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September 2026 Newsletter

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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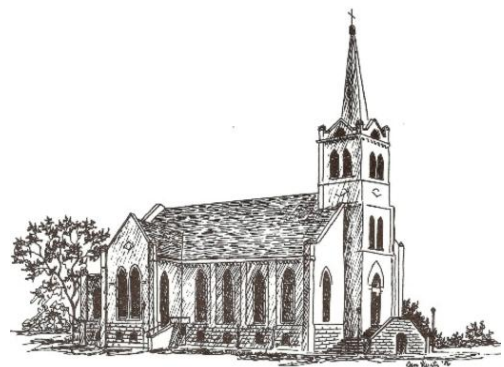
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Ministers - The People of St. John
Pastor - The Rev. John Boor
Organist - Bruce A. Weise

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,

I was recently looking back at some of my articles from 2013. I came across one that read: I recently read a Gallup poll that has been tracking American views of religion since the Eisenhower administration. This year's poll indicates that 77 percent of Americans believe that religion is losing its influence in American Life. But this year they added another question that adds to the results. This year they also asked whether more American religion would be positive or negative. 75 percent responded that society would benefit from an increase in religion. So, the poll was a good news bad news poll. As I have watched the news this past month a recurring thought that has run through my mind was that if people would just follow Christian Principles there would be a lot less problems in the country.

It brought to mind the recent Roadmap that our congregation approved, and I thought it was time to think about how are we doing fulfilling what we presented in our roadmap for St. John. Are we reaching out to those in the community who aren't active in a church? Are we reaching out to our members who aren't attending?

What are we doing to share the good news with those who desperately need to hear it?

As I have said before we have a responsibility as Christians to share the good news. Jesus tells us in Matthew 28:19; *"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."* And in Acts 1:8 Jesus tells us, you *"shall be My witnesses."*

I have read several articles that the younger generation is returning to church. I have read that Greg Laurie baptized several thousand people last year. I have also read about colleges that are now having revivals and drawing large crowds.

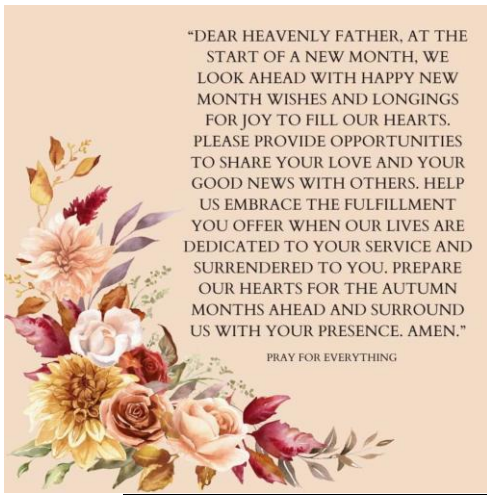
Are we doing our part? How can we improve. What can our church do to reach those who are lost??

I pray that all of us will reflect on this and start a movement here at St. John to reach out, to bring not only new members, but to reach out to those we haven't heard from lately and encourage them to return to their roots.

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.



STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2026														
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Infant/Child		0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Adult		0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Total Baptisms		0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Confirmations		0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Weddings														
Members		0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Non-Members		0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Funerals														
Members		0	1	0	0	0	1	1						3
Non-Members		1	0	0	0	0	0	0						1
Counseling Sessions		4	3	2	2	1	2	3						17
Transfer Out		0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Transfer In		0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
New Members														
Adults		0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Children		0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Home Visits		4	4	3	3	2	2	2						20
Hospital Visits														
Members		3	1	12	6	0	3	8						33
Non-Members		0	0	0	0	0	0	1						1
Private Communion														
Members		3	3	3	3	2	2	2						18
Non-Members		14	12	0	0	8	10	8						52
PLEASE NOTE: LAST MONTH'S STATISTICS ARE TO DATE AS OF PRINTING TIME														
Release of Membership														
Restore to Membership														

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
Financial Secretary – Pam Haun 361-275-2146

Parish Education – Kathy Dunn 361-275-4322
Mission/Evangelism – Cathie Bettge
Property Team – Marvin Sager 361-243-1166
Finance Team – Laurie Wendel 361-564-6319
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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



Notes from the
Church Secretary

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 Eckhardt.

