



Good News Journal July 2024

St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring

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

SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

9:00 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service / Children's Church

*“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people He chose for His inheritance.”*

Psalm 33:12



*“I will make you a great nation, and I make your name
great; and you shall be a blessing.”*

Genesis 12:2

**YOUTH
GROUP**

NEWS JULY



Kids often have questions like: Did God really create everything? Why do bad things happen? Was Noah's ark real? Why do I need to be baptized?

July 22-26 at our Jungle Journey VBS, your kids will explore the biblical answers to these questions as they set off on an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation. Kids will sail along on a fun jungle cruise, stopping at seven ports of call. These ports are the 7 C's of History: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation. Kids will discover how these events shape our world, and they will learn to reconnect the Bible to their everyday life.

Prepare to swing into fun as we head out on *The Great Jungle Journey!*

**Rain or Shine Bible Time Canopy Cafe Snacks Rainforest Recreation
Tree-mendous Science and Crafts Travelers' Mission Music.**

JULY 22-26 9:00 TO 12 NOON

REGISTRATION AND SNACK LIST IN THE NARTHEX



**MONSTER
GOLF
IN KATY**
WEDNESDAY, JULY 31ST
NOON \$25
MINI GOLF BOWLING
LAZER MAZE



This summer!
Stay tuned for date
and time.



September 22nd or
28th. \$30

Acolyte Schedule: July: 7th Addilyn Divin 14th Brooklynn Logan 21st. Hunter Hewson
28th Bexley/Rinley Nelson

August: 4th Riley Hewson 11th Layla Ordner 18th Bexley Nelson 25th Hunter Hewson

Austin County Texas A&M Monther's Club
PO Box 944
Sealy, TX 77474

May 27, 2024

St. John Lutheran Church
480 Ross Street
Cat Spring, TX 78933

Dear Friends at St. John,

The Austin County A&M Mother's Club would like to make a donation to St. John's in the amount of \$50.00. We greatly appreciate you allowing us to use your facilities for a few of our meetings this past year. We are thankful for your presence in our beloved community and the impact your ministry is making on our children and students who not attend Texas A&M University.

Sincerely,



Natalie Jones
Treasurer



St. John Lutheran Church

Cat Spring, Tx

Special Meeting

June 2, 2024

Meeting brought to order by Jennifer Logan (President)
at 10:57am.

Roof to be replaced between the church and the fellowship hall.

Received a big from Extreme Roofing for a seamless roof
Quote is: 15,300.00.

Motion to accept the bid and to get the work completed.

Motion made by Dan White and 2nd by Shirley Dahl.

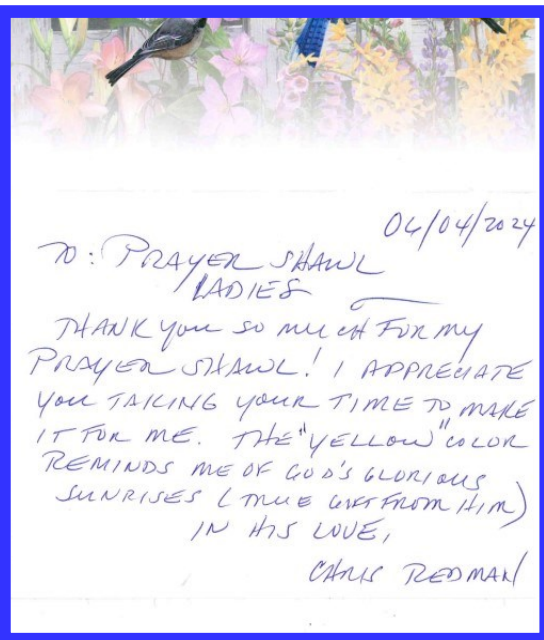
Motion to adjourn meeting made by Cheryl Mellethin,
2nd by Jheri Sells.

Time meeting ended 10:58

Respectfully submitted

Mary Oneal

31 voting members present



Thank you to Marissa and Addilyn Divin. and Brooklynn Logan for making the Father's Day Worship Service extra special with the readings of poems they selected for the special occasion.

