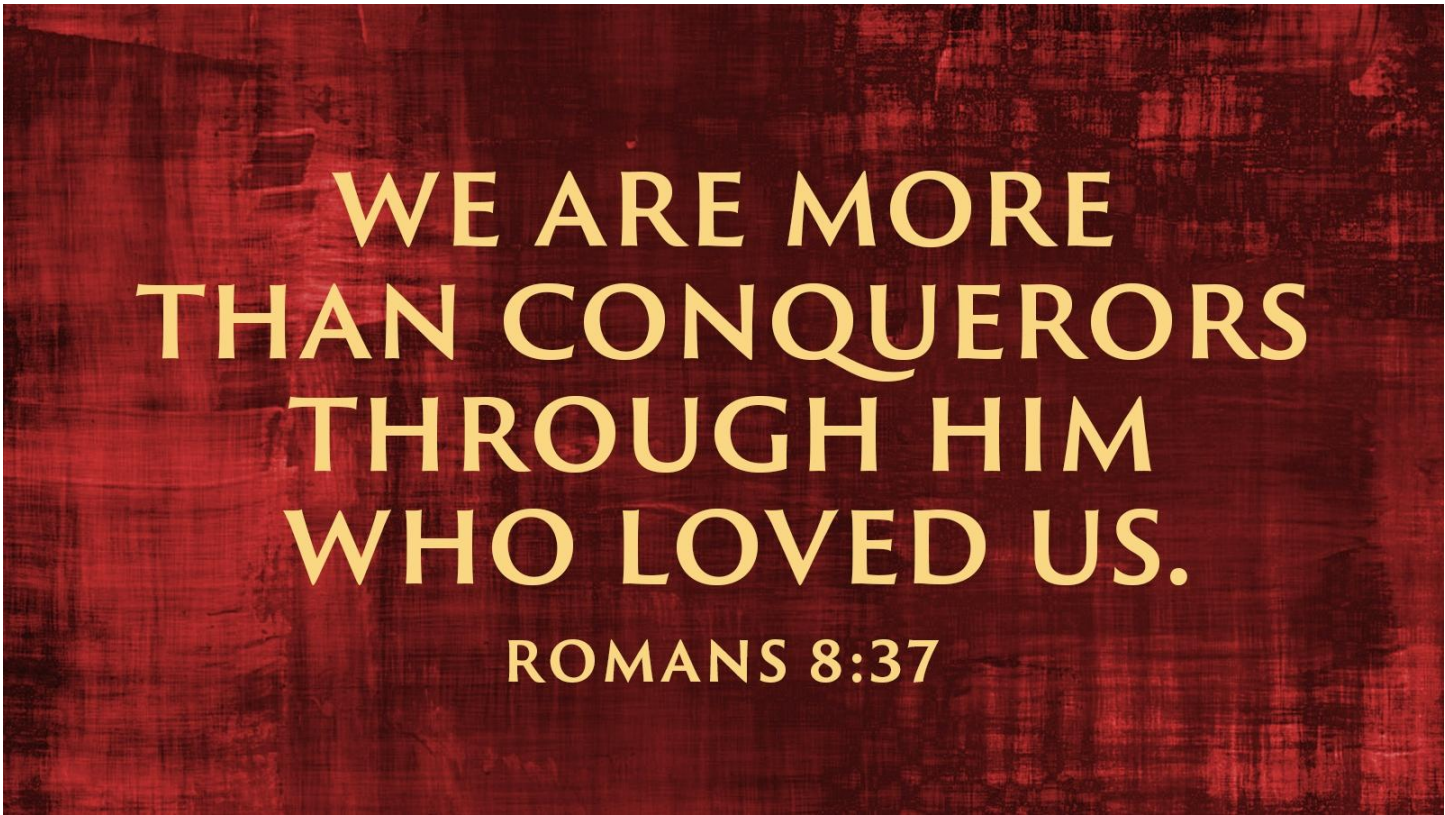


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
July 26, 2026**

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



**WE ARE MORE
THAN CONQUERORS
THROUGH HIM
WHO LOVED US.**

ROMANS 8:37

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 26, 2026

Greeters This Week: Meliss Eckhardt & Family

Greeters Next Week: The Newman Family

Reader This Week: Ayla Nessel

Reader Next Week: Kaleigh Newman

Acolyte This Week:

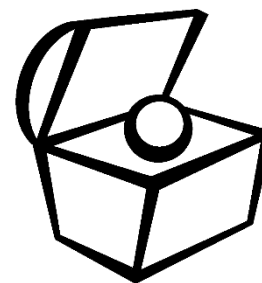
Acolyte Next Week:

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

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.

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

When God makes a promise, he keeps it for all time. That is evidenced in the Scriptures for today's worship. His love, care, and protection mean that he will never abandon those he calls his own, those he ushers into the kingdom of heaven. Jesus teaches his disciples that this kingdom is often hidden from view, but it is like a priceless treasure that is to be cherished and valued above all else.

PRELUDE: *"Prelude & Fugue"*

J. S. Bach

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand as you are able

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen

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

C Amen

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

Silence for Reflection and Meditation

L Most merciful God,

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

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

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

LBW #415

¹God of grace and God of glory, On your people pour your pow'r;
Crown your ancient Church's . . . story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

²Lo! The hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

³Cure your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

⁴Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving you whom we adore,
Serving you whom we adore.

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 O God, your almighty power is most clearly shown in your mercy and pity. Multiply your grace that we may run to your promises and be made to share in your heavenly joy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶{Moses said to the Israelites,} “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations”

Responsive Reading **Psalm 125**

¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast forever.

**²The hills stand about Jerusalem;
so does the LORD stand round about his people, from this time forth forevermore.**

³The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just,
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

⁴Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart.

⁵As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers;
but peace be upon Israel.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 13:44-52

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

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴{Jesus said to the disciples,} “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

LBW #526

**¹Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**

**²Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**³To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

**⁴Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render; oh, help us to see
‘Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

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:

"China (Jesus Loves Me)"

David Paxton

(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:

"This Is My Father's World"

LBW #554

¹This is my Father's world, And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of . . . skies and seas; His hand the wonders . . wrought.

²This is my Father's world, The birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I . . hear him pass; He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

³This is my Father's world; Oh, let me not forget
That, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring; God reigns, let the earth be . . glad!

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



Isaiah 40:31

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

[As we experience the physical renewal of summer, this verse speaks to the spiritual strength we receive when we wait on the Lord. It encourages us to persevere and trust in God's timing, knowing that He will renew our strength.]

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Sun 7/26	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Study Worship
Mon 7/27	<i>Office Closed</i> 8:30 a.m.-Noon	Vacation Bible School
Tues 7/28	8:30 a.m.-Noon 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School Office Hours Council Meeting
Wed 7/29	8:30 a.m.-Noon 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School Office Hours Quilters
Thurs 7/30	??? 8:30 a.m.-Noon	Office Hours Vacation Bible School
Fri 7/31	<i>Office Closed</i> 8:30 a.m.-Noon	Vacation Bible School
Sat 8/01	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service w/Communion



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.

Next Sun. Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School – Rally Sunday
9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
10:15 a.m.	Worship – Communion
	<i>Backpack Blessing</i>

Have a Blessed Week!



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

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

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Saturday, July 18, 2026

Attendance: Worship – 4

Sunday, July 19, 2026 General \$3,778.43, MOM (July) Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse \$393.00, Sunday School \$10.00, VBS \$50.00, Building \$390.00, Youth \$10.00; **Total: \$4,631.43**

Attendance: Worship – 70, Sunday School – 5 Children, 2 Teacher, Adult Study – 7

2026 Vacation Bible School – Rainforest Falls – THIS WEEK

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.. We are also looking for volunteers to help bring VBS to life! Help is needed decorating, organizing, & 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)!