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 October 2026 Church Bell is Friday, September 18, 2026 by 9:00 a.m. You can drop off your articles at the church office, or e-mail them to stjohnlutheran@juno.com. Thanks!



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A COPY OF THE
CHURCH NEWSLETTER
BEFORE IT EVER GOES IN THE MAIL AND
SAVE MONEY AS WELL?**

If so, contact the church office by email at stjohnlutheran@juno.com or by phone (361-277-8653) by call or text with your email address and we will be happy to send you The Church Bell via your email. This will save the church money spent on postage, paper, and copying.

What a great stewardship idea!!!

Do you have an idea?

Is there something at the church that you think needs fixing or changing? The Church Council and Committee Members would like to have your input. Please feel free to use the 'suggestion box' in the Narthex to pass on your ideas, suggestions, and concerns. Remember, this is your church and your opinion matters. We are eager to hear from you!



BUSY BAGS IN CHURCH



Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to use. These bags have quiet activities for children to enjoy during Worship. The tote bags have items that younger children might be interested in. Grab a bag on your way in to church, but please "bee" sweet and return it after the service.



PHONE PRAYER CHAIN

(immediate or long-term needs)

If you have a prayer request or wish to be on the prayer chain, please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500. We ask that when placing a name on the prayer chain, you would please call back weekly with an update on the person's condition. In case of long-term prayer needs, please give monthly updates. If we do not have an update, in an effort to keep our list current and up to date, we will presume the situation has improved and remove the request after 30 days. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Our Military and their families:

Russell Copeland – USAR
Jonathon Albrecht - USA, Fort Hood
Chase Schroeder, IT3 - USN, FL
Lee Magruder - USA, Fort Riley, KS
Michael Petrash II – 1st Lt., USA

Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Washington DC

Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, NC

Zach McBrayer – Capt., USAF, Germany

John C. Otto – USA, National Guard

Travis Zavesky – USA

Austin Burns – USA

Philip Child – Captain, USAF, McConnell AFB, Wichita, KS

CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

Please remember these individuals in your prayers: Hunter Jacob, Cole Ohrt, Ryon Preslar,

Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy F. Diebel, Fred "Sandy"

Sanders, Ryler James Jacob, Billy Guenther,

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, Elizabeth Beard, the Family

of Roger Morris Maywald, Jr., the 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 &

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.

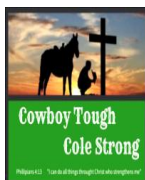


+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:

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 September
Hospice of South Texas

Hospice of South Texas is committed to delivering empathetic and dignified care. Our mission is to honor the lives of those we serve by providing comfort, support, and exceptional care, ensuring that every moment matters. The Hospice of South Texas Dornburg Center of Compassion is a state-of-the-art inpatient facility with twelve private rooms offering hospice patients and their families all the comforts of home, along with round-the-clock, expert medical care.

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

During the month of September, our collection items will be **ANY CLEANING BUCKET ITEMS** for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

NALC WAREHOUSE & NALC WAREHOUSE-ROSENBERG

If you are giving a donation to one of these warehouses, please indicate which one. This designation must be made in order for the funds to be sent to your donation, national warehouse or Texas warehouse. *Rosenberg Warehouse checks need to be written out to Peace Lutheran Church with Rosenberg Warehouse on the memo line.*

Are you in need of a home for gently used prayer materials?

Used Portals of Prayers are also being collected and delivered to Victoria Christian Assistance Ministries in Victoria. If you have questions, please contact Cathie Bettge or Meliss Eckhardt. Thank you!

What's in a Flood Bucket?

