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August 2026 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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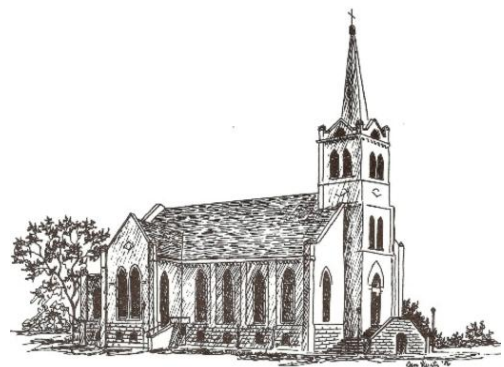
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Pastor's Office Hours in the Parish Hall:
Tues. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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Ministers - The People of St. John
Pastor - The Rev. John Boor
Organist - Bruce A. Weise

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,

How high of a priority is God in your life?

That may sound like a strange question to many but it has become something that we should assess on a regular basis. We live in an evil world where people are being convinced that it is ok to compromise on biblical teachings. The devil's lies can seem so good. After all, if a perfect Adam and Eve fell for the devil's lies, what kind of chance do we stand? To many people this sinful world seems so strong, and they feel so weak.

It has come to the point that many people feel going to church on Sunday is a sacrifice. Going to church is no longer the priority it used to be. When I was young going to church was not an option, it was a requirement.

Somewhere along the way church has become an option. There are so many other things that require our attention, so many things that we desire to do, that church on Sunday has become one of many options for Sunday.

It has become a matter of what are we willing to sacrifice. We always find time for the things we really want to do. It may be watching a football game, or going to the deer stand, or attending a ballgame in person. We are only willing to give up something, time, money, comfort, or personal desires, for things that are important to us.

And each Sunday that we don't go to church makes it easier to miss the next Sunday. And it progresses to the point we become twice a year church attender.

God should always be our top priority. God wants to be number one in everything we do. I pray that we will all make God the top priority in our lives.

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.

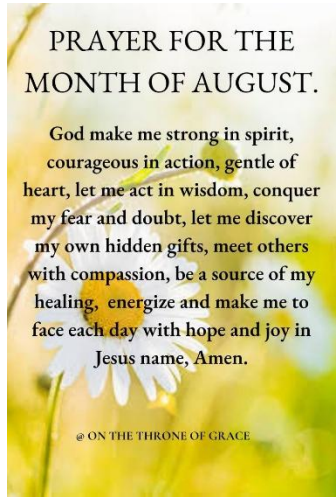
PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Lord Jesus Christ, Source of all miracles and graces, we humbly seek Your powerful help to bless us and guide us this Month of August. Be with us, Lord, in all our dealings and affairs. May we shun all things that can lead us to sin. Please preserve us in holiness. Amen.



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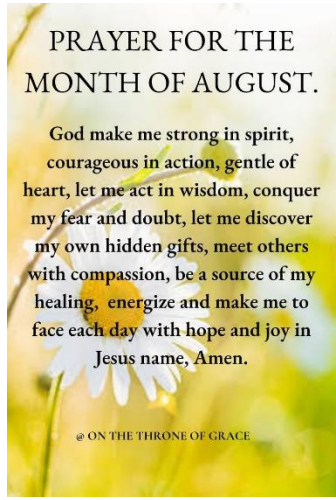
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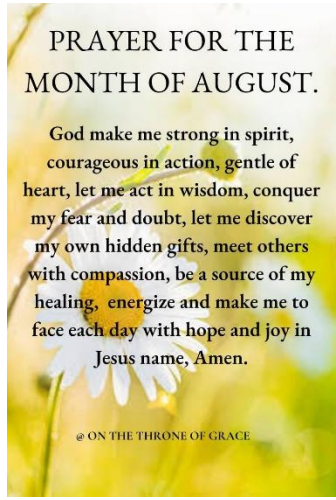
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ST. JOHN EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT NUMBERS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor - John Boor 361- 243-0373
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 Vice President – Kyle Newman 361-220-1310
 Secretary – Mike Cowley 361-277-9862
 Treasurer – M'Liss Moore 361-564-4497
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Parish Education – Kathy Dunn 361-275-4322
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 Parish Life Team – Lloyd Copeland 361-827-6301
 Worship Team - Brenda Gohmert 361-649-1606

Mission Statement

Share Christ. Grow in Faith. Love Our Community.

