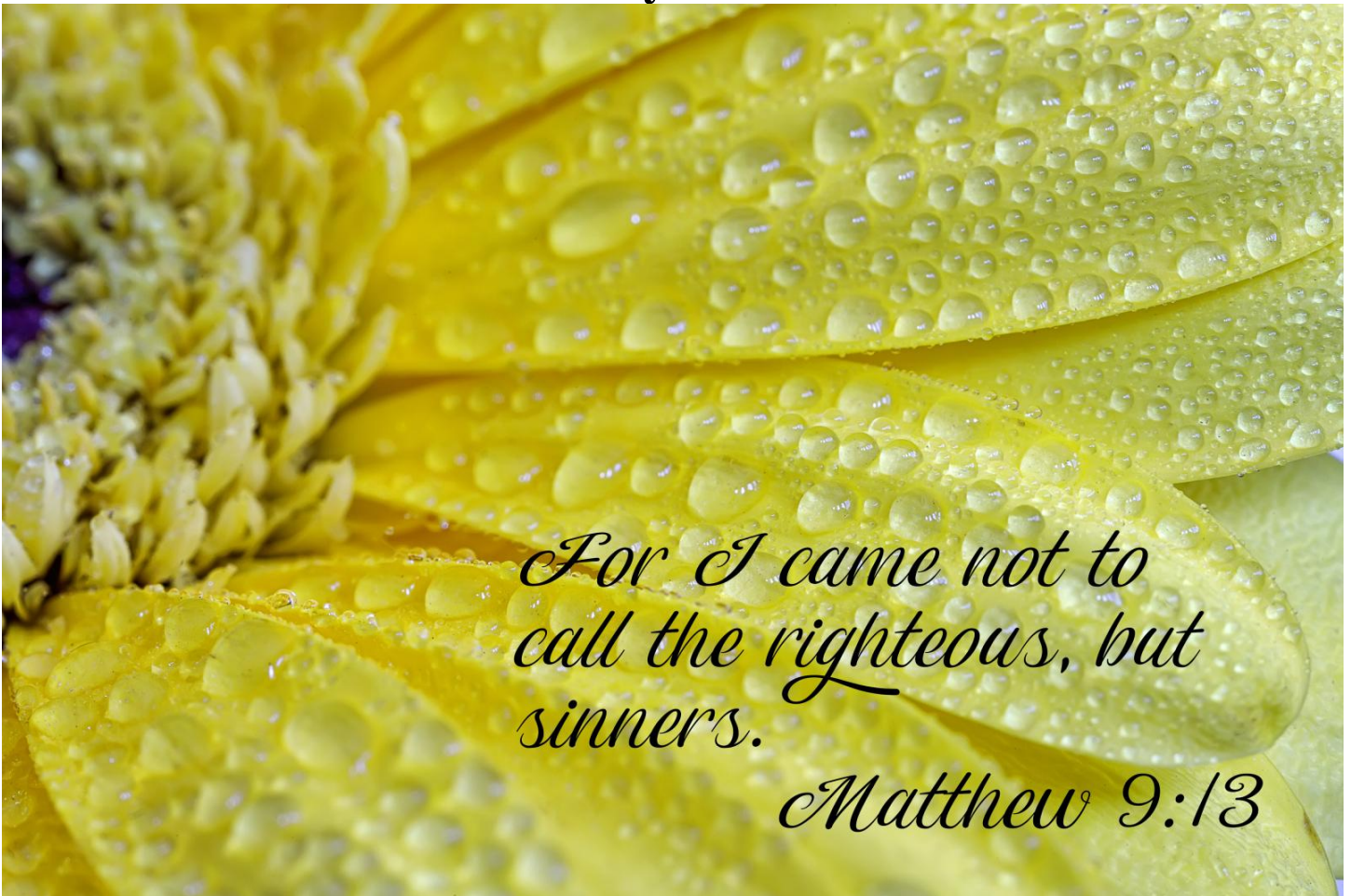


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
June 7, 2026**

Second Sunday after Pentecost



*For I came not to
call the righteous, but
sinners.*

Matthew 9:13

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Second Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, June 7, 2026

Greeters This Week: The Hays Family

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Reader This Week: Wanda Hays

Reader Next Week: Shelby Newman

Acolyte This Week:

Acolyte Next Week:

Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

Altar Guild Next Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Communion Assistant This Month: Johnny Jank

Communion Assistant Next Month: Brian Wendel



Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

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

God has given us knowledge through his Word. In his Word God shares with us his expectations through the giving of the Ten Commandments. God also bestows his promises on us in that same Word. The Holy Spirit calls us to repentance, to turn away from our sin and return back to God and his will for our lives. Jesus came to save sinners, not the righteous, because none of us is righteous without Jesus Christ.

PRELUDE:

“Prelude No. 10”

J. S. Bach

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand as you are able

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for Reflection and Meditation

L Most merciful God,

C We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN:

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

LBW #495

**¹Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest Your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation Your grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal, We lift our battle song.**

**²Lead on, O King eternal, Till sin’s fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper The sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy The heav’nly kingdom comes.**

**³Lead on, O King eternal: We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning Where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us; We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might!**

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 God, you are the protector of all who trust in you, and beside you, nothing is strong or holy. Multiply your mercy and guide us that while using the good things of this fleeting life, we do not lose hold of the things that endure forever. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:15-22

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, "As for Sar'ai your wife, you shall not call her name Sar'ai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her; I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." ¹⁷Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" ¹⁸And Abraham said to God, "O that Ish'mael might live in thy sight!" ¹⁹God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. ²⁰As for Ish'mael, I have heard you; behold, I will bless him and make him fruitful and multiply him exceedingly; he shall be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. ²¹But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this season next year."

²²When he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 119:65-72

⁶⁵O LORD, you have dealt graciously with your servant, according to your word.

⁶⁶Teach me discernment and knowledge, for I have believed in your commandments.

⁶⁷Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word.

⁶⁸You are good and you bring forth good; instruct me in your statutes.

⁶⁹The proud have smeared me with lies, but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.

⁷⁰Their heart is gross and fat, but my delight is in your law.

⁷¹It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.

⁷²The law of your mouth is dearer to me than thousands in gold and silver.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring — not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations" — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." ²³But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Stand as you are able

GOSPEL VERSE

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9:9-13

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

"Faith of Our Fathers"

LBW #500

¹Faith of our fathers living still
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word.

Refrain

*Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*

²The martyrs, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free;
And blest would be their children's fate
If they, like them, should die for thee. *[Refrain]*

³Faith of our fathers! We will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife;
Proclaim thee, too, as love knows how,
By saving Word and faithful life. *[Refrain]*

Stand as you are able

L Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy catholic church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**C Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!**

*Each petition ends with "...Lord, in your mercy," The congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer.**"*

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

SHARING THE PEACE

L The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

L Let us share the peace.

Please be seated

OFFERING:

"Jubilation"

Donald Callender

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

Stand as you are able

OFFERTORY

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,

And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,

That we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and 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;

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:

"Prelude in G Minor"

J. S. Bach



Isaiah 40:31

“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”

[This verse encourages us to trust in God’s timing. When we place our hope in the Lord, He renews our strength. In June, we may find ourselves in need of physical or spiritual renewal, and this Scripture promises that God will provide us the energy to continue the race of life without growing weary.]

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



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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Sun 6/07 Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
10:15 a.m. Worship w/Communion

Mon 6/08 Office Closed

Tues 6/09 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Office Hours

Wed 6/10 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Office Hours
10:00 a.m. Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor
12:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study
1:30 p.m. Quilters

Thurs 6/11 ??? Office Hours
Pastor @ Mission District Pastor’s Meeting in Hallettsville

Fri 6/12 Office Closed

Sat 6/13 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

Next Sun. Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
10:15 a.m. Worship

Have a Blessed Week!

Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John’s.

