

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

LUKE 12:32-40



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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. 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

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
**you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.**

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of + Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

“You Servants of God”

ELW 825

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.

Hymn of Praise (first verse only)

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson:**Genesis 15:1-6****First Lesson is from the fifth tenth book of Genisis**

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” 2 But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3 And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” 4 But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” 5 He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” 6 And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

P: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God**Second Lesson:****Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16****The Second Lesson is from the eleventh chapter of Hebrews**

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 By faith, with Sarah’s involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14 for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

P: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel:**Luke 12:32-40****P:**The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twelfth chapter**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said:] 32 “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

35 “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

39 “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.**C:Praise to you, O Christ.****Blessing of the Backpacks****A Message from the Gospel****Don Allphin****Hymn of the Day***“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”***ELW 818****Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven and he is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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:** God of grace**C: Hear our prayer****The Sharing of the Peace****The Offering**

Offering Response

“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

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always. **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

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
+ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ELW 632

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C: **Thanks be to God.**



The flowers on the altar today are given by
The Logan Family

To All the Amazing Teachers and Staff,

As a new school year begins, we want to thank you for your
dedication, passion, and care. You inspire minds, shape futures,
and make a difference every single day.

Here's to a great year ahead — full of growth, joy,
and meaningful moments.

We appreciate you more than words can say!

August 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 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	Worship Leader	Council on Duty	Acolyte	Reader	Flowers
August 10	Don Allphin	Laurie	Layla	Ken Wienken	Jennifer Logan
August 17	Don Allphin	Tim	Riley	Don Allphin	Youth of St John Back to School Bless
August 24	Don Allphin	Robin	Rhett	Dan Howell	Skylar Ordner
August 31	Don Allphin	Doug	Hunter	Reese Reichardt	Open

In red indicates change from original calendar



8-11 Denise Lange
8-11 Linda White
8-15 Breanna Brandes



8-11 Jacob and Amy Tipp

Our weekly budgeted need: 3329.98

Offerings 8-3-25

General Fund 1860.00

Total 1860.00

Attendance 46

Online 316

Weekly News 8/10-16/25

8-10

Adult Sunday School /Choir Practice resumes !

9:00 am

Worship Service /Children's Church

Blessing of the Backpacks

10:00 am

Don Allphin

11:30am (after church) -

LCMC Presentation

Fellowship Hall

8-11

Council Meeting 6:15 pm

8-12

St John Quilting Ministry

9:00 am

8-17

Adult Sunday School /Choir Practice resumes !

9:00 am

Worship Service /Children's Church

10:00 am

Don Allphin

SAVE THE DATES !

8/24/25 - 11:30am (after church) -

NALC Presentation

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

Alfred Tomasek

Tristan

Jerry Henneke

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

Bubba Bencal

Kristen Jones

Nathan Schulke

Kathy Weiss

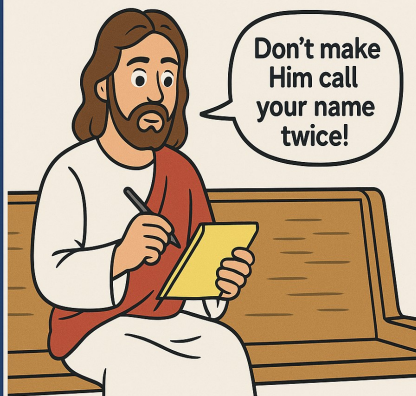
Shirley Hering

Carol Smith

Rebecca Rabon

Steve Lackey

Jesus is taking
attendance...



Please fill out your
attendance card —
it's easier than
walking on water!

MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

Colonial Bell— Sealy

Katherine Ludwig

Argent Court —Brenham

Carrie Froebel

Columbus Oaks

Marilyn Wendt

HOMEBOUND:

Katherine Washburn

**Upcoming Informational Meetings
with Lutheran synods:**

All congregational members are encouraged to attend.

08/10/2025 Sunday

LCMC

LCMC – presentation on 8/10 following church service with Pastor Bryce Formwalt (Director of Mission Growth); will present during congregational lunch

08/24/2025 Sunday

NALC

NALC - presentation on 8/24 following church service with Pastor Jared Stillions (St. Peter Lutheran Church - Hallettsville); will present during congregational lunch

BBQ Ribs provided for 8/24/25

Presented by Pit Master Extraordinaire

James Sell (aka Peanut)

**Meal Sign up Sheet in the Narthex for
8/24/25 Meetings–**

Hello -

The next **WELCA** meeting will be the 25th of September at 6p in the Fellowship Hall with a "light dinner".

