

Good News Journal August 2025

St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring

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

SUNDAY SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDEULE

9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service /Children's Church

"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

— Proverbs 3:6

We've all had times when the path ahead looked uncertain. Maybe it was a crossroads in life, a decision at work, a health challenge, or even a big transition in our church family. In those moments, it's tempting to try and figure everything out ourselves. But Proverbs 3:6 offers a quieter, stronger alternative: trust in God, acknowledge Him, and He will take care of the direction.

To "acknowledge Him" means to intentionally involve God in our everyday steps — big or small. It's a daily act of faith to say, "Lord, guide me today," and then trust that even when the road winds, God is already there, clearing the way.

At St. John, we are walking through a season where seeking God's direction is more important than ever. As we make decisions for our future, let us be a people grounded not in fear or division, but in faithful trust. When we commit our way to the Lord, the promise is not just a smoother road — but a God-shaped one.

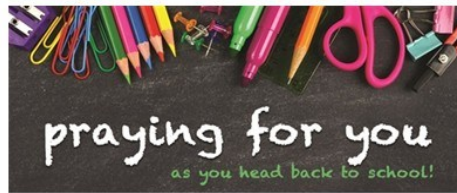
**Whether your steps are slow and cautious or bold and confident,
keep acknowledging Him.
He will not let you walk alone.**

Your sister in Christ,

Robin Haugen



YOUTH GROUP



August

July Youth retreat at SplashWay campgrounds was a blast! We stayed for two nights with a fun day at the water park as well. We started a new bible study called The 5 G's. We begin with Psalm 145 as youth learned that it was written by David and was an ABC (acrostic) psalm because each verse (starting with verse 3) begins with a different letter of the Hebrew alphabet. We could see this by reading this psalm in the Easy English bible version. From verses 3-7 youth learned that God is GREAT.



Bexley Nelson,
Brooklynn Logan,
Riley Hewson,
Rhett Reichardt,
Layla and Skarlet Ordner
and Hunter Hewson



Layla and Hunter



Scarlett

Thank you Cristy Ordner for your help throughout the retreat!



← Boys dishwash night



Sand volleyball



A little rain cools things off at Put-Put golf

Acolyte Schedule- August: 3rd Rinley Nelson
10th Layla Ordner 17th Riley Hewson
24th Rhett Reichardt 31st Hunter Hewson
Sept.: 7th Bexley Nelson 14th Rhett Reichardt
21st Layla Ordner 28 Riley Hewson



Don't forget your backpack!
Blessing of the school backpacks August 10 during worship.

Classroom work day is being planned for JH and HS youth in August. Getting ready for Rally Day Sept. 7th

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10 Adult Sunday School / Choir Practice Resumes ! 9:00 am Worship Service /Children's Church 10:00 <i>Blessing of the Backpacks</i> Don Allphin LCMC presentation following church service with Pastor Bryce Formwalt (Director of Misson Growth); will present during congregational	11 Council 6:15 pm	12 St John Quilting Ministry 9:00 am	13	14	15	16
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8-11 Jacob and Amy Tipp
8-22 William and Tamra Ordner
8-27 Randall and Marsha Tipp
8-30 James and Ruth Brooks

♡ Delores
Dittert

The family of Virginia Hollis, in their
time of sorrow.

Food and Fun
Save the Date !



August 2025 Ministry Duties

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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.

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August 31	Don Allphin	Doug	Hunter	Reese Reichardt	Open

In red indicates change from original calendar

August 2025 Altar Guild	
Tamra Ordner	Christa Klar
Cristy Ordner	
Flower Guild	
Ruth Walker	Gwen Reichardt

Worship Attendance

Date	In Person	Online Views
7-6	76	426
7-13	44	-
7-20	53	-
7-27	49	311



The St John Singers will
resume practice on
Sunday, August 10th
at 9:00 am .

So, now is the time to
come join the choir!

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



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,

Mary O'Neal, Council Secretary

Enclosures

See next 2 pages
for Certificate of
Resolution .

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.

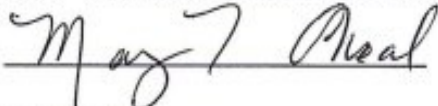
WHEREAS, discussion concerning the resolution was then held by the congregation.

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.

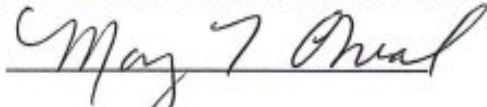
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is made and sent in accordance with the Section C6.05(b) and is approved by the current Council Secretary of St. John – Cat Spring, Mary O'Neal, who certifies that the above facts are true and correct, that the special meeting was legally called and conducted 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

**Upcoming Informational Meetings
with Lutheran synods:**

All congregational members are encouraged to attend.

08/06/2025– Wednesday

Missouri Synod

Missouri Synod – presentation on 8/6 at 6pm with Rev. Dr. David Bahn and Pastor John Davis (LCMS Texas Dist. 1st VP); snacks and drinks will be provided

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

Meal /Snack Sign up Sheets in the Narthex for all three Meetings

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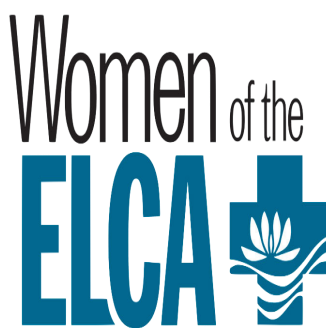
Hello -

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 ½" ; 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 ½ " eraser



St. John Lutheran Church – Cat Spring Council Meeting June 30, 2025 for July Meeting

Call to order: By Robin Haugen at 5:36 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, Ken Wienken, Lacy Dittert, Jennifer Logan, Cheryl Mellenthin

Adoption of Agenda – Yes

Minutes for final approval –June approved per email, Yes

Treasurer Report: None

Pastor Report – Don is willing to go above and beyond in the next 90 days to help with the church services.

Committee Reports

Youth (LYO) – Youth service on Sunday went great and the youth love the church. They have a retreat scheduled July 24,25,26to Splashway and July to the pool in Brenham They will be having a bible study for all ages.

Cemetery Report –None

House and Grounds – Parking lot was power washed

Old Business: It was decided to make the vote simple, leaving the ELCA or staying with ELCA and then next time after more discussion, to have the different synods listed on the vote. Research and Council were part of this discussion. We will call a special Congregational meeting to order on July 6th for the vote and take minutes.

Sally will be here Sunday the 6th to help with the vote and check the names off the roster. Laurie will sit with Sally.

Playground: We have a bid for a fence to be built for 5,500.00 and it was approved by the council to spend the money. Also, we are getting another bid for the sod and dirt to be placed in the playground. 1st Doug and 2nd Tim all approved Yes

New Business: Approve transfer of member ship for Tommy Wade no longer lives in Cat Spring area.

Transfer approved 1st Doug and 2nd by Malcolm All approved Yes

August Council Assignments:

August 3 Tim

August 10: Laurie

August 17: Tim

August 24: Robin

August 31: Doug

Approve the Calendar: 1st Doug, 2nd Robin all approved yes

Unanimously agreed: Yes

Meeting adjourned 6:58 p.m.

Close with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Mary T. O’Neal