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July 2026 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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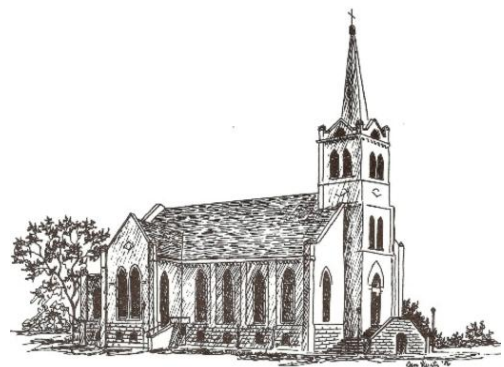
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Tues. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Thurs. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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Ministers - The People of St. John
Pastor - The Rev. John Boor
Organist - Bruce A. Weise

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,

Isaiah 30:1-2

“Woe to the rebellious children,” declares the LORD, “Who execute a plan, but not Mine, And make an alliance, but not of My Spirit, In order to add sin to sin;

² Who proceed down to Egypt Without consulting Me, To take refuge in the safety of Pharaoh And to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!

As I was reading this passage from Isaiah, I thought of how often we decide what we want to do and when others question it, we claim we are convinced it is God’s will. Some claim their idea is God’s will to convince others it is the right thing to do. Some use the claim in order to rationalize to themselves what they are doing is the right thing to do. But is it truly God’s will?

As humans we want to believe that we have all of the right answers, that we know what is best for us. To us our ideas are always the best for us. We have all of the answers. As soon as we convince ourselves of this, we are no longer open to the thoughts or advice we receive from others. We become so convinced we are right it overshadows what God is telling us.

So how do we know if it is God’s will for us? How does God tell us what His will is?

First and foremost, we have to pray. And once we have prayed, we have to listen for God to answer our prayer. How does He speak to us? God speaks to us through scripture, prayer, the Holy Spirit, and other Christians. God’s will never contradict God’s Word. And that is why it is so important that we stay in God’s Word so we know what God’s Will for us is. We need to listen to what the Holy Spirit is telling us. So often we block this out because it is not what we want to hear. After all, we know what is best for us. Many times, the Holy Spirit tells us the answer to our prayers.

Second, we need to know it is God’s word and not our own. We need to do a motive check so we know it is God’s word and not our desire. God’s will for us is not a feeling. God will make it clear to us if it is His will. We must always trust God’s word. We must remember that God has always been faithful to His Word.

Third, we need to stay the course. It is easy to get off track if we don’t see something happening. God wants us to stay on His course for us. And we can do that by staying in His Word, Praying, and listening to what He wants. We need to be patient and obedient.

Fourth, we need to commit ourselves to other believers. How we need to be accountable to one another. Fellowship with other believers will strengthen and sustain us. We should seek their counsel and listen to their thoughts and trust that God is also talking to us through them. We need to truly have an open mind, and above all respect their opinion. Above all else we should strive to do God’s will. We will be amazed at how much more rewarding our life is when we follow His will. We will also find that peace that we all so desperately seek.

We have to ask God to help and then believe he will. We will make mistakes but fortunately God allows us to make U-turns and come back to his will.

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
Council President-Glenn Ruschhaupt	361-275-2059
Vice President – Kyle Newman	361-220-1310
Secretary – Mike Cowley	361-277-9862
Treasurer – M'Liss Moore	361-564-4497
Financial Secretary – Pam Haun	361-275-2146

Parish Education – Kathy Dunn	361-275-4322
Mission/Evangelism – Cathie Bettge	361-550-7274
Property Team – Marvin Sager	361-243-1166
Finance Team – Laurie Wendel	361-564-6319
Parish Life Team – Lloyd Copeland	361-827-6301
Worship Team - Brenda Gohmert	361-649-1606



St. John 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.

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 August 2026 Church Bell is Friday, July 24, 2026 by 9:00 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to stjohnlutheran@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 stjohnlutheran@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.