**AS YOU GROW OLDER, YOU WILL
DISCOVER THAT YOU HAVE TWO
HANDS — ONE FOR HELPING
YOURSELF, THE OTHER FOR
HELPING OTHERS.**

— AUDREY HEPBURN

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 26, 2026 – Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

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

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

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

Saturday, August 1, 2026 – Evening Worship Service with Communion in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, August 2, 2026 – Rally Sunday & Backpack Blessing

– Worship Service with Communion @ 10:15 AM

Wednesday, August 5, 2026 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

Saturday, August 8, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, August 9, 2026 – Property Team Meeting @ 8 AM

– Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

Good morning,

We look forward to welcoming your children to **St. John Lutheran Church's Vacation Bible School** from 8:30 a.m.–Noon, July 27–31!

We're excited to share that VBS is officially full! If your plans have changed and your child is no longer able to attend, please let us know as soon as possible. We'd love to be able to open that spot for another child to experience VBS.

As we prepare for a fun and faith-filled week, here are a few important reminders:

Camp Theme: Rainforest Falls

This year, we'll discover the amazing nature of God through Rainforest Falls—learning that God is our Creator, our safe place, our source of love, and our forever hope. Each day, we'll explore powerful lessons from the Book of Psalms and discover how God knows us, cares for us, and walks with us through every season of life. We can't wait to grow in faith and friendship together!

Camp Details:

- **Drop-off:** Check-in begins at 8 am inside the Parish Hall. Camp activities begin promptly at 8:30 am. Parents must come inside the building to check in their child/children each morning.
- **Outdoor Activities:** VBS includes outdoor activities. Please have children wear closed-toe shoes, dress for the weather, and arrive with sunscreen already applied.
- **Water Bottles:** Please send a labeled water bottle with your child.
- **Meals:** Breakfast and lunch will not be provided. Please make sure your child eats breakfast before arriving. We'll provide a light snack each morning.
- **Pickup:** Dismissal begins at Noon in the Parish Hall. Please plan to pick up your child by 12:30 p.m. each day.

Safety and Drop-off/Pickup Procedures:

To help keep all of our camper's safe, parents and guardians must come inside the Parish Hall for both drop-off and pickup each day. We appreciate your patience during these busy times. Your cooperation helps us provide a safe, welcoming environment for every child.

Special Events:

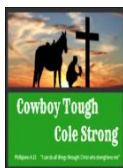
On the final day of VBS, **Friday, July 31**, we invite parents and families to join us from **Noon–12:30 p.m.** for a special VBS celebration! You will have the opportunity to visit their child's classroom, meet their teachers, see where they've learned and explored throughout the week, and take home their child's artwork.

We also invite all campers and their families to join us on **Sunday, August 2**, for our annual **Rally Sunday and Backpack Blessing!** Sunday School from 9–10 a.m. will be a fun kickoff to our new Sunday School year. During our 10:15 a.m. worship service, our VBS campers will share one of their favorite songs, and we will celebrate our annual Backpack Blessing. Children are encouraged to bring their school backpacks to receive a special blessing as they begin a new school year. We hope you'll join us for this joyful celebration!

We are looking forward to an incredible week of faith, fun, and adventure at Rainforest Falls! If you have any questions before VBS begins, please don't hesitate to reach out.

See you soon! Rachel Nessel

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, Christy Johns, David Diebel, Obert Sagebiel, Elizabeth Beard, Jonathan Ideus, Stacey Nelson, MayDell Jacob, Caroline Blain, Nancy Butler, Jonathan Pokluda, Kay Nagel, Kevin Bodden, Gary Moeller, Betty Diebel, Seth Wendel, Linda Boyer, Kaleigh Newman, John Helms; 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



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



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

"God is a master who knows how to convert whatever would hinder and harm us into that which furthers and helps us. Whatever is intended to take our life must preserve it. Whatever would cause us to sin and damn us must help to strengthen our faith and hope, must make our prayer more fervent and cause it to be heard more richly."

~ Martin Luther ~

Sermon on John 15, LW 24



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