



## *Good News Journal April 2024*

### *St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring*

480 Ross Street Cat Spring Texas 78933 979-865-5444 [www.stjohncatspring.org](http://www.stjohncatspring.org)

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

### Calling Rostered Ministers

Calling a deacon or pastor — is one of the most important things a congregation can do. Our synod's transition process has been created to help find the right leader for the particular mission and ministry to which God has called each congregation. Below I have taken the bullet points from the Transition Process Handbook, "Calling Rostered Minutes" prepared by the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod.

**First**, there is no way to dictate exactly how long it will take. It is *not wise* to be in a rush or have the committee driven by some artificially imposed time line. It *is wise* to take whatever time is needed.

**Second**, once the point of interviewing begins, committee should not be in a hurry. Do not "settle." Sometimes it may take three or four rounds of interviewing to find the leader for our congregation.

**Third**, while the above is true, remember what Martin Luther said, "He who wants a perfect church wants no church at all." Perfect congregations do not exist. Perfect rostered ministers, perfect spouses, perfect parents, or perfect children – simply do not exist. The congregation, while searching, should be looking for "a good match" not a "perfect match."

**Fourth**, just as congregations should not try to "save time", neither should they try to save money! Yes, "squandering money" is bad stewardship; but there are times when "not spending money" can be even worse stewardship. Jesus speaks about this in Matthew 25:14-30.

Remember, the transition process, and the resulting leadership that is called, will shape the future mission and ministry of our congregation. It is of great consequence and, therefore, is something that congregations, councils, and committees need to do exceedingly well. So, please take time to carefully consider serving on our call team. This committee should consist of 6-8 congregation members. Once selected Pastor Breashears-Schultz will come and train our call committee. If you feel you are right for this duty, please reach out to any of our council members.

***"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer"***

***Romans 12:12***



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 1 St John Quilting Ministry 8:30 am	2 St John Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am	3	4 Handbell Choir Practice 5:30 pm	5	6	
 7 Sunday School / Choir Practice 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	8 Council Meeting 6:15 pm	9	10	11 Handbell Choir Practice 5:30 pm	12	13
14 Sunday School / Choir Practice 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am St John Handbell Choir	15 St John Quilting Ministry 8:30 am	16	17 Senior Service 11:00 am	18 Handbell Choir Practice 5:30 pm	19	20
 21 Sunday School / Choir Practice 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am St John Singers Austin County Civic Chorale Performs 4:00 pm @ St John Cat Spring	22	23	24	25 Handbell Choir Practice 5:30 pm	26 Jr High Youth Retreat Camp Lone Star <b>4/26-28</b>	27
28 Sunday School / Choir Practice 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am St John Handbell Choir	29	30				



# YOUTH GROUP NEWS

April *God is good all the time*

A wonderful turn out for Easter! All of the youth had their basket full of Easter eggs!

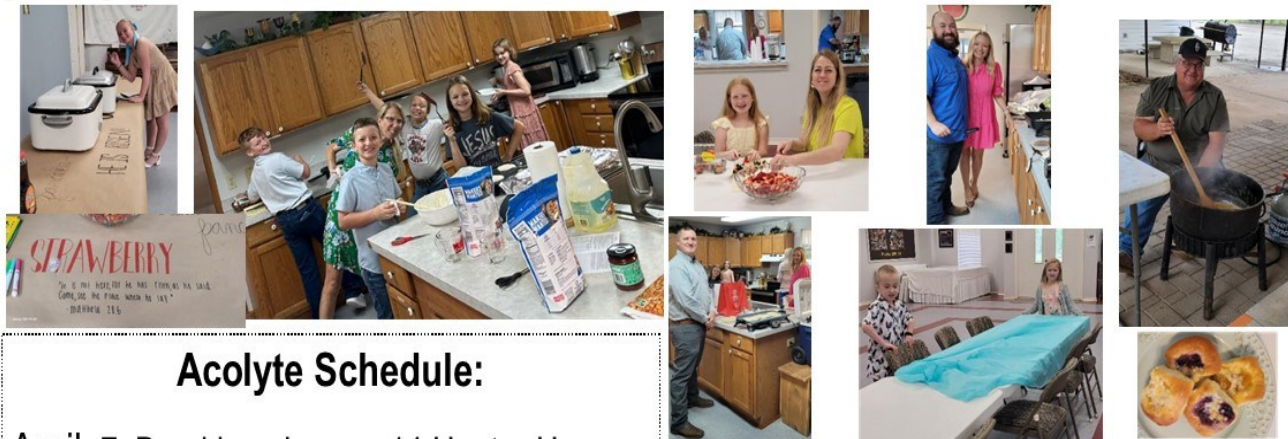
THANK YOU

to all who donated candy filled eggs!  
Bexley, Rinley Nelson & Riley Hewson helped me hide hundreds of eggs...Thank you!



