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June 2026 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Ministers - The People of St. John
Pastor - The Rev. John Boor
Organist - Bruce A. Weise

WORSHIP

Sunday School for All Ages 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:15 a.m.

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first & third Sunday of each month. Welcome to all new members!



THE CHURCH BELL
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Greetings,

We have all heard the phrases, “fair weather fan” and “faithful fan.” A faithful fan will continue to cheer and promote his team no matter how poorly it’s doing. A fair-weather fan will only root for his team if it’s doing well. Such fans have even been known to switch allegiance in the middle of the season.

Can there be such categories for Christians - faithful and fair weather? Yes. In the parable of the sower Jesus talked about those people who at first receive the Word of God with joy but then turn away from it when trials and temptations come.

The Apostle Paul encourages us to be faithful Christians. Not just because that’s our duty but because Christ is faithful to us. Paul assures us that although we might have to go through some trying times as Christians, Jesus will never disappoint us like our favorite teams do. Be Faithful to the Faithful One by confessing his gospel, performing his work, and trusting his promises.

Just because Jesus lives, however, doesn’t mean that life will be easy. Paul knew that firsthand as he wrote, *“This is my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God’s word is not chained. 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory”* (2 Tim. 2:8b-10).

It was the gospel message that had caused Paul to be chained up like a common criminal, yet he remained faithful in proclaiming it. Why? Because he knew that while chains might hold him down, the message of Christ was up and running, working in the hearts of the people to whom he had preached. Paul was faithful in performing the Lord’s work even if meant suffering because he knew that the message he preached saved others.

Faithfully carrying out God’s work doesn’t come without hardship. Perhaps it has already caused friction in your family, or destroyed friendships. If so, it must not always seem to be worth it. Still, the Apostle Paul encourages us to remain faithful because Jesus is faithful to his promise of giving us eternal life. Paul wrote, *“Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; 13 if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself”* (2 Tim. 2:11-13).

When we realize how faithful our Lord is to us it’s not difficult to see how we will want to be faithful to him. Therefore, be faithful to the faithful one, even if it means hardship or ridicule. Be faithful even unto death because God will bring your life not just to a happy ending, but to happiness unending.

God’s blessings

Pastor John

If you or a family member is in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Church office (361-277-8653) or Pastor John Boor (361-243-0373). Due to the privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify pastors when a member is admitted or treated. If you know of anyone being taken to the hospital (emergency or otherwise), or who is seriously ill please call.

ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT NUMBERS
CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor - John Boor 361- 243-0373
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St. John office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. If you would need immediate assistance outside of office hours, text or call Melissa at 361-649-0413.

ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER/NAME CHANGES

Please notify the Church Office as soon as possible of any change in mailing addresses, and/or phone numbers, and/or name changes. Thank you!

If any elderly person, or youth, needs a ride to Church or youth events, please notify the pastor so arrangements can be made to accommodate these needs.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the July 2026 Church Bell is Friday, June 19, 2026 by 9:00 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to stjohnevlutheran@juno.com. Thanks!



**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 by email at stjohnevlutheran@juno.com or by phone (361-277-8653) by call or text 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!!!

Do you have an idea?

Is there something at the church that you think needs fixing or changing? The Church Council and Committee Members would like to have your input. Please feel free to use the 'suggestion box' in the Narthex to pass on your ideas, suggestions, and concerns. Remember, this is your church and your opinion matters. We are eager to hear from you!

BUSY BAGS IN CHURCH

Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to use. These bags have quiet activities for children to enjoy during Worship. The tote bags have items that younger children might be interested in. Grab a bag on your way in to church, but please "bee" sweet and return it after the service.



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.

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, U.S. 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
- Travis Zavesky – United States Army
- Austin Burns – United States Army
- Philip Child – Captain, United States Air Force, McConnell Air Force Base, Wichita, Kansas



CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

Please remember these individuals in your prayers: Hunter Jacob, Cole Ohrt, Ryon Preslar, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy F. 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, Pam Ficklen, Stacey Nelson, MayDell Jacob, Caroline Blain, Nancy Butler, Jonathan Pokluda, Kay Nagel, Kevin Bodden, John Swannack, Carol Ann Sagebiel, 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

Prayer requests 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.

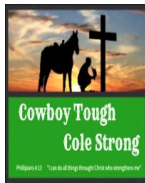


+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:

Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (March 22, 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)*



Mission of the Month of June Lutheran Church of South Sudan

The mission of the Lutheran Church of South Sudan is to share the hope of Christ with vulnerable South Sudanese refugees through education, training, and support. Their goal is to see lives changed as people are empowered and equipped to share that hope with others. At their seminary and college, they are preparing and equipping faithful leaders to proclaim the Gospel and to fulfill the Great Commission. LCSS confesses the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. To all who believe the Gospel ~is the power of God for the salvation.

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

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

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.*

Are you in need of a home for gently used prayer materials?

Used Portals of Prayers are also being collected and delivered to Victoria Christian Assistance Ministries in Victoria. If you have questions, please contact Cathie Bettge or Meliss Eckhardt. Thank you!

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
- 1 shampoo at least 4 ozs. (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
- 1 toothpaste - individually sealed (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

Used Bibles/Prayer Books

Gently Used Bibles in any language
Prayer Books
Children's Bible Stories

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!

CHURCH & OTHER HAPPENINGS

Sunday School

Deepen your faith, connect with friends, and grow closer to God by joining us every Sunday at 9 am for Sunday School.

All youth are welcome—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~



Women's Bible Study will now be meeting monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 12:30 PM at the Parsonage.

Mens's Bible Study will be meeting on June 17th. Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday monthly, unless otherwise noted.

Life-to-Life Discipleship – Watch bulletins for next meeting dates.



The Quilters will be meeting in the parsonage each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Come and join the bee! Donations of clean used sheets & pillowcases can be used. Please leave on the table on the stage.



Youth Group
Watch bulletins for next meeting date.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to bring fresh flowers to church for the altar on the first Sunday of any month, please let the church office recognize you in the bulletin. Flowers can also be given in memory or honor of someone. Flowers can be put on the pedestals any Sunday as long as they are not being used for another purpose. Flowers DO NOT have to be purchased from a florist. Summer garden flowers are beautiful and adorning. The Altar Guild does have a few guidelines as to the size and placement of the bouquet(s) and vases so just contact one of the members or call the church office.

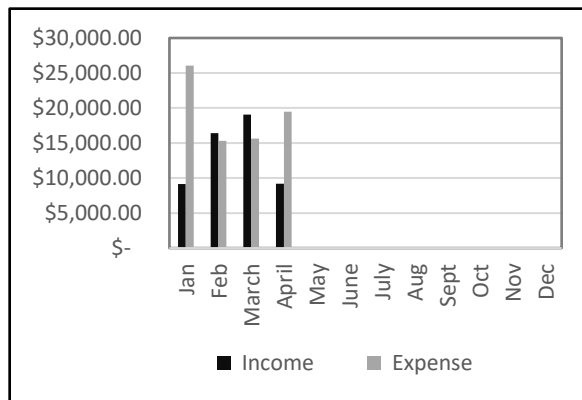


SOME FYIs for YOU

- June 2 – Worship Team Meeting @ 7 PM
- June 3 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM
- June 6 – Graveside Service for Leon Dohmann
– Evening Worship Service-
with Communion @ 6 PM
- June 7 – Worship Service @ 10:15 AM with
Communion
- June 10 – Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor
@ 10 AM
– Women's Bible Study @ 12:30 PM
– Quilters @ 1:30 PM
- June 11 – Pastor @ Mission District Pastor's
Meeting in Hallettsville
- June 13 – Evening Worship Service @ 6 PM
- June 14 – Property Team Meeting @ 8 AM
– Worship Service @ 10:15 AM
- June 15 – Finance Team Meeting @ 7 PM
- June 17 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM
– Men's Bible Study @ 7 PM
- June 18 – Committee Reports Due
- June 19 – Newsletter Articles Due
- June 20 – Evening Worship Service-
with Communion @ 6 PM
- June 21 – Worship Service @ 10:15 AM with
Communion
- June 23 – Pastor @ CAMAL House
– Council Meeting @ 7PM
- June 24 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM
- June 27 – Evening Worship Service @ 6 PM
- June 28 – Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

Portals of Prayer

Both pocket size and large print April-June Portals of Prayer are available in the narthex.



