

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
July 12, 2026**

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**The Spirit himself
bears witness
with our spirit
that we are
children of God.**

Romans 8:16



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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 12, 2026

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Greeters Next Week: Jo Wieland, LaRae & Jessie Kelley

Reader This Week: Dwight Jander

Reader Next Week: LaRae Kelley

Acolyte This Week:

Acolyte Next Week:

Altar Guild This Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Altar Guild Next Month: Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

Communion Assistant This Month: Brian Wendel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Pam Haun



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!

*The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude.
Please prepare for worship with silent meditation at this time.*

AS WE GATHER

Themes of growth and abundance abound on this Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. The Word of God goes forth continually, reminding God's people that they are beloved, chosen, and cared for without fail. Because of his great love for humanity, God provides beauty to enjoy and hope in the midst of suffering. Some will hear this word of promise, and it will grow like a seed planted in fertile soil.

PRELUDE: *"Fugue in C Major"*

Dietrich Buxtelude

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:

"When Peace, like a River"

LBW #346

¹When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

²Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this calm assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

³He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

⁴And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul.

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

L Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray,

C Richly inspire us, O Lord, to consider and accomplish what you see is good. For we know that we cannot live without you, but that with you, we shall prevail. And so, 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: Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Responsive Reading Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-14

[¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

²To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions.

³Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out.

**⁴Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

⁶You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might.

⁷You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

**⁸Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.]**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.

¹⁰You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹¹You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

¹²You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹³May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

**¹⁴May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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 13: 1-9, 18-23

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear.”

¹⁸{Jesus said to the disciples,} “Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

¹Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore thee; May I still thy goodness prove.

²Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by thy help I’m come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand’ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.

³Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I’m constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand’ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it; Seal it for thy courts above.

Stand as you are able.

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

APOSTLES’ CREED

C I believe in God, the Father, the 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 arose 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.

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:

“Here Faith Abides”

Gerald Peterson

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

Stand as you are able

OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

**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**

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.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen

CLOSING HYMN:

“Old Rugged Cross”

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross (rugged cross)
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown
To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
It's shame and reproach gladly bear
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away
Where his glory forever I'll share
And I'll cherish the old rugged cross (rugged cross)
Till my trophies at last I lay down
And I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown
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Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: 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:

“Sing a New Song”

Edward Broughton



Psalm 121:1-2

**"I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help
come? My help comes from
the Lord, who made heaven
and earth."**

[As we enjoy nature's beauty in July, this verse directs our focus to God as our ultimate source of help and strength. He is the Creator of all things, and He is always ready to provide and sustain us.]

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



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 7/12	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	
	8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
Mon 7/13	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Tues 7/14	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. <i>Office Closed</i>	Pastor's Office Hours
Wed 7/15	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Office Hours Quilters Mission Evangelism Team Meeting Men's Bible Study
Thurs 7/16	??? 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Office Hours Pastor's Office Hours
Fri 7/17	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Sat 7/18	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service w/Communion

Next Sun. Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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.

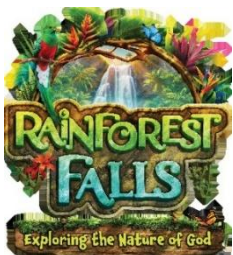
OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 5, 2026 General \$4,911.00, MOM (July) – Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse \$1,020.00, Old Stone Church \$25.00, SS Mission \$71.00, Building \$1,475.00, Organ \$145.00; **Total: \$7,647.00**

Attendance: Worship –62, Sunday School – 5 Children, 3 Teachers, Adult Study – 8

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 July, our collection items will be **ANY HEALTH KIT ITEMS** for the warehouse in Rosenberg

Mission of the Month for July

Rosenberg 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.



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)!



LIFE-TO-LIFE DISCIPLESHIP MEETING

The next meeting will be
Thursday, July 23rd, 2026 @ 7:00 PM.

**THE SMALLEST ACT
OF KINDNESS IS WORTH
MORE THAN THE
GRANDEST INTENTION,**

— OSCAR WILDE

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— July-September Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.

Sunday, July 12, 2026 – Property Team Meeting @ 8 AM

– Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

Wednesday, July 15, 2026 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

– Mission Evangelism Team Meeting @ 6 PM

– Men's Bible Study @ 7 PM

Saturday, July 18, 2026 – Evening Worship Service with Communion in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, July 19, 2026 – Communion Assistant Training @ 9:00 AM

– Worship Service with Communion @ 10:15 AM

– Called Congregational Meeting after service

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 – Pastor @ CAMAL House

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

Thursday, July 23, 2026 – Committee Reports Due

– Life-to-Life Discipleship @ 7 PM

Friday, July 24, 2026 – Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, July 25, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, July 26, 2026 – Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31, 2026 – VBS, 8:30 to Noon

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 – Council Meeting @ 7PM

Wednesday, July 29, 2026 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

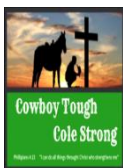
Called Congregational Meeting

St. John will have a called congregational meeting on Sunday, July 19, 2026 after our worship service. On the agenda is to discuss and vote on the long term plan for our church and congregation. Everyone should have received the proposed plan either by mail or email. Please look it over and plan to attend.

Communion Assistant Training

Communion assistant training will be held Sunday, July 19th, 2026, during the Sunday School Hour (9:00 AM). If you are interested in becoming a communion assistant, please make arrangements to attend this training. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS



+ 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 y'all 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)*

Our Military and their families:

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Fort Hood
Chase Schroeder, IT3 - U.S. Navy, FL
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, Fort Riley, KS
Michael Petrash II - 1st Lt., U.S. Army
Austin Burns, U.S. Army



Andrew Washington, L CPL – USMC,
Washington DC
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina
Zach McBrayer – Capt., USAF, Germany
John C. Otto – Army, National Guard
Philip Child, Capt., USAF, McConnell AFB
Wichita, KS

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

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



(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.



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



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

"Where there is faith in Christ, there the Holy Spirit pours both comfort and childlike confidence into the heart. The heart no longer doubts God's gracious will and help, because he has promised both grace and help, fulfillment and comfort, not because of our own worthiness but because of the merit and the name of Christ, his Son."

~ Martin Luther ~

Sermon on Romans 8:12-17, WA 22

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There are only two weeks left to register for the NALC Texas-Oklahoma Mission Region "Family Reunion"!

I hope you will seriously consider sending someone from your congregation. The "Family Reunion" is a quick 24-hour event designed to provide the opportunity to:

- Receive an introduction to the NALC's "Renew" initiative
- Meet fellow members from across the region
- Learn about several international mission partner agencies
- Worship
- Hear from all our Region's leaders
- Fellowship with your new friends over some good meals

All of the above, for only \$50!

There are still hotel rooms available nearby, a short 15-minute drive from Welcome Lutheran Church in Brenham.

NOTE: The "Family Reunion" is *NOT* a business meeting. It is an opportunity for refreshment and learning, designed to give participants tools they can take back to your congregation to assist you in better fulfilling the Great Commission.

I hope to see y'all there!

In peace,

+Pastor Becky

Rev. Becky L. Thane, Coordinator/NALC TX-OK Mission Region "Family Reunion"

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

Regional Family Reunion
July 31 - August 1, 2026

Welcome Lutheran Church
Brenham, Texas



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



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

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



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

→ Registration form on reverse side ←

Your registration includes dinner Friday and lunch Saturday.

Please secure your lodging reservations early!

**Last day to register is
July 15th, 2026.**



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