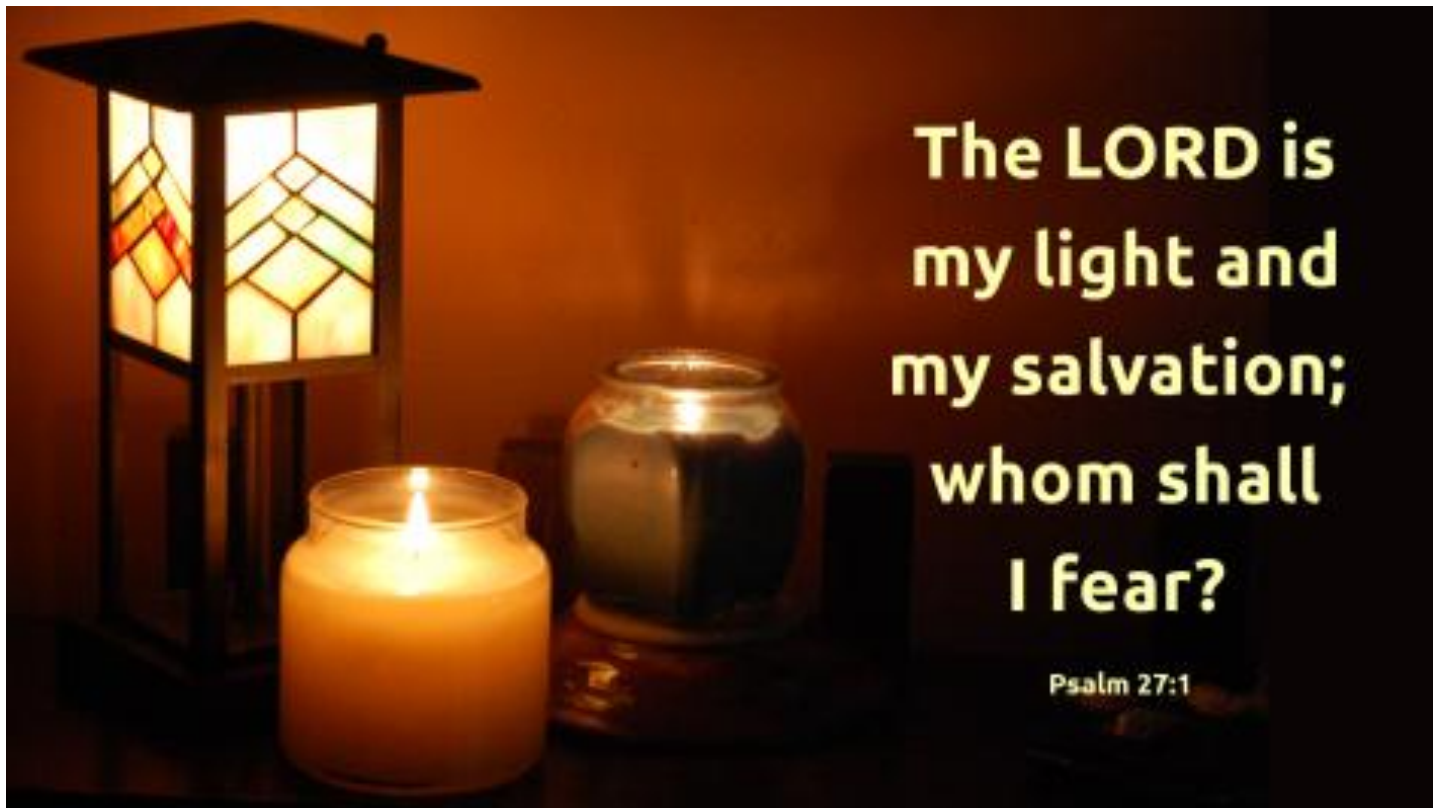


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
September 20, 2026**

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



Psalm 27:1

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Sunday, September 20, 2026

Greeters This Week: The Newman Family

Greeters Next Week: Trish Hood

Reader This Week: Shelby Newman

Reader Next Week: Trish Hood

Acolyte This Week: Kinley Leist

Acolyte Next Week: Levi Moritz

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

Altar Guild Next Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Communion Assistant This Month: Wanda Hays

Communion Assistant Next Month: Johnny Jank

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!

HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to commune with us if, as a baptized Christian, you believe that you are a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness; that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Sacrament; that this is more than a symbolic act, but a way God proclaims forgiveness to us who are repentant.

