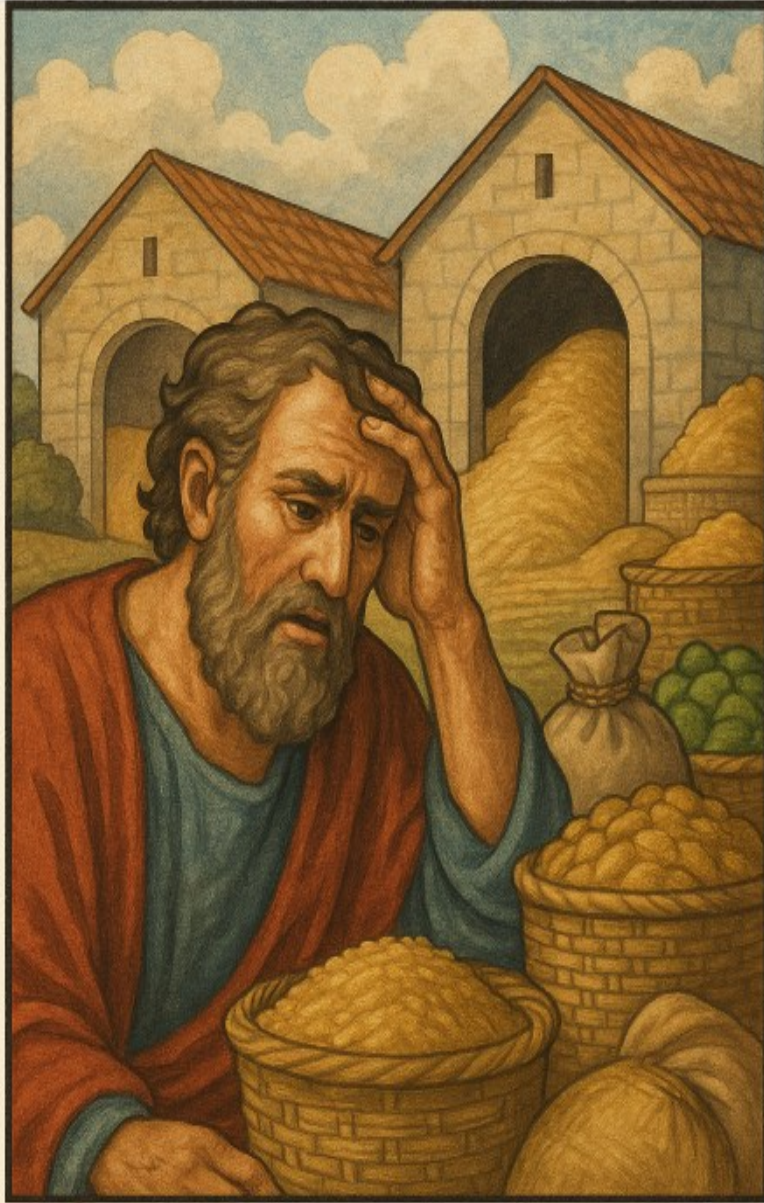


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We welcome all people from all walks of life to join us; whether you are seeking answers to questions about faith, or already have a strong relationship with Christ. In keeping with the teachings of Jesus and the witness of Martin Luther, we acknowledge that we are both sinners and saints in need of the grace and love of God. Council members on duty will be glad to answer any of your questions.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
**you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.**

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of + Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

ELW 654

P: 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.

Hymn of Praise (first verse only)

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Prayer of the Day

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

First Lesson is from the first book of Ecclesiastes

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

2 Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

12 I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. 14 I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

2:18 I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, 19 and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. 20 So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, 21 because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. 22 What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? 23 For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

P: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson:

Colossians 3:1-11

The Second Lesson is from the third chapter of Colossians

1 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, 3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. 7 These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. 8 But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10 and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. 11 In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

P: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel:**Luke 12:13-21****P:**The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twelfth chapter**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

13 Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” 14 But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” 15 And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” 16 Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ 18 Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ 20 But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.**C:**Praise to you, O Christ.**A Message from the Gospel****Don Allphin****Hymn of the Day***“Just As I Am, without One Plea”***ELW 592****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 Holy Spirit, 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 he is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come 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 Intercession**P:** God of grace**C:** Hear our prayer**The Sharing of the Peace****The Offering**

Offering Response

“Doxology”

**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.**

Offering Prayer

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always. **Amen**

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.

Blessing

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
+ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

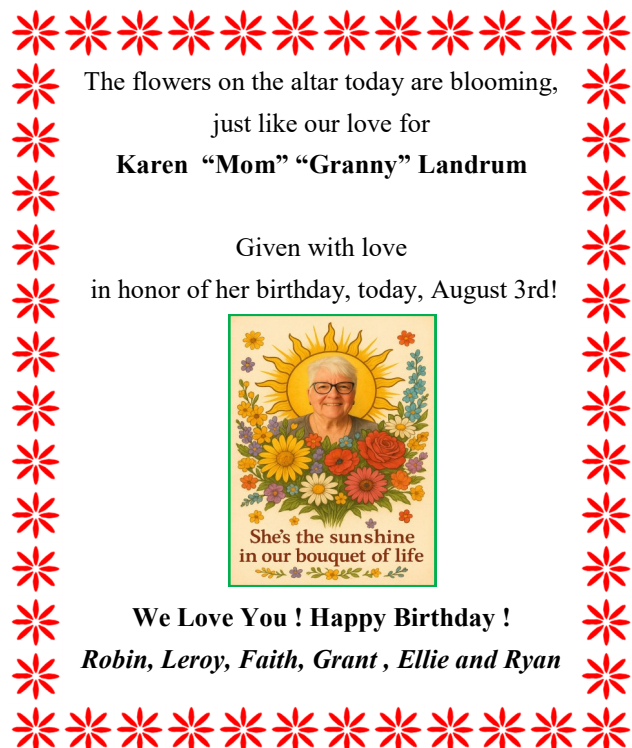
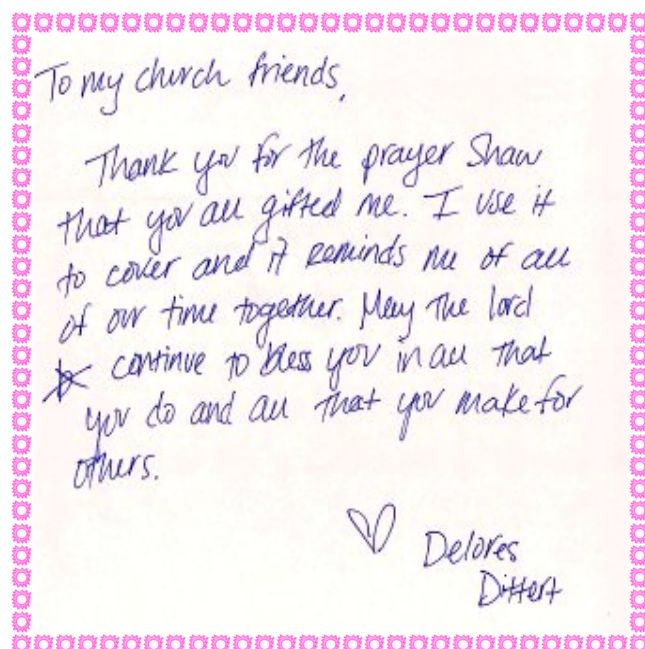
Sending Hymn

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

ELW 789

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C: **Thanks be to God.**



August 2025 Ministry Duties

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. If you cannot fulfill 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	Worship Leader	Council on Duty	Acolyte	Reader	Flowers
August 3	Don Allphin	Tim	Rinley	Janet Allphin	Robin Hagen
August 10	Don Allphin	Laurie	Layla	Ken Wienken	Jennifer Logan
August 17	Don Allphin	Tim	Riley	Don Allphin	Youth of St John Back to School Bless
August 24	Don Allphin	Robin	Rhett	Dan Howell	Skylar Ordner
August 31	Don Allphin	Doug	Hunter	Reese Reichardt	Open

In red indicates change from original calendar



8-3 Karen Landrum
8-6 Ira Lapham
Kenneth Blezinger
8-7 Byron Simpson
8-8 Randy Lange

Our weekly budgeted need: 3329.98

Offerings 7-27-25

General Fund 2080.00

Total 2080.00

Attendance 49

Online 311

Weekly News 8/3-9/25

8-3-25

Sunday School

9:00 am

Worship Service /Children's Church
10:00 am

Don Allphin

8-5

St John Prayer Shawl Ministry
9:30 am

8/6/25

6:00pm -
Missouri Synod Presentation

Fellowship Hall

8-10

Adult Sunday School /Choir Practice resumes !

9:00 am

Worship Service /Children's Church

Blessing of the Backpacks

10:00 am

Don Allphin

11:30am (after church) -
LCMC Presentation

Fellowship Hall

8-11

Council Meeting 6:15 pm

8-12

St John Quilting Ministry

9:00 am

SAVE THE DATES !

8/24/25 - 11:30am (after church) -

NALC Presentation

Prevailing Prayer List

James and Carol Wenzel
Ronnie and Bonnie Smith

Deana Keller

Roy Dierschke

Carolyn Rash

Mike Rankin

Carol Smith

Nic Norboge

Emily Drymala

Kendall Manna

Alfred Tomasek

Tristan

Jerry Henneke

Theresa Luetge

Zachary Schulke

Kathy Painchaud

Delores Dittert

William Hegemeyer

Sara Wit

MaryAnn English

Val Kite

Victor Smith

Charlotte Reichert

Brad Wood

Hope Griffin

Brian Dahl

Bubba Bencal

Kristen Jones

Nathan Schulke

Kathy Weiss

Shirley Hering

Carol Smith

Rebecca Rabon

Steve Lackey

The family of Sam Garay, in their
time of sorrow.

The family of Virginia
Hollis, in their time of
sorrow.



MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

Colonial Bell- Sealy

Katherine Ludwig

Argent Court -Brenham

Carrie Froebel

Columbus Oaks

Marilyn Wendt

HOMEBOUND:

Katherine Washburn



**Upcoming Informational Meetings
with Lutheran synods:**

All congregational members are encouraged to attend.

08/06/2025– Wednesday

Missouri Synod

Missouri Synod – presentation on 8/6 at 6pm with Rev. Dr. David Bahn and Pastor John Davis (LCMS Texas Dist. 1st VP); snacks and drinks will be provided

08/10/2025 Sunday

LCMC

LCMC – presentation on 8/10 following church service with Pastor Bryce Formwalt (Director of Mission Growth); will present during congregational lunch

08/24/2025 Sunday

NALC

NALC - presentation on 8/24 following church service with Pastor Jared Stillions (St. Peter Lutheran Church - Hallettsville); will present during congregational lunch

*Meal/Snack Sign up Sheets in the Narthex for all
three Meetings*

Hello -

The next **WELCA** meeting will be the 25th of September at 6p in the Fellowship Hall with a "light dinner".

Our goal is to supply 24 kits this year and we are asking that whole kits be sponsored. The list is to the right. Or if you prefer to give cash and someone else do the shopping please give your cash or check (made out to WELCA) to Gwen Reichardt.

We will assemble the school kits then for LWR.

**Any questions, please
feel free to talk with
Jheri or Pauline :)**

School Kit List

FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, 8"x 10 1/2" ; no loose leaf paper

ONE 30 centimeter ruler or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

ONE pencil sharpener

ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with rubber band

FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with rubber band

ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons

ONE 2 1/2 " eraser



St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring

"Actively reaching out ... showing God's love to all."

July 9, 2025

Re: Certificate of Resolution – July 6, 2025

Dear Member of St. John Cat Spring,

Please find enclosed a copy of our Certificate of Resolution for the special congregational meeting and vote held on July 6, 2025.

We are forwarding you this copy in accordance with Section C6.05(b) of our Constitution.

Please give me a call if you have any questions at 979-877-8344.

Sincerely,

Mary O'Neal, Council Secretary

Enclosures

See Next Page for Certificate

Certificate of Resolution

Date of Adoption: July 6, 2025

I, Mary O'Neal, the Council Secretary of St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring, certify that I have custody of the records of St. John – Cat Spring and that I am authorized to execute and deliver this certificate of resolution on behalf of St. John – Cat Spring. I further certify as follows:

1. The resolution below was duly adopted on the Date of Adoption. The resolution has not been amended, modified, or rescinded and is now in full force and effect.
2. I further certify that there is no provision in the governing documents of St. John – Cat Spring limiting the powers of the members of St. John – Cat Spring to adopt the resolution referred to below and that the resolution are in conformity with the requirements of the governing documents; that the undersigned is the keeper of the records and minutes of the proceedings of St. John – Cat Spring, and that the following accurately reflects the outcome of the meeting held on July 6, 2025:

WHEREAS, on Sunday, July 6, 2025, St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring held a legally called and conducted special meeting to determine whether to terminate its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA).

WHEREAS, the meeting was held more than 30 days after written notice of the meeting was received by the bishop of the synod, and prior to such meeting, the congregation consulted with the bishop and/or the bishop's designees.

WHEREAS, notice of the meeting was posted and letters mailed to all eligible voting members of the congregation more than 10 days prior to the meeting.

WHEREAS, a resolution approved by the council was voted upon.

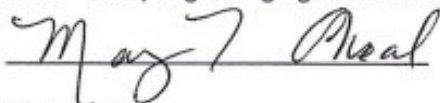
WHEREAS, discussion concerning the resolution was then held by the congregation.

WHEREAS, following the discussion, a vote was conducted by written ballot with the result being (59) members to terminate the relationship with the ELCA and (2) to not terminate the relationship with the ELCA.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the vote to terminate the relationship with the ELCA passed by the required 2/3 majority of the voting members present at the meeting.

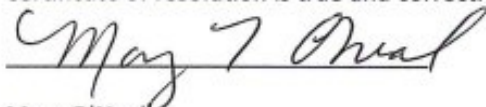
Of the Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America 2019 ("the Constitution") which was previously adopted and approved by St. John – Cat Spring and is currently in effect as the operating Constitution of St. John – Cat Spring.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is made and sent in accordance with the Section C6.05(b) and is approved by the current Council Secretary of St. John – Cat Spring, Mary O'Neal, who certifies that the above facts are true and correct, that the special meeting was legally called and conducted and the outcome of the vote to terminate St. John – Cat Spring's relationship with the ELCA is hereby certified and copies of the resolution and certification shall be sent to all voting members of New St. John – Cat Spring's congregation and the bishop.


Mary O'Neal

Council Secretary, St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is the duly elected and qualified Council Secretary of St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring; that the signature above is her genuine signature; and that the foregoing certificate of resolution is true and correct.


Mary O'Neal

Council Secretary, St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring