

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
September 27, 2026**

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Philippians 2:13

It is God
who works in you,
both to will and to work
for his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:13

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Greeters This Week: Trish Hood
Greeters Next Week: Dianna & George Soliz
Reader This Week: Trish Hood
Reader Next Week: Dwight Jander
Acolyte This Week: Levi Moritz
Acolyte Next Week: Ayla Nessel
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!

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

AS WE GATHER

Throughout salvation history, humans have struggled with sour grapes, failing to act mercifully toward one another. God's ways of love and mercy are an enigma to the sinful human heart. Even though, like the psalmist, we desire to know and follow God's ways, it is hard for us to reach unity, and we balk at the notion of emptying ourselves as Christ did on the cross. Still, Christ calls us to come to him in faith so that we might serve the world he loves and thereby glorify his holy name.

PRELUDE:

"Short Prelude No. 2"

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:

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

LBW #383

¹Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts With nobler zeal might burn.

²Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;
As heirs of God's baptismal grace, His word of hope proclaim.

³Rise up, O saints of God! His kingdom's task embrace;
Redress sin's cruel consequence; Give justice larger place.

**⁴Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;
Stretch forth your hand of healing now, With love the weak sustain.**

**⁵Commit your hearts to seek The paths which Christ has trod
And quickened by the Spirit's power, Rise up, O saints of God!**

GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray,

C O Almighty and most Merciful God, through your bountiful goodness, keep us from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that you would have us do. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, 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: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the LORD God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the LORD is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the LORD is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the LORD God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the LORD God; so turn, and live.”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 25:1-9

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**²Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

³Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

**⁴Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

⁵Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

**⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

⁷Gracious and upright is the LORD; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

⁸He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

⁹All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-4 [5-13] 14-18

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the

interests of others. [⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.] ¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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 21:23-27 [28-32]

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-27 [28-32]

²³When {Jesus} entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”

²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. [²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”]

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

LBW #481

¹Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are yours.

²We are yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.

³You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to you.

⁴Early let us seek your favor, Early let us do your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

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:

“A Little Offertory”

Edward Broughton

(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:

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Song by Matt Redman

**Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes
Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find
Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul**

**Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Bless You Lord
And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore
Forevermore
Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Yes, I'll worship Your Holy name
Lord I will worship Your Holy name**

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:

"Toccata"

Donald Callendar



Romans 15:13

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

[This verse reminds us that God is the source of our hope and joy. In September, we can rely on His Spirit to fill us with peace and confidence in our faith.]

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Sun 9/27	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 – Congregational Mtg. After Service
Mon 9/28	<i>Office Closed</i>
Tues 9/29	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
	<i>Office Closed</i>
Wed 9/30	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Office Hours
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
	Team Budget Reports Due to Office
Thurs 10/1	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 10/2	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Sat 10/3	6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service w/Communion

Next Sun. Nineteenth 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, September 19, 2026 General \$250.00; **Total: \$250.00**

Attendance: Worship – 6

Sunday, September 20, 2026 General \$1,827.00, MOM (September) Hospice of South Texas \$290.00, Sunday School \$65.55, Old Stone Church \$20.00, Building \$140.00, Youth \$20.00; **Total: \$2,362.55**

Attendance: Worship – 63, Sunday School – 4 Children, 2 Teachers, Adult Study – 11



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 ~



NALC WAREHOUSE & NALC WAREHOUSE-ROSENBERG

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

NALC Disaster Response

What's in a 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 equivalent)
(*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 (2 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.

Member 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.

All Saints Sunday

With November just around the corner, this is a reminder that All Saints Sunday is Sunday, November 1, 2026. If you have a family member or someone who passed away since November 1st of 2025, please let Pastor John or Meliss Eckhart in the office know so that they may be included in our service on this special day. Thank you!

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. Please have the Christmas shoeboxes returned to church by Sunday, November 8. Thank you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Sunday - 9:00 A.M. - Sunday School-

Come deepen your faith, connect with friends, and grow closer to God! All 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, September 27, 2026 – Confirmation Class @ 9 AM

– Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

– Congregational Meeting After Service

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

– Budget Requests Due TODAY

Saturday, October 3, 2026 – Evening Worship Service with Communion in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, October 4, 2026 – Confirmation Class @ 9 AM

– Worship Service with Communion @ 10:15 AM

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

Saturday, October 10, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, October 11, 2026 – Property Team Meeting @ 8 AM

– Confirmation Class @ 9 AM

– Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

– Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Tuesday, October 13 – Thursday, October 15, 2026 – Pastor John @ Pastor's Retreat

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 – Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor @ 10 AM

– Women's Bible Study @ 12:30 PM

– Quilters @ 1:30 PM

Saturday, October 17, 2026 – Evening Worship Service with Communion in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, October 18, 2026 – Confirmation Classes @ 9 AM (First Day)

– Sunday School & Adult Study @ 9 AM

– Worship Service with Communion @ 10:15 AM

Monday, October 19, 2026 – 4-H Meeting in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

– Finance Team Meeting @ 7 PM

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 – Pastor @ CAMAL House in AM

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

– Men's Bible Study @ 7 PM

Thursday, October 22, 2026 – Committee Reports Due

Friday, October 23, 2026 – Newsletter Articles Due

Saturday, October 24, 2026 – Dreier Wedding

Sunday, October 25, 2026 – Reformation Sunday/Mission Feast Sunday

175th Anniversary Celebration

– Confirmation Class @ 9 AM

– Worship Service with Communion @ 10:15 AM

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 – Council Meeting @ 7 PM

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

Friday, October 30 – November 5, 2026 – Pastor John on Vacation

Saturday, October 31, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.



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.

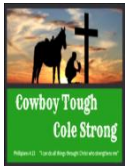
ATTENTION: ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

The Bi-Annual Altar Guild Meeting for St. John's Altar Guild will be Tuesday, October 13, 2026 @ 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Please at least one member from each team is asked to attend for changes in procedures, reminders, and discussion. Thank you, Carol Ann

Monday, October 26, 2026

St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Cuero will hold their annual Bunco with a Light Meal starting at 6 PM. Please RSVP by October 22, 2026 – church office 361-275-2845 or Marlene Fromme 361-275-4214. Please join them for food, fun, and fellowship.

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, Beatrice Fagg; 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

The sinner does not so much need to be washed as he needs to die, in order to be wholly renewed and made another creature, and to be conformed to the death and resurrection of Christ, with whom he dies and rises again through baptism.

~ Martin Luther ~

The Babylonian Captivity of the Church

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!

A Prayer for Rain to Quench the Thirst of Animals

Father of all Creation, the animals are suffering from thirst as the land remains dry and barren. We ask that You send rain to quench their thirst, providing the water they need to survive. You care for all creatures, great and small, and we trust in Your power to sustain them. Let the rain bring life back to the land, ensuring that all living things have what they need to thrive. Thank You for Your constant care and provision, and for the rain that will bring relief to the animals in need. Amen.

Psalms 104:27

"All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time."

Prayer

Lord, we are grateful for the beauty and diversity of the animals You have created. We pray for rain to fall upon the earth, providing the water they need to survive and flourish. Let the rain be a symbol of Your love for all creation, and may it remind us of our responsibility to care for the world You have made. We place our trust in Your ability to provide for every living creature, knowing that You are faithful and good. Amen.

Taken from https://prayerlit.com/prayers-for-rain/#google_vignette



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Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org to view weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters.

For those on church premises wishing to worship in their vehicles, tune in to FM 101.5 at 10:15 a.m. Sunday mornings.

If you'd like to receive your monthly church newsletter via email, call or text the church office at 361-277-8653.