May your participation increase your faith and strengthen your love for God and one another.

(For those attending, please fill out a tan communion card.)

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude.

Please prepare for worship with silent meditation at this time.

AS WE GATHER

God's generosity to his people is beyond our human understanding. We often count and keep score of what is given to us and compare it to what others have received. This is not the way God works. God gives to each according to their need, and it is given out of love and mercy. It is not for us to compare or to cry "Unfair!" because God's ways are beyond our limited human understanding.

PRELUDE: *"Prelude and Fugue in G Major"*

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:

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

LBW #469

¹Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

²Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

**³Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**⁴Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

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

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray,

C Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 27:1-13

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

**²When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**

³Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;

⁴And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

⁶To behold the fair beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

⁸Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

¹¹You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.” Your face, LORD, will I seek.

¹²Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

¹³You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel,
¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁹... {F}or I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 20:1-16

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

¹{Jesus said,} “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

LBW #503

¹O Jesus, I have promised To serve you to the end;
Remain forever near me, My master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle If you are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway If you will be my guide.

²Oh, let me feel you near me; The world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, Around me and within;
But, Jesus, then draw nearer To shield my soul from sin.

³Oh, let me hear you speaking In accents clear and still
Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me, To hasten or control;
Now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

⁴O Jesus, you have promised To all who follow you
That where you are in glory Your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised To serve you to the end;
Oh, give me grace to follow, My master and my friend.

Stand as you are able

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

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father 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 rose 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

C 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.

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:

“Repentance”

Franklin Ritter

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

Stand as you are able

OFFERTORY

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

L Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

L It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

L Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
That all those who believe in him should not perish,
But have eternal life.
We give thanks to you for the salvation
You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
That we may receive our Lord
With a living faith as he comes to us
In his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L In the night in which he was betrayed
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying;
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people
For the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

L 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.**

L Come for the Lord's Table is ready.

**C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

HOLY COMMUNION *(For those attending, please fill out a tan communion card.)*

L May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

POST COMMUNION

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Let us pray;

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C 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:

"Toccatina"

Donald Callendar

A Prayer for Spiritual Nourishment Through Communion

Lord God, I come to Your table seeking spiritual nourishment for my soul. May the bread and wine strengthen my faith, renew my spirit, and give me endurance to walk in Your ways. Feed me with Your Word and Your presence, so I may grow in holiness and love. Help me to live out the grace I receive in daily life. Amen.

John 6:35

"Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'"

Prayer

Lord, feed my soul with Your presence. As I partake of Communion, fill me with Your strength and peace. Help me to draw life from You continually and to walk in Your love each day. Amen.

(taken from prayerlit.com/prayers-before-holy-communion/#google_vignette)



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

[These verses highlight the importance of maintaining a positive attitude, being prayerful, and expressing gratitude. September can be a month filled with thankfulness as we recognize God's blessings.]

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



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 9/20	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship w/Communion
Mon 9/21	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	6:00 p.m.	4-H Meeting in Parish Hall
Tues 9/22	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	Office Closed	
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wed 9/23	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	9:00 a.m.	Old Stone Church Meeting
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
Thurs 9/24	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Fri 9/25	Office Closed	
Sat 9/26	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service
	Next Sun. Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship

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, September 12, 2026

Attendance: Worship – 4

Sunday, September 13, 2026 General \$2,615.00, MOM (September) Hospice of South Texas \$305.00, Portals of Prayer \$150.00, Sunday School \$55.00, Building \$220.00, Youth \$40.00; **Total: \$3,385.00**

Attendance: Worship – 80, Sunday School – 5 Children, 3 Teacher, Adult Study – 7

God Is Forever

On Day 5 of Rainforest Falls VBS, Howie the Howler Monkey helped us learn that God is forever. The children were reminded that God's love and promises never end. As we look forward to the hope of heaven, we can trust that God is always with us and that His goodness lasts forever. We celebrated a wonderful week of friendship, fun, and growing closer to God together. We prayed: Dear God, Thank you that you are forever and that your love and promises never end. Thank you for giving us hope for the future and a home with you where there is no more sadness or pain. Help us to trust you when things change, knowing that you never do. Thank you for this week, friendship, fun, and growing closer to you. Help us to remember that we can always praise you, now and forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.