General Fund – 2026 Income vs Expenses
General Fund chart without Designated Giving funds.

Church Council Minutes ~ April 28, 2026

Members Present: Lloyd Copeland, Marv Sager, Glenn Ruschhaupt, John Boor, Kathy Dunn, M'Liss Moore, and Cathie Bettge

Call to Order: Glenn Ruschhaupt called the meeting to order

Opening Devotion and Prayer: Marv Sager read a devotion from Billy Graham

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting: Kathy Dunn made a motion to approve the March council minutes. Cathie Bettge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Report: Report presented by M'Liss Moore. The insurance claim payment for the November 2025 hail damage has been received.

Pastor's Report:

I will be on vacation from 5-11-26 thru 5-16-26.

Pastor Tim in Yorktown will be covering any emergencies for me.

I have talked to two pastors in reference to placing pictures on social media. One has no policy; they just post them. The other has parents sign a release when they sign their children up for any church activity. I have not had a confirmation one way or the other from the NALC.

We will have confirmation on Sunday 5-17-26.

Added information by Pastor - Pastor Boor was asked by the NALC at large to be a mentor for Mark Stroman who is studying to be an ordained pastor at St. John Church in Goliad.

Old Business:

None reported

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance Team Report:

Our committee met Wednesday April 22, 2026. The attendees were Marvin Sager, Pastor John, Pam Haun and Laurie Wendel. We discussed the financial report and had some questions on some of the expenditures, which we will look into further. Marvin gave an update on the repairs to our buildings and the cost. We also discussed changing how we are paying our ATT bill. We agreed that paying it ACH would be the best since ATT is charging to use a credit card. Our next meeting will be June 15, 2026. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Sincerely, Laurie Wendel

Mission/Evangelism Team:

Mission Team did not meet in April.

May Mission of the Month: Christian Warrior's Retreat

May Disaster Collection: any Health Care Kit items

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 @ 6 pm in parish hall

Added information by Cathie Betthge--Our NALC Disaster Response will no longer be accepting gift cards to distribute after a disaster. They will accept a check made out to North American Lutheran Church with "NALC Disaster Response indicated on the memo line. If you prefer you may donate online at the following website thenalc.org/give. Physical donations will continue to be collected by our church and accepted at our Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse.

Parish Life Team:

April Report- Parish Life Committee 4-16-2026

Our team met at the Parish Hall to discuss our committee's needs and responsibilities for April. We cooked and served for the pancake breakfast following the Easter Sunrise Service on April 5. Approximately 70 attended. Donations benefitted our youth program.

We planned the pot luck meal to follow Grave Decoration Day-Church Under the Trees to be held April 19. Our committee will meet Saturday, April 18 to set up tables and chairs for that meal. Bev reported that 2 Get Well Cards have been sent at this time.

Parish Ed Team Report:

Parish Ed Committee Report April 23, 2026

Our planned meeting for April had to be postponed and

we are planning to reschedule soon.

Sunday School attendance on Palm Sunday and the Palm Leaf Processional and song in church was 19 youth and 4 teachers. We received many compliments on our song with tambourines, "Be Bold". Joie Caskey also gave a memorable introduction.

The Youth Group Breakfast Taco Sale was very successful. The youth each brought their share of the Breakfast Tacos and over 100 were sold!

The Youth Group presented the Sunrise Service in the church sanctuary at 7:30 am. Nine Youth led us through the Resurrection Events through prayer and Bible Reading and modern songs. Afterwards the Youth Group and adult volunteers held a Pancake Breakfast for all. There were about 60 in attendance.