## WHO MADE THAT DELICIOUS EASTER BREAKFAST? YOU GUESSED IT...THE YOUTH!

With some help from their parents we had a successful and fun time cooking pancakes and breakfast tacos for everyone. Our younger youth helped decorate tables, prepared the strawberries and getting drink cups ready. Special Thanks to the parents, Marissa Divin for her talented penmanship on the serving table, and Men in Mission for the yummy fruit kolaches.



### Acolyte Schedule:

April: 7 Brooklynn Logan 14 Hunter Hewson  
21 Layla Ordner 28 Riley Hewson  
May: 5 Marissa Divin 12 Hunter Hewson  
19 Layla Ordner 26 Brooklynn Logan



### Youth Retreat for Junior High

6-8 graders will head to Camp Lone Star  
La Grange  
Friday—Sunday April 26-28 \$50.00  
Meet at church Friday @ 6:30 p.m.

**Statement of Financial Position**

**As of February 29, 2024**

AUSTIN COUNTY STATE BANK - CEMETERY OP 17,766.30  
Citizen's State Bank 61,161.71  
Citizen's State Bank - Buidling/Property 95,364.12  
Citizen's State Bank - ELCA Benevolence 0.00  
Citizen's State Bank - ELCA Disaster 0.00  
Citizen's State Bank - LYO 6,227.84  
Citizen's State Bank - Music Fund 493.84  
Citizen's State Bank - Prayer Shawl 622.52  
Citizen's State Bank - Scholarship Fund 6,855.24  
Citizen's State Bank - Sealy Pantry Fund 0.00  
Citizen's State Bank - Thrivent Choice 450.00  
Citizen's State Bank - Wedding Fund 1,833.05  
Citizen's State Bank-Cemetery 0.00  
Citizen's State Bank-Memorial Fund 14,071.58  
Citizen's State Bank-Men In Mission 0.00  
Citizens State Bank - Patio Fund 0.00  
Citizens State Bank - WELCA 95.00  
Citizens State Bank-Community Care Fund 5,344.98  
Citizens State Bank-Senior Day 2,590.05



**St. John Lutheran of Cat Spring, Tx**

**Statement of Activity February 2024**

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Telephone 423.58  
Water 127.80  
Worship Supplies -14.84  
**Total Expenditures \$13,997.52**  
**NET OPERATING REVENUE \$2,164.46**

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**Statement of Activity February 2024 pg 1**

TOTAL Revenue CSB MM Interest 14.33  
CSB Operating Account Interest 38.31  
General Fund Contributions 14,230.00  
LYO Fund Contributions 557.34  
Memorial Fund Contributions 950.00  
Senior Day 270.00  
Thrivent Choice Dollars Fund Contributions 102.00  
Total Revenue \$16,161.98  
GROSS PROFIT \$16,161.98  
Expenditures  
Auto Reimb 114.44  
Contract Svcs-Cemetery Labor 250.00  
Education - Youth Curriculum 197.29  
Electricity 1,091.84  
Employee Contributions -17.71  
Garbage 79.46  
Office Supplies & Equipment 445.86  
Online Giving Expense 14.38  
Pastor Housing Equity Fund 34.48  
Pastor Pension-Medical-Dental 365.85  
Payroll Expenses  
SALARY - MUSIC DIR 400.00  
SALARY-BOOKKEEPER 720.00  
SALARY-HOUSEKEEPING 660.00 SALARY-PASTOR 4,230.76  
SALARY-SECRETARY 1,191.38  
Salary-Youth Director 1,332.70  
Taxes 652.90  
Total Payroll Expenses 9,187.74  
Propane 639.40  
Special LYO Fund 257.95  
Special Memorial Fund 100.00  
Supply Pastor 700.00

 **Continued**



# Prevailing Prayer

April 2024

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

4-1 Anita Zaskoda  
Jaxson Reibenstein

4-2 Harold  
Reibenstein

4-5 Tyler Eckhardt

4-6 Malcolm Dittert

4-8 Natalie  
Surovcak

Kayson Reibenstein

4-9 Cindy Daly  
Kenzi Gray

4-10 Neil Ling

4-11 Tamra Ordner  
Tim Lapham  
Bexley Nelson

4-13 Gary Simpson

4-16 Cade  
Thielemann  
Chris Redman  
Mitch Dittert

4-21 Myron Dittert

4-23 Karen Tiner

4-24 Lauryn Locke

4-25 Cheryl Mellenthin

4-27 Daryl Hartmann

4-4 *Brandon Snyder and  
Kristi Kollatschny*

4-6 *Eric and Cristy Ordner*

4-9 *Timothy and Roxanne  
Brune*

4-21 *Alan and Ruth Walker*

4-25 *Kyle and Laurie  
Eckhardt*

4-28 *Daniel and Linda  
Petras*

Sonia Flores  
Mason Newton  
Liz Hyde  
Clint Remmert  
Mike Kahn  
Jill Wolfskill

The family of LaVerne Ulhig, in their time of sorrow.