VISION STATEMENT

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church will be a thriving, multi-generational church family where faith is lived boldly, new ideas are welcomed thoughtfully, and every person feels valued, called to serve, and connected.

Office Hours & Assistance



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 September 2026 Church Bell is Friday, August 18, 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

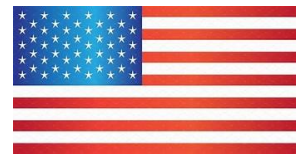
(immediate or long-term needs)

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 – 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, Christy Johns, David Diebel, Obert Sagebiel, Elizabeth Beard, Jonathan Ideus, Stacey Nelson, MayDell Jacob, Nancy Butler, Jonathan Pokluda, Kay Nagel, Kevin Bodden, Gary Moeller, Betty Diebel, Seth Wendel, the Family of Glenn Ruschhaupt, Linda Boyer, Kaleigh Newman, John Helms, the Family of Caroline Blain, the Family of Ruth Roller; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.



Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus and Carol Ann Sagebiel

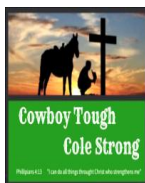
Prayer requests cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request, please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.



+ 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 August **Lutherans for Life**

LFL believes God gives the gift of life to all people from the moment of conception until natural death. LFL are witnesses to the sanctity of human life through education based on the Word of God. Both His Law and His Gospel are applied to all the life issues—abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia, sexual purity and bio-technology. It is a recognized service organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and is a ministry partner of the North American Lutheran Church. LFL is supported entirely by individual donations and grants.

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

During the month of August, 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 bags (*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

Used Bibles/Prayer Books

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

(This email was received by Cathie Bettge & Pastor John. Cathie felt it was important to share.)

Dear Pastor John and Cathie,
I thought everyone at St. John Evangelical Lutheran would like to see Water Mission's new video (at this link - <https://vimeo.com/1159419272/acbe8c6663>), celebrating 25 years of our ministry's safe and Living Water work. It's quite inspiring, even for those of us who have been with the ministry for quite a while. I've also included another inspiring story below.





SOME FYIs for YOU

The picture and narrative below were recently brought to my attention by our Indonesian country program manager. The story behind it is that this community had three failed well-drilling attempts, and a fourth one would mean a huge cost to ever getting the project completed. Most projects do not have these kinds of issues.

The Christians in the community gathered for extended prayer around the fourth borehole site prior to drilling. That attempt then produced quality water and a high enough yield to meet all the local needs. Praise God for answered prayer!

Project Commissioning!

Lobuhole | 732 people | 190 HH connections | December 2025



Thank you to your congregation for being a vital part of this work, which has changed and continues to change lives around the world! Faithfully yours,

Ken Garber

Partnerships Manager

Watermission.org

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 August 19th. 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.

Portals of Prayer

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

August 1 – Evening Worship Service-

with Communion @ 6 PM

August 2 – Worship Service @ 10:15 AM with Communion

August 4 – Pastor @ iCare Seminar in Victoria

August 5 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

August 6–Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting @7PM

August 8 – Evening Worship Service @ 6 PM

August 9– Property Team Meeting @ 8 AM

– Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

August 12 – Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor @ 10 AM

– Women's Bible Study @12:30 PM

– Quilters @ 1:30 PM

August 13 – Pastor @ Meeting in Hallettsville

August 15 – Evening Worship Service-

with Communion @ 6 PM

August 16 – Worship Service @ 10:15 AM with Communion

August 17 – Finance Team Meeting @ 7 PM

August 18 – Pastor @ CAMAL House

August 19 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

– Men's Bible Study @ 7 PM

August 20 – Committee Reports Due

August 21 – Newsletter Articles Due

August 22 – Evening Worship Service @ 6 PM

August 23 – Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

August 25 – Council Meeting @ 7PM

August 26 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

August 29 – Evening Worship Service @ 6 PM

August 30 – Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

August Prayer

Heavenly Father,

As we enter August, we thank You for Your constant love and presence. Guide us, give us wisdom and strength in all we do.

