



WELCOME
TO
ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Country Gospel Service

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Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Greeters This Week: Trish Hood

Greeters Next Week: Archie & Virginia Abrameit

Reader This Week: Trish Hood

Reader Next Week: Kathy Dunn

Acolyte This Week: Kinley Leist

Acolyte Next Week: Kyler Leist

Altar Guild This Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Altar Guild Next Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

Communion Assistant This Month: Obert Sagebiel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Brian Wendel

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.

PRELUDE: CLASSIC COUNTRY INSTRUMENTAL HYMNS

“Peace in the Valley”

“Little Church in the Wildwood”

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Performed by Country Dance Kings

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS

OPENING

Our first song this morning was written by Kris Kristofferson after attending a church service on a Sunday morning as a personal testimony to the joy and peace he felt after asking for forgiveness and being set free of guilt of his past life. Kristofferson, is certainly no poster boy for leading the Godly life. He freely admits that since this religious experience, he has on more than one occasion done his share of back sliding. But isn't that who we are as well. Let us consider our never-ending need for forgiveness as we listen to his testimony of how he came to write this song, during a live recording on the Ralph Emery Show.

“WHY ME LORD”

Kris Kristofferson

**Why me Lord, what have I ever done
To deserve even one
Of the pleasures I've known
Tell me Lord, what did I ever do
That was worth loving You
Or the kindness You've shown**

**Lord help me Jesus, I've wasted it so
Help me Jesus I know what I am
Now that I know that I've needed You so
Help me Jesus, my soul's in your hand**

**Try me Lord, if you think there's a way
I can try to repay
All I've taken from you
Maybe Lord, I can show someone else
What I've been through myself
On my way back to you**

**Lord help me Jesus, I've wasted it so
Help me Jesus I know what I am
Now that I know that I've needed You so
Help me Jesus, my soul's in Your hand
Jesus, my soul's in Your hand**

Songwriter – Kris Kristofferson
Accompanied by: Willie Nelson & Jeanie Frickie
Recorded live on Ralph Emery Interview

OPENING PRAYER:

Let us open our service as we pray together:

O God, your almighty power is most clearly shown in your mercy and pity. Multiply your grace that we may run to your promises and be made to share in your heavenly joy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Just as Kris Kristofferson felt his burden of sin lifted as he asked Christ to accept him, the author of this hymn has recognized they have nothing to offer Christ, but themselves. As they express in the last verse, because of Christ's promise one has faith that Christ will accept them "Just As I Am."

"JUST AS I AM"

Alan Jackson

**Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bid'st me come to thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt
Fighting's and fears within without
O Lamb of God, I come, I come**

Instrumental

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind
Sight, riches, healing of the mind
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find
O Lamb of God, I come, I come**

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because Thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
Because Thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God, I come, I come**

Songwriters – Text: Charlotte, Tune: William B. Bradbury

Performed by: Alan Jackson

Just as I Am lyrics © Emi April Music Inc., Music Sales Corporation, Music Sales Corp., Black Eye Music, Tri-angels Music, Integrity's Hosanna! Music

If we come to the Lord with a contrite heart, yet undeserving, our sins will be forgiven. As Paul writes in Romans 5: 8-11:

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

“WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS”

Oak Ridge Boys

**What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou will find a solace there.**

What a Friend we have in Jesus . . .

Songwriters - Text: Joseph M. Scriven, Tune: Charles C. Converse

What a Friend We Have in Jesus lyrics © Bruin Music Company, Velvet Apple Music, Integrity Worship Music, Integrity's Praise! Music, Integrity's Hosanna! Music, Sound of the New Breed

This hymn was originally written in 1865 by a Pastor Joseph M. Scriven, as a comfort to his mother who was far across the ocean in Ireland as he was in Canada. He felt that although they were half a world apart they both could find peace that only Christ can give as he expresses that joy in prayer. Paul writes to the Philippians of that peace in Chapter 4, verses 6 & 7:

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all that he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”

Fears and worry of our daily lives, and sinful ways overtake us, yet all we need, is to come to God in prayer and He will comfort us and put away our struggles. We just need to learn to accept God’s will for our lives, His “Amazing Grace” that we certainly don’t deserve. Paul writes to the congregation in Ephesians 2:4-9:

“But¹ God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

“AMAZING GRACE”

Peter Holens & Home Free

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
I was blind but now I see**

**Was Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
Twas grace that led me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.**

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

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.
Than when we first begun.**

Songwriters – Text: John Newton, Tune: W. Walker (a Southern Harmony)
Amazing Grace lyrics © Exploration Group LLC, Mayflower Music Corporation

Trying to make it on our own is the source of many of our self-made problems. It doesn't have to be, when we have a good and gracious God who sent His only Son to become human, who knows what it is like to walk in our shoes. The answer to all our searching is daily walking close to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and putting our trust in Him.

“THERE WAS JESUS”

Zach Williams & Dolly Parton

**Every time I tried to make it on my own
Every time I tried to stand and start to fall
And all those lonely roads that I have travelled on
There was Jesus**

**When the life I built came crashing to the ground
When the friends I had were nowhere to be found
I couldn't see it then but I can see it now
There was Jesus**

In the waiting, in the searching
In the healing and the hurting
Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces
Every minute, every moment
Where I've been and where I'm going
Even when I didn't know it or couldn't see it
There was Jesus

For this man who needs amazing kind of grace (Mmm)
For forgiveness at a price I couldn't pay (Mmm)
I'm not perfect so I thank God every day
There was Jesus (There was Jesus)

In the waiting, in the searching
In the healing and the hurting
Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces
Every minute, every moment
Where I've been and where I'm going
Even when I didn't know it or couldn't see it
There was Jesus

On the mountain, in the valleys (There was Jesus)
In the shadows of the alleys (There was Jesus)
In the fire, in the flood (There was Jesus)
Always is and always was
No I never walk alone (Never walk alone)
You are always there

In the waiting, in the searching
In the healing and the hurting
Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces
Every minute (Every minute), every moment (Every moment)
Where I've been and where I'm going
Even when I didn't know it or couldn't see it
There was Jesus

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Songwriters: Jonathan Smith / Zach Williams / Jonathan Lindley Smith / Casey Michael Beathard / Zachary Williams
There Was Jesus lyrics © Little Louder Songs, Be Essential Songs, Seven Ring Circus Songs

Psalm 31:3-6 says:

*³Since you are my rock and my fortress,
for the sake of your name lead and guide me.
⁴Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,
for you are my refuge.*

⁵ *Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.*
⁶ *I hate those who cling to worthless idols;
as for me, I trust in the LORD.*

Together no hill is too hard to climb, no challenge too great, For he is our “rock” and our salvation.

“ROCK OF AGES”

Amy Grant & Vince Gill

**Rock of ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in Thee
Rock of ages, cleft for me
Let me hide myself in Thee**

**Let the water and the blood
From thy riven side which flowed
Oh, be of sin the double cure
Cleanse me from its guilt and power**

**Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to Thy cross I cling
Nothin' in my hand I bring
Simply to Thy cross I cling**

**Naked, come to Thee for dress
(come to Thee for dress)
Helpless, look to Thee for grace
(Oh, look to Thee for grace)
Vile, I to the fountain fly
Wash me, Savior, or I die**

Instrumental

**Rock of ages (ooh, rock of ages)
Cleft for me (cleft for me)
Let me hide myself in Thee
Rock of ages, cleft for me
Let me hide myself in Thee (in Thee)**

Songwriter: Augustus Toplady

Tune by: Thomas Hastings

Rock of Ages lyrics © Sony/atv Tree Publishing,

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The hymn “Rock of Ages” was originally a poem written by Augustus Toplady and the popular melody we know today was penned by Thomas Hastings. There are numerous tales of Toplady’s reason for writing the words, and as it was not documented exactly what prompted the poem, Toplady, a Church of England minister could have easily gleaned its basis from Psalm 18:2,3:

*The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.*

Our God, our creator, our deliverer. In Him we have all we need. It is almost impossible to imagine someone who could deny the greatness of our God. All one must do is look around in wonder at creation. His perfect creation that our sin ruined. Just to know that in His greatness He still took pity on us and sacrificed His son that we might have eternal life. And then how can our response be anything but the words to our next hymn.

“HOW GREAT THOU ART”

Roy Rogers & Dale Evans

**Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art**

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
How great Thou art, how great Thou art**

Songwriters: Carl Boberg
How Great Thou Art lyrics

It is almost incomprehensible that one could doubt the greatness of our God and His unending love for each and every one of us. Yet as hard as we try not to, many times we turn away from Christ. We choose the darkness of sin, this world, and the devil. We don't listen for the voice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are overcome by the sinful clamor of this world. We turn our backs on the very one who is the only way to salvation. Jesus is always there. Are you listening for His voice as he calls?

“SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING”

Kelly Clarkson, Trisha Yearwood, & Reba

Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling
Calling for you and for me
See on the portals He's waiting and watching
Watching for you and for me

Come home, come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling, "O sinner come home"

O for the wonderful love He has promised
Promised for you and for me
Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me

Come home, come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling, "O sinner come home"

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling for you and for me
See on the portals He's waiting and watching
Watching for you and for me

Come home, come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling, "O sinner come home"
Calling, "O sinner
Come home, Come home"

(Please stand as you are able)

The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th Chapter

Glory to You O Lord (Spoken)

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I

will never believe.”²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20:19-29

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You O Christ (Spoken)

MESSAGE

“GIVE ME JESUS”

Vince Gill

**In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus**

**Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus,
You can have all this world,
Give me Jesus**

**When I am alone
When I am alone
When I am alone, give me Jesus**

**Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus,
You can have all this world,
But give me Jesus**

**And when I come to die
And when I come to die
And when I come to die, give me Jesus**

**Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus,
You can have all this world,
Give me Jesus**

**Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus,
You can have all this world,
You can have all this world,
You can have all this world,
Give me Jesus**

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

The LORD's PRAYER

Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

**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.**

Our final selection, "When I Get Where I'm Going", reminds us of the true reward. This earthly life and the world we know today is only our temporary home. Jesus reminds us in John 14:3:

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

"WHEN I GET WHERE I'M GOING"

Brad Paisley & Dolly Parton

**When I get where I'm going
On the far side of the sky
The first thing that I'm gonna do
Is spread my wings and fly
I'm gonna land beside a lion
And run my fingers through his mane
Or I might find out what it's like
To ride a drop of rain**

**Yeah, when I get where I'm going
Well, there'll be only happy tears
I will shed the sins and struggles
I have carried all these years**



Matthew 6:33

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

[As we pursue new goals and aspirations in April, this verse encourages us to prioritize God’s kingdom above all else. When we do, he promises to take care of our needs.]

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 4/12 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Confirmation
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
10:15 a.m.	Worship

Mon 4/13 Office Closed

Tues 4/14	9:00 a.m. - 12:00p.m.	Pastor’s Office Hours
	10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Office Hours
	7:00 p.m.	Special Council Meeting

Wed 4/15	10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study

Thurs 4/16	10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Pastor’s Office Hours

Fri 4/17 Office Closed

Sat 4/18	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service w/Communion
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Sun 4/19 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 a.m.	Confirmation
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
10:15 a.m.	Worship w/Communion
	Grave Decoration Day/ Church Under the Trees with Potluck Dinner after

Have a Blessed Week!



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.

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Maundy Thursday Service April 2, 2026 General \$460.00; **Total: \$460.00**

Attendance: Worship – 34

Sunrise Service April 5, 2026 Youth \$1,508.00, Youth(Camp) \$150.00, SS Mission \$99.44; **Total: \$1,757.44**

Attendance: Worship – 62

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026 General \$3,212.00, MOM (April) – North TX Disaster WHS \$500.00, Old Stone Church \$525.00, Building \$185.00, Youth \$20.00, Organ \$25.00; **Total: \$4,467.00**

Attendance: Worship – 113, Sunday School - 15 Children, 4 Teachers, No Adult Study

NALC WAREHOUSE & NALC WAREHOUSE-ROSENBERG

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

NALC Disaster Response

What's in a Flood Bucket?

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

What's in a Heath Care Kit?

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

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

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

During the month of April, our collection items will be **RUBBER, COTTON, OR LEATHER GLOVES** for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

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

Mission of the Month for April

NORTH TX

DISASTER WAREHOUSE IN TYLER

We chose the North Texas Disaster Warehouse in Tyler in response to a letter received from Bob Tardiff, the coordinator. They want to insulate their metal building to maintain moderate temperatures to house the large amounts of liquids along with bleach and other requested cleaners. It is important they don't freeze. This request has been issued to every congregation in the North TX/OK Mission District. The cost of the closed cell foam insulation is \$4,527.