The family of Ervin Mieth Jr. in their time of sorrow.

**MEMBERS IN OUR CARE**

**Argent Court – Brenham**  
Carrie Froebel

**Columbus Oaks**  
Marilyn Wendt

**HOMEBOUND:**  
Katherine Ludwig  
Katherine Washburn

Sharon Koehne  
Gloria Tipp  
Mike Mueller  
Allan Boehm  
Fay Rice  
Deana Keller  
Deanna Ling  
Sharon Bubba Bencal  
Darrell Grasb  
James and Carol Wenzel  
Gloria Havemann  
Hart Oshman  
Johnny Griffin  
Chris and Wes Redman  
Melinda Brod  
Betty Remmert  
Jerry Ordner  
Carrie and Vanna Froebel  
Melinda Brock  
Kendall Manna  
JD Divin  
Joe Brandt  
Katie Johnston  
Brian Carpenter  
Micheal Pawelek  
Zachary Schulke  
Betty D.  
Kathy Painchaud  
Jim Beamer  
Gene Wietstruck  
Cindy Reichardt  
Tracer Kruzal  
Jacob Kristen



**Good Friday at St. John.**

Thank you to LaNell Waldrop for the beautiful picture.


# April 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 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	Altar Guild/Flowers	Reader
4-7	Jennifer and Kyle	Brooklynn Logan	The Nelsons	Ken Wienken
4-14	Mary and Doug	Hunter Hewson	The Hering's	Don Allphin
4-21	Jennifer and Chad	Layla Ordner	Cristy Ordner	Janet Allphin
4-28	Robin	Riley Hewson	Nancy Hartmann	Nancy Hartmann

**April Altar Guild**  
 |  
*Rachel Divin, Marissa Divin , Jheri Sell*  
 Flower Guild– Ruth Walker



In red indicates change from original calendar

**Rain or Shine!**

**Senior Serve 11:00 am**

**Wednesday,**

**April 17, 2024**

*April Showers Bring*



**Pizza and Salad !**

**Good Food!**

**Good Games!**

**Good Friends!**

*Come Join Us !*



### Worship Attendance

Date	In Person	Online
3-3	66	63
3-10	40	95
3-13	22	-
3-17	61	-
3-20	25	-
3-24	76	82
3-28	28	69
3-29-	43	-
3-31	154	67

**WELCA** would like to  
 thank everyone who  
 purchased an  
 Easter Flower this  
 Easter season.  
**We appreciate your  
 support !**



St. John Lutheran Church – Cat Spring

Council Meeting

March 18, 2024

Call to order: By Jennifer Logan at 6:17 p.m.

Opening Devotional: Doug Neva

Members Present: Jennifer Logan, Mary O’Neal, Chad Divin, Kyle Eckhardt, Doug Neva

Members Absent: Robin Haugen

Guests – Christa Klar

Adoption of Agenda – additions/insurance for church Motion made 1<sup>st</sup> Doug Neva, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer Logan

Minutes for final approval –February meeting approved via/email Yes approved

Treasurer Report- 2,164.00 n the black and everything is looking pretty good financially.

Pastor Report – None

Committee Reports

Youth (LYO) – Christa Klar Sunday school is into the fourth lesson of our new book. Lacy Dittert is doing a good job teaching and providing fun crafts for this class. The youth is providing Easter breakfast. They plan on making pancakes and breakfast tacos. See youth report for all the activity details. Lots going on with the youth group!!

Cemetery Report – Robin Haugen (from Ken Wienken) NONE

House and Grounds – Kyle and Doug: Parsonage door the electronic lock not working. Allen Brock has left a load of dirt in the backyard of the parsonage and they are going to spread the dirty by hand and by tractor. Church pews repaired in the next 90 to 150 days. Cleaning pews instructions have been sent to church. Sheetrock and roof repair the same.

Old Business:

Waiting on bid for media updates for the sanctuary. Also given two additional contacts incase current guy doesn’t come through. Chris Glenn will start to put a bid together today March 18, 2024.

Playground equipment donated by Cheryl Mellethin needs to be moved once the playground is in “ready” shape.

New Business: Landscaping around the church needs to be spruced up. Thinking about an on going offering. Help is being offered, Checking out the sprinkler system to see if it is still working.

Sign outside of church going to check with Malcolm Dittert and see if he can make a new cedar sign or get a metal sign made.

March Council Assignments:

April 7: Kyle and Jennifer

April 14: Doug and Mary

April 21: Chad and Jennifer

April 28: Robin

Approve the Calendar motion 1<sup>st</sup> by Doug Neva and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chad Divin

Future Agenda Items Sign for church

Adjournment: Motion made by Jennifer Logan, seconded by Chad Divin. Motion passed Unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Close with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. O’Neal





St John's was made aware of LaVerne's passing when they received a memorial , in the mail ,in her honor.

We wanted to share this with you . LaVerne called the office one day, a few years ago. She missed everyone in Cat Spring and asked that we send her the newsletter every month, so she could keep up the church and community .

**LaVerne H. Uhlig of Katy, Tx passed away on March 8th 2024 in Katy, TX** LaVerne was born on June 12,1935 in Bellville Tx to Richard and Lille Holtz where she grew up on a large farm.

She married Robert Uhlig on July 7, 1956, in Bellville Tx. Later they moved to the Spring Branch area in Houston TX where they began their Family. She was a homemaker and had several jobs during their time there. They were active members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church LaVerne loved to Cook, Bake, and Sew. She had a green thumb and enjoyed working in her yard and garden. Loved going on vacations, camping and going on hunting trips with her Family. Later they moved to Jersey Village area of Houston, and she continued the Love for Square dancing with Robert and became involved in various Square Dance organizations where she made so many longtime friends. Finally retiring in 1996, they moved to Cat Spring, TX where they continued their love for Square Dancing and became active members of St. John's Lutheran Church.

After the passing of Robert in July 2015 she moved to Katy, TX where she lived at the Grand Parkway Sr Living Apartments in Katy TX. She attended Church services on Sunday mornings and rarely missed and became involved in the Food ministry as well. She enjoyed her time with friends playing various card/dice games and weekly social events.

She loved coloring, puzzles, board games and watching the RFD Channel and the Voice on TV. She loved her family and enjoyed catching up on all her grandchildren and their families' adventures and accomplishments. Enjoyed Family gatherings at Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter and was able to satisfy her massive sweet tooth with all the yummy Desserts! She was truly looking forward to the Wedding of Lauren and Kurtis in November and Taylor and Cairo in 2025.

LaVerne is survived by Son Mike Uhlig and Daughter in law Cindy Uhlig of Magnolia TX and Daughter Michelle Barry and Son in Law John Barry of Cypress, TX. Grandchildren Lauren and Tyler Uhlig and Taylor, Brandon and Austin Barry and her brother Waldo Holtz of Dallas, TX. She is preceded in death by husband Robert Uhlig, brothers Monroe Holtz, Owen Holtz, Alton Holtz and sisters Evelyn Gutowski and Hazel Hollien.

**Pat Sechelski** made this beautiful Memorial Box in memory of his late wife **Frances Sechelski** . It is now in our Narthex. Thank you , Pat. A beautiful reminder of a beautiful soul.



**Rose Wienken and Peaches**, her cute puppy , are enjoying the new outdoor seating, after winning it through the **Youth Raffle at St John Cat Spring**. Ken is taking the pic!

**Nancy and Daryl Hartmann** won the other set, just like the one pictured.

Thanks for supporting our Youth !





The Austin County Civic Chorale  
in their 39th season  
presents



FAITH HOPE LOVE  
JOY PEACE

• Sunday, April 21, 2024 • 4:00 PM •  
St. John Lutheran Church,  
480 Ross St., Cat Spring, TX  
Donations Accepted

### WELCA Cookbooks are here!

Cookbooks can be purchased for \$20 after church each Sunday.

See Rachel to get your copy.

*Great Hostess Gift !*

WELCA's next meeting will be  
May 30th at 6:00 pm

After enjoying a meal together,  
WELCA is going to clean the kitchen !

Waldeck will be hosting the  
Western Cluster Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 27

Registration at 8:30 with a brunch

Program to begin at 9

More details to follow when available

**CAT SPRING  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**BAR-B-Q**

**AUCTION • AUCTION • AUCTION**

**Saturday, April 20th**  
Cat Spring - Agricultural Society Hall  
*Come On Over And Join Us For Food And Fellowship*

**Beef & Sausage**  
and all the trimmings

Serving from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Meal Tickets: \$15.00

**Auction at 6:30 P.M.**  
Gun Raffle  
Kids Activities by Millheim 4H

**Cat Spring Fire Department  
BBQ**

*Needs YOUR Help !*  
*We need PIES and Cakes*  
*To sell on the day of the  
BBQ.*

*Please bring to the  
Ag Hall between  
3pm -4 pm  
on Saturday ,  
April 20th!!*

*We will cut the pies and cakes !*  
Thank You