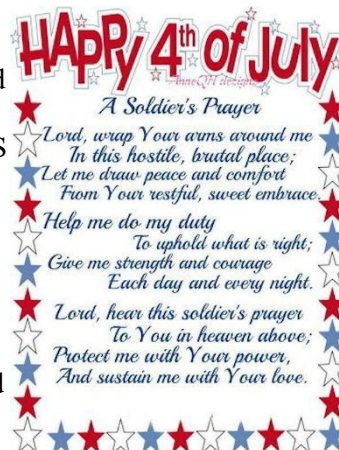
PHONE PRAYER CHAIN (immediate or long-term needs)

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 – USAR
Jonathon Albrecht - USA, Fort Hood
Chase Schroeder, IT3 - USN, FL
Lee Magruder - USA, Fort Riley, KS
Michael Petrash II – 1st Lt., USA
Andrew Washington, L CPL -
USMC, Washington DC
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, NC
Zach McBrayer – Capt., USAF,
Germany
John C. Otto – USA, National Guard
Travis Zavesky – USA
Austin Burns – USA
Philip Child – Captain, USAF, McConnell AFB, Wichita, KS



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, David Diebel, Obert Sagebiel, Elizabeth Beard, Cathie Bettge, Stacey Nelson, MayDell Jacob, Caroline Blain, Nancy Butler, Jonathan Pokluda, Kay Nagel, Kevin Bodden, Carol Ann Sagebiel, Gary Moeller; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.

Nursing Home: Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



Prayer Requests

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.

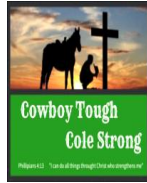


+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:

Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (June 9, 2026):

Hello everyone. Cole has asked me to graciously ask all his prayer warriors to pray for him as he is about to go into surgery in Houston for a fractured femur he sustained yesterday while doing some routine stretching at home. He knows he can count on all of you to lift him up in prayer during this scary time for him. ~ Man I am overwhelmed by the love and support you all give my precious boy. Thank you for lifting him up in prayer. He's in surgery now. Will post with an update when he gets out. ~ Cole is out of surgery and doing well! Surgery went great thank the Lord. Cole is still a little drowsy but wanted me to thank all of you for your prayers and asks yall to keep praying for his complete healing. ~ Wanted to give an update on Cole. He is back home and doing well. Has some pain and discomfort but nothing compared to before surgery. We want to sincerely thank all of you for your prayers. Cole had an amazing surgeon and team in Houston and his surgery was successful with no complications. God. His is good.♥

+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 July

NALC Disaster Response Warehouse

The Rosenberg Warehouse needs your help! Hurricane season is here and it is time to provide supplies so they will be more prepared when the need arises. Through your giving you are serving and being the hands and feet of Jesus when families lose everything in a disaster. Please consider giving these items for the NALC collection for the month of July.

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

During the month of July, our collection items will be **ANY HEALTH KIT ITEMS** 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

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 July 15th. 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.



SOME FYIs for YOU

July 1– Quilters @ 1:30 PM

July 4 – No Evening Worship Service

July 5– Worship Service @ 10:15 AM with Communion

July 5 to July 10 – Youth @ Camp Lone Star

July 8– Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor @ 10 AM

– Women's Bible Study @ 12:30 PM

– Quilters @ 1:30 PM

July 11– Evening Worship Service @ 6 PM

July 12– Property Team Meeting @ 8 AM

– Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

July 15– Quilters @ 1:30 PM

– Mission Evangelism Team Mtg. @ 6 PM

– Men's Bible Study @ 7 PM

July 18– Evening Worship Service~ with Communion @ 6 PM

July 19– Worship Service @ 10:15 AM with Communion

July 21– Pastor @ CAMAL House

July 22– Quilters @ 1:30 PM

July 23– Committee Reports Due

July 24 – Newsletter Articles Due

July 25– Evening Worship Service @ 6 PM

July 26– Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

July 27 to July 31 – VBS, 8:30 to Noon

July 28– Council Meeting @ 7PM

July 29– Quilters @ 1:30 PM

A busy life makes prayer harder, but prayer makes a busy life easier.

Nobody is too busy to pray, it's just a matter of priorities

GOD IS NEVER TOO BUSY TO LISTEN. DON'T BE TOO BUSY TO TALK WITH HIM.

