

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
April 19, 2026**

**GRAVE DECORATION SUNDAY
Church Under the Trees**



You were redeemed...
with Christ's precious blood.

1 Peter 1:18-19

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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GRAVE DECORATION SUNDAY

Church Under the Trees

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Greeters This Week: Archie & Virginia Abrameit

Greeters Next Week: The Newman Family

Reader This Week: Kathy Dunn

Reader Next Week: Shelby Newman

Acolyte This Week: Kyler Leist

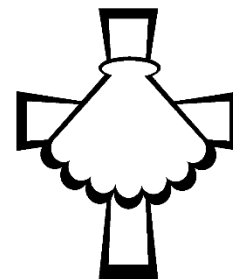
Acolyte Next Week: Levi Moritz

Altar Guild This Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Altar Guild Next Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

Communion Assistant This Month: Pam Haun

Communion Assistant Next Month: Wanda Hays



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.

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

The Gospel for today recalls how two disciples were able to see the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. Though he appeared to many on the day of his resurrection, not everyone was able to see him and know his true identity. In the bread and wine of Holy Communion, we are promised a place where we will always be met by Christ, a place where his promises are continually proclaimed anew.

PRELUDE:

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

L Christ has risen from the dead.

C God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.

WELCOME AND WORSHIP NOTES

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.

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

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

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

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

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 (*Spoken*)

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 mercy and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord have mercy.**

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

C **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE (*Sung*)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.** (*Spoken*)

L Let us pray

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

³⁶“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 116:1-12

¹I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

²**The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.**

³Then I called upon the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”

⁴**Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.**

⁵The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought very low, and he helped me.

⁶**Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well.**

⁷For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

⁸**I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

⁹I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought very low.”
In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”

¹⁰**How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?**

¹¹I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

¹²**I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

GOSPEL VERSE (*Sung*)

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:13-35

L The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

¹³That very day two of {Jesus' followers} were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

L The Gospel of the Lord

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

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“In the Garden”

¹I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, Falling on my ear, The song of God discloses.

Refrain:

And He walks with me, and he talks with me,

And He tells me I am his own;

And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

²He speaks, and the sound of his voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody That he gave to me Within my heart is ringing. *[Refrain]*

³I'd stay in the garden with him Tho' the night around me be falling,
But he bids me go; Thro' the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling. *[Refrain]*

Stand as you are able.

P God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith together:

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father, the 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 arose 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 the 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."

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

C Amen

Please be seated

TEMPLE TALK - Old Stone Church Historical Committee President, Bruce A. Weise

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: *(All loose and non-designated offerings received today will go to the maintenance of the Old Stone Church. Thank you!)*

Stand as you are able

OFFERTORY *(Sung)*

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. 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 our gracious love. Receive them for the same of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you. *(Spoken)*

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 our thanks and praise.

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

C *(Sung)* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

L Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

That all those who believe in him should not perish,

But have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation

You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

That we may receive our Lord

With a living faith as he comes to us

In his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

L Come for the Lord's Table is ready. *(Sung)*

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

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

C Amen

POST COMMUNION *(Sung)*

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

Let us pray;

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

HYMN:

“The Old Stone Church in the Vale” (modified)

¹There’s a church in the val-ley by the twelve mile, No love-li-er place in the dale;
No spot is so dear to my child-hood. As the old sto-ne church in the vale.

*Chorus: O, come, come, come, come, come, To the church by the twelve mile,
O come to the church in the dale. No spot is so dear to my child-hood,
As the old sto-ne church in the vale.*

²How sweet on a clear Sab-bath morn-ing, To list to the clear ringing bell;
It’s tones so sweetly are call-ing, O come to the church in the vale. [*Chorus*]

³From the church in the valley by the twelve mile, When day fades away into night,
I would fain from this spot of my child-hood, Wing my way to the mansions of light. [*Chorus*]

After the singing of the hymn, we gather around the cemetery for the Graveside Service Honoring the Deceased.

GRAVESIDE SERVICE HONORING THE DECEASED

L Let us pray. Almighty God, by the death and burial of Jesus, you have destroyed death and sanctified the graves of all saints. Keep our brothers and sisters, whose bodies are here laid to rest, in the company of all saints and, at the last day, raise them up to share with all faithful people the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord.

C Amen

PSALM 23 (read responsively)

L The LORD is my shepherd;

C I shall not want.

L He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

C he leadeth me beside the still waters.

L He restoreth my soul:

C he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

L Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

C for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

L Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

C thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

L Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

C and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Jesus Loves Me”

**¹Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.**

Chorus:

***Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

**²Jesus loves me! He who died,
Heaven’s gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let his little child come in. *[Chorus]***

**³Jesus loves me! He will stay,
Close beside me, all the way;
If I love him when I die,
He will take me home on high. *[Chorus]***

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.

Grave Decoration Sunday & Church Under the Trees



LOG CHURCH - 1851

All are invited to join us for a potluck lunch to be served immediately following the Worship service in the Parish Hall.