- 1 five gallon bucket with lid (*check at schools, restaurants, donut shops*)
- 1 roll paper towels (*Walmart \$0.68*)
- 1 powder scouring cleanser (like comet) (*Walmart \$0.88*)
- 1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso) (*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)
- 1 bottle bleach – small! (1/2 gal. or smaller) (*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)
- 1 scrub brush (*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)
- 1 pair rubber gloves (size L preferred, reusable) (*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)
- 1 pair leather gloves (size L preferred) (*H Depot 3pk/\$6.00*)
- 1 pair cotton gloves (size L preferred) (*H Depot \$1 ea. or Walmart 6pk/\$5.00*)
- 2 large contractor trash bags (3 mil)
- 2 rags (*cut up old bath or beach towels, dish towels, wash cloths*)

What's in a Heath Care Kit?

- 1 bath towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 shampoo at least 4 ozs.
- 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

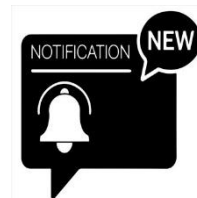
Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

Starting September 6th, 2026, Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes may be picked up. Watch bulletins and next month's newsletter for more information on date due back. Thank you!

Member Death/Funeral Notification

Email for our Members

If you are interested in having the church office email you to let you know of a congregational member's death and/or funeral, please let Meliss Eckhardt know your email address. This email address will not be included in the directory, but will be used for the sole purpose of notification.



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 September 16th. 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.



Confirmation Classes Start Sunday, September 13th, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Portals of Prayer

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

Rainforest Falls VBS: Thank You!

What an incredible week we had at Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School! After months of planning, preparing, decorating, and praying, our church was transformed into a rainforest where we welcomed **25+ campers** for a week of learning, laughter, and growing in faith.

Our Tiny Trekkers, Forest Scouts, and Kingdom Climbers spent the week exploring Bible stories, singing songs, creating crafts, playing games, and discovering five important truths: God is our Creator, God knows everything, God is our safe place, God is love, and God is forever.

A special thank you goes to everyone who helped make this week possible. We are grateful for 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 Lindig, 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 want to 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. Whether you served during the week, helped behind the scenes, decorated, or supported VBS through prayer, thank you. It truly took our whole church family coming together to create such a special experience for our children. We pray the seeds planted during VBS continue to grow and remind our children of God’s amazing love. Thank you! **Rachel Nessel**



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/1M3tid125T4eUcju0dSR1WxALPF_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

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars, on **October 25^h, 2026**, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday & 175th Anniversary of the founding of the Evangelical Lutheran St. Johannes Congregation now known as St. John Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, Meyersville, Texas.



Our guest speaker will be Pastor Bobby Vitek, part-time Southern Area Assistant to the Bishop of the NALC, followed by lunch. More information is to come in the upcoming bulletins and newsletter.

TEAM LEADERS

Planning for the 2026 Budget starts now! Team Leaders please have your budget requests in to the Finance Team/Office no later than Wednesday, September 30, 2026. Year-to-date figures will be available for pick up from the church office after September 18th.

All requests will be considered.

Thank you!

~ St. John Finance Team ~



SOME FYIs for YOU



September 1 – Worship Team Meeting @ 7 PM
 September 2 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM
 September 5 – Evening Worship Service-
 with Communion @ 6 PM
 September 6 – Worship Service @ 10:15 AM with
 Communion
 September 9 – Comm. Service @ Yorktown
 Manor @ 10 AM
 – Women’s Bible Study @12:30 PM
 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM
 September 10 – Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting
 @ 6:30 PM
 September 12 – Evening Worship Service @ 6 PM
 September 13 – Property Team Meeting @ 8 AM
 – Confirmation Class @ 9 AM
 – Worship Service @ 10:15 AM
 September 15 – Pastor @ CAMAL House
 September 16 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM
 – Mission Ev. Team Meeting @ 6 PM
 – Men’s Bible Study @ 7 PM
 September 17 – Committee Reports Due
 September 18 – Newsletter Articles Due
 September 19 – Evening Worship Service-
 with Communion @ 6 PM
 September 20 – Confirmation Class @ 9 AM
 – Worship Service @ 10:15 AM
 with Communion
 September 22 – Council Meeting @ 7PM
 September 23 – Old Stone Church Meeting @ 9 AM
 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM
 September 26 – Evening Worship Service @ 6 PM
 September 27 – Confirmation Class @ 9 AM
 – Worship Service @ 10:15 AM
 September 30 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