Should they receive above this amount, those funds will only be used for disaster response.

Deadline for St. John Ev. Lutheran Church Scholarship-APPLY NOW!!!

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church is excited to offer scholarships to support the youth in our congregation with their college or vocational education. If you're a member of St. John and are currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a college, university, or trade school, we encourage you to apply! **Deadline to apply: May 29, 2026**
Applications are available at the church office.

Grave Decoration Service Under the Trees

The Grave Decoration Service Under the Trees will be on **Sunday, April 19, 2026**. A Pot Luck Luncheon will be held in the parish hall following the service. Please bring one meat dish and one side dish or dessert. Hope to see you there!

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, April 12, 2026 – **Property Team Meeting @ 8 AM**

– **Confirmation @ 9 AM**

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – **Special Council Meeting @ 7 PM**

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 – **Quilters @ 1:30 PM**

– **Men's Bible Study @ 7 PM**

– **DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR NALC YOUTH GATHERING**

Saturday, April 18, 2026 – **Evening Worship Service with Communion in the Parish Hall @ 6 PM**

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, April 19, 2026 – **Confirmation @ 9 AM**

– **Grave Decoration Day/Church Under the Trees with Communion**

– **Potluck Lunch after Church Service**

Monday, April 20, 2026 – **4-H Meeting @ 6:30 PM**

– **Finance Team Meeting @ 7 PM**

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – **Pastor @ CAMAL House**

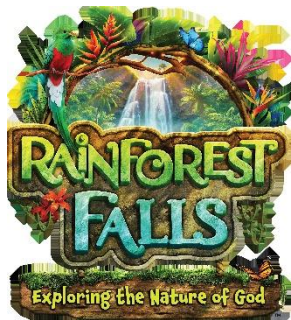
Wednesday, April 22, 2026 – **Quilters @ 1:30 PM**

Thursday, April 23, 2026 – **Committee Reports Due**

Friday, April 24, 2026 – **Newsletter Deadline**

Saturday, April 25, 2026 – **Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall @ 6 PM**

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

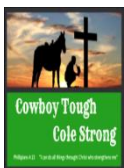


2026 Vacation Bible School – Rainforest Falls

Join us at St. John for Vacation Bible School July 27–31 from 8:30 a.m.–noon! Children ages 4-12 will journey into the misty rainforest to discover the wonder of God's creation and learn how God is our Creator, our refuge, and our forever friend through Bible stories, music, games, and hands-on activities. Registration is now open: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/3GMyD0KAc4>.

We are also looking for volunteers to help bring VBS to life! Help is needed with planning, decorating, organizing, teaching, leading activity rotations, and cleanup. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Rachel Nessel or Kathy Dunn.

PRAYER REQUESTS



+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole: Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (March 21, 2026):

Hello everyone! Well over due for an update on Cole so I figured I'd post something. Cole is staying healthy and doing well. He did take the spring semester off for college but plans to get back at it in the fall. He still faithfully walks on his machine and uses his robotic arm machine twice weekly as well as working at home. He has been helping his Dad get his spraying business off the ground and helping me with billing which has been such a huge help. I know he'd much rather be out there working side by side with his Dad but until then I'm grateful he can contribute in this way. Cole is very sharp and organized so he's been a blessing. I also wanted to share the flyer for the annual fundraiser for Cole's foundation coming up in May. As a lot of you know this is one of Cole's favorite events of the year. The mission of this foundation is to raise funds to help pay for therapy for those with no insurance or limited insurance. We are also branching out to help pay for medical equipment, supplies, or care for those who need it as well. This is a cause close to our hearts and we'd like to personally invite all of you to this amazing event! I'll include the flyer but if you'd like to come and are having trouble booking online just message me. With that I'll close and thank you all dearly for all your continued prayers for Cole's healing. Keep praying-his miracle is coming.♥

+ 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, Kevin Bodden, Carol Ann Sagebiel, John Swannack, Feather Diebel, Jeff Zengerle; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.



Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus & Carol Ann Sagebiel

SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER



Now, this one fact, that one so exalted as Christ himself, the only and eternal Son of God, has trod the path of suffering before us, enduring unlimited distress, agony transcending the power of humanity to experience—this alone should be enough to admonish and urge anyone to patiently endure affliction.

~Martin Luther~

Sermon on 1 Peter

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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.

