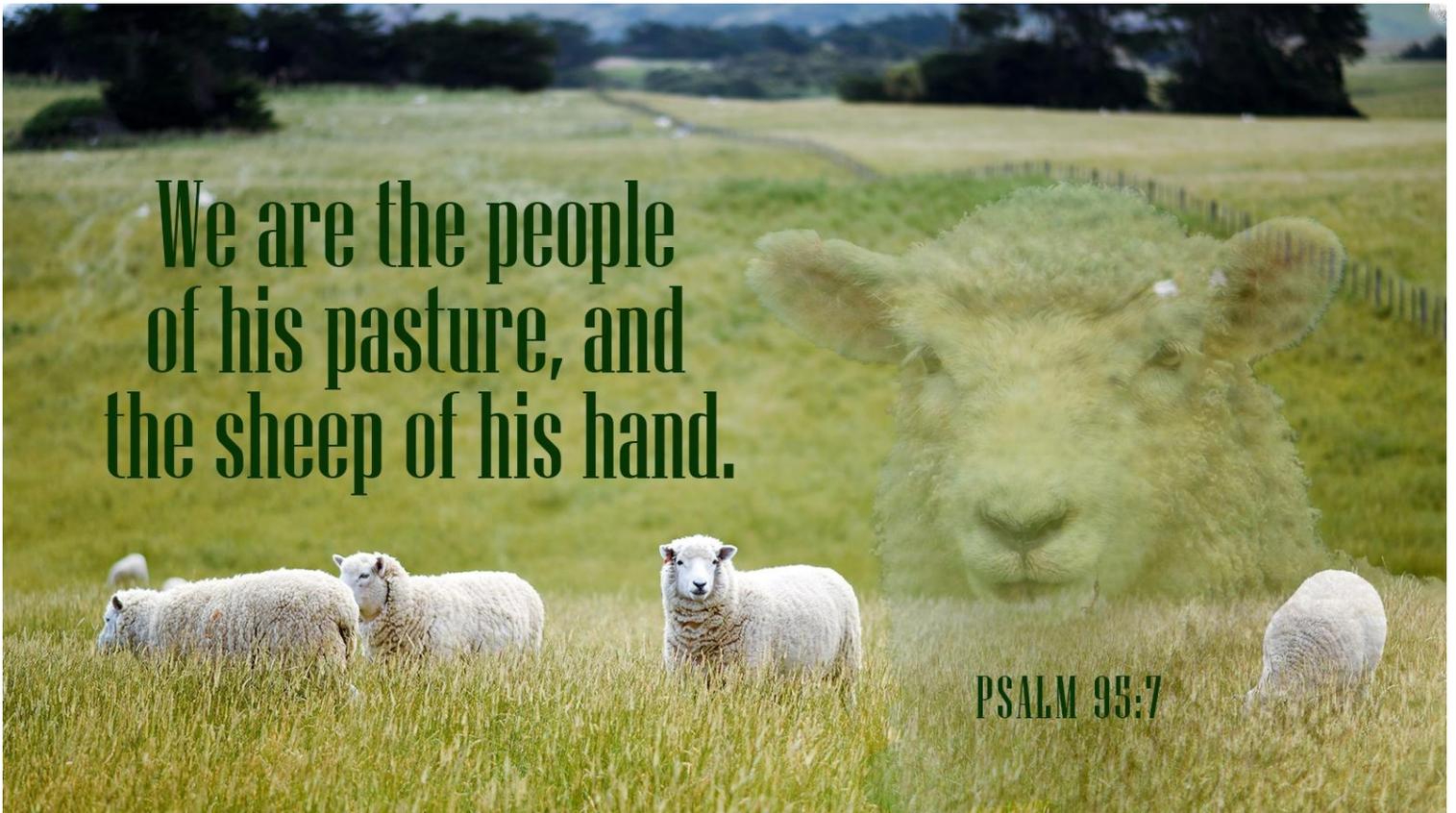


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
March 8, 2026**

Third Sunday in Lent



Psalm 95:7

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Greeters This Week: Margie & John Swannack

Greeters Next Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager

Reader This Week: Kathy Dunn

Reader Next Week: Dickie Bettge

Acolyte This Week: Kinley Leist

Acolyte Next Week: Kyler Leist

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

Altar Guild Next Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Communion Assistant This Month: Brian Wendel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Jeff Zengerle



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. ***Please make note that during Lent we use Setting Two in the hymnal until Easter when we switch back to Setting One.*** Thank you!