Our goal is to supply 24 kits this year and we are asking that whole kits be sponsored. The list is to the right. Or if you prefer to give cash and someone else do the shopping please give your cash or check (made out to WELCA) to Gwen Reichardt.

We will assemble the school kits then for LWR.

**Any questions, please
feel free to talk with
Jheri or Pauline :)**

School Kit List

FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, 8"x 10 1/2" ; no loose leaf paper

ONE 30 centimeter ruler or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

ONE pencil sharpener

ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with rubber band

FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with rubber band

ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons

ONE 2 1/2 " eraser



**Pit Master Extraordinaire
James Sell (aka Peanut)**



St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring

"Actively reaching out ... showing God's love to all."

July 9, 2025

Re: Certificate of Resolution – July 6, 2025

Dear Member of St. John Cat Spring,

Please find enclosed a copy of our Certificate of Resolution for the special congregational meeting and vote held on July 6, 2025.

We are forwarding you this copy in accordance with Section C6.05(b) of our Constitution.

Please give me a call if you have any questions at 979-877-8344.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mary O'Neal'.

Mary O'Neal, Council Secretary

Enclosures

See Next Page for Certificate

Certificate of Resolution

Date of Adoption: July 6, 2025

I, Mary O'Neal, the Council Secretary of St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring, certify that I have custody of the records of St. John – Cat Spring and that I am authorized to execute and deliver this certificate of resolution on behalf of St. John – Cat Spring. I further certify as follows:

1. The resolution below was duly adopted on the Date of Adoption. The resolution has not been amended, modified, or rescinded and is now in full force and effect.
2. I further certify that there is no provision in the governing documents of St. John – Cat Spring limiting the powers of the members of St. John – Cat Spring to adopt the resolution referred to below and that the resolution are in conformity with the requirements of the governing documents; that the undersigned is the keeper of the records and minutes of the proceedings of St. John – Cat Spring, and that the following accurately reflects the outcome of the meeting held on July 6, 2025:

WHEREAS, on Sunday, July 6, 2025, St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring held a legally called and conducted special meeting to determine whether to terminate its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA).

WHEREAS, the meeting was held more than 30 days after written notice of the meeting was received by the bishop of the synod, and prior to such meeting, the congregation consulted with the bishop and/or the bishop's designees.

WHEREAS, notice of the meeting was posted and letters mailed to all eligible voting members of the congregation more than 10 days prior to the meeting.

WHEREAS, a resolution approved by the council was voted upon.

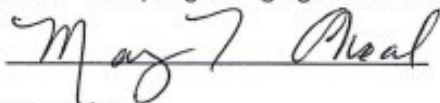
WHEREAS, discussion concerning the resolution was then held by the congregation.

WHEREAS, following the discussion, a vote was conducted by written ballot with the result being (59) members to terminate the relationship with the ELCA and (2) to not terminate the relationship with the ELCA.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the vote to terminate the relationship with the ELCA passed by the required 2/3 majority of the voting members present at the meeting.

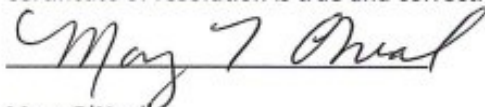
Of the Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America 2019 ("the Constitution") which was previously adopted and approved by St. John – Cat Spring and is currently in effect as the operating Constitution of St. John – Cat Spring.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is made and sent in accordance with the Section C6.05(b) and is approved by the current Council Secretary of St. John – Cat Spring, Mary O'Neal, who certifies that the above facts are true and correct, that the special meeting was legally called and conducted and the outcome of the vote to terminate St. John – Cat Spring's relationship with the ELCA is hereby certified and copies of the resolution and certification shall be sent to all voting members of New St. John – Cat Spring's congregation and the bishop.


Mary O'Neal

Council Secretary, St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is the duly elected and qualified Council Secretary of St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring; that the signature above is her genuine signature; and that the foregoing certificate of resolution is true and correct.


Mary O'Neal

Council Secretary, St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring