



Good News Journal June 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

Faith in the Summertime: Trusting God Through Big Decisions

Summer is a season of warmth, change, and possibility. The days are longer, schedules are looser, and life sometimes slows just enough to allow space for reflection. For many of us, summer becomes a time to make big decisions—about family, school, work, or even a fresh start in some area of life.

With these choices can come uncertainty. Questions arise: Is this the right direction? Am I hearing God clearly? What if I make the wrong move?

In these moments, our faith is more important than ever.

Scripture reminds us in Proverbs 3:5-6:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

God doesn't always give us a roadmap, but He promises His presence. As we pray, reflect, and seek wisdom, He walks with us—guiding, comforting, and reminding us that we are not alone.

This summer, whether you're facing a life-changing decision or simply trying to stay spiritually grounded amid the heat and hustle, lean into your faith. Make space for God—on a quiet morning walk, under a shady tree with your Bible, or gathered with friends in prayer.

May this season not only bring sunshine to our days, but light to our paths.

Congratulations to Bexley Nelson and Brooklynn Logan for completing their confirmation studies (111 hrs.) They affirmed their baptism and faith on May 18th.



Brooklynn and Bexley



ANDRETTI RACE PARK AND GAMES - MAY 17TH

A fun time with Rhett Reichardt, Riley and Hunter Hewson at Andretti Go-carting and games!



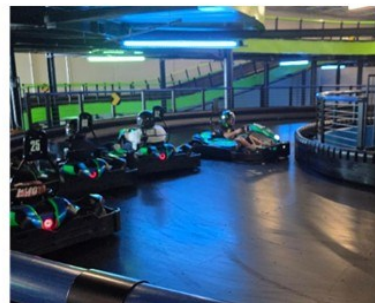
Hunter, Rhett & Riley-
Scoreboard



Rhett & Riley



Hunter & Riley



Hunter(Speed racer) Wipe-
out on the curve!

Hunter, Riley & Rhett—
Valomotion
Arena
Virtual game



Ended our day at Chic- Fil- A with good food and play time in the indoor playground.



Acolyte Schedule- June: 1st. Rinley Nelson 8th Layla Ordner 15th Volunteer 22nd Volunteer 29th Rhett Reichardt

July: 7th Layla Ordner 14th Rhett Reichardt 21st Hunter Hewson 28th Riley Hewson



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 am</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>Worship Service / Children's Church 10:00 am</p> <p>Pastor Dietrich</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Handbell Choir Practice 4:00</p> <p>Council 6:15 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>St John Prayer Shawl Ministry 8:30 am</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>St John Blood Drive Fellowship Hall 4-8 pm</p> <p>Call Ken or Rose if you need appoint- ment</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>June Feast Cat Spring Ag Hall Serving starts at 5:00 pm Festivities to follow ! Cornhole Tourney 4p</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 am</p> <p>Worship Service / Children's Church 10:00 am</p> <p>Don Allphin <i>Spec. Congregational Meeting after Worship Service</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Handbell Choir Practice 4:00</p>	<p>10</p> <p>St John Quilting Ministry 9:00 am</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Sunday School / 9:00 am</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>Worship Service / Children's Church 10:00 am</p> <p>Pastor Weiss</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Handbell Choir Practice 5:00</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 am</p> <p>Worship Service / Children's Church 10:00 am</p> <p>Don Allphin</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Handbell Choir Practice 4:00</p>	<p>24</p> <p>St John Quilting Ministry 9:00 am</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00</p> <p>Worship Service / Children's Church 10:00 am</p> <p>Don Allphin</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Handbell Choir Practice 4:00</p>					

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

Prevailing Prayer



6-2 Nicholas McDaniel
6-3 Callen Rabius
6-9 Martha Neva
6-12 Everett Lange
6-17 Martha Simpson
6-19 Kayleigh Schmidt
 Lauren Neva
 Dan White
6-22 Al Peck
6-23 Kyle Eckhardt
6-25 Mary Lou Mieth
 James Brooks
6-26 John Kalil
6-27 Marci Rabius
 Marsha Tipp
 Kayla Rice
6-29 Paula Wendt
6-30 Darrell Becker

6-3 Siegfried Karg and Elfi Weber
6-6 Ira and Pauline Lapham
6-9 James and Karen Tiner
6-12 Brad and Regina Nelson
6-16 Don and Janet Allphin
6-18 Richard and Carol
 Kudlacek
6-20 Billy and Marilyn
 Findeisen
6-23 Russell and Courtney
 Reichardt
6-24 Jack and Sharon
 Brandes
6-26 Chad and Amanda
 Blezinger
6-28 Jeff and Jennifer
 Brandes

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
 Charlotte Reichert
 Brad Wood
 Hope Griffin
 Brian Dahl

Thank you guys so
much for making
me the quilt. It
is beautiful and
I'm excited to bring
it with me to college

Thank you again,
Skylar Ordner

MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

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

AUSTIN COUNTY STATE BANK - CEMETERY OP	21,744.35
Citizen's State Bank - GF	157,076.85
Citizen's State Bank - Buidling/Property	79,819.72
Citizen's State Bank - ELCA Benevolence	0.00
Citizen's State Bank - ELCA Disaster	750.00
Citizen's State Bank - LYO	8,432.56
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	1,338.00
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	1,957.03

St. John Lutheran of Cat Spring, Tx

Statement of Activity

April 2025

	TOTAL
Revenue	
CSB MM Interest	14.88
CSB Operating Account Interest	57.80
ELCA Disaster Relief Fund Contributions	250.00
General Fund Contributions	14,879.62
ISB CD Interest	1,622.22
LYO Fund Contributions	383.00
Senior Day	60.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars Fund Contributions	225.00
Total Revenue	\$17,492.52
GROSS PROFIT	\$17,492.52
Expenditures	
Auto Reimb	376.32
Contract Svcs-Cemetery Labor	540.00
Electricity	571.98
Garbage	87.43
Office Supplies & Equipment	461.51
Online Giving Expense	8.24
Payroll Expenses	
SALARY - MUSIC DIR	600.00
SALARY-BOOKKEEPER	720.00
SALARY-HOUSEKEEPING	660.00
SALARY-SECRETARY	1,054.65
Salary-Youth Director	1,332.70
Taxes	334.11
Total Payroll Expenses	4,701.46
Supply Pastor	900.00
Telephone	407.11
Worship Supplies	247.42
Total Expenditures	\$8,301.47
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$9,191.05
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St. John Lutheran Church – Cat Spring

Council Agenda

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Call to order: By Robin Haugen at 6:09 p.m.

Opening Devotional: Don Allphin

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

Members Absent: none

Guests – Don Allphin, Christa Klar,

Adoption of Agenda – Yes approved

Minutes for final approval –April approved via email, Yes

Treasurer Report: We were asked to pay ½ of the insurance premium now and pay the other half later. Motion made to approve 1st Doug 2nd Malcolm. All approved

Pastor Report: Don is giving communion at nursing homes and assisted living

He is setting up the bulletin and on-call everyday for anyone at the church. He has talked to Pastor Pat and Pastor Ken and they give us their support and prayers while we are in transition.

We will need a current membership by June 8th.

On the 25th the research committee will hand out packets about NALC vs ELCA and do a presentation to the congregation.

May 25th after church and the meeting we are to proceed out to the cemetery to place the flags for the veterans.

Committee Reports

Youth (LYO) see attached report

Cemetery Report – None

House and Grounds – the propane tank has been painted, and everything is fixed per Fayetteville Propane.

Old Business: Playground waiting on bids from Landscaper or someone to do the work. Doug is contacting the sprinkler company so we can move forward

New Business: Chad Divin is to be removed off the Account ending in 3803 and 9022. We are adding Laurie Eckhardt to both accounts.

Please update the safety deposit box removing Chad Divin and adding Laurie Eckhardt.

Have the president and the secretary sign the bottom of the minutes.

Motion to approve 1st Robin, 2nd Mary all in favor. Yes.

Keith Froebek transfer into our church All approve

Dennis Marek transfer out of our church All approve

The council voted to remove some of the handicap spaces in the front of the church and leave 4 remaining right in front of the doors.

Motion to approve 1st Tim, 2nd Malcolm

Chad Divin is to be removed from the scholarship committee and add Carla Reichardt. The scholarship committee consists of: Cheryl Mellenthin, Robin Haugen and Carla Reichardt.

June Council Assignments:

June 1: Tim and Robin Communion

June 8: Laurie

June 15: Doug and Tim communion

June 22: Doug

June 29: Mary and Laurie

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

Future Agenda Items: Still seeking someone with knowledge of syncing camera to I pad.

Meeting adjourned: 7:04 1st Robin 2nd Laurie All approved **yes**

Close with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. ONeal



Worship Attendance May 2025		
Date	In Person	Online
5-4	61	355
5-11	50	333
5-18	82	313
5-25	50	431

It Takes a Village.....

169th Annual



JUNE FEST
 Cat Spring Agricultural Society - 13035 Hall Rd.
 Cat Spring Hall on Facebook or catspringagsociety.org
Saturday, June 7, 2025
BBQ BEEF, PORK & SAUSAGE Serving starts at 5 p.m.
Dine In & Plates To Go \$15 ♦ Children 10 & under \$8

LIVE AUCTION starts at 6:30 p.m.
 INSIDE Air-Conditioned Hall
 Quilts, Antiques, Foods, Plants ... plus many more unique items
 Call Mary at 979-877-8344 or Marilyn at 979-627-5072.

FREE ★ FUN ★ FOR THE KIDS

CAKE WALK Deck of Cards Raffle	Cornhole Tournament Begins 4:00 p.m. For Information Call Molly 979-472-0260
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To Pull Off the Best Senior Day Ever !!!!!

Chef Sell on the grill, Ralph, our stand up comedian, Senior Day Hostesses making sure it all comes together, Don and Janet rocking the keyboard and guitar , and our guests that make up the reason they do this.

We cant wait to see you on September 16th when Senior Day will resume, from the summer break.

BLOOD DRIVE

St John Lutheran Church- Cat Spring

Thursday, June 5
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Successful donors will receive a
FREE \$25 gift card for the Donor
Rewards Store!

sponsor code: 2782



Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome.

Iris, blood recipient



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://cfexpress.giveblood.org/> and complete
the same day as your appointment.

Save Lives & Beat the Heat with Cool Rewards

June 1 - July 31,
2025



Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center
offers a heartfelt thank you to all
blood donors from **June 1st - July
31st, 2025**, with a **\$25 eGift Card
of your choice** for supporting
patients in local hospitals!

Schedule your appointment today
at www.giveblood.org!

Your reward points will be added to your **Digital
Donor** account within 2-3 business days after your
donation. Redeem your eGift Card in the Reward
Store and ensure your account has a valid email
address. eGift Cards are valid at popular retailers.



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Thank you to all of those who helped honor our Veterans, this
Memorial Day Weekend.



June 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
June 1 	Pastor Pat Dietrich	Tim and Robin	Rinley Nelson	James Tiner	Gwen Reichardt
June 8	Don Allphin	Laurie	Layla Ordner	Ruth Walker	The Tiner's
June 15 	Pastor Ken Weiss	Doug and Tim	Volunteer	Ruth Walker	The Findeisen's
June 22	Don Allphin	Doug	Volunteer	Brooklynn Logan	Open
June 29	Don Allphin	Mary and Laurie	Rhett Reichardt	Denise Lange	Open

In red indicates change from original calendar

<u>June 2025 Altar Guild</u>
Margie Lovell Gwen Reichardt
Flower Guild <i>Ruth Walker</i>