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

AS WE GATHER

The story from Exodus for today points to humanity's perpetual lack of faith as the Israelites complain about a lack of water in the wilderness. God commanded Moses to strike a rock and water gushed forth, filling all Israel's needs for refreshment and life. In the Gospel, a woman comes to faith in Jesus when he asks her for a drink during an exchange at Jacob's well. She soon discovers Living Water in him.

PRELUDE:

"1723 Invention 1"

J. S. Bach

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:

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

LBW #423

**¹Lord, whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, Worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose Ev'ry gift which you impart.**

**²Still your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
By your Spirit send your power To our world to make it whole.**

**³As we worship, grant us vision, Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service, Your abundant life to share.**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray,

Almighty God, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your majestic right hand. Grant this, we pray, through the same 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: Exodus 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Responsive Reading

Psalm 80:1-7

80 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou who leadest Joseph like a flock!
Thou who art enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

**²before E'phraim and Benjamin and Manas'seh!
Stir up thy might, and come to save us!**

³Restore us, O God; let thy face shine, that we may be saved!

⁴O Lord God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry with thy people's prayers?

⁵Thou hast fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

⁶Thou dost make us the scorn of our neighbors; and our enemies laugh among themselves.

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let thy face shine, that we may be saved!

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-17

⁸ But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); ⁹ because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him. ¹³ For, "every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴ But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how can men preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!" ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷ So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ.

Stand as you are able

GOSPEL VERSE

**C Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

GOSPEL READING: Mark 14:53-15:5

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (*Sung*)

Gospel: Mark 14:53-15:5

⁵³And they led Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes were assembled. ⁵⁴And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, and warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵Now the chief priests and the whole council sought testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. ⁵⁶For many bore false witness against him, and their witness did not agree. ⁵⁷And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, ⁵⁸“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” ⁵⁹Yet not even so did their testimony agree. ⁶⁰And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” ⁶¹But he was silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” ⁶²And Jesus said, “I am; and you will see the Son of man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” ⁶³And the high priest tore his garments, and said, “Why do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” And the guards received him with blows.

⁶⁶And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the maids of the high priest came; ⁶⁷and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him, and said, “You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.” ⁶⁸But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you mean.” And he went out into the gateway. ⁶⁹And the maid saw him, and began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” ⁷⁰But again he denied it. And after a little while again the bystanders said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.” ⁷¹But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know this man of whom you speak.” ⁷²And immediately the cock crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

15 And as soon as it was morning the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him to Pilate. ²And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” ³And the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate wondered.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (*Sung*)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“When Peace, like a River”

LBW #346

**¹When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**²Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this calm assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.**

**³He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

**⁴And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul.**

Stand as you are able

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

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

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:

“Here Faith Abides”

Gerald Peterson

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

Stand as you are able

OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

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.

**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.**

Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

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.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen

HYMN:

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

LBW #327

¹Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

²Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and thou alone.

³Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress; Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

⁴While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee.

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 Peery



Philippians 4:6-7

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

[As we face uncertainties in March, this verse encourages us to replace anxiety with prayer. By submitting our concerns to God, we open ourselves to His peace, which will calm our hearts and minds.]

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

Did you know that March 14 is Pi Day?

The holiday honors a special number: “Pi,” which is pronounced just like “pie”. Pi is an infinite, non-repeating decimal, so it’s usually abbreviated 3.14, hence we celebrate it on Marvh 14! Mathematics represent pi with this symbol: π. Pi is crucial because it’s a fundamental mathematical constant representing the ratio of a circle’s circumference to its diameter. It is essential for describing everything from the cosmos to DNA. Pi day was founded in 1988 by Larry Shaw.

[Taken from www.ams.org & Wikipedia]

Individuals wouldn’t make these discoveries without God’s help and we benefit from them in so many ways.

Thank you, God!



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.



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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Sun 3/8

Third Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:15 a.m.

Property Team Meeting
Confirmation
Sunday School
Adult Study
Worship



Mon 3/9

Office Closed

Tues 3/10

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Pastor’s Office Hours
Office Hours
Bi-Annual Altar Guild Meetin

Wed 3/11

10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor
Office Hours
Women’s Bible Study
Quilters
Lenten Service

Thurs 3/12

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1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m.

Office Hours
Pastor’s Office Hours

Fri 3/13

Office Closed

Sat 3/14

6:00 p.m.

Evening Worship Service
w/Communion

Next Sun. Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:15 a.m.
11:30 a.m.

Confirmation
Sunday School
Adult Study
Worship with Communion
Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting

Have a Blessed Week!

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Wednesday, Lenten Service 1, February 25, 2026 General \$1,565.00, Youth \$20.00;

Total: 1,585.00

Attendance: Worship – 40

Saturday, February 28, 2026 General \$750.00; **Total: \$750.00**

Attendance: Worship – 7

Sunday, March 1, 2026 General \$4,262.00, MOM (March) CAMAL House \$520.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Old Stone Church \$20.00, SS Mission \$69.00, Building \$2,085.00, Youth \$40.00, Organ \$20.00;

Total: \$7,036.00

Attendance: Worship –79, Sunday School – 5 Children, 3 Teachers, Adult Study – 11

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 Health 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!

Mission of the Month for 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.

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

During the month of March, our collection items will be **STRAW BROOMS** for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

- 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

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 Cathie Bettge. Thank you!

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 –

April – June Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.

Sunday, March 8, 2026 – Daylight Saving Time Begins

– Property Team Meeting @ 8 AM

– Confirmation

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 – Bi-Annual Altar Guild Meeting @ 7 PM

Wednesday, March 11, 2026 – Women's Bible Study @ 12:30 PM

– Lenten Service @ 7 PM

Saturday, March 14, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall with Communion @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service

Sunday, March 15, 2026 – Confirmation

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

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 – Pastor @ CAMAL House

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 – Mission/Evangelism Team Meeting @ 6 PM

– Lenten Service @ 7 PM

Thursday, March 19, 2026 – Committee Reports Due

Friday, March 20, 2026 – First Day of Spring

– Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, March 21, 2026 – Church Workday @ 9 AM

– Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, March 22, 2026 – Confirmation

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

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 Melissa 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.

CHURCH WORKDAY

Property Team has scheduled a congregation work morning for Saturday, March 21st at 9:00 o'clock. Tasks include light tree trimming and general cleanup prior to Easter Sunday.

Please come out and help if your schedule allows.



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

YOUTH GROUP

MARCH 25TH

5-8 PM



PAINTING AT THE CABIN

1955 Old Clinton Rd.

We will meet at 5:00 PM at Mrs. Laurie's Cabin for painting and recreational activities. Food and drinks will be provided!
If you prefer not to paint, games and a basketball court will also be available. Afterward, we will travel to St. John for the Wednesday Lenten Service.

For more information or if you need transportation to or from either location, please contact:
Kaleigh Newman
(361) 243-2373

A Prayer for Rain in Times of Drought

Dear Heavenly Father, we come before You, humbled by the drought that grips our land. We ask for Your mercy, that You send the rain we so desperately need. The earth is parched, and crops are withering; without Your divine intervention, our sustenance is threatened. You alone have the power to open the heavens and bless us with life-giving rain. We trust in Your timing and believe that You will answer our prayers. We ask for rain that will revive the soil and nourish our land, so that we may continue to thrive and give glory to Your name. Amen.

Deuteronomy 11:14

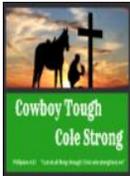
“Then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine, and olive oil.”

Prayer

Lord, we thank You for the hope You provide even amid a drought. We ask that You send rain to replenish the earth and bless the crops that feed our families. Let the rain be a symbol of Your abundant grace, reviving our spirits and bringing new life to all that is withering. Help us to trust in Your provision and to remain faithful as we await the rain. Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

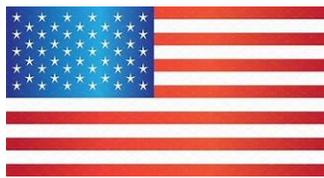
+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole: Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (October 10, 2025): It's that time of year again for the Annual Cowboy Tough Cole Strong team roping benefit. This is definitely one of Cole's favorite events of the year and he's so grateful to Justin Shelton and all those 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, Jonathan Ideus, Pam Ficklen, Stacey Nelson, MayDell Jacob, Caroline Blain, Nancy Butler, Robert Moeller, Jonathan Pokluda, 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

The Holy Spirit assures us that we are God's children no matter how furiously sin may rage within us, so long as we follow the Spirit and struggle against sin in order to kill it. Because nothing is so effective in deadening the flesh as the cross and suffering.

~Martin Luther~

Commentary on Romans

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If you'd like to receive your monthly church newsletter via email, call or text the church office at 361-277-8653.