Camp Lone Star Campers

From July 5–10, St. John’s sent nine of our youth to Camp Lone Star in La Grange. The group included eight returning boys and one new girl, all eager for a week of fellowship and growth. While they thoroughly enjoyed classic camp activities like swimming, canoeing, archery, hiking, the water slide, and crafts, the true heart of their experience lay in their spiritual journey.

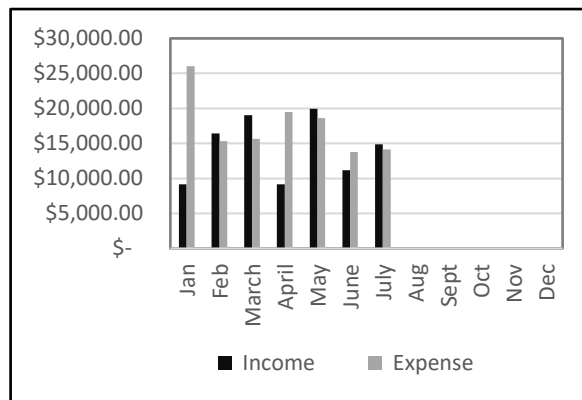
The campers deeply connected with the week’s theme, "God's Calling," rooted in Ephesians 2:10. Through small-group Bible studies, challenge courses, daily devotionals, messages, and creative Bible verse skit reenactments, our youth explored what it means to be God's workmanship.

The campers extend their heartfelt gratitude to the entire St. John’s congregation. Your prayers and financial support made this life-changing experience possible. They are already looking forward to returning next summer, with plans to bring friends along to share the experience and continue spreading God’s love.

Thank you, Johnna

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 ~ July 28, 2026

Members Present: Marv Sager, John Boor, Kathy Dunn, M'Liss Moore, Cathie Bettge, Mike Cowley, Laurie Wendel, Lloyd Copeland, Kyle Newman, Brenda Gohmert, and Pam Haun

Call to Order: Kyle Newman called the meeting to order.

Opening Devotion and Prayer: Pam Haun gave an opening devotion.

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting: Lloyd Copeland made a motion to approve the June council minutes. Cathie Bettge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Report: Report presented by M'Liss Moore.

Pastor's Report:

I will be attending an iCare seminar at Parkside Church in Victoria on August 4. It is a part of STCH Ministries.

Confirmation classes will start the Sunday after Labor Day. Johnna will be teaching the class this year with my guidance. I plan on attending all the classes and observing.

In addition to the written report, Pastor John Boor mentioned he will be attending the 13th Mission District Pastors meeting in Hallettsville.

Old Business:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance Team Report:

The finance team did not meet in July, our next meeting will be August 17, 2026. Sincerely, Laurie Wendel

Mission/Evangelism Team:

Meeting opened with a prayer.

Members present: Pastor John Boor, Cathie Bettge, Linda Ruschhaupt, Pam Haun.

Old Business: via text Cheryl reported that Pastor Vitek and his wife will arrive Saturday. We will take them out to dinner.

Reviewed the June & July Mission of the Month and the June & July Rosenberg collections

Service Projects: 1. another link will be added to the text prayer chain
 2. 2026 Shepherd Groups have been organized

New Business: We discussed and acknowledged the goals set forth for our team by the Church Goals Committee. Upon discussion an idea was presented that having an email list to notify the congregation upon the death of a church member would be helpful.

It was suggested that the notice come from the church office secretary. Members who wish to receive the message would need to give the secretary their email address. It would strictly be used in this manner.

Also, MET could initiate a temple talk once or twice a year to encourage members to invite friends, family, and newcomers in the community to St. John Church.

For the outreach system, the church secretary sends out a “We Miss You” card when appropriate.

Every Sunday we have greeters in the foyer “greeting” people as they come in.

If they are unfamiliar faces, they are asked to sign the guest book. If they add a phone number or address, they should be contacted.

The upcoming 2026 NALC Mission Convocation online meeting will be held Friday, August 7, 7-10 PM, ET

Mission of the Month of August: Lutherans For Life

Rosenberg Disaster Collection: health kit items

Closed with The Lord’s Prayer

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 @ 6 PM in the Parish Hall

In addition to the written report, council also discussed potential modes of notifying the congregation of the death of members.

Parish Life Team:

Parish Life Committee Report July 2026 7-20-2026

July activities for our group included:

We served refreshments on the lawn after church on July 5 to celebrate our nation’s 250th anniversary. Red, white, and blue fountain pens were also given away.

Our committee coordinated the meal after Glenn

Ruschhaupt’s funeral service on July 17.

Lloyd and Karon plan to purchase Parish Ed’s requested food items for St. John’s Vacation Bible School to be delivered by July 24 to the Parish Hall.

Bev reported that 6 Get Well cards and 1 Sympathy card have been sent at this time.

Parish Ed Team Report:

PARISH EDUCATION REPORT

July 27, 2026

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!

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 campers 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

Kathy Dunn, Team Leader

Worship Team:

Worship team did not meet in July

Property Team Report:

Meeting Date – July 26, 2026

Members Present – Dickie Bettge, Vance Egg, Mitchell Jank, John Boor, and Marv Sager

Items Completed: Parsonage cleaned; Restroom and various kitchen supplies replenished; New trees deep watered; Parish Hall fluorescent lighting repaired; Parish Hall door closure device installed; Wasps sprayed; Basement cleaned; Elevator landing washed/cleaned of bird droppings; Sanctuary

entrance area washed/cleaned of bird droppings; AC filters checked; Old Stone Church storm damage repair contract executed; Orkin quarterly pest control treatment

Items Discussed: Storm damage repairs – Communications with repair entities continues. Metal roofing materials have been ordered by contractor and metal roof installation will begin with the parsonage. Cardenas Painting has begun repair work on the Old Stone Church.; Additional bird netting – Team consensus is to seek Council approval to install netting over the parish hall porch and entrance door adjacent to the office, as well as over the sanctuary elevator landing and sanctuary main entrance.; Restroom Issues – Replacement of parsonage commode which has cracked tank and repair of one of parish hall commodes.; Cemetery Columbarium – Consensus is to secure firm bid from potential vendor.

Items for Council Approval: Installation of recommended bird netting, subject to costs at or below Council's monetary authority.

Next Scheduled Meeting: 08/09/26

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: Amendment to January 2026 minutes – in reference to the congregation's TDECU and Wells Fargo accounts, council needs to provide an amendment to the January 27, 2026 minutes in order to make necessary changes. Lloyd Copeland made a motion to amend the January 27, 2026 as follows: In reference to the TDECU banking relationship, to remove Marv Sager, Brent Gohmert, and Matthew Nelson from the signature card AND add Kyle Newman, Vice president, and M'Liss Moore, Treasurer to the signature card. In reference to the Wells Fargo banking relationship, authorize Kyle Newman, Vice President, and M'Liss Moore, Treasurer as Key Executives. Mike Cowley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Scholarship committee recommended that all three candidates (Kaleigh Newman, Kyle Nagel, and Caleb Nagel) receive a \$1,000 scholarship this year, similar to what has been offered with past scholarships. Kathy Dunn made a motion to approve the scholarships for the three candidates. John Boor seconded the motion, the motion carried with Kyle Newman and Pam Haun abstaining.

Council also had a discussion on how to be more transparent about church finances so members are aware of monthly deficits and the stress that can have on the general fund balance. An awareness of this situation might influence how contributions are designated.