Top: Addilyn

Middle: Marissa

Bottom: Brooklynn



A big hello to Maragaret Thielemann ! Margaret called the office a few weeks ago to thank me for mailing the newsletter to her every month. I thanked her for calling and letting us know ! Maragaret said she is living at Silver Sage , in Brenham. Her family picks her up for church and other outings . **Please call anytime, Maragaret!! Thank you , Sally xoxo**



Call to order: By Jennifer Logan at 6:19 p.m.

Opening Devotional: Jennifer Logan

Members Present: Jennifer Logan, Robin Haugen, Mary O’Neal, Chad Divin, Kyle Eckhardt,

Members Absent: Doug Neva

Guests – None

Adoption of Agenda – additions/subtractions

Minutes for final approval –April meeting approved via/email 1st Chade Divin 2nd Robin Haugen

Treasurer Report- Chad said we are using a cell phone for the office phone. VBS stuff was purchased.

Motion to accept the treasurer Report 1st Robin Haugen 2nd Kyle Eckhardt

Pastor Report – None

Committee Reports

Youth (LYO) – Christa Klar None

Cemetery Report – Robin Haugen (from Ken Wienken)None

House and Grounds – Kyle and Doug: All sprinklers are functioning. Meeting with Travis, Malcom to water test the gutter Need to schedule that. Need to bleach a/c drains. Septic tank cleaned and ready for the risers installed. Safe ready to use in the storage closet.

Old Business

Chris to come out and meet with Chad and Jennifer on the media package.

Playground equipment we are deciding on the base for the playground. There is a stump in the way for the playground equipment. Thinking sod for the base of the playground.

Malcolm Dittert has contacted Clint Bollinger to give us a price on a metal sign (lighted).

New Business:

Industry State Bank Signatures Completed and returned

Prayer List – Put in newsletter and bulletin to clear the prayer list quarterly.

Job Reviews (Descriptions) Robin is going to take care of that.

Approved New Members: McKenzie (Kenna) and Dustin Schram child: Ellie, July 7th Baptism

Approved: 1st Chad Divin 2nd Mary ONeal

July Council Assignments:

July 7: Communion: Mary and Chad

July 14: Jennifer and Kyle

July 21: Robin and Chad

July 28: Jennifer and Doug

Approve the Calendar: Jennifer made motion to approve 2nd Kyle Eckhardt

Future Agenda Items:

Adjournment: Motion made by Kyle Eckhardt 2nd by Robin Haugen. Motion passed

Unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Close with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Mary T. ONeal

July 2024

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 7-1 Rose Wienken
- 7-3 Elrose Kollatschny
- 7-4 Brittany Wendt
Melvin Reichert
- 7-5 Emmy McDaniel
- 7-6 Chris Beckendorff
Jacob Tipp
- 7-7 Marissa Divin
- 7-8 Marcia Melnar
- 7-10 Brenda Menke
James Wenzel
Russell Reichardt
- 7-11 Rinley Nelson
- 7-15 Addilyn Divin
- 7-17 James Hering
- 7-21 Dayne Rice
- 7-22 Nila Klaus
- 7-25 Darlene Howell
- 7-28 Bridget Daly
- 7-29 Brennan Brandes

- 7-1 Butch and Marci Rabiun
Chad and Rachel Divin
Dan and Darlene Howell
- 7-10 Doug and Martha Neva
- 7-14 Harold and Connie Reibenstein
- 7-26 Ryan and Carla Reichardt
- 7-30 Jerry and Melissa Schmidt



Prevailing Prayer

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.

MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

Argent Court –Brenham

Carrie Froebel

Columbus Oaks

Marilyn Wendt

HOMEBOUND:

Katherine Ludwig

Katherine Washburn

- Gloria Tipp
- Mike Mueller
- Allan Boehm
- Fay Rice
- Deana Keller
- Deanna Ling
- Bubba Bencal
- Darrell Grasb
- James and Carol Wenzel
- Gloria Havemann
- Hart Oshman
- Johnny Griffin
- Wes and Nic Redman
- Melinda Brod
- Betty Remmert
- Jerry Ordner
- Carrie and Vanna Froebel
- Melinda Brock
- Kendall Manna
- JD Divin
- Joe Brandt
- Micheal Pawelek
- Zachary Schulke
- Betty D.
- Kathy Painchaud
- Jim Beamer
- Gene Wietstruck
- Cindy Reichardt
- Tracer Kruzal
- Sonia Flores
- Mason and Doris Newton
- Liz Hyde
- Clint Remmert
- Jill Wolfskill
- Nicolas Norboge
- Tristan Jays
- Myra Williams
- Bev Ekarius
- Linda Vernghaus
- Jerry and Colleen Richardson



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

WELCA will be gathering school supplies for Lutheran World Relief.

