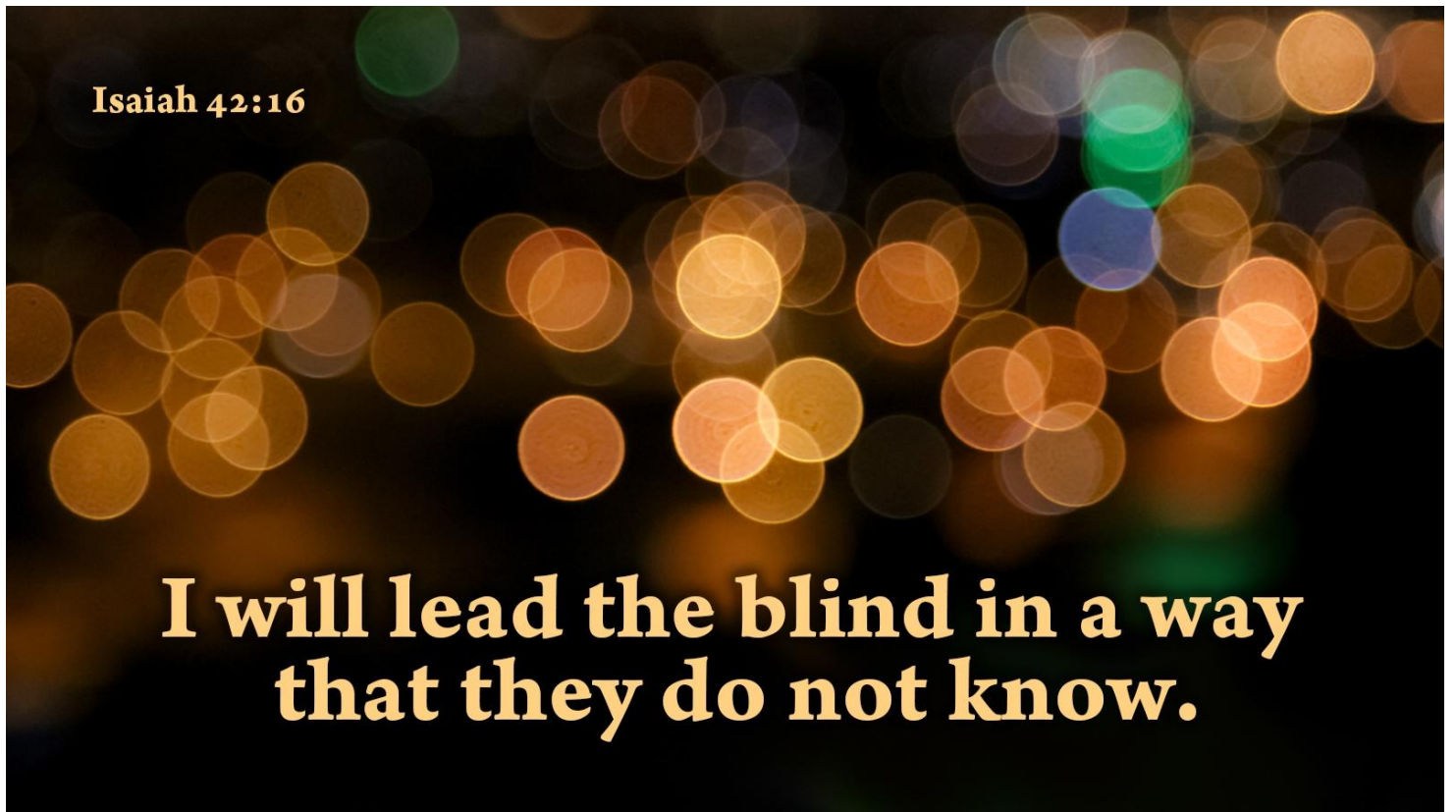


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
March 15, 2026**

Fourth Sunday in Lent



Isaiah 42:16

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Fourth Sunday in Lent March 15, 2026

Greeters This Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager
Greeters Next Week: The Henry Rangnow Family
Reader This Week: Dickie Bettge
Reader Next Week: Neal Moritz
Acolyte This Week: Kyler Leist
Acolyte Next Week: Levi Moritz
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!

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

Themes of light and darkness, sight and blindness pervade the lessons for this Sunday. As humans mired in the sin that holds us captive, we fail to recognize our blindness. Christ calls us into the light of his life, love, and mercy as he beckons us to come and follow him. In that following, we come to see things in ways we have never seen them before, and the light of Christ shines through us.

PRELUDE: “*Prelude No. 3 (18 Short Preludes)*”

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:

“Be Thou My Vision”

WOV #776

**¹Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought . . . by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

²Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

³Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou, and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

⁴Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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, grant that we, who for our evil deeds worthily deserve to be punished, by the
comfort of your grace, may mercifully be relieved; through your Son, Jesus Christ, 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: Isaiah 42:14-21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." ¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord? ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 71:1-8

¹In thee, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!

²In thy righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline thy ear to me, and save me!

³Be thou to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me,
for thou art my rock and my fortress.

**⁴Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.**

⁵For thou, O Lord, art my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

**⁶Upon thee I have leaned from my birth;
thou art he who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of thee.**

⁷I have been as a portent to many; but thou art my strong refuge.

⁸My mouth is filled with thy praise, and with thy glory all the day.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9-11

⁹But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you.

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 5:1-13

L The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 5th chapter.

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

Gospel: Mark 5:1-13

5 They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Ger'asenes. **2**And when he had come out of the boat, there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, **3**who lived among the tombs; and no one could bind him any more, even with a chain; **4**for he had often been bound with fetters and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the fetters he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. **5**Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out, and bruising himself with stones. **6**And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped him; **7**and crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." **8**For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" **9**And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many." **10**And he begged him eagerly not to send them out of the country. **11**Now a great herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; **12**and they begged him, "Send us to the swine, let us enter them." **13**So he gave them leave. And the unclean spirits came out, and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

LBW #448

**¹Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.**

**²'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!**

**³Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.**

**⁴The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.**

Stand as you are able

L God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith together through the Apostles' Creed.

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.**

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.**

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.

OFFERING:

"I Love Thee"

Franklin Ritter

(Tune from "Christian Harmony")

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

Stand as you are able

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 dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer.
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, Lord God of pow'r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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.

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.**

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, 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

LBW pg. 93

C Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

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 Peery



Isaiah 43:19

**“See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not
perceive it? I am making a way
in the wilderness and streams in
the wasteland.”**

[As the season of spring approaches, this verse speaks of the new things God is doing in our lives. It's a reminder to be open to change and to trust that God is making a way even in the most difficult situations.]

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

Did You Know?

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated to honor Ireland's patron saint, St. Patrick, marking his death in the 5th century by commemorating his role in bringing Christianity to Ireland. St. Patrick was a missionary & bishop, originally from Roman Britain, who spread Christianity across the island, establishing churches, monasteries, and schools and converting the pagan Irish, famously using the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. Kidnapped as a teen into slavery in Ireland, he escaped, studied, and returned as a courageous missionary, laying the foundation for Ireland's Christian identity.



Office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. If you would need immediate assistance outside of office hours, text or call Melissa at 361-649-0413.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 3/15 Fourth 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 with Communion
- 11:30 a.m. Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting

Mon 3/16 Office Closed

Tues 3/17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!

Pastor @ CAMAL House

10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office Hours

Wed 3/18 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office Hours

- 1:30 p.m. Quilters
- 6:00 p.m. Mission/Evangelism Team Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Thurs 3/19 ??? Office Hours

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

*****Committee Reports Due*****

Fri 3/20 First Day of Spring

Office Closed

*****Newsletter Deadline*****

Sat 3/21 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

Next Sun. Fifth 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

Wednesday, Lenten Service, March 4, 2026 General \$315.00, Total: \$315.00

Attendance: Worship – 24

Saturday, March 7, 2026 General \$250.00; Total: \$250.00

Attendance: Worship – 7

Sunday, March 8, 2026 General \$1,434.70, MOM (March) CAMAL House \$230.00, Sunday School \$18.00, Building \$360.00, Youth \$20.00; Total: \$2,062.70

Attendance: Worship – 72, Sunday School – 6 Children, 3 Teachers, Adult Study – 8



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 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

Monday, March 23, 2026 – 4-H Meeting @ 6:30 PM

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

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 – Old Stone Church Meeting @ 9 AM

– Youth Group @ 5:00 PM

– Lenten Service @ 7 PM

Saturday, March 28, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, March 29, 2026 – Confirmation

– St. Peter & Paul Altar Society Bake Sale &

KCC #13010 Sausage Meal starting at 10:30 AM (\$15/plate)

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

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.

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

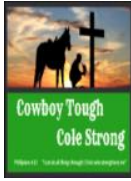
This summer the NALC will be hosting its second Continental Youth Gathering. It will be July 7-10 in Roanoke, Virginia. The first Youth Gathering in 2024 was an incredible event. We are hoping to have many of our Texas youth in attendance for this one!

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.



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!!!

A Prayer for Rain to Quench a Thirsty Land

Gracious God, our land cries out in thirst, dry and cracked under the weight of the sun. We come to You in faith, asking for the rain that will quench the earth's thirst and bring relief to all creation. We know that You control the skies and command the weather, and we ask for Your mercy to send the rain that will revive this parched land. Let the rain fall in abundance, replenishing rivers and streams, filling reservoirs, and nourishing the soil. We trust in Your power and grace, and we ask for the blessing of rain in Your perfect timing. Amen.

Psalm 65:9-10

"You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it."

Prayer

Loving Father, we thank You for the life-giving water that sustains our bodies and the earth. We pray for rain to quench the thirsty ground, so that all may benefit from the harvest it brings. Help us to remember that You are the source of all provision and that our trust should remain in You alone. As we wait for the rain, fill our hearts with hope and gratitude for the many ways You care for us. Amen.



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

“(Christ) makes it so that we consider it of no consequence, even though the whole world contends against us. “The rule of the church is not located in pomp and appearance but in the Word, even in the spoken Word, on which we may stand firm against all insults. For ‘if God is for us, who is against us?’”

~Martin Luther~

Lectures on Isaiah, LW 17



Letter from Johnna Picard



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Words cannot express the depth of my gratitude for the unwavering love, prayers, and support you showed Nick and our family during his battle with leukemia. Throughout our difficult journey, you were the hands and feet of Jesus, wrapping us in your care. Thank you for the countless prayers, cards, meals, and comforting words that lightened our burden. Your presence at his service was a tremendous comfort, and I am so blessed to be part of such a caring, compassionate community. Knowing that he is now at peace, free from pain, and in the arms of our Savior brings comfort to my heart, but I will miss him dearly. Thank you for walking alongside us through it all.

With love and appreciation,
Johnna Picard



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