All visitors are welcome to join us for the potluck even if you haven't brought a dish. We'll have plenty! Please stay awhile after lunch and take a stroll thru the cemetery and Old Stone Church!.



STONE CHURCH - 1866



Psalm 46:10

“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

[In the midst of April’s busy renewal, this verse calls us to be still and recognize God’s sovereignty. It’s a reminder to pause and reflect on His greatness.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN



Sun 4/19

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER GRAVE DECORATION SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.

Confirmation

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

Adult Study

10:15 a.m.

Worship – Communion

GRAVE DECORATION DAY

Church Under the Trees

Pot Luck Luncheon

Mon 4/20

Office Closed

6:30 p.m.

4-H Meeting

Tues 4/21

Pastor @ CAMAL House

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

Office Hours

Wed 4/22

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

Office Hours

1:30 p.m.

Quilters

6:00 p.m.

Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Finance Team Meeting

Thurs 4/23

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Office Hours

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

Pastor’s Office Hours

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

Fri 4/24

Office Closed

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

Sat 4/25

6:00 p.m.

Evening Worship Service

Next Sun. FOURTH 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-Communion

Have a Blessed Week!

Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors.

If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John’s.

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



OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Saturday, April 11, 2026 General \$20.00; Total: \$20.00

Attendance: Worship – 5

Sunday, April 12, 2026 General \$3,827.00, Sunday School \$55.05, Cemetery \$20.00, Building \$20.00, Youth \$20.00, VBS \$30.00; Total: \$3,972.05

Attendance: Worship – 59, Sunday School – 2 Children, 3 Teachers, Adult Study – 8

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A COPY OF THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER
BEFORE IT EVER GOES IN THE MAIL AND SAVE MONEY AS WELL?**

If so, contact the church office at stjohnvlutheran@juno.com or by phone (361-277-8653) with your email address and we will be happy to send you The Church Bell via your email. This will save the church money spent on postage, paper, and copying. What a great stewardship idea!!!

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!

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.

Altar Flowers in Old Stone Church

Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God and in memory of those who have attained their eternal home.

Grave Decoration Service Under the Trees TODAY

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.

If you didn't bring a dish, please stay, we will have plenty!

All are welcome to stay! Hope to see you there!

6th Annual Kickin' It for COWS 2026

- Friday, May 8, 2026 -

Doors open at 5:00 PM. Bingo starts at 6:30 PM ~ Friar Ag Center, Cuero, TX

For tickets & more information call (361)648-6147 or (361)550-8856 or (361)645-4808

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 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

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – Pastor @ CAMAL House

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

– Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting @ 6 PM

– Finance Team Meeting @ 7 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.

Sunday, April 26, 2026 – Confirmation

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 – Council Meeting @ 7 PM

Wednesday, April 29, 2026 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

– Youth Group, 6:30 to 8:00 PM

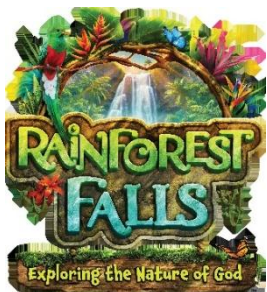
Saturday, May 2, 2026 – Evening Worship Service with Communion in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

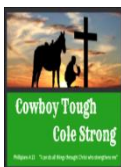
2026 Vacation Bible School – Rainforest Falls

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, 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

A Prayer for Rain to Revive the Rivers

Gracious Lord, the rivers are running low, and we fear the impact this will have on the land and the people who rely on them. We ask that You send the rain that will revive the rivers, filling them with fresh, life-giving [water](#). Let the rivers flow freely once more, providing nourishment to the land and sustaining all who depend on them. We trust in Your ability to restore what has been depleted, and we thank You for the gift of rain that will bring renewal. May the rivers be a testament to Your grace and provision. Amen.

Psalm 65:9 ~ "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: Father, we thank You for the rivers that bring life to the land and all who dwell upon it. We pray for the rain that will fill the rivers and renew the earth, providing for the needs of all living things. May the rivers flow as a sign of Your abundant grace, and may we always be mindful of Your provision. As we wait for the rain, fill us with hope and gratitude for Your constant care. Amen.

https://prayerlit.com/prayers-for-rain/#google_vignette



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

Now when we are called again to the Word of God, our hearts
Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2026 Proclamation Points
The following are some thoughts and questions to be used for a text study on the weekly lessons, or for jump-starting the imagination of the preacher and hearer in preparing for the proclamation event. burn and are kindled as the Scriptures are opened to us; but we recognize Christ first only when he breaks to us the bread of his Word, that is, when he becomes a teacher in every heart, and he sets before us the bread, i.e., his Word.

~ Martin Luther ~

Sermon on the Chief Article of Our Faith, 1524

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Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org to view weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters.

For those on church premises wishing to worship in their vehicles, tune in to FM 101.5 at 10:15 a.m. Sunday mornings.

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

