

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDEULE

9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service

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season the reason







Good News Journal December 2025

St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring
 480 Ross Street Cat Spring Texas 78933 979-865-5444
www.stjohncatspring.org

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov 30 1st Sunday in Advent Sunday School Choir Practice 9:00 Worship Service/ Children's Church 10:00 am	1 St John Bell Choir Practice 4pm	2 St John Prayer Shawl Ministry 8:30 am	3 Advent Discus- sion Group and Potluck Potluck 6:00 pm Discussion 6:30 pm	4	5	6
7 2nd Sunday in Ad- vent Sunday School Choir Practice 9:00 Communion Wor- ship Service/ Children's Church 10:00 am	8 St John Bell Choir Practice 4pm	9 St John Quilting Ministry 9:00 am	10 Advent Discus- sion Group and Potluck Potluck 6:00 pm Discussion 6:30 pm	11	12	13
14 Youth Christmas Play 3rd Sunday in Advent Sunday School Choir Practice 9:00 Worship Service/ Children's Church 10:00 am	15 St John Bell Choir Practice 4pm	16 St John Prayer Shawl Ministry 8:30 am	17 Advent Discus- sion Group and Potluck Potluck 6:00 pm Discussion 6:30 pm	18	19	20
21 4th Sunday in Advent Sunday School Choir Practice 9:00 Worship Service/ Children's Church St Johns Handbell Choir Performs 10:00 am	22 St John Bell Choir Practice 4pm	23 St John Quilting Ministry 9:00 am	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service 5:00 pm St Johns Handbell Choir Performs	25 	26	27
28 No Youth Sunday School or on Jan 4th St John's Handbell Choir Performs during Worship Service.	29 St John Bell Choir Practice 4pm	30	31			



Prevailing Prayer

James and Carol Wenzel
Ronnie and Bonnie Smith

Deana Keller

Carolyn Rash

Mike Rankin

Carol Smith

Nic Norboge

Emily Drymala

Kendall Manna

Alfred Tomasek

Tristan

Prayers for the family of Jim Havel, in
their time of sorrow.

Zachary Schulke

Kathy Painchaud

Sara Wit

MaryAnn English

Victor Smith

Charlotte Reichert

Hope Griffin

Brian Dahl

Bubba Bencal

Shirley Hering

Carol Smith

Mark Enax

Jerry Walsch

Zayden

Doris Schaffner

Chelsy Lankford

Debbie Driskoll

Melinda Brock

James Herring

12-3 Chris Logan
12-4 Courtney Reichardt
Rebecca Marek
12-7 Billy Findeisen
12-12 Suzanne McDaniel
12-14 Remington
Reichardt
12-16 Christa Klar
12-17 Janice Class
12-21 Charlene Surovcak
Katherine Washburn
Rayann Rabius
12-25 Eileen White
12-26 Baylee Brandes
12-27 Rhys Reichardt
12-29 Avery Dittert
12-30 Waylon Blezinger
12-31 Mary O'Neal



12-3 John and Janice Class
12-4 Dustin and Kenna Schram
12-12 Bruce and Lacy Dittert
12-13 Frank and Charlene Surovcak
12-28 William and Sherry Barr

MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

Sealy Avir

Delores Dittert

Argent Court –Brenham

Carrie Froebel

HOMEBOUND:

Katherine Washburn

DECEMBER NEWS



And The Great Bake Off winner is.....Team 2

Bexley Nelson & Layla Ordner with their Lemon Cheesecake

We all had a fun time baking and a lot of laughing. Flour and lemon seeds were flying everywhere! Even cleaning up was entertaining.

Thank you for your freewill donations! It will go towards our Christmas party.



*You are invited to our youth
Christmas play,*

Journey to Bethlehem

*Sunday, December 14th
during the worship service.*



Youth WILL have Sunday school on Dec. 21st

NO Sunday school Dec. 28th and Jan. 4th

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Acolyte Schedule: December: 7th Layla Ordner 14th Hunter Hewson

21st Rhett Reichardt 28th Rinley Nelson

January: 4th Riley Hewson 11th Layla Ordner 18th Rinley Nelson 25th Rhett Reichardt

It is Poinsettia Order Time!

RED Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for Christmas. If you would like to purchase one or more of these flowers, fill out the order form and place your order and donation of **\$12 each, per poinsettia** into the labeled envelope and place it in the box provided, in the Narthex.

Order deadline is Sunday, December 14th.

