



Good News Journal May 2025

St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring

480 Ross Street Cat Spring Texas 78933 979-865-5444 www.stjohncatspring.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDEULE

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

May he endure as long
as the sun,
as long as the moon,
through all generations.

May he be like rain
that falls on the
mown grass,
like showers that
water the earth!

In his days may the righteous
flourish, and peace abound,
till the moon be no more!

Psalm 72:5-8

Call to order: By Robin Haugen at 6:02 p.m.

Opening Devotional: Don Allphin

Members Present: Robin Haugen, Mary O’Neal, Tim Brune, Malcolm Dittert, Doug Neva

Members Absent: Chad Divin

Guests – Don Allphin, Christa Klar, Ken Wienken, Jheri Sell, Laurie Eckhardt,

Adoption of Agenda –yes approved

Minutes for final approval –March approved via email, Yes

Treasurer Report: Jheri Sell gave us the report. Motion to approve. 1st Doug Neva 2nd Malcolm Dittert All in favor yes.

Pastor Report – See attached schedule of activities. Lots are going on in the church and people are stepping up to help take care of things

Committee Reports

Youth (LYO) – Two youths are getting confirmed on May 18th. Brooklynn Logan and Bexley Nelson.

See attached for all the youth activities.

Cemetery Report –Mowing is being completed

House and Grounds – Boards to be mounted in classrooms. Flower bed and mulch to be in by Easter Sunday. Ant bait being put out.

Old Business: Playground waiting on bids from Landscaper or someone to do the work. Bid on Fence is 5,027.46. Doug is checking on sprinkler system for the sod that needs to be placed down.

New Business: We need to vote on new mats for the church. Yes please research and purchase.

Office chair for Sally yes please order. _Motion made to purchase and take out of general fund. 1st Doug Neva, 2nd Malcolm Dittert. Motion passed unanimously.

Industry State Bank new signatures for CD and old signatures removed. Council voted to accept Chad Divin’s resignation. Council approved Laurie Eckhardt to be the new treasurer.

Council voted to take Jennifer Logan and Chad Divin off the CD at Industry State Bank. New signatures will be Robin Haugen and Laurie Eckhardt and Mary Oneal is already a signer on the CD. Cd to be renewed at 6 months for the rate of 3.9%. Mary Oneal will go to the bank and take care of the signature cards.

May Council Assignments:

May 4: Doug and Robin

May 11 Mother’s Day: Malcolm

May 18: Mary and Tim

May 25: Doug

Approve the Calendar: 1st Doug, 2nd Malcolm Motion to approve

Future Agenda Items: Facebook and issues with camera to be resolved. Speaking with Jheri Sell’s daughter who might be able to help us.

Adjournment: 1st Mary 2nd Doug Unanimously agreed: yes

Meeting adjourned: 7:12 p.m.

Close with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Mary T. ONeal



St. John Lutheran of Cat Spring, Tx

Statement of Activity

March 2025

	TOTAL
Revenue	
CSB MM Interest	15.38
CSB Operating Account Interest	58.22
ELCA Disaster Relief Fund Contributions	500.00
ELCA Endowment E272908 Distribution	2,169.10
ELCA Endowment E272909 Distribution	256.40
ELCA Endowment E273030 Distribution	464.40
General Fund Contributions	12,385.30
Senior Day	135.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars Fund Contributions	164.00
Total Revenue	\$18,147.80
GROSS PROFIT	\$18,147.80
Expenditures	
Auto Reimb	119.56
Electricity	677.76
Garbage	88.07
Office Supplies & Equipment	2,044.36
Online Giving Expense	8.24
Payroll Expenses	
SALARY - MUSIC DIR	500.00
SALARY-BOOKKEEPER	720.00
SALARY-HOUSEKEEPING	660.00
SALARY-SECRETARY	1,010.55
Salary-Youth Director	1,332.70
Taxes	323.08
Total Payroll Expenses	4,546.39
Propane	578.00
Special Building & Property Fund	544.40
SPECIAL SENIOR DAY	360.48
Supply Pastor	700.00
Telephone	407.11
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expenditure	0.00
Water	82.02
Worship Supplies	239.18
Total Expenditures	\$10,995.51
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$5,762.29
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Thank you to Doug and Martha Neva and crew for doing a wonderful job sprucing up our flowers beds and grounds for Easter !



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Statement of Financial Position

As of March 31, 2025

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
AUSTIN COUNTY STATE BANK - CEMETERY OP	22,320.95
Citizen's State Bank - GF	149,842.24
Citizen's State Bank - Building/Property	79,819.72
Citizen's State Bank - ELCA Benevolence	0.00
Citizen's State Bank - ELCA Disaster	500.00
Citizen's State Bank - LYD	8,049.56
Citizen's State Bank - Music Fund	53.88
Citizen's State Bank - Prayer Shawl	570.20
Citizen's State Bank - Quilters	163.89
Citizen's State Bank - Scholarship Fund	11,021.91
Citizen's State Bank - Sealy Pantry Fund	0.00
Citizen's State Bank - Thrivent Choice	1,113.00
Citizen's State Bank - Wedding Fund	1,833.05
Citizen's State Bank-Cemetery	0.00
Citizen's State Bank-Memorial Fund	16,316.58
Citizen's State Bank-Men In Mission	0.00
Citizens State Bank - Patio Fund	0.00
Citizens State Bank - WELCA	145.00
Citizens State Bank-Community Care Fund	5,344.98
Citizens State Bank-Senior Day	1,897.03

W ELCA would like to
thank everyone who
purchased an
Easter Flower this
Easter season.

**We appreciate your
support !**

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY



2 LaNell Waldrop
3 Blake Biehunko
5 Jack Brandes
6 Carrie Froebel
8 Johnny Class
15 Nancy Hartmann
20 Robin Haugen
20 Vana Froebel

5-7 James and Carol Wenzel
5-10 Don and Chris Redman
5-15 Alan and Erika Restivo
Dayne and Karla Rice
5-18 Ray and Sherry Menke
5-22 Ken and Rose Wienken
5-28 Chris and Jennifer Logan

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
Molly Arndt
Alfred Tomasek
Tristan
Jerry Hennekee
Lupe Nava
Theresa Luetge
Zachary Schulke
Kathy Painchaud
Delores Dittert
William Hegemeyer
Sara Wit
MaryAnn English
Val Kite
Victor Smith

The family of Karen Marek,
in their time of sorrow. Karen is
the wife of Dennis Marek.

MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

Colonial Bell– Sealy
Katherine Ludwig
Argent Court –Brenham
Carrie Froebel
Columbus Oaks
Marilyn Wendt
HOMEBOUND:
Katherine Washburn



A BIG THANKS to LaNell Waldrop making the letters then putting the names on our banners for baptisms, graduations, confirmation, ect. She has been doing this so long that her very first banner was for the baptism of Kiera Haug !

Thank you , LaNell! We appreciate you !

Good News Newsletter Prayer List

Please let us know if you would like to add someone, keep someone on the list, or take someone off the list . You can call the office at 979-865-5444, , put it on back of your attendance card, ask Council on Duty to let the office know or send an email to secretary@stjohncatspring.org.

Thank you for your help keeping this important
list up to date.



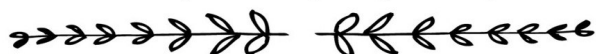
Sunday, May 4th during worship

Honoring our 2025 Senior

Skylar Ordner

Light lunch reception following in the Fellowship Hall

Hosted by St John Quilting Ministry



Confirmation Sunday May 18th

Two of our youth have completed their confirmation studies and are ready to confirm their faith.

Brooklynn Logan  Bexley Nelson

Please join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for their reception.



Senior Serve 11:00 am

Wednesday, May 21st 2025

Baby Back Short Ribs

And all the trimmings.

Presented by Pit Master

Extraordinaire

James Sell (aka Peanut)

Last Blast Before the Summer Break

So Don't Miss it !

Good Food

Good Friends

Good Fun

Hope to see you there !



Worship Attendance

Date	In Person	Online
4-2	15	NA
4-6	48	106
4-13	74	282
4-17	25	249
4-18	11	NA
4-20	145	435
4-27	45	294



Looking for a fun and uplifting way to connect with others and bring beautiful music to worship? St. John Handbell Choir welcomes everyone, no music-reading skills required! Whether you're a seasoned musician or just eager to try something new, ringing handbells is a joyful experience that adds a special touch to worship services.

Join us on Mondays at 5:00 pm for practice, and discover the harmony, fellowship, and fulfillment that come with making music together.

Give it a try—you might just find a new passion!

If you have any questions Cheryl Mellathin will be glad to answer them!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

May

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



A good turn out for Easter Breakfast cooked by our youth! We had another successful and fun time cooking pancakes and breakfast tacos for everyone.

Special thanks to our parents who donated food items and helped out in every way when needed.

Thank you Brad Nelson for bringing your big cooking kettle to help the boys cook the sausage and eggs!



THANK YOU

The kids had their basket full of Easter eggs!

Thank you to all who donated candy filled eggs!



Schedules are tight!

We are shooting for Saturday May 17th 9:00

Acolyte Schedule:

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Brooklynn Logan



Bexley Nelson

Please celebrate with us in the Fellowship hall with refreshments after worship.



May: 4th Brooklynn Logan 11th Rhett Reichardt 18th Hunter Hewson 25th Volunteer

June: 1st. Rinley Nelson 8th Layla Ordner 15th Hunter Hewson 22nd Rhett Reichardt 29th Rhett Reichardt

May 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 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
5-4	 Pastor Pat Diethrich	Doug and Robin	Brooklynn	Gwen Reichardt	Gwen Reichardt
5-11	Don Allphin	Malcolm	Rhett	Jennifer Logan	Shirley Dahl
5-18	 Pastor Ken Weiss	Mary and Tim Confirmation	Hunter	Robin Haugen	Open
5-25	Don Allphin	Doug	Volunteer	Pauline Lapham	Open

In red indicates change from original calendar

May 2025 Altar Guild

Robin Haugen Marsha Tipp

Flower Guild
Ruth Walker

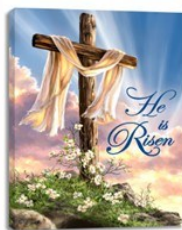
Volunteer Opportunity:

Be a Blessing Behind the Scenes!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve the church? Consider volunteering as a money counter! This role is vital in ensuring that the church's financial gifts are handled with care and integrity.

- ☐ Help support the church's mission
- ☐ Serve with honesty and diligence
- ☐ Build relationships while working as part of a trusted team
- ☐ Use your gifts of organization and attention to detail

If you're interested or want more information, please contact Jheri Sell.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Sunday School / Confirmation/ Choir Practice 9:00 am Communion Worship Service /Children's Church 10:00 am Pastor Dietrich "Honoring our 2025 Senior "during Worship. Reception to follow !	5 Handbell Choir Practice 5:00	6 St John Prayer Shawl Ministry 8:30 am	7	8	9	10
11 Sunday School / Confirmation Choir Practice 9:00 Worship Service / Children's Church 10:00 <i>Mother's Day</i> Don Allphin	12 Handbell Choir Practice 5:00 Council 6:15 pm	13 St John Quilting Ministry 9:00 am	14	15	16	17 Possible Andretti Outing Youth 9:00 am Schedules tight !
18 Sunday School / Confirmation/ Choir Practice 9:00 am Communion Worship Service / Confirmation Sunday <i>Noisy Offering</i> 10:00 am Pastor Ken Weiss Reception	19 Handbell Choir Practice 5:00	20	21 Senior Service 11:00 am	22	23	24
25 Sunday School / Confirmation Choir Practice 9:00 Worship Service / Children's Church 10:00 Don Allphin Memorial Day Flags	26 Handbell Choir Practice 5:00	27 St John Quilting Ministry 9:00 am	28	29	30	31



Thank you to all who
served to protect our
freedom.