John Boor made a motion to adjourn. Lloyd Copeland seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of Committee Reports: Pastor John Boor made a motion to approve all of the team reports that were presented. Pam Haun 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



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our 2026 Scholarship Recipients

Caleb Nagel

Kyle Nagel

Kaleigh Newman

*May God go with them through their education and
guide their paths.*



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.

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.*

*"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the
law of Christ." – Galatians 6:2*

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH:

September 6

Greeters - Beverly Bodden
Reader - Beverly Bodden

September 13

Greeters - Youth Group
Reader - Kinley Nessel

September 20

Greeters - The Newman Family
Reader - Shelby Newman

September 27

Greeters - Trish Hood
Reader - Trish Hood

September Communion Assistant
Wanda Hays

September Altar Guild

M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

September Nursing Home Visitor

Margie Swannack

LOOKING AHEAD. . .

October 4

Greeters - Dianna & George Soliz
Reader - Dwight Jander

October Communion Assistant

Johnny Jank

October Altar Guild

Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

October Nursing Home Visitor

Trish Hood

Volunteers: If you are down for a service, you are responsible for getting a substitute if you cannot make it. Please let the church office know if you have switched so the correct names can be in the bulletin.

Happy Birthday to:

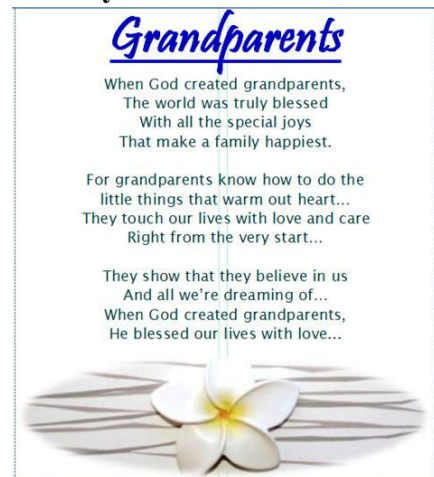
- 1 - Robert Moore
- 4 - Neal Moritz
Luke Moritz
- 5 - Seeley Picard
Slade Picard
- 7 - Patrick Hays
- 15 - Johnny Paul Jank
- 16 - Jordan Egg
- 19 - Carl Eichhorn
- 21 - Peyton Diebel
- 22 - Trevor Bodden
- 23 - Terry Haun
- 25 - Jeri Ficklen
Mackenzie Blain
- 26 - Kenneth Diebel
Kyle Jank
- 27 - Meri Cay Diebel
- 28 - Johnna Picard
- 29 - Brian Wendel
- 30 - Jason Ohrt
Lyanna Picard



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

Anniversary Greetings to:

- 1 - David & Kristine Schroeder
- 4 - Leon & Arlene Wallace
- 7 - Johnny & Virginia Jank
Archie & Virginia Abrameit
Brent & Shelley Dreier
- 17 - Brian & Laurie Wendel
- 19 - Blake & Kathy Dunn



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September 2026

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, TX

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Mission of the Month:
Hospice of South Texas

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>		1 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Worship Team Meeting	2 1:30 PM Quilters	3 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours	4	5 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service 
15th Sunday after Pentecost 6 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship 	7	8 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	9 10:00 AM Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study @ Parsonage 1:30 PM Quilters	10 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours 6:30 PM Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting	11	12 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
16th Sunday after Pentecost 13 8:00 AM Property Team Meeting 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!!!	14	15 Pastor @ CAMAL House	16 1:30 PM Quilters 6:00 PM Mission Ev. Team Meeting 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	17 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours **Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members.	18 **Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office.	19 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service 
17th Sunday after Pentecost 20 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship 	21 6 PM 4-H Meeting in Parish Hall	22 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours 7 PM Council Meeting	23 9:00 AM Old Stone Church Meeting 1:30 PM Quilters	24 9 AM-12 PM Pastor's office hours	25	26 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
18th Sunday after Pentecost 27 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Worship	28	29 1 PM-4 PM Pastor's office hours	30 1:30 PM Quilters **Team Budget Report Due to Office		Office Hours: *Please see the Bulletins 	