NALC Disaster Response

What's in a Cleaning 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

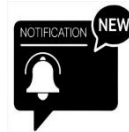
During the month of September, our collection items will be **ANY CLEANING BUCKET ITEMS** for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

Mission of the Month for 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.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes may be picked up in the Narthex. The adhesive label is included in the shoebox. 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.

With Our Deepest Sympathy

*Please keep the family of
Elizabeth Marie Gohmert Haun Beard
in your thoughts & prayers.
Elizabeth is the wife of Mickey Beard and
Mother of Terry Haun & Lee Haun
She passed away September 11, 2026.
May God comfort her family
at this time of loss.*



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 - Portals of Prayer — October-December Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.

Sunday, September 20, 2026 — Confirmation Class @ 9 AM

— Worship Service with Communion @ 10:15 AM

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 — Council Meeting @ 7PM

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 — Old Stone Church Meeting @ 9 AM

— Quilters @ 1:30 PM

Saturday, September 26, 2026 — Evening Worship Service @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, September 27, 2026 — Confirmation Class @ 9 AM

— Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

Wednesday, September 30, 2026 — Quilters @ 1:30 PM

— Budget Requests Due TODAY

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church will hold their Annual Fall Festival starting with Mass at 10 AM. A BBQ meal will be available for dine-in or to-go starting at 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. A live auction will be held at 12:30 PM. There will also be a country store, raffle, silent auctions, and games for the children.



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 ~

SAVE THE DATE

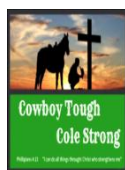
Mark your calendars, on October 25th, 2026, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday-Mission Feast & 175th Anniversary of the founding of the Evangelical Lutheran St. Johannes Congregation now known as St. John Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, Meyersville, Texas.

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.

In an effort to make this day even more special, we would love to have some additional activities celebrating our anniversary. If you have any suggestions, please let Johnny Jank, Lloyd Copeland, Cathie Bettge, Brenda Gohmert, or Pastor John know ASAP. Time is running short so please get ideas to them quickly. Thank you!



PRAYER REQUESTS



+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole: Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (June 9, 2026):

Hello everyone. Cole has asked me to graciously ask all his prayer warriors to pray for him as he is about to go into surgery in Houston for a fractured femur he sustained yesterday while doing some routine stretching at home. He knows he can count on all of you to lift him up in prayer during this scary time for him. ~~ Man, I am overwhelmed by the love and support you all give my precious boy. Thank you for lifting him up in prayer. He's in surgery now. Will post with an update when he gets out. ~~ Cole is out of surgery and doing well! Surgery went great thank the Lord. Cole is still a little drowsy but wanted me to thank all of you for your prayers and asks y'all to keep praying for his complete healing. ~~ Wanted to give an update on Cole. He is back home and doing well. Has some pain and discomfort but nothing compared to before surgery. We want to sincerely thank all of you for your prayers. Cole had an amazing surgeon and team in Houston and his surgery was successful with no complications. God. His is good. ♥

+ Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole + At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list: *Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual To help family stay strong Patience ~ Stay positive ~The drive to keep trying (perseverance)*

Our Military and their families:

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves

Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Fort Hood

Chase Schroeder, IT3 - U.S. Navy, FL

Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, Fort Riley, KS

Michael Petrash II - 1st Lt., U.S. Army

Austin Burns, U.S. Army



Andrew Washington, L CPL – USMC,

Washington DC

Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina

Zach McBrayer – Capt., USAF, Germany

John C. Otto – Army, National Guard

Philip Child, Capt., USAF, McConnell AFB

Wichita, KS

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN (immediate or long-term needs):

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

CHURCH PRAYER LIST: Please remember these individuals in your prayers: Hunter Jacob, Cole Ohrt, Ryon Preslar, Evelyn Diebel, Billy Guenther, Christy Johns, David Diebel, Obert Sagebiel, Nancy Butler, Kevin Bodden, Seth Wendel, Linda Boyer, Kaleigh Newman, Ashley McAllister, Clem Waskow, the Family of Elizabeth Beard; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus

AlzCare of DeWitt County Assisted Living – Carol Ann Sagebiel



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

Therefore we must not consider this parable in every detail, but confine ourselves to the leading thought, that which Christ designs to teach by it... what the householder had in mind and what he aims to teach, how he desires to have his goodness esteemed higher than all human works and merit, yea, that his mercy alone must have all the praise.

~ Martin Luther~

Sermon on Matthew 20



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