Attendance for Easter Sunday School was 15 youth and 4 teachers. The youth helped tell and learn the Resurrection Story through the "Resurrection Eggs", helping to open each of 12 Easter Eggs, and telling the meaning of the donkey, the whip, the sword, the crown of thorns, the rooster, the pieces of silver, the stone, the linen cloth, the praying hands, the 3 nails, and the empty tomb.

Camp Lone Star (July 5-10): 10 youth (members and non) have signed up so far.

VBS (July 27-31): 20 youth have signed up so far. Colorful Postcard Flyers were sent to area schools with lots of information about the Theme "Rainforest Falls"! 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.

Regular Attendance at Sunday School continues to be low. Not counting Palm Sunday and Easter, the average attendance over the past 13 months was 5 students. We continue to brain storm for how we can encourage more parents to send their children to Sunday School and church. The Three-Year Strategic Roadmap is also addressing this issue.

We are also offering the Life-to-Life Discipleship Bible Study as well as our Women's and Men's Bible Studies every month to encourage our Parish Education.

Kathy Dunn

Worship Team:

Worship team met on April 7 2026.

Members present: Johnny Jank, Bruce Weise, Le Ann Jander, Candy Cowley, Beverly Bodden and Brenda Gohmert

Old Business: Communion Assistants ready to be trained

Saturday Service is in Newsletter

Communion Cards have been delivered
Organ Programming is still a work in progress
New Business: Church under trees which was moved due to weather

Contemporary songs were discussed and after reviewing previous Agenda information it was decided on June 5, 2026 that we would sing one contemporary song a month. With no further discussion we picked songs and closed with the Lord's Prayer

Property Team Report:

Meeting Date – April 12, 2026

Members Present – Vance Egg, John Boor, and Marv Sager

Items Completed: Parsonage cleaned; Restroom and various kitchen supplies replenished; Various light bulbs replaced; One repaired stained-glass window reinstalled with protective polycarbonate covering; Bids obtained for parsonage and sanctuary nursery ceiling repair; New trees deep watered; Elevator and dumpster signs posted; Meetings with potential damage repair contractors; AC filters checked/replaced; Spring workday held; Chains and locks installed on gates to church pasture; Basement cleaned; Elevator hydraulic cylinder leak repaired; Broken glass replaced in several parish hall windows and storm door-(Thanks Kyle!!)

Items Discussed:

- **Additional bid for parsonage roof repair and related award choices**
- **Potential cost for covering additional stained-glass windows with clear polycarbonate**
- **Acceptance of bids for parsonage and sanctuary nursery ceiling repairs**
- **Approximate cost for potential cemetery columbarium**
- **Victoria Air proposal of \$2244 for compressor replacement in one of the sanctuary AC units**
- **Kworks' resolution of power outage at cemetery electrical outlets**

Old Stone Church – Awaiting bid for metal steeple painting along with exterior caulking and related painting

Items for Council Approval – None

Next Scheduled Meeting: 05/10/26

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: None

Approval of Committee Reports: Pastor Boor made a motion to approve all reports that were presented. Lloyd Copeland seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully presented: Cathie Bettge
Compiled and submitted by Mike Cowley
Next Scheduled Meeting 5/10/2026

The **CONSTITUTION FOR St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church** will be available in the near future in the Narthex or from the church office. Pick up your copy. One copy per family please. The following explains how to become a member of St. John and retain that membership throughout the years.

BYLAWS of ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH PART III – MEMBERSHIP

A. Baptized Members 1. A child, one or both of whose parents or guardians are members of the congregation, shall, upon receiving Baptism, become a baptized member. 2. A child, neither of whose parents or guardians is a member of the congregation, shall upon receiving Baptism, become a baptized member of the congregation; unless for good reason he is to be a baptized member of another congregation, in which case his membership shall be transferred to that congregation. 3. A child baptized in another congregation shall be received as a baptized member in the congregation when a transfer has been received. 4. An un-baptized adult who has received instruction and has given evidence of an adequate understanding and acceptance of the teachings of the work of God as confessed by the Lutheran Church, shall upon confession of faith and Baptism, become a baptized member of the congregation. 5. When one or both parents of baptized children are received into the membership of the congregation, such children should be received as baptized members with the consent of the member parent or parents. 6. Where a baptized child is an orphan or ward of someone and these people move into the area served by this congregation, the child may be received as a baptized member when it is commended to the care of this congregation by the congregation which baptized the child. 7. When the parents of a baptized child are not themselves members of the Lutheran Church but move into the area served by this congregation and desire to have their child put within the pastoral care of this congregation, the child may be received as a baptized member.

B. Confirmed Members 1. A baptized adult, not previously a confirmed member of a Lutheran congregation, shall become a confirmed member of this congregation after having received instruction, having given evidence of adequate understanding of the teachings of the Word of God as confessed by the Lutheran Church, and having publicly affirmed their faith. 2. A baptized member of the congregation shall become a confirmed member through the rite of confirmation; except that an adult who has become a baptized member in accordance with the provisions of Section A, (4), of this part of the bylaws shall be considered a confirmed member without participation in the rite of confirmation. 3. An applicant for membership who presents a Letter of Transfer which certifies that he is a confirmed member in good standing of a Lutheran congregation shall become a confirmed member of the congregation upon approval by the Church Council. The acceptance of the applicant shall be reported to the congregation. 4. An applicant for membership who presents evidence of confirmation in a Lutheran congregation but does not have a Letter of Transfer shall be admitted to confirmed membership when the Church Council had determined that he meets the standards of Christian faith and life indicated in the constitution and bylaws, and when he has affirmed his faith.

C. Voting Members The Church Council shall determine the roster of voting members of the congregation in accordance with the

provisions of the constitution and bylaws. The roster of voting members shall be available at all regularly called meetings of the congregation.

D. Associate Members A person holding membership in other Lutheran congregations but who wish to participate in the life and mission of this congregation as outlined in this congregation's constitution.

E. Discontinuance of Membership 1. The congregation shall, in the event that a member moves from the community it serves, except those in the Armed Services or those enrolled in an institution of higher learning, encourage the member to request a transfer to a Lutheran congregation which can serve him effectively. Should the member fail to request a transfer, a Lutheran congregation in the community of his residence shall be notified. 2. A confirmed member in good standing desiring to change his membership to another Lutheran congregation shall, upon request, receive a Letter of Transfer. 3. A confirmed member who does not, for a period of one year, partake of Holy Communion, support the church with his offerings, and does not appear to desire to participate in the life and worship of the congregation shall be visited by the pastor and a member of the congregation's council and encouraged by them to active membership. If during the second year, the confirmed member does not actively participate; his name shall be removed from the confirmed membership roster of the congregation, but shall be retained on a responsibility list as one who is in special need of the congregation's prayer and concern. Members outside the community shall be contacted by letter and encouraged to transfer membership to a church in their community. If that has not been accomplished in one year and the member has not fulfilled the previously mentioned criteria the person's name shall be removed from the confirmed membership roster. Extenuating circumstances may be considered on an individual basis by the church council.



FRIENDLY REMINDER: PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR CEMETERY AND ADJACENT GROUNDS LOOKING THEIR BEST....
CEMETERY DECORATIONS

In respect of those buried in this cemetery, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church feels responsible for keeping our cemetery presentable and well maintained into perpetuity. In order to accomplish this at a sustainable cost, all users must abide by the following rules concerning decorations:

- A. In-ground vases, ornaments, figurines, statues, pictures, glass or other breakable containers, trellises, shepherd hooks, loose flowers, solar lights, or any commemorative articles of non-degradable materials are not permitted and will be removed and discarded without notice.
- B. All vases shall be attached permanently to the headstone or slab or be of sufficient weight to resist windy conditions. All flowers shall be adequately secured in the previously described vases to keep them from blowing out. Loose flowers on graves will not be permitted.
- C. White solar powered decorations are allowed (one per grave) if they are attached to the headstone or base and not placed in the grass.
- D. Funeral flowers and wreaths placed on fresh graves shall be removed within two weeks of the funeral.
- E. Flags look impressive on a cemetery, but they fade quickly and usually do not stay upright long if placed directly into the

ground. If flags are used, they shall be placed in a small diameter PVC plastic pipe driven into the ground next to the headstone as to not impede mowing. Only one flag per grave is permitted.

