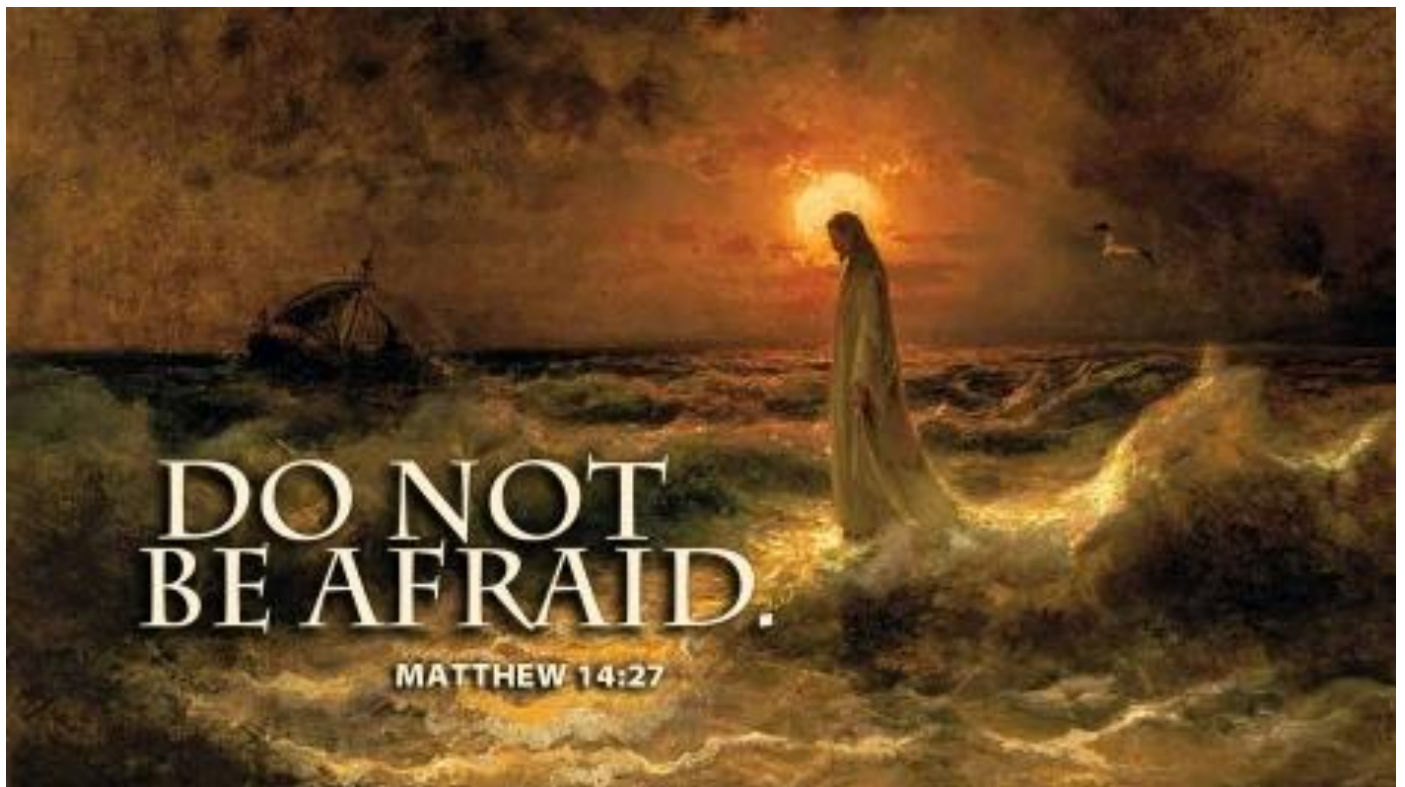


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
August 9, 2026**

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



Matthew 14:27

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 9, 2026**

Greeters This Week: Cathie & Dickie Bettge

Greeters Next Week: Margie & John Swannack

Reader This Week: Cathie Bettge

Reader Next Week: Shelby Newman

Acolyte This Week:

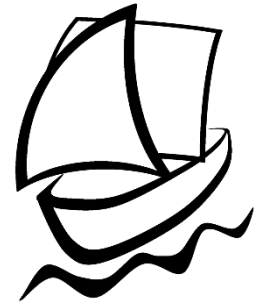
Acolyte Next Week:

Altar Guild This Month: Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

Altar Guild Next Month: M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

Communion Assistant This Month: Pam Haun

Communion Assistant Next Month: Wanda Hays



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

The disciples in their small boat are being thrashed around by a storm, and, seeing Jesus, they cry out, thinking he is a ghost. Peter calls to him and ventures onto the water, but when he takes his eyes off the Lord, he plunges into the waves. Jesus urges us to keep our eyes on him, especially when the storms of life seek to engulf us. It is God who is in charge — the God who made and calms the wind and waves.

PRELUDE: *“Invention 3 (for keyboards)”*

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:

“I Love to Tell the Story”

LBW #390

**¹I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings As nothing else would do.**

Refrain:

*I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love*

**²I love to tell the story: How pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, For some have never heard
The message of salvation From God's own holy Word. [Refrain]**

³I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story That I have loved so long. *[Refrain]*

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 Almighty and merciful God, only by your gift of grace can the faithful offer service that is worthy of you and deserving of praise. Keep us from stumbling as we run to receive your promises; 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: Job 38:4-18

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? ¹²Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 18:1-6 [7-17]

¹I love you, O Lord my strength, O Lord my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.

**²My God, my rock in whom I put my trust,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge: You are worthy of praise.**

³I will call upon the Lord, and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

⁴The breakers of death rolled over me, and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.

⁵The cords of hell entangled me, and the snares of death were set for me.

⁶I called upon the Lord in my distress and cried out to my God for help.

[⁷He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; my cry of anguish came to his ears.

⁸The earth reeled and rocked; the roots of the mountains shook; they reeled because of his anger.

⁹Smoke rose from his nostrils and a consuming fire out of his mouth;
hot burning coals blazed forth from him.

¹⁰He parted the heavens and came down with a storm cloud under his feet.

¹¹He mounted on cherubim and flew; he swooped on the wings of the wind.

¹²He wrapped darkness about him; he made dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.

¹³From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds, burst hailstones and coals of fire.

¹⁴The Lord thundered out of heaven; the Most High uttered his voice.

¹⁵He loosed his arrows and scattered them; he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.

**¹⁶The beds of the seas were uncovered, and the foundations of the world laid bare,
at your battle cry, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.**

¹⁷He reached down from on high and grasped me; he drew me out of great waters.

Second Reading: Romans 10:1-17

¹Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. ²I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. ³For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. ⁴For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified.

⁵Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); ⁹because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him. ¹³For, "every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? ¹⁵And how can men preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ.

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 14:22-33

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (*Sung*)

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

²²Immediately {Jesus} made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (*Sung*)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

"Take My Life, that I May Be"

LBW #406

¹Take my life, that I may be Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

²Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.

³Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from thee.

⁴Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

⁵Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.

⁶Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for 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:

“The Breath of God”

Ray Landis

(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:

“Bind Us Together”

WOV #748

Refrain:

***Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord; bind us together in love.***

**¹There...is only one God. There...is only one King.
There...is only one Body; that...is why we can sing: *[Refrain]***

**²You are the family of God. You are the promise divine.
You are God’s chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine. *[Refrain]***

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:

“Festive Song Of Praise”

Lani Smith



Romans 12:2

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

[In a world full of distractions, this verse reminds us to focus on spiritual growth. August can be a time for reflection and renewal, allowing God's Word to transform our thoughts and actions in alignment with His will.]

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



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 8/9	Eleventh 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 – Scholarship Sunday
Mon 8/10	<i>Office Closed</i>
Tues 8/11	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
	10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 8/12	10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Yorktown Manor
	??? Office Hours
	12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 8/13	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Office Hours
	<i>Pastor @ Meeting in Hallettsville</i>
Fri 8/14	<i>Office Closed</i>
Sat 8/15	6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service w/Communion

Next Sun. Twelfth 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

Saturday, August 1, 2026

Attendance: Worship – 5

Sunday, August 2, 2026

General \$10,168.00, MOM (August) Lutherans for Life \$520.00, Rosenberg Warehouse \$10.00, Cemetery \$3,025.00.00, Old Stone Church \$75.00, SS Mission \$58.00, Building \$650.00, Youth \$20.00, Organ \$25.00; **Total: \$14,641.00**

Attendance: Worship – 77, Sunday School – 7 Children, 2 Teacher, Adult Study – 7

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~

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

Mission of the Month for 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.



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)!



Thank You to Our Church Family

Rainforest Falls VBS was an incredible week filled with learning, laughter, and growing in faith. We welcomed 25+ campers who spent the week discovering how awesome our God is. Thank you to Virginia Abremeit, Brenda Boor, Pastor John Boor, Joie Caskey, Lloyd and Karen Copeland, Klent Daniels, Gracie Diebel, Paisley Diebel, Charlotte Doehrman, Zoe Doehrman, Kathy Dunn, Melissa Eckhardt, Lisa Gabrysch, Kally Garrett, Kendall Helms, Trish Hood, LaRae Kelly, Melody Lindick, Ayla Nessel, Kinley Nessel, Shelby Newman, Kaleigh Newman, Sara Newman, Kamrie Ohrt, Rayland Picard, Laurie Pokluda, Linda Ruschhaupt, Marv Sager, Mr. Wagner, Don Wendel, Callie Wendel, Jo Wieland, Hudson Zengerle, and Morgan Zengerle for sharing your time, talents, creativity, and hearts with our children. We also thank River City Community Church and St. Paul Lutheran Church of Yorktown for their generous donations of decorations that helped bring Rainforest Falls to life. Over the next several weeks, we'll share a little more about what our campers learned each day as we explored who God is and the many ways He loves and cares for us.



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

– Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

– Scholarship Sunday during Church Service

Wednesday, August 12, 2026 – Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor @ 10 AM

– Women's Bible Study @ 12:30 PM

– Quilters @ 1:30 PM

Thursday, August 13, 2026 – Pastor @ Meeting in Hallettsville

Saturday, August 15, 2026 – Evening Worship Service with Communion in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, August 16, 2026 – Worship Service with Communion @ 10:15 AM

Monday, August 17, 2026 – Finance Team Meeting @ 7 PM

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 – Pastor @ CAMAL House

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

– Men's Bible Study @ 7 PM

Thursday, August 20, 2026 – Committee Reports Due

Friday, August 21, 2026 – Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, August 22, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, August 23, 2026 – Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 – Council Meeting @ 7PM

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

Saturday, August 29, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, August 30, 2026 – Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

Dear VBS Families,

Thank you for sharing your children with us for Rainforest Falls VBS! We are so grateful that you trusted us with your kids and allowed us to spend the week learning, laughing, singing, and growing in faith together.

Throughout the week, the children learned that God is our Creator, God knows us completely, God is our safe place, God is love, and God is forever. We hope these lessons continue to stay with them and remind them how much God loves them.

Here is a video with pictures from our week together:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1M3tid125T4eUcju0dSRIWxALPF_W2g91/view?usp=sharing .

We hope you enjoy seeing the smiles, friendships, and memories made during Rainforest Falls VBS!

Thank you again for being part of our VBS family. We were blessed to spend this week with your children.

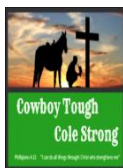
With gratitude,

Rachel Nessel

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church VBS Director 2026



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, Jonathan Ideus, Stacey Nelson, MayDell Jacob, Nancy Butler, Jonathan Pokluda, Kay Nagel, Kevin Bodden, Gary Moeller, Betty Diebel, Seth Wendel, Linda Boyer, Kaleigh Newman, John Helms, Ashley McAllister, the Family of Roger Maywald, Jr., Family of Levi LaDuke; 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

PAM Unit – Elizabeth Beard



With Our Deepest Sympathy

Please keep the family of

Roger Morris Maywald, Jr.

in your thoughts & prayers.

Roger is the step-father of Lindsey Ficklin and passed away July 18, 2026.

May God comfort his family at this time of loss.

May God especially be with

Lindsey & Pam Ficklin and family.

With Our Deepest Sympathy

Please keep the family of

Levi LaDuke

in your thoughts & prayers.

Levi is the one-year old grandson of Lori Barlow and son of Ragen & John LaDuke.

He passed away August 1, 2026.

May God comfort his family at this time of loss.

May God especially be with

Ragen & John LaDuke, Lori Barlow, and all of his family.

SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

"The first duty of a preacher of the Gospel is, through his revealing of the law and of sin, to rebuke and to turn into sin everything in life that does not have the Spirit and faith in Christ as its base."

~ Martin Luther ~

Bible Commentary on Romans



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.

Both Prayers taken from: www.christianity.com/wiki/prayer/prayers-for-school-encouraging-prayers-for-students-and-teachers.html

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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