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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. We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. 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

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

ELW 408

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.

Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Isaiah 35:4-7a

First Lesson is from the thirty-fifth book of Isaiah

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson:

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

The Second Lesson is from the second chapter of James

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, ‘Have a seat here, please’, while to the one who is poor you say, ‘Stand there’, or, ‘Sit at my feet’, have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.[For the one who said, ‘You shall not commit adultery’, also said, ‘You shall not murder.’ Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

P: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel:

Mark 7:24-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the seventh chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Don Allphin

Homily

Don Allphin

Hymn of the Day

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

ELW 625

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

The Sharing of the Peace

Offering Hymn

“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

Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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

God all mighty,
God most merciful
+ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

ELW 671

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.





9-8 Carla Reichardt
 9-11 Marilyn Wendt
 9-12 John Simpson
 9-14 Linda Petras



9-10 Matt and Jill Thielemann

Our weekly budgeted need: 3329.98
Offerings 9-1-24
 General Fund 2740.00
 Attendance 52
 Online 70

UPCOMING EVENTS
 9-8 **RALLY DAY**
Grandparents Day
 Sunday School /Choir Practice 900
 Worship Service
 10:00 am
Worship Leader
Don Allphin
Refreshments after service
 9-8 **WELCA School Supplies**
Due in Narthex
 9-9 Handbell Choir Practice Resumes
 Mondays 5:00 PM
 9-9 Council 6:15 pm
 9-10 St John Quilting Ministry 9:00 am
9-15 Sunday School /Choir Practice 900
Worship Service
 Children's Church
 10:00 am
Pastor Ken Weiss
 Noisy Offering
 9-18 **Senior Service 11:00 am**

Prevailing Prayer List
 Ellanora Bolten
 Gloria Havemann
 James and Carol Wenzel
 Ronnie and Bonnie Smith
 JD Divin

Prevailing Prayer Reboot September 2024
 Starting in the September Newsletter of 2024, we will be rebooting the **Prevailing Prayers prayer list, quarterly**. 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.

September 2024 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	Council on Duty	Acolyte	Flowers	Reader
9-8-24	Jennifer	Brooklynn	Gwen Reichardt	Chad
9-15	Doug and Robin	Layla	Rose Wienken	Jennifer
9-22-24	Kyle	Bexley and Rinley	Dittert Family	Robin
9-29-24	Chad and Jennifer	TBA	Walkers	Pauline

MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

Argent Court –Brenham

Carrie Froebel

Columbus Oaks

Marilyn Wendt

HOMEBOUND:

Katherine Ludwig

Katherine Washburn

In red indicates change from original calendar

September Altar Guild
 Rachel Divin, Marissa Divin
 Laurie Eckhardt
Flower Guild
 Ruth Walker

WELCA Cookbooks are here!
 Cookbooks can be purchased for \$20 after church each Sunday.
See Rachel to get your copy.
Great Hostess Gift !

School Supplies:

Pick up a clothespin (or five) from the school busses. Bring the items on the clothespin back to church by **Sunday, September 8, 2024**. There will be a box for to put the supplies into.

If you want to donate money instead, please give the money to Rachel Divin or Sherry Barr.



The St John Singers have resumed choir practice!
Sundays at 9:00 am .

First performance is September 15th. So, now is the time to come join the choir! There will be plenty of time to practice!

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!



WELCA NEWS

The next **WELCA** meeting will be Thursday, **September 26, 2024**. We will start at 6:30, and we will be putting together the school kits for LWR.

See you there!

The Handbell Choir

will start practicing again on **Mondays at 5 p.m. beginning Sept. 9th**

Come join us !



For family planning purposes, regarding Christmas Holidays...

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at

5:00 PM on

December 24TH, 2024.

No service will be held on Christmas Day

St John Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to gift a Prayer Shawl to the people on our prayer list. If you requested someone to be placed on the list, please let us know and they will get a shawl to you , so you can get it to the person you placed on the list.

Call Marilyn -979-885-8743 or Sally at the office-865-5444

**When the kids go back to school,
You know what we're going to do.....**

Celebrate Like It's Labor Day !

Senior Service

WEDNESDAY, September 18TH

11:00 AM

**Bring a Friend
St John Cat Spring
Fellowship Hall**



Good Food, Good Friends,
Worship Time and Singing,
Open Mic Jokes- Grinde Style,
Games and Good Times !

Directory Update :

**Marcia Melnar
1 Ridgewood Street
Dublin, Texas 76446**

Scholarship Reminder :

If any high school senior would like to apply for a St. John College Scholarship in the spring of 2025, make sure you attend church at least **once a month** for a year and fill out an **attendance card**.

**Thanks,
St. John Scholarship Committee.**



Women of the ELCA
Western Cluster Fall Gathering
Saturday, September 28, 2024
St. John's Lutheran Church –
Warrenton
4444 State Hwy 237
Round Top, Texas
(physical location is in Warrenton)

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. (no fee) with brunch

Program begins at 9:30 a.m.

Theme: A Living Hope

Theme verse: 1 Peter 1:3

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Speaker: Pastor Jen Kindsvatter

Pastor of the Shared Lutheran Ministry of Fayette County

Please rsvp to Megan Buro by September 21 to 979 966-3405 (call or text) or mlb_meganb@hotmail.com.

Free will offering – designated to Tree 4 Hope <https://www.t4hope.org>



Dear St. John Lutheran Church,

On behalf of Lutherhill Ministries and our community, we extend sincere gratitude for your generous support. Your gifts help us continue to provide transformative experiences, allowing people of all generations to experience the love of Christ in unique settings and new ways. Donors like you are instrumental in shaping Lutherhill Ministries into the thriving summer camp and retreat center it is today, offering countless opportunities for experiencing Real. Wonder. in spiritual growth. Amazing things happen at Lutherhill Ministries and your support makes it all possible. Thank you for partnering with us in our mission and for your continued generosity!

Peace,

Anne Liddle
Director of Development

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