@GOSPELFEED

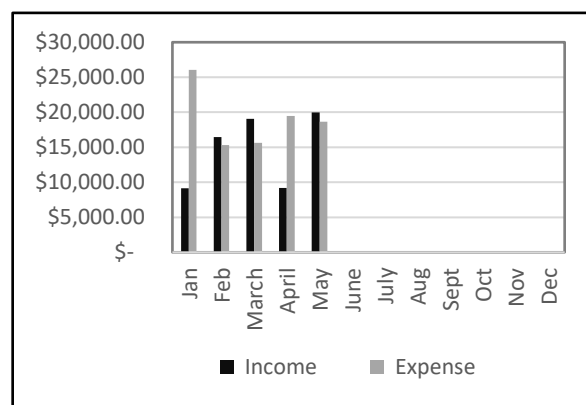
DON'T FORGET GOD WHEN YOU GET WHAT YOU PRAYED FOR.

Portals of Prayer

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

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.



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

Church Council Minutes ~ May 26, 2026

Members Present: Lloyd Copeland, Marv Sager, Glenn Ruschhaupt, John Boor, Kathy Dunn, M'Liss Moore, Cathie Bettge, Mike Cowley, Kyle Newman, Brenda Gohmert, Laurie Wendel, and Pam Haun
Call to Order: Glenn Ruschhaupt called the meeting to order

Opening Devotion and Prayer: Lloyd Copeland opened the meeting with a devotion and a prayer.

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting: Brenda Gohmert made a motion to approve the April council minutes. Marv Sager seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Report: Report presented by M'Liss Moore.

Pastor's Report:

I will be doing a graveside service for Leon Dohmann on June 6th at 11AM. I will be attending a Mission District Pastor's meeting on June 11th in Hallettsville.

Old Business:

Discussion of AED contract. Lloyd Copeland made a motion to rescind the approval of the AED contract. Cathie Bettge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance Team Report:

The finance committee did not meet in May. Our next meeting June 15, 2026. Sincerely Laurie Wendel

Mission/Evangelism Team:

May 20, 2026

Open with prayer: Cathie Bettge

Members present: Cathie Bettge, Obert Sagebiel,

Pastor John Boor, Linda Ruschhaupt, Pam Haun

Old business: Reformation speaker notice—Pastor Bobby Vitek, assistant to the bishop for the southern district; he is from Fredericksburg; he requested we choose a mission of our choice for that Sunday. He will read the gospel and preach. We should take care of all other service needs. At Adult SS he will do a Q&A and give some NALC updates.

Mission of the Month review:

April—North TX Tyler Warehouse

May—Call Sign Victor (Christian Warrior's Retreat)

Collection review:

April—rubber, leather, cotton gloves (not many received)

May—health kit items (not many received)

New business:

Mission of the Month:

June—Lutheran Church of the South Sudan (NALC)

Linda brought us information from a presentation she and Cheryl had attended.

July—Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse

Collection:

June—rubber, leather, cotton gloves

July—any health kit items

FYI: 54 quilts were packed Wednesday, May 20, to be sent to the Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse; our disaster items will be transported from Shanna Burge in Westhoff for delivery to the Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse when enough items have been accumulated
Close with Lord's Prayer: All

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 15 @ 6 PM in the parish hall

Parish Life Team:

May Report- Parish Life Committee 5-21-2026

May activities for our group include:

*May 17, Confirmation Sunday- we will have a congratulation card, bookmarks, and crosses for Pastor to present to Kyler

*May 24, Memorial Day Service - flag and pen

handouts will be presented to participants. Cookies and lemonade will be available for all to enjoy after church
*May 31, Graduation Sunday – cards will be given to graduates

Bev reported that 3 Get Well Cards and 1 Sympathy card have been sent at this time.

Parish Ed Team Report:

Vacation Bible School planning is moving along well, and we currently have 27 children registered with 9 spots still available.

We have secured several volunteers for teaching, art, games, snacks, and support roles, but we are still looking for:

One additional classroom teacher

A music leader

Additional adult helpers and teen volunteers

Decorating/setup assistance

Decorations, classroom materials, and activity supplies have already begun arriving, and additional supplies are being collected through an Amazon Wishlist. River City Community Church has also generously offered to share leftover VBS supplies and decorations with us.