The cemetery committee at their discretion shall remove and discard any decorations that they deem inappropriate.

THANK YOU



The Worship Team, Church Council, and Pastor John are working diligently to provide different ways to meet the needs of our congregation. One of those needs is to offer alternatives for worship. If you are not able to attend the regular Sunday morning service, or if you would just like a change, the Worship Team would like to invite you to give the Saturday evening service a try. The service is presented on a large Screen and includes all of the essentials of Lutheran Worship. The music selections are varied and include traditional hymns, Christian contemporary, and are accompanied by popular artists. We hope that offering this alternative, all members will have access to a weekly service and take part in the worship life of St. John here in Meyersville. It takes a strong, active congregation to build our church and keep it alive. Please consider attending one of the services. You never know what blessings you might receive with your attendance.

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.

The Texas-Oklahoma
Mission Region of the
North American Lutheran Church
invite you to their

Regional Family Reunion
July 31 - August 1, 2026

Welcome Lutheran Church
Brenham, Texas



*It's time to gather our family from across the Region
for food, fun, and fellowship!*



The North American Lutheran Church (NALC) envisions a disciple-making church body. This vision comes to life as congregations are renewed in faith, disciples are equipped to follow Jesus with confidence, and communities are transformed by the power of the Gospel.

Our guest speaker for the Family Reunion will be Pastor Amy Little. Pastor Little received her Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary and her Doctor of Ministry degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. She was ordained in 2002 and served Trinity Lutheran Church in Monroeville, Ohio, before being called as General Secretary of the NALC in 2021.



→ Registration form on reverse side ←

Your registration includes dinner Friday and lunch Saturday.

Please secure your lodging reservations early!

Registration Forms are available in the church office.

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

College Graduates

Cason Jander graduated from Texas A & M University and is the son of LeAnn & Dwight Jander. Cason received his Bachelors of Agricultural Systems Management with a minor in Business. He graduated Cumlaude and receive a Meat Science Certificate. Cason will be working as an Operations Manager/Field Operations Lead at Wenglar Ag & Industrial, LLC in El Campo, TX.



Morgan Mackenzie Goebel graduated from Texas A & M University and is the daughter of Sharon & Morgan Goebel. Morgan received her Bachelors of Education with concentration in Special Ed. She graduated Magna Cumlaude. Morgan will be working as a Special Education Teacher at Vickers Elementary School in Victoria, TX in the fall.

High School Graduates

Maverick Eckhardt graduated from Nordheim High School and is the son of Meliss & Morris Eckhardt. Maverick plans on attending Victoria College where he will be studying Process Technology.



Kaleigh Newman graduated from St. Joseph High School and is the daughter of Sara & Kyle Newman. Kaleigh plans on attending Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX where she will be studying Electrical & Computer Engineering.

PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Heavenly Father,
Surround those who are graduating with your grace.
Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts.
Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education to use for the good of all humankind.
Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties.
As they commence with their lives, may they grow ever more grateful and wise.
All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. Amen.

Lord, may you bless each graduate as they journey through new roads.

May you look with favor upon them and bless their works, their obedience, their paths, their faithfulness, and even those around them in every area of life. God, pour out your blessings so that everyone knows the God they serve. May they give you glory in everything. Bless their choices now for generations to come. In then name of Jesus, Amen.

8th Grade Graduates

Kinley Nessel, daughter of Rachel & Dustin Nessel, has graduated from 8th grade at Edna Jr. High and will be moving on to Edna High School.



Rayland Picard, son of Johnna Picard and the late Nick Picard, has graduated from 8th grade at Goliad Middle School and will be moving on to Goliad High School.

Heavenly Father, I pray that you give them a freshness of your spirit so they can see the purpose you have for their lives through new eyes. Let them follow your will and your purpose for their life so they can be used for your glory. God I pray that they drive every decision with the purpose you have for them in mind so they

Kindergarten Graduates

Cade Light, son of Melanie & Holden Light and grandson of M'Liss & Robert Moore, has graduated from Kindergarten at Odem Elementary School.