Be on the lookout for the school bus in the fellowship hall.

If you want to donate money instead of supplies, please give it to Rachel, Sherry, or label it on the memo line of your check.



**St. John Lutheran of Cat Spring, Tx Statement of
Financial Position As of May 31, 2024**

AUSTIN COUNTY STATE BANK -

CEMETERY OP 17,470.61

Citizen's State Bank -

ELCA Benevolence 0.00

Citizen's State Bank - ELCA Disaster 0.00

Citizen's State Bank - LYO 6,565.86

Citizen's State Bank - Music Fund 493.84

Citizen's State Bank - Prayer Shawl 570.20

Citizen's State Bank - Scholarship Fund 6,855.24

Citizen's State Bank - Sealy Pantry Fund 0.00

Citizen's State Bank - Thrivent Choice 894.00

Citizen's State Bank - Wedding Fund 1,833.05

Citizen's State Bank-Cemetery -42.82

Citizen's State Bank-Memorial Fund 15,381.58

Citizen's State Bank-Men In Mission 25.00

Citizens State Bank - Patio Fund 0.00

Citizens State Bank - WELCA 95.00

Citizens State Bank-Community Care Fund 5,344.98

**St. John Lutheran of Cat Spring, Tx Statement of Activity May
2024 Cash Basis Monday, June 10, 2024 12:23 PM GMT-05:00 1/1**

General Fund Contributions 13,397.74 ISB

CD Interest 2,796.20

LYO Fund Contributions 172.00

Senior Day 50.00

Total Revenue \$16,476.15

GROSS PROFIT \$16,476.15

Expenditures Auto Reimb 38.86

Building Repairs & Supplies 501.90

Contract Svcs-Cemetery Labor 360.00

Education - Youth Curriculum 344.57

Electricity 324.13

Garbage 89.72

Office Supplies & Equipment 1,529.08

Online Giving Expense 15.08

Payroll Expenses

SALARY - MUSIC DIR 400.00

SALARY-BOOKKEEPER 720.00

SALARY-HOUSEKEEPING 660.00

SALARY-SECRETARY 930.56

Salary-Youth Director 1,332.70

Taxes 309.32

Total Payroll Expenses 4,352.58

Special Cemetery 42.82

SPECIAL SENIOR DAY 390.24

Supply Pastor 250.00

Telephone 470.49

Water 71.08

Worship Supplies 100.00

Total Expenditures \$8,880.55

NET OPERATING REVENUE \$7,595.60/NET REVENUE \$7,595.

Save the Date
August 18, 2024
Following 10:00am Service

**Ice Cream
Social
Extravaganza
Coming
Soon!**

Join us for a sweet end of
summer celebration with
homemade ice cream and fun
activities!

Organized by St John's [WELCA](#)



Dear St. John Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for blessing me with a scholarship. This will be very helpful with my expenses as I begin Texas A+M University this fall. Thank you for all of your support and guidance over the years. God's blessings and peace to you all!

love,

Avery D
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Worship Attendance

Date	In Person	Online
6-2-24	52	59
6-9	44	42
6-16	57	54
6-23	61	38



Billy,
Just wanted to say thanks again for allowing me to park in the church parking lot overnight. Sharon meant so much more than words can describe & it was extremely hard on Don. She was the sister everyone wished they had. ♡
Your compassion meant so much to us, you are an angel on earth.

Appreciate everything.
Ella

One small word
that says so much.

Don & Sharon
(from Rachel's brother
& sister-in-law)



We are grateful for the volunteers who gave their time and resources to make our recent blood drive a success. Your donations will certainly go a long way in helping save lives! We extend our most sincere and heartfelt thanks to you and to Ken and Rose Wienken- Blood Drive Coordinators

Hello!