This year's rainforest-themed curriculum focuses on discovering who God is through daily Bible stories and Psalms lessons:

God is our Creator

God knows everything

God is our safe place

God is love

God is forever

The VBS committee continues working on curriculum, classroom setup, decorating plans, and volunteer coordination. Kathy Dunn

Worship Team:

Worship team did not meet in May

Property Team Report:

Property Team did not meet in May.

In the way of information, Whitworth-Stained Glass removed 3 additional windows for repair in their shop in New Braunfels, new trees have been fertilized and deep watered, and annual fire extinguisher inspection has been done.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: None

Approval of Committee Reports: Pastor Boor made a motion to approve all reports that were presented.

Marv Sager seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Mike Cowley

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



Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Amy Little, General Secretary of the NALC

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.

Window Storm Damage Repair Update:

Repairs to three stained-glass windows with damaged upper and lower sections continues at Whitworth Stained-Glass in New Braunfels. As of Tuesday, June 23rd, Mr. Whitworth estimates that repairs will be completed and windows reinstalled in three to four weeks.

Celebrating the Triumph of the American Spirit

On July 4, 2026, America will celebrate the most important milestone in our country's history—250 years of American Independence. "With a single sheet of parchment and 56 signatures, America began the greatest political journey in human history," said President Trump of this momentous anniversary.

Taken from: www.whitehouse.gov/freedom250/

If you are interested in some interesting information on America's 250 years of Independence, check out this webpage. They have videos and other information taking you through the years.

Happy Independence Day, America!!!



Belated Congratulations to Our Confirmand!

**Celebrating their Confirmation on
May 17, 2026**

***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.

Mary Katherine Rabe Obituary

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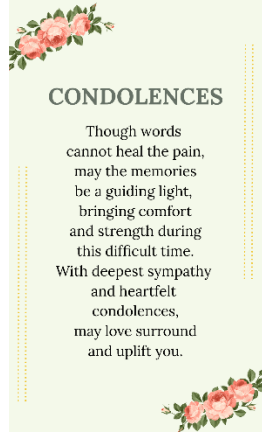
With sadness, we share the passing of Mary Katherine Rabe (Katy, Texas). Mary Katherine, born on June 24, 1950, passed away on June 7, 2026. Family and friends are welcome to leave their condolences on this memorial page and share them with the family.

She was predeceased by: her parents, Edwin Baros and MayBelle Nagel Baros; and her brother David Toller. She is survived by: her husband James; her children, Shannon (Carl) and Mike (Teri); her grandchildren, Foerster, Preston and Kyla; and her siblings, Janet and Jimmy. She is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, July 9th 2026 at 4:30 PM at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church (400 N Esplanade St, Cuero, TX 77954).

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donating to two charities that represent her passions and love for serving others: Theater Victoria, 214 N Main St, Victoria, TX 77901, <http://www.theatervictoria.org>.

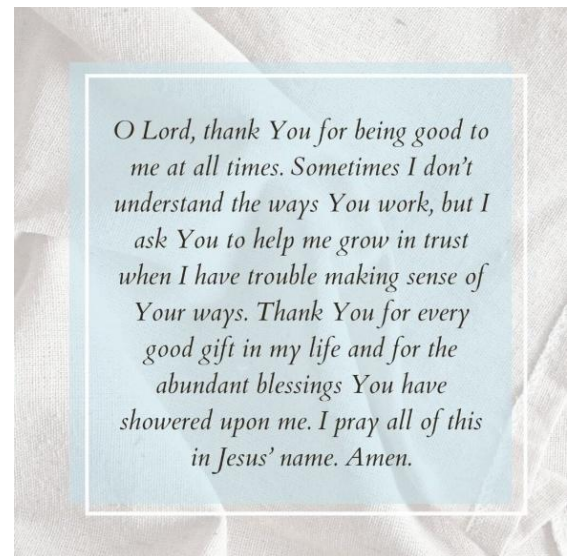
Please keep the family of Mary Kay in your thoughts and prayers. May God comfort her family at this time of loss.