Your Word says in Isaiah 40:31, "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength."

We place our hope in You, trusting You to renew our strength.

Help us remember Philipians 4:6-7, "Do not be anxious about anything...present your requests to God. And the peace of God...will guard your hearts and minds." Teach us to bring our concerns to You and find peace.

Bless our families, work, and communities. Let us reflect Your love and grace. Fill us with compassion, patience, and kindness.

Remind us of Your faithfulness. Let our hearts be anchored in Your Word and our lives glorify You.

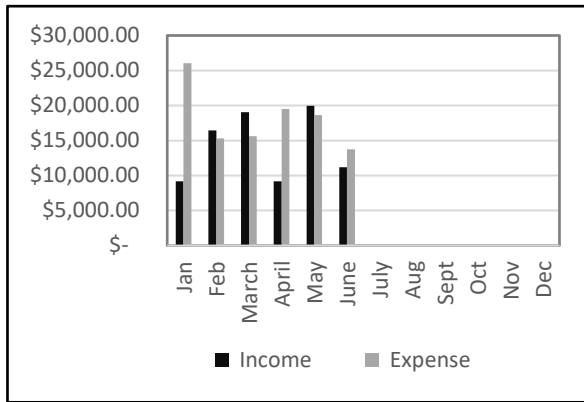
In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.



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 ~ June 23, 2026

Members Present: Marv Sager, John Boor, Kathy Dunn, M'Liss Moore, Cathie Bettge, Mike Cowley, Laurie Wendel, and Pam Haun

Call to Order: In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Secretary called the meeting to order and asked if there were any volunteers to lead the meeting. Pam Haun volunteered and was elected by acclamation to lead the meeting.

Opening Devotion and Prayer: Pastor John Boor opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting: Marv Sager made a motion to approve the May council minutes. Kathy Dunn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Report: Report presented by M'Liss Moore.

Pastor's Report:

No written report

Old Business:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance Team Report:

The finance team met June 15, 2026. We discussed the CDs coming due and what we should do with them, also

the scholarships coming up. Marvin gave an update on the storm damage repairs. We welcomed our new team member Mark Lester. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2026. Sincerely, Laurie Wendel

Mission/Evangelism Team:

Mission Ev Team did not meet in June.

Taken from May Reports:

Mission of the Month: July—Rosenberg

Disaster Warehouse

Collection: July—any health kit items

Parish Life Team:

June Report- Parish Life Committee 6-18-2026

June activities for our group include:

We planned to serve refreshments on the lawn after church on July 5 to celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary.

Bev reported that 5 Get Well Cards have been sent at this time.

Parish Ed Team Report:

Parish Ed Committee Report

June 17, 2026

We met at 9 am on Saturday, June 20th. Present were Joie Caskey, Laurie Pokluda, Brenda Boor, Kathy Dunn and Rachel Nessel. We discussed VBS which is just 5 weeks away. Rachel has done a tremendous job getting this organized! We have 30 registered 6 openings remaining. Brenda Boor has volunteered to be our Music Rotation Leader.

We discussed strategies to encourage more students to attend Sunday School on a regular basis. Any suggestions from Council Members would be appreciated!

Youth Group – They had a meeting on May 27th and plan to have another meeting in July 24 or 25 to prepare for their involvement in VBS such as being Jr counselors and setting up. At the Youth Group meeting they will have Bible Study, swimming &/or Volley Ball and have a dinner meal for the youth. Kaleigh Newman, our rising star, is preparing for the NALC Continuing Youth Gathering.

Summer Camp Lone Star is still planned for July 5-10th. 10 youth (members and non) have signed up so far.

Other Parish Education groups that our church continues to offer are Women's Bible Study, Men's Group, and the Life-to-Life Discipleship Bible Study.

Kathy Dunn, Team Leader

Worship Team:

Worship Team Minutes 6/2/2026

We met and discussed old business. Still need to set up Communion Assistant training and Bruce gave an

update about Organ programming. Under new business we did discuss 175-year anniversary and America 250 anniversary and wished we would have set something up but too many things to do and not enough time. August 30 may be a youth service or contemporary Rally Sunday August 9. With no further discussion, we selected songs through August 30. Closed with Lord's Prayer and next meeting Tuesday September 1.

Property Team Report:

Property Team has not met in June to date. I will have pertinent information and updates if any, for discussion at Council meeting. ~Marv

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: Discussion on burial request by Jill Bonnewitz for her mother Ann Wendel Martin to be buried in our cemetery. After some discussion around making sure our policies and constitution are followed in this decision, M'Liss Moore made a motion to allow Ann Wendel Martin to be buried in our cemetery. Laurie Wendel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of Committee Reports: John Boor made a motion to approve all the team reports. Kathy Dunn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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.

PRAYERS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

Prayer For the Health and Safety of Students

Dear Jesus, The world can be a scary place at times. Parents often struggle with fear and anxiety as they drive away from the school after dropping off their students. Likewise, teachers and students feel the weight of the "what-if's" all day. So, we ask that you provide a blanket of peace and security for our parents, teachers, and students this school year. We ask for protection and safety for them all. Keep our children, their families, and the school staff safe from the various dangers of this world. At the same time, we ask that you guard their minds and hearts from unnecessary fear and worry. We also ask for good health for all involved. Please protect our students, families, teachers, and school staff from illness. Give those in charge wisdom and clarity. We ask that you give everyone calm heads and calm hearts in the face of any potential emergency and provide everything needed to navigate those situations well. In Jesus' name, Amen.

-Betsy St. Amant Haddox

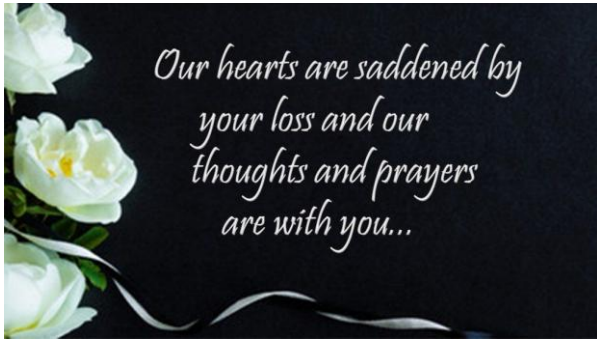
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A Prayer for Teachers

Dear God, Grant our teachers an abundance of Your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our loved ones, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return. Give them grace as they help students who aren't thriving, the courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak. When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. They are shaping the future in one million small - yet incredibly important - ways every day. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning they share with our children. Bless them, Lord, and may they see even just a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come. Amen.

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With Our Deepest Sympathy

Please keep the family of

Glenn Ruschhaupt

in your thoughts & prayers.

Glenn passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2026.

May God comfort his family at this time of loss.

*May God especially be with Linda, Candy,
Mike, J. Burns,
and Virginia & Archie.*

Thank You Note

Thank you to our church family for showing Glenn and I such love and friendship during his two-year journey through esophageal cancer. Our faith and your prayers, texts, calls and cards certainly gave us strength.

Candy, Mike and J. Burns and I will be forever grateful for the love and support we have received since Glenn's death. Thank you to all who went over and beyond to help us at the funeral and meal afterwards, we will forever be grateful. Please keep us in your prayers as we learn to navigate life without Glenn or as some know him, "Baby"

Linda Ruschhaupt

Candy, Mike and J. Burns Cowley

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." –

Galatians 6:2

Thank You Note

Dear Friends in Christ,

Words cannot express what your prayers have meant to me during this challenge in my life.

Thank you for being faithful prayer warriors.

With God's guiding and healing hand, the treatments and surgery have brought me to be cancer free.

I am so grateful to God for each of you.

May you be blessed by His holy hand.

Cathie and Dickie

With Our Deepest Sympathy

Please keep the family of

Caroline Blain

in your thoughts & prayers.

Caroline passed away on Friday, July 24, 2026.

May God comfort her family at this time of loss.

May God especially be with

Bobby & Aletha Blain and all her family.

With Our Deepest Sympathy

Please keep the family of

Ruth Roller

in your thoughts & prayers.

Ruth passed away on Friday, July 26, 2026.

May God comfort her family at this time of loss.