The Call Committee (Nancy, Herbert, Margie, Lacy & Rachel) of St John Lutheran Cat Spring needs your help to gather information about our next called Pastor. Please complete the following survey by **August 1, 2024**.

Paper copies will be available on Sundays at church.

We are excited to move forward in the call process. Thank you for the continued prayers and thank you, in advance, for answering the survey.

Rachel

Chairperson of the Call Committee



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

Call Committee Members:

Nancy Hartmann

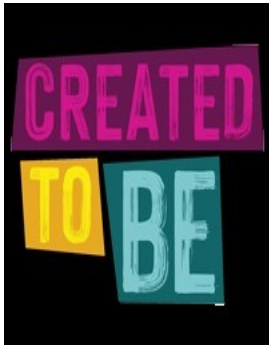
Herbert Kollatschny

Margie Lovell

Lacy Dittert - Secretary

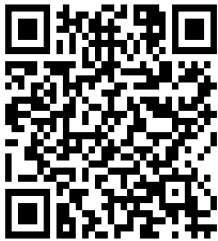
Rachel Divin - Chairperson

We welcome all conversations regarding the call process. A survey is being made. We will let you know when it is ready to complete.



Marissa Divin will be attending the ELCA's National Youth in New Orleans with the youth from St John Bellville. She will be leaving on Sunday, July 14 and arriving home on Saturday, July 20.

In the aftermath of a storm, hurricane, or tornado, New Orleans residents regularly find themselves without electricity. This quickly becomes a health crisis as people try to manage life in the hot, humid Gulf Coast summers. City leaders and community organizers identified the eight most-requested items to help residents as they wait for the power grid to be restored.



Our goal is to create 3,000 disaster relief kits filled with these items to help New Orleanians get through the days immediately following a natural disaster. It takes about \$100 to create an entire disaster relief kit.

Our synod is in Region 4, so we are responsible for helping with Liquid IV. If you are interested in helping, scan the qr code or go to

<https://www.elca.church/gathering/about/offering> to find out more.

The items will be shipped directly to New Orleans.

If you want to find out more about the National Youth Gathering, either before or after, please talk to Marissa.

Rachel Divin
@Rachel-Divin



@Rachel-Divin is Rachel's Venmo account.

They may ask for last 4 numbers of Rachel's phone to verify you have right person. They are 1135

You may notate on "Memo Line" on Venmo if you are giving to the Daily Bread Project or to the National Youth Gathering, which will go our Region 4, to supply Liquid IV. Or you can let Rachel decide which fund to put it in.

Daily Bread Project

With the Lord's Prayer we ask God to 'give us this day our daily bread'. God invites us to share what we have with others. Through the Daily Bread Project we learn more about the needs in the world and God's invitation for us to love our neighbors.

Addilyn and Tomas Divin will be attending Lutherhill in LaGrange from July 21-26. If you are interested in giving to the Daily Bread Project, please either give money to Addilyn or Tomas or send a Venmo to Rachel. Last year, the Divin kids gave a generous donation to the Daily Bread Project. It would nice to do the same again this year.

DAILY BREAD PROJECT: Each summer, Lutherhill joins forces with another organization to help our campers learn about God's invitation to generous living through the Daily Bread project. This summer, Lutherhill is partnering with the non-profit Tree 4 Hope. Tree 4 Hope is a non-profit organization committed to providing a bright future of long-term hope for children, elders, and their families in Guatemala and around the world through educational, health and mental wellness outreach programs. Our campers will have a hands-on service project while at camp.

Stay tuned for opportunities to ways you can support the Summer 2024 Daily Bread Project!

July 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
6-30	Doug and Jennifer	Brooklynn Logan	The Divin Family	Youth
7-7	Mary and Chad	Addilyn Divin	Martha Neva	Addilyn Divin
7-14	Jennifer and Kyle	Brooklynn Logan	Open	Nancy Hartmann
7-21	Robin and Chad	Hunter Hewson	Open	Jheri Sell
7-28	Jennifer and Doug	Bexley/Rinley Nelson	Open	Gwen Reichardt

In red indicates change from original calendar