With Our Deepest Sympathy

***Please keep the family of
Gregory Charles Nagel
in your thoughts & prayers.***

***Greg passed away on
Monday, June 22, 2026. He
is the son of Charles & Jean
Nagel. His siblings are Jeff
Nagel and Ann Nagel Pratt.
May God comfort his family
at this time of loss.***



Prayer for Our Nation's 250th Birthday

Heavenly Father, we thank You for 250 years of freedom, opportunity, and the blessings You have bestowed upon our nation. We honor the sacrifices of those who came before us and ask for Your guidance as we move forward. Unite our people with understanding and compassion, and grant wisdom to our leaders as they make decisions for the common good. Let peace rule in our communities, and help us walk in fairness, righteousness, and integrity. Heal divisions, restore broken relationships, and strengthen families, homes, and marriages. Guide the youth with purpose and hope, and protect our nation from harm and violence. Renew spiritual hunger and send revival to our churches. May celebrations honor You with thankfulness, and may we use our freedom wisely and responsibly. Bless every state, town, and neighborhood, and help us care for the vulnerable and needy. Amen.

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

July 5

Greeters - Trish Hood
Reader - Trish Hood

July 12

Greeters - Archie & Virginia Abrameit
Reader - Dwight Jander

July 19

Greeters - Jo Wieland, LaRae & Jessie Kelley
Reader - LaRae Kelley

July 26

Greeters - Meliss Eckhardt
Reader - Ayla Nessel

July Communion Assistant

Brian Wendel

July Altar Guild

Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

July Nursing Home Visitor

Karon Copeland

LOOKING AHEAD. . .

August 2

Greeters - The Newman Family
Reader - Kaleigh Newman

August Communion Assistant

Pam Haun

August Altar Guild

Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

August Nursing Home Visitor

Patricia Hood

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:

- 1 - Kernell Moritz
- 2 - Keaton Wendel
- 4 - Martha Diebel
- 6 - Ella Jander
Vicki Motley
- 7 - Rachel Nessel
Ty Iselt
- 10 - Richard Ficklen
Bauer Egg
- 13 - Brenda Boor
- 16 - Chance Sanders
- 17 - Morgan Zengerle
- 22 - Brenda Gohmert
Archie Abrameit
- 23 - Jimmy Caskey
Margie Swannack
- 29 - Summer (Dunn) Helms



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

Anniversary Greetings to:

- 4 - Dennis & Kay Nagel
- 6 - Buck & Toi Rangnow
- 7 - Cory & Lacey Rains
- 13 - Dickie & Cathie Bettge
- 18 - Morris & Meliss Eckhardt
- 20 - Kyle & Sara Newman
- 22 - Jason & Marigayle Ohrt
- 27 - Jimmy & JoBeth Caskey
Marvin & Norrean Sager
Pat & Wanda Hays



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July 2026

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, TX

Church Office: (361)277-8653, Pastor John's Cell: (361)243-0373

Mission of the Month:
ROSENBERG DISASTER
WAREHOUSE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>*Please note: All events subject to change. Please look on our website: http://stjohnmeyersville.org/ or our Facebook page: <u>St. John Meyersville</u> for changes & updates.</i>	Office Hours: *Please see the Bulletins 		1:30 PM Quilters	1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours		
6th Sunday after Pentecost 5 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship 	6	7 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours	8 10:00 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study @ Parsonage 1:30 PM Quilters	9 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	10	11 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
Youth @ Camp Lone Star July 5-10th						
7th Sunday after Pentecost 12 8:00 AM Property Team Meeting 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship	13	14 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours	15 1:30 PM Quilters 6:00 PM Mission Evangelism Team Meeting 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	16 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	17	18 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service 
8th Sunday after Pentecost 19 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship 	20	21 Pastor @ CAMAL House	22 1:30 PM Quilters	23 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours **Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.	24 **Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.	25 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
9th Sunday after Pentecost 26 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship	27	28 7 PM Council Meeting	29 1:30 PM Quilters	30	31	
Vacation Bible School July 27-31st – 8:30 to Noon						