Grayson Schaefer, son of Sydney & Aaron Schaefer and grandson of M'Liss & Robert Moore, has graduated from Kindergarten at Sacred Heart Catholic School.

Kaleb Newman, son of Sara & Kyle Newman, has graduated from Kindergarten at Meyersville ISD.

☀ Kindergarten Graduation Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Today we gather with joyful hearts to celebrate these bright and beautiful children. Thank You for guiding them through this first chapter of their learning journey – for every smile, every lesson, every friendship, and every moment of growth. Bless their curious minds, that they may always love to learn. Bless their kind hearts, that they may always show compassion and respect to others. Bless their little hands, that they may build, create, and help wherever they go. As they step into new adventures, surround them with Your love, protect them in every season, and fill them with courage to try new things. May they always know they are wonderfully made, deeply loved, and capable of amazing things. We give You thanks for their teachers, families, and friends who have supported and encouraged them along the way. In Your holy name we pray, Amen.

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

June 7

Greeters - The Hays Family
Reader - Wanda Hays

June 14

Greeters - The Henry Rangnow Family
Reader - Shelby Newman

June 21

Greeters - Youth Group
Reader - Dickie Bettge

June 28

Greeters - Beverly Bodden
Reader - Beverly Bodden

June Communion Assistant

Johnny Jank

June Altar Guild

Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

June Nursing Home Visitor

Cathie Bettge

LOOKING AHEAD. . .

July 5

Greeters - Trish Hood
Reader - Trish Hood

July Communion Assistant

Brian Wendel

July Altar Guild

Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

July Nursing Home Visitor

Karon Copeland

Volunteers: If you are down for a service, you are responsible for getting a substitute if you cannot make it. Please let the church office know if you have switched so the correct names can be in the bulletin.

Happy Birthday to:

- 5 - Ayla Nessel
- 6 - Arlene Wallace
- 12 - Seth Wendel
- 13 - Mitchell Jank
- 15 - Marigayle Ohrt
Linda Boyer
- 17 - Dawn Otto
Mike Cowley
Dylan Ohrt
- 18 - Kaleb Newman
- 21 - Morgan Goebel
- 22 - Lenzi Moritz
- 23 - Kinley Leist
Dennis Nagel
Mark Lester
- 24 - Jay Louis Rhoton
- 26 - Lloyd Copeland
Mary Wagner

Happy Birthday

Our apologies if we have missed your special date. Please contact the church office to help with corrections. Thank you!

Anniversary Greetings to:

- 4 - Bobby & Letha Blain
- 7 - Dustin & Rachel Nessel
- 9 - Ray & Linda Boyer
- 11 - Brian & Feather Diebel
- 13 - Dwight & LeAnn Jander
- 14 - Bobby & Phillyce Zengerle
- 18 - John Lloyd & Brenda Gohmert
- 21 - Clifford & Meri Diebel

Happy Anniversary



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Mission of the Month:
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF
SOUTH SUDAN

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Worship Team Meeting	3 1:30 PM Quilters	4 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	5	6 11:00 AM Graveside Service for Leon Dohmann 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service 
2nd Sunday after Pentecost 7 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship 	8	9 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours	10 10:00 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study @ Parsonage 1:30 PM Quilters	11 Pastor @ Mission District Pastor's Meeting in Hallettsville	12	13 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
3rd Sunday after Pentecost 14 8:00 AM Property Team Meeting 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship	15 7:00 PM Finance Team Meeting	16 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours	17 1:30 PM Quilters 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	18 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours **Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.	19 **Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.	20 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service 
4th Sunday after Pentecost 21 <i>Happy Father's Day!!!</i> 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship 	22	23 Pastor @ CAMAL House 7 PM Council Meeting	24 1:30 PM Quilters	25 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	26	27 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
5th Sunday after Pentecost 28 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship	29	30 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours			Office Hours: *Please see the  Bulletins	*Please note: All events subject to change. Please look on our website: http://stjohnmeyersville.org or our Facebook page: St. John Meyersville for changes & updates.