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



OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Saturday, May 30, 2026 General \$300.00; Total: \$300.00

Attendance: Worship – 7

Sunday, May 31, 2026 General \$1,277.00, MOM (May) Call Sign Victor \$600.00, Sunday School \$64.75, Building \$100.00, Youth \$40.00, VBS \$30.00; Total: \$2,111.75

Attendance: Worship – 82, Sunday School – 6 Children, 3 Teachers, Adult Study – 9

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.



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
- 1 shampoo at least 4 ozs.
- 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

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

Mission of the Month for June **LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SOUTH SEDAN**

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.

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!



If anyone would like to acolyte on a Sunday morning starting June 7, please let Pastor know or the office so we can include your name in the bulletin. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board.



What a way to praise our Lord, serve at church, and have volunteer credit on future applications (job & college)!



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, June 7, 2026 – **Worship Service with Communion @ 10:15 AM**

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 – **Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor @ 10 AM**

– **Women's Bible Study @ 12:30 PM**

– **Quilters @ 1:30 PM**

Thursday, June 11, 2026 – **Pastor @ Mission District Pastor's Meeting in Hallettsville**

Saturday, June 13, 2026 – **Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall @ 6 PM**

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, June 14, 2026 – **Property Team Meeting @ 8 AM**

– **Worship Service @ 10:15 AM**

Monday, June 15, 2026 – **Finance Team Meeting @ 7 PM**

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 – **Quilters @ 1:30 PM**

– **Men's Bible Study @ 7 PM**

Thursday, June 18, 2026 – **Committee Reports Due**

Friday, June 19, 2026 – **Newsletter Deadline**

Saturday, June 20, 2026 – **Evening Worship Service with Communion in Parish Hall @ 6 PM**

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, June 21, 2026 – **Happy Father's Day!!!**

– **Worship Service with Communion @ 10:15 AM**

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 – **Pastor @ CAMAL House**

– **Council Meeting @ 7 PM**

Wednesday, June 24, 2026 – **Quilters @ 1:30 PM**

Saturday, June 27, 2026 – **Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall @ 6 PM**

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, June 28, 2026 – **Worship Service @ 10:15 AM**

– **Called Congregational Meeting after Worship**

Called Congregational Meeting

St. John will have a called congregational meeting on Sunday, June 28, 2026 after our worship service.

On the agenda is to discuss the long term plan for our church and congregation.

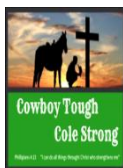
Please plan to attend.

Did you know?

Sunday, May 31st was National Smile Day. Dr. Tim Stirneman and Jim Wojdyla from [Compassionate Dentalcare](#) founded National Smile Day in 2018 to share with world what the power of a healthy smile can do. Confidence, health, and quality of life are just for the person smiling. Smiles are powerful! They not only create engagement between two people but the more a person smiles, the healthier their brain can be. Smiling has a direct link to our brain and can help to reduce stress. There is so much a smile can do. Just one smile can brighten someone's day. It can also improve your day. Smiles are infectious. A healthy smile can develop confidence and generate a new outlook on the world. Share your smile today and every day!!(taken from [nationaldaycalendar.com](#))

Sunday, June 14th will be National Children's Day. This day is celebrated to honor children, promote their well-being, and advocate for their fundamental rights—such as education, safety, and protection from harm. The celebration serves as a vital reminder for society to nurture its youth and ensure every child has the opportunity to grow up happy, healthy, and strong. (taken from Google)

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

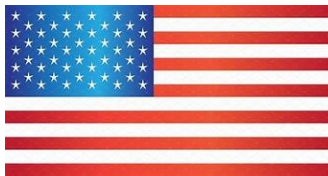
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army,

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

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



Thank
you

“Thank You” isn't enough to let our Christian brothers and sisters know how very much we appreciate how all of you have supported and helped us with your prayers, cards, love, help-especially in the need for transportation. God has blessed us with His love, mercy and grace through all of you.

~ Obert & Carol Ann ~



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

What comes by the works of the law is thus disfavor rather than grace. Therefore faith alone must obtain the grace promised to Abraham, for these examples too were written for our sakes [Rom. 15:4], that we too should believe.

~ Martin Luther~

Word and Sacrament I, LW 35:374



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