May God especially be with her children,

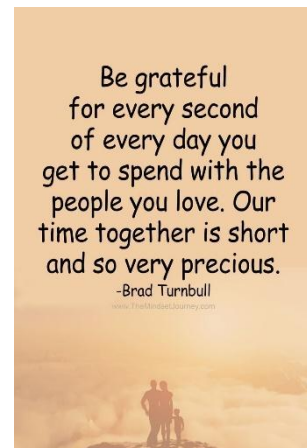
Susan Ochs & Mark Roller

and her nieces, Meliss Eckhardt, Dianna Solix,

Linda Rios, & Fay Syzdek.

Be grateful
for every second
of every day you
get to spend with the
people you love. Our
time together is short
and so very precious.

-Brad Turnbull
www.bradturnbull.com



VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

August 2

Greeters - The Newman Family
Reader - Kaleigh Newman

August 9

Greeters - Cathie & Dickie Bettge
Reader - Cathie Bettge

August 16

Greeters - Margie & John Swannack
Reader - Shelby Newman

August 23

Greeters - The Henry Rangnow Family
Reader - Kathy Dunn

August 30

Greeters - The Hays Family
Reader - Wanda Hays

August Communion Assistant
Pam Haun

August Altar Guild
Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

August Nursing Home Visitor
Patricia Hood

LOOKING AHEAD. . .

September 6

Greeters - Beverly Bodden
Reader - Beverly Bodden

September Communion Assistant
Wanda Hays

September Altar Guild
M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

September Nursing Home Visitor
Margie Swannack

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:

- 3 - Shelby Newman
- 4 - Glenda Henry
Sydney Schaefer
- 5 - Jaymee Rangnow
Madyx Blain
- 8 - Jo Beth Caskey
- 9 - LeAnn Jander
- 10 - Lane Moritz
- 11 - Caleb Nagel & Kyle Nagel
Kaley Coker
- 14 - Sandy Motley
- 16 - Marjorie Ideus
Kay Nagel
- 19 - Linda Ruschhaupt
- 20 - Crosson Rains
Kyle Newman
- 21 - Rick Garrett
Ryan Eichhorn
- 22 - Jonathan Albrecht
- 23 - Betty Diebel
- 24 - Clifford Diebel
- 25 - Dianne Moeller
Paul Wendel
- 29 - Jaxon Egg
Sara Newman

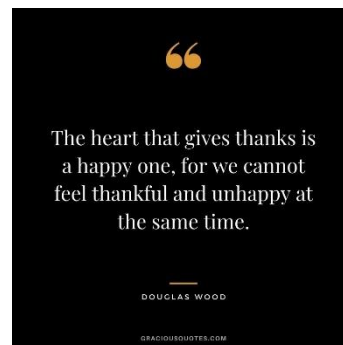


Our apologies if we have missed your special date.

Please contact the church office to help with corrections. Thank you!

Anniversary Greetings to:

- 5 - Taylor & Amanda Johnson
- 8 - Lloyd & Karen Copeland
- 15 - Paul & Shirley Wendel
Robert & M'Liss Moore
Rick & Kally Garrett
- 18 - Jeff & Tamara Zengerle



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Mission of the Month:

Lutherans for Life

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 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service 
10th Sunday after Pentecost 2 9:00 AM Sunday School – Rally Sunday 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship – VBS Sunday & Backpack Blessing 	3	4 Pastor John @ iCare Seminar in Victoria	5 1:30 PM Quilters	6 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting	7	8 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service 
11th Sunday after Pentecost 9 8:00 AM Property Team Meeting 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship	10	11 9 AM–12 PM Pastor's office hours	12 10:00 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study @ Parsonage 1:30 PM Quilters	13 Pastor John @ meeting in Hallettsville	14	15 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service 
12th Sunday after Pentecost 16 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship 	17 7 PM Finance Team Meeting	18 Pastor @ CAMAL House	19 1:30 PM Quilters 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	20 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours **Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.	21 **Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.	22 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
13th Sunday after Pentecost 23 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship	24	25 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Council Meeting	26 1:30 PM Quilters	27 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	28	29 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
14th Sunday after Pentecost 30 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship	31					