If it is past the 14th, call office to see if some Poinsettias are still available for purchase

979-865-5455

Worship Attendance

Date	In Person
11-2	36
11-9	52
11-16	50
11-23	41
11-30	41
Total	220



The NALC churches in and around Brenham are sponsoring a Christmas Lunch for any women interested in joining together for a meal, program, fellowship and door prizes. A sign up sheet is provided along with tickets for the event. Please remember to bring your ticket with you for lunch and an entry into the drawing.

NALC
CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Date: 12/19/2025

Time: 11:30am

\$20

Cannery Kitchen

314 E. Alamo St. Brenham, Tx

Sponsor Churches:

Abiding Word
New Wehdem
Phillipsburg
St. John (Prairie Hill)
St. Matthew (Sandy Hill)
Salem
Welcome

Tickets:
See Doris, Karen, Marion

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Please place my flower(s):

In Memory of

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In Honor of

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Or _____ To the Glory of God

Christmas Season Worship Dates

Wednesday nights, this Advent Season we will have an informal **Advent Discussion Group and Potluck.**

The dates will be **December 3, 10 and 17.**

The **Potluck** will begin at 6:00 pm and the **Advent Group Discussion** begins at 6:30 pm, in the **Fellowship Hall**

If you would like to sign up, to bring a dish for potluck, see the **"Advent Potluck"** sign up sheets in Narthex. There are separate sign up sheets for each date.

Youth Christmas Play, on **December 14th** during **Worship**. Practice begins **Nov. 23rd** during **Sunday School**, at **9:00 am**

Christmas Eve Communion

Candlelight Worship Service

5:00 pm, Wednesday, December 24th

No Worship Service on

December 25th

BLOOD DRIVE

St John Lutheran Church Cat Spring

Thursday, January 8
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

*** FREE HOODIE ***

Health Benefit: Free Diabetes Screening
(A1c Test) With Donation

Scan Below to Sign Up



Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome.



Landree, blood recipient

 **Gulf Coast Blood**
EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.

Save lives on
the go with



Complete your Health History Interview before you come in for your donation.

Go to <https://cflxpress.giveblood.org/> and complete the same day as your appointment.

Statement of Financial Position

St. John Lutheran of Cat Spring, Tx
As of October 31, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
AUSTIN COUNTY STATE BANK - CEMETERY OP	21,013.40
Citizen's State Bank - CD 55550-6	100,000.00
Citizen's State Bank - CD 55551-12	100,000.00
Citizen's State Bank - GF	\$80,128.97
Citizen's State Bank - Building/Property	4,819.72
Citizen's State Bank-Cemetery	0.00
Citizens State Bank-Community Care Fund	5,094.98
Citizen's State Bank - ELCA Benevolence	0.00
Citizen's State Bank - ELCA Disaster	0.00
Citizen's State Bank-Kerr County	0.00
Citizen's State Bank - LYD	7,501.64
Citizen's State Bank-Memorial Fund	16,441.58
Citizen's State Bank-Men In Mission	0.00
Citizen's State Bank - Music Fund	53.88
Citizens State Bank - Patio Fund	0.00
Citizen's State Bank - Prayer Shawl	570.20
Citizen's State Bank - Quilters	267.76
Citizen's State Bank - Scholarship Fund	7,021.91
Citizen's State Bank - Sealy Pantry Fund	0.00
Citizens State Bank-Senior Day	1,980.06
Citizen's State Bank - Thrivent Choice	1,390.00
Citizen's State Bank - Wedding Fund	1,833.05
Citizens State Bank - WELCA	145.00
Total for Citizen's State Bank - GF	\$127,248.75
Citizens State Bank MM	51,842.03
ELCA Endowment E272908	232,127.13
ELCA Endowment E272909	27,440.48
ELCA Endowment E273030	50,000.00
Industry State Bank- CD Cemetery	82,318.93
Petty Cash	100.00
Total for Bank Accounts	\$792,090.72
Accounts Receivable	
Other Current Assets	
Total for Current Assets	\$792,090.72
Fixed Assets	
Other Assets	
Total for Assets	\$1,735,227.50
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Equity	
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$1,735,227.50

St. John Lutheran Church – Cat Spring

Council Agenda

December 5, 2025



Call to order: By Robin Haugen at 6:51 p.m.

Opening Devotional: Don Allphin

Members Present: Robin Haugen, Mary O'Neal, Tim Brune, Malcolm Dittert, Laurie Eckhardt

Members Absent: Doug Neva

Guests – Don Allphin, Christa Klar, Ken Wienken

Adoption of Agenda – YES

Minutes for final approval –November approved per email, Yes

Treasurer Report: See attached. Motion to approve Yes January 1st change the name to St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring. Mary T. Oneal is going off as a signer and Ken Wienken is going to go on as a signer. Motion to approve: 1st Laurie, 2nd Tim.

Pastor Report – Green books have been ordered and will be in next week

Committee Reports

Youth (LYO) – Christmas program will be on the 14th. Trying to schedule a Christmas party for the youth and everyone's schedule is super busy.

Cemetery Report –Had a special request for a burial at the cemetery. Double box method set in the hole and Henneke is going to set it. Council approved but will not approve in the future. More complicated than was presented to us.

House and Grounds – Doug has replaced the filters and left extra filters in the church. It has been brought to the attention of the house and grounds that the back of the church has leak. The siding is probably going to have to be replaced with Hardie board. Will be brought up again at next council meeting.

Still need to address the playground, it looks wonderful, but there are still nails sticking out of the windows and issues with steps to playhouse.

Old Business: Baptismal for Kelly and Milton Dittert's daughter Laura. We are still looking for Pastors for communion Sundays. Don can perform the baptismal.

New Business: Designate signers for the Thrivent fund. Robin, Laurie, and Ken will be approved signers. Motion made to approve 1st by Malcolm 2nd Robin. Thrivent is to have a cemetery account and to combine the endowment fund with the regular account to make the bookkeeping easier. Motion to approve 1st Laurie, 2nd Mary. We also have to update credit card. Laurie is going to check with the bank about getting a debit/credit card.

Install new council officers and positions. President: Robin Haugen

Vice-President: Tim Brune

Secretary: Ken Wienken

Treasurer: Laurie Eckhardt

House and grounds: Malcolm Dittert and Doug Neva

Motion to approve 1st Robin, 2nd Tim

NALC workshop date is January 17th. For the congregation to attend We will do a light breakfast and then a light lunch and we should be completed by 2:00.

January Council Assignments:

January 4: All council members present for new installation of officers and communion Sunday and a baptismal afterwards.

January 11: Robin

January 18: Laurie and Tim

January 25: Malcolm

Approve the Calendar: None

Future Agenda Items: Sallys vacation time

Unanimously agreed: Yes

Meeting adjourned 7:36 p.m.

Everyone present to enjoy a Christmas Party!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. ONeal

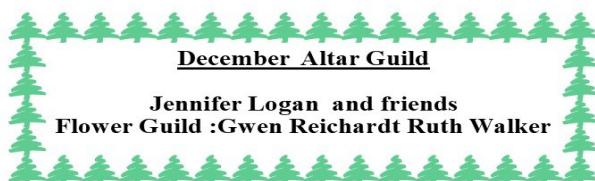
Statement of Activity	
St. John Lutheran of Cat Spring, Tx	
October 2025	
DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Income	
CSB MM Interest	15.41
CSB Operating Account Interest	26.40
General Fund Contributions	16,245.00
ISB CD Interest	1,565.56
Senior Day	20.00
Total for Income	\$17,872.37
Cost of Goods Sold	
Gross Profit	\$17,872.37
Expenses	
Auto Reimb	151.20
Building Repairs & Supplies	733.50
Education - Youth Curriculum	88.17
Electricity	758.34
Garbage	88.36
Insurance	680.00
Office Supplies & Equipment	608.67
Online Giving Expense	9.56
Payroll Expenses	
SALARY-BOOKKEEPER	720.00
SALARY-HOUSEKEEPING	660.00
SALARY - MUSIC DIR	400.00
SALARY-SECRETARY	1,153.05
Salary-Youth Director	1,332.70
Taxes	326.33
Total for Payroll Expenses	\$4,592.08
Special Scholarship Fund	1,000.00
SPECIAL SENIOR DAY	38.91
Telephone	507.11
Water	100.08
Worship Supplies	39.50
Total for Expenses	\$9,395.48
Net Operating Income	\$8,476.89
Other Income	
Other Expenses	
Net Other Income	
Net Income	\$8,476.89

December 2025 Ministry Dties

St. John Lutheran Church Cat Spring

Flowers: Unless there is an * asterisk by your name, the altar guild understands that you will supply the flowers or plant for that Sunday. If problem arises please call office at 979-865-5444 or **Ruth Walker, Flower Guild, at 713-816-0629 or Gwen Reichardt**. If you cannot fulfil one of these duties, just call office! Council on Duty-- If you cant make it on scheduled day, please check with other Council to trade Sundays.

Date	Council on Duty	Acolyte	Reader	Flowers
12-14	Tim Youth Program	Hunter Hewson	Janet Allphin	Jheri Sell
12-21	Doug	Rhett Reichardt	Denise Lange	Poinsettias
12-24 Christmas Eve 5:00 pm	Malcolm and Mary	Volunteer	Nancy Hartmann	Poinsettias
12-28	Tim	Rinley Nelson	Ruth Walker	Poinsettias



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