

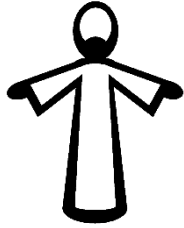
**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
May 17, 2026**

**Seventh Sunday in Easter
Confirmation Sunday**



1 Peter 5:9

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Seventh Sunday in Easter Confirmation Sunday Sunday, May 17, 2026

Greeters This Week: Marv & Norrean Sager
Greeters Next Week: Margie & John Swannack
Reader This Week: Ayla Nessel
Reader Next Week: Cathie Bettge
Acolyte This Week:
Acolyte Next Week:
Altar Guild This Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden
Altar Guild Next Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander
Communion Assistant This Month: Wanda Hays
Communion Assistant Next Month: Johnny Jank



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. 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

After Jesus ascended into heaven to sit at God's right hand, the eleven remaining disciples regrouped to carry on the mission of Christ on earth. Jesus' prayer for them was that they would be one — that their unity would be their defining quality as a group and would serve them well in the mission at hand. They must choose who will replace Judas among them; it must be one who shares the same Spirit.

PRELUDE: *“Prelude and Fugue in A Minor”* **Johann Sebastian 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: *“The Church's One Foundation”*

LBW #369

**¹The Church's one Foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation, By water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.**

**²Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.**

**³Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.**

**⁴Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.**

**⁵Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
That we, like saints before us, May see you face to face.**

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

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

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray,

C O King of Glory and Lord of countless angels, in triumph you ascended to the highest heaven. Abandon us not to be orphans, but keep your Father's promise to send your Spirit of truth. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children will sing "Jesus Loves Me" while playing the bells.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-26

¹²Then {the disciples} returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about ¹²⁰) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms, 'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and 'Let another take his office.' ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 68:1-10

¹Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.

**²Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

**⁴Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens;
Yahweh is his name, rejoice before him!**

⁵Father of orphans, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation!

**⁶God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

**⁸The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; you refreshed the land when it was weary.

**¹⁰Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Stand as you are able

GOSPEL VERSE

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

Please be seated

GOSPEL READING: John 17:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. ⁶I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON HYMN:

“Who You Say I Am”

“Who am I that the highest King would
 welcome me?
 I was lost, but He brought me in
 Oh, His love for me
 Oh, His love for me

 Who the Son sets free
 Oh, is free indeed
 I'm a child of God, yes, I am

 Free at last, He has ransomed me
 His grace runs deep
 While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me
 Yes, He died for me

 Who the Son sets free
 Oh, is free indeed
 I'm a child of God, yes, I am
 In my Father's house
 There's a place for me
 I'm a child of God, yes, I am

I am chosen, not forsaken
 I am who You say I am
 You are for me, not against me
 I am who You say I am

 I am chosen, not forsaken
 I am who You say I am
 You are for me, not against me
 I am who You say I am
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 In my Father's house
 There's a place for me
 I'm a child of God, yes, I am”

CCLI for it is 7102401, the song writers are Ben Fielding and Rueben Morgan, and it is performed by Hillsong Worship.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray:

Leader: Heavenly Father, as you have given us the gift of life, and the gifts of thinking and acting, and feeling, so give us the gift of you Holy Spirit.

People: **That we may make of our lives a response of loving service in your name.**

Leader: As you have given us new birth in baptism, so gather us together as your people.

People: **That we may live as Christ to our world and witness His love to our generation.**

Leader: Gather old and young, men and women, boys and girls, into common tasks for you.

People: **For we are all your children, each with his own strength to contribute to your work.**

Leader: Forgive our frailties, and our sinning, and our blindness to doing your will.

People: **And once forgiven, strengthen us in the new life in Christ.**

Leader: We ask you to help parents be your channels of guidance and caring to their children.

People: **Building on their baptism the knowledge of you, their Lord, and your love for them.**

Leader: We ask you to help young people accept the responsibilities of loyalty and commitment to you.

People: **Strengthening our church in vitality and vision and enthusiasm.**

Leader: We ask you to help young people respect those of experience who have and are now serving your church.

People: Preserving the wisdom and knowledge of the past as a firm foundation for change and development.

Leader: We ask you to make all of us the means by which you reach to the needy, the troubled, the lonely, the sorrowful.

People: That one day we may stand among those who are already welcomed into your eternal kingdom

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: "I Love Thee" Franklin Ritter

(Please use the yellow envelopes for cash 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 the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
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, 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.

L Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

C

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.

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

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek 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.**

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:

“Song of Triumph”

David E. Wion



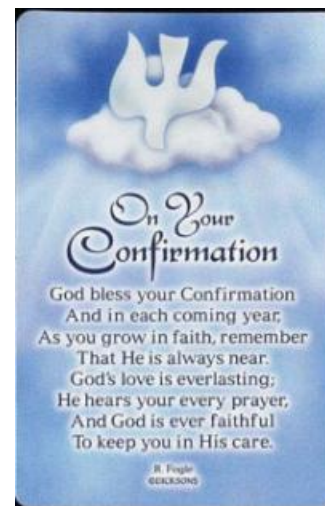
Celebrating their Confirmation

*Congratulations to our newest Confirmand on a job well done!
May God continue to bless you always!*

Kyler Cash Leist

Kyler is the son of Nicole & John Bauer and
Trandon & Samantha Leist.

He was born on March 11, 2013 and was baptized at
St. John Lutheran Church, Meyersville on August 25, 2013.





Hebrews 12:1

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”

[Encouraging perseverance, this verse reminds us to shed burdens and run our spiritual race with focus. May is a time to renew our commitment to our faith journey, inspired by those who have gone on before us.]

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

With graduation on Friday, I'm not sure when I will be in the office. If you need something, please call me. My son is my priority this week, but I will definitely do what I can when I can if anyone should need something. Thank you! ~ Meliss



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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Sun 5/17 Seventh Sunday in Easter

Confirmation Sunday

8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
10:15 a.m. Worship w/Communion
~ **Confirmation – *Kyler Cash Leist*** ~
11:30 a.m. Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting



Mon 5/18

Office Closed
6:30 p.m. 4-H Meeting

Tues 5/19

Pastor @ CAMAL House
??? Office Hours

Wed 5/20

??? Office Hours
1:30 p.m. Quilters
6:00 p.m. Mission/Evangelism Team Meeting
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Thurs 5/21

??? Office Hours
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
*****Committee Reports Due*****

Fri 5/22

Office Closed
*****Newsletter Deadline*****

Sat 5/23

**Next Sun. Day of Pentecost
Memorial Day Service**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
10:15 a.m. Worship-Memorial Day Service

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Saturday, May 9, 2026 General \$60.00; **Total: \$60.00**

Attendance: Worship – 11

Sunday, May 10, 2026 General \$2,243.00, MOM (May) Call Sign Victor \$140.00, Sunday School \$24.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Old Stone Church \$250.00, Building \$540.00, Youth \$40.00, Organ \$250.00;

Total: \$2,740.00

Attendance: Worship –84, Sunday School – 10 Children, 3 Teachers, Adult Study – 11

NALC WAREHOUSE & NALC WAREHOUSE-ROSENBERG

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

NALC Disaster Response

What's in a Flood Bucket?

1 five gallon bucket with lid (*check at schools, restaurants, donut shops*)

1 roll paper towels (*Walmart \$0.68*)

1 powder scouring cleanser(like comet) (*Walmart \$0.88*)

1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso)
(*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)

1 bottle bleach – small! (1/2 gal. or smaller)
(*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)

1 scrub brush (*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)

1 pair rubber gloves (size L preferred, reusable)
(*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)

1 pair leather gloves(size L preferred)(*H Depot 3pk/\$6.00*)

1 pair cotton gloves (size L preferred)(*H Depot \$1 ea. or Walmart 6pk/\$5.00*)

2 large contractor trash bags (3 mil)

2 rags (*cut up old bath or beach towels, dish towels, wash cloths*)

What's in a 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!

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!

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

During the month of May, our collection items will be **ANY HEALTH CARE KIT ITEMS** for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

Mission of the Month for May

Call Sign Victor

(Previously known as Christian Warrior's Retreat)

Call Sign Victor is a peer led, non-clinical, Christian faith-based organization committed to serving our veterans, first responders, and their loving families. Our organization's foundation is firmly entrenched in military traditions that unify all branches of the United States military and first responders, of all eras. We do this by establishing an atmosphere of honor, trust, comfort and safety so that veterans, first responders and their families have the opportunity to work through those mental and moral injuries that were sustained during time of service. The Call Sign Victor community helps our members heal from traumas while guiding them arm-in-arm through proven steps to re-establish relationships, purpose, and identity through peer-led exercises. We believe that with Christ, all things are possible.

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.

Special Children's Performance Today

We want to send out a special thank you to our Sunday School children who will sing "Jesus Loves Me" while playing the bells during the children's message. What a special way to celebrate the Lord and Kyler's confirmation!!! Thank you!!!

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.



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, May 17, 2026 – CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

- Property Team Meeting @ 8 AM
- Worship Service with Communion @ 10:15 AM
- Life-to-Life Discipleship meeting @ 11:30 AM



Please bring a covered dish to share.

Monday, May 18, 2026 – 4-H Meeting @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 – Pastor @ CAMAL House

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

- Mission/Evangelism Team Meeting @ 6 PM
- Men's Bible Study @ 7 PM

Thursday, May 21, 2026 – Committee Reports Due

Friday, May 22, 2026 – Newsletter Deadline

- High School Graduations



Sunday, May 24, 2026 – Day of Pentecost

- Memorial Day Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

Monday, May 25, 2026 – Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 – Primary Runoff Elections in Parish Hall 7 AM to 7 PM

- Council Meeting @ 7 PM

Wednesday, May 27, 2026 – Old Stone Church Meeting @ 9 AM

- Quilters @ 1:30 PM
- Youth Group @ 6 PM

Friday, May 29, 2026 – Scholarship Deadline

Saturday, May 30, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service

Sunday, May 31, 2026 – Holy Trinity Sunday

- Graduation Sunday
- Worship Service @ 10:15 AM



Graduation Sunday

Graduation Sunday at St. John is on the horizon. We will be recognizing all 2026 Kinder, 8th grade, High School & College Graduates during this upcoming service. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board or email: stjohnelutheran@juno.com with your graduate's information for the bulletin or drop it by the church office.



GRADUATION SUNDAY WILL BE MAY 31, 2026.

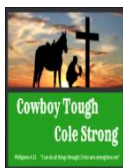
St. John ~ Memorial Day Service

We will have a Memorial Day service on **Sunday, May 24, 2026** to honor & remember all Military Men & Women. We have a running list for the bulletin that we have used the last several years. If someone has passed away in the past year, or you know of any new military personnel, please let the office know by calling or texting 361-277-8653 or by emailing us at stjohnelutheran@juno.com. Thank you!



Note: The Gabriel Project (the baby bottle) will be in the narthex from Mother's Day to Father's Day if anyone would like to make a donation. Thank you!

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

Austin Burns, 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
Philip Child, Captain, United States Air
Force, McConnell Air Force Base,
Wichita, Kansas

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, Virginia Jank; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

Whoever does not know God hidden in suffering does not know God at all.

~ Martin Luther ~



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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.

