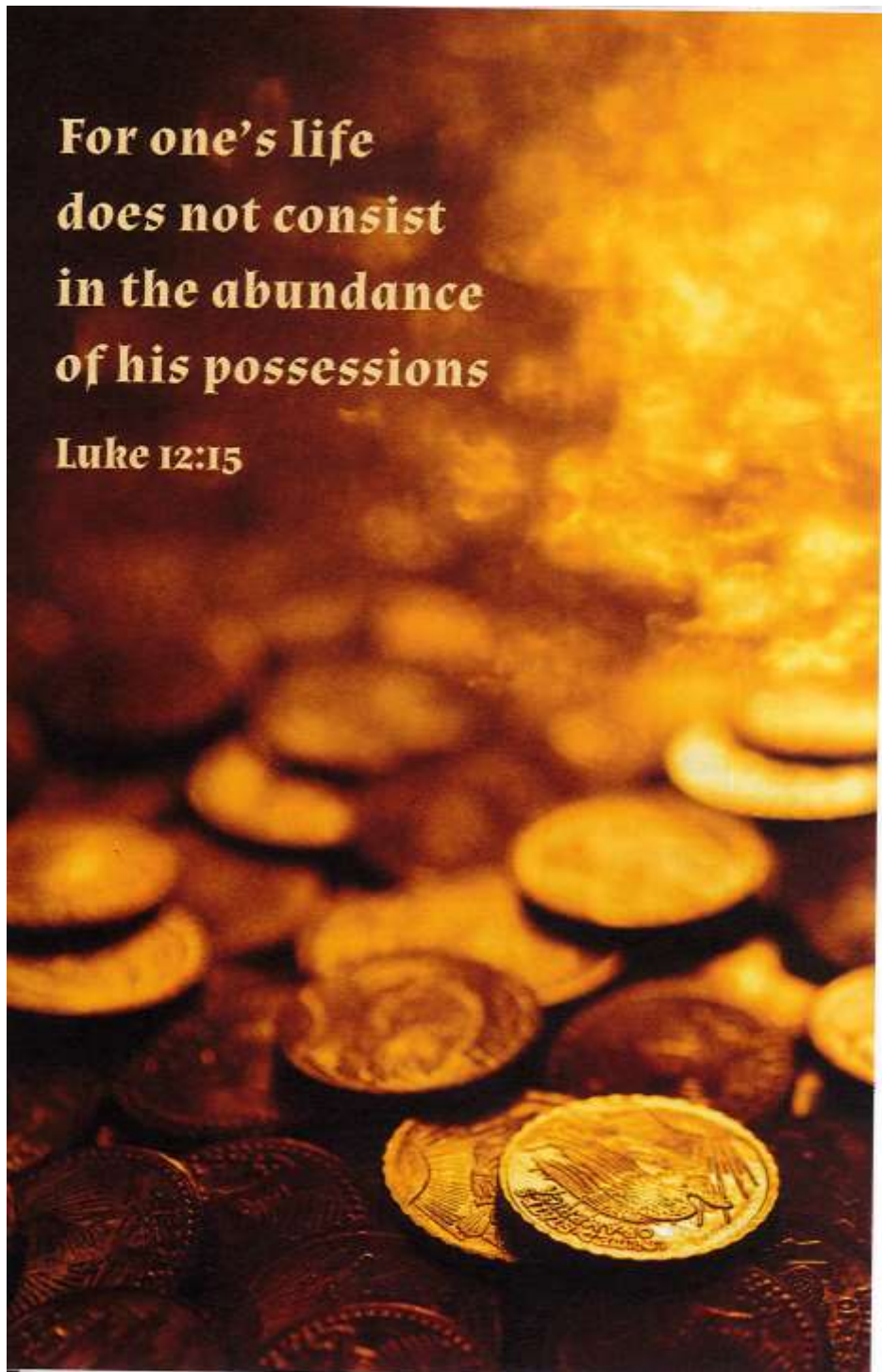


**For one's life  
does not consist  
in the abundance  
of his possessions**

**Luke 12:15**



# **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 4, 2019

**Greeter This Week:** Marv & Norrean Sager

**Greeter Next Week:** Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

**Reader This Week:** Beverly Bodden

**Reader Next Week:** Wendy Bishop

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

**Acolytes Next Week:** Volunteer Needed

**Altar Guild This Month:** Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Wanda Hays

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Johnny Jank

**Large Print Bulletins** are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher for a copy.

**Busy Bags** are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

You are invited to commune with us if, as a baptized Christian, you believe that you are a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness; that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Sacrament; that this is more than a symbolic act, but a way God proclaims forgiveness to us who are repentant.

*May your participation increase your faith and strengthen your love for God and one another.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please show your respect with silent meditation at this time.*

### PRELUDE

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand – *Throughout the service you may remain seated or stand as you are able.*

### p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: WOV #771 “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*”

p. 57-58: KYRIE

p. 60: HYMN OF PRAISE “*This is the Feast*”

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you,  
C **And also with you. (*sung*)**

P Let us pray:

**All: Almighty, eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid and to provide that for which by ourselves, we do not even presume to pray; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### FIRST READING

#### *All is Vanity*

*The Teacher proclaimed that all is vanity and chasing after the wind. To apply the intellect to the creation or to seek out wisdom apart from God are foolishness. The Teacher proclaimed his disdain for that which he worked so hard for because he had to leave it for the next person who came along. There was no time to enjoy it.*

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26 (Page 574-575, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. <sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

### *Make a Joyful Noise*

*The Lord is God and deserving of our worship and praise. The psalmist gave thanks for God's steadfast love, for creating humanity and all that exists. Come into his presence singing a joyful song, the poet instructed.*

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with  
a song.

**<sup>2</sup>Know this: The Lord himself is God;  
he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people  
and the sheep of his pasture.**

<sup>3</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

**<sup>4</sup>For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

## SECOND READING

### *Seek the Things Above*

*St. Paul continued to encourage his friends in Colossae, urging them to set their minds on the things of Christ who raised them. He called them to put to death that which was within them that was "earthly." Those were the ways of their old life, but their new life is in Christ, who is all in all.*

Colossians 3:1-11

(Page 1027, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put

on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:13-21

(Page 905, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.** (*sung*)

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to {Jesus}, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.** (*sung*)

Sit SERMON

HYMN: WOV #783 “*Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*”

Stand p. 65: APOSTLES’ CREED

p. 65: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

HYMN: WOV #775

*“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”*

Lord, listen to Your children praying,  
Lord, send Your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to Your children praying,  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!

p. 66: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand p. 66: OFFERTORY: “Let the vineyards...”

p. 67: OFFERTORY PRAYER

p. 68: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

p. 70: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #33 (right column)

p. 71: LORD’S PRAYER

p. 72: LAMB OF GOD

Sit DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION  
SOFT HYMNS FOR MEDITATION

Stand p. 72: POST COMMUNION: “Thank the Lord . . .”

p. 74: PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 8/4</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship
<b>Mon 8/5</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues 8/6</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Wed 8/7</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
<b>Thurs 8/8</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Fri 8/9</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Rally Sunday/Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ Backpack Blessing  <i>*Youth Group luncheon &amp; games after worship ~Bring a change of clothes for water activities.</i>

*Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's.*



*Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.*

**Sunday, July 28, 2019**

General \$2,931.50, MOM \$175.00, Church Reno. \$8,465.00

**Total : \$11,571.50**

**Attendance:** Worship - 68

Adult Sunday School - 14



## Mission of the Month of August



# MISSIONS



### Water Missions International

Water Missions International is a nonprofit Christian engineering organization providing sustainable safe water and sanitation solutions for people in developing countries and disaster areas.

Safe water is the source of life. It is the foundation for health, education and viable economies. Through the generous support of individuals, churches, our corporate partners and many others, Water Missions International has brought relief and hope to more than 2.5 million people across the globe.

Our faith and belief in the sanctity of life compel us to develop and implement the best technologies and community development programs so God will be honored and glorified through our work.

#### **Mission**

Our mission is to be a best in class Christian engineering ministry that transforms lives through sustainable safe water solutions.

#### **Vision**

Water Missions International will be a Christian engineering ministry that is recognized as a global leader in transformational safe water solutions .

### Parents' Sunday School/Bible Study Class

We are looking for interest for a Parents' Sunday school/Bible study class that would take place during Sunday school. We're looking for parents of all aged children to gather together, study the word of God, and help each other apply God's teachings to raising kids in today's society. We're wanting to make Sunday school a family event, and the studious learning of God a lifelong commitment. Please contact Johnna Kethan at 361-649-4234 if you are interested.





## Rally Sunday & Backpack Blessing



Please join us August 11th starting at 9 AM for our kick off to a new Sunday School Year! Our Rally Day Sunday theme is "Gear Up for Jesus" focusing on preparing our mind, body, and spirit to be disciples of Jesus. At 10:15 AM during our church service, we will have a Backpack Blessing to give our students their spiritual school supplies for the new school year. We will also be singing some familiar Sunday school songs during the service to keep the excitement going! All families are welcomed to both events, kids and adults, big and small! We hope to see everyone there!

## Youth Group News



St. John's Youth Group will be getting together for lunch and games on Sunday, August 11th, immediately following church. Bring extra clothes to change into for the water fun and to stay cool. We'd love for all 6th-12th graders and their parents to attend to gather ideas for future activities. Hope to see you there!

Doug & Wendy Bishop

St. John Youth Group Sponsors

## NALC Disaster Relief

We will continue collecting **Health Kits** and **Flood Buckets** for the **NALC Disaster Relief** indefinitely. Because the Texas warehouse was totally depleted of all the disaster relief items during the recent tornadoes and flooding in the midwest we will continue to try to stock it for the next need. The instructions for building them are in the back of the church in a folder. Norrean Sager has made about 30 bags for the health kits and Norrean or Linda will be glad to get as many as you need from storage. If you just want to purchase some of the items, Linda will put it together. Leave the items in the kitchen at church. Linda will collect them if you let her know - (361) 275-2059.





## Bible Study

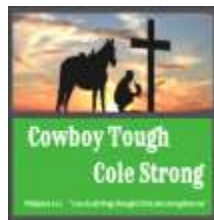
What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? The dictionary describes a disciple as a follower, student or apprentice of a teacher or leader. Our Sunday Morning Bible study begins a new Two Part series titled “Disciples of the Cross”. Part one is “Who We Are” and will be followed by Part Two, “What We Do”. Our group invites you to join us for this interesting look at “what it means to be a disciple of Christ and how that plays itself out in many areas of life and ministry.” Just get up a little earlier and come in for a cup of coffee, a couple of donut holes or a cookie or two, some fun fellowship and a discussion of our lesson and current events each Sunday morning. We would love to have your input.

## Special Prayers for Cole

### ~UPDATE~



After extensive research, many prayers and overwhelming support, Cole is in China for treatment of his injury. It is felt this is the best chance for his



recovery. Cole will be in China possibly up to six months for this treatment. We ask that you will keep Cole and his family in your prayers each and every day as they continue on this difficult journey. God has been with Cole every step of the way and by faith we know he will continue to do so. We want to thank each and every one for the past thoughts, prayers and support for Cole and his family. They have truly been a blessing. May God bless you all.

**+Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole+**

**At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list:**

*Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual*

*To help family stay strong*

*Patience*

*Stay positive*

*The drive to keep trying (perseverance)*

## Church Renovation Update

Roth is currently finishing up installing the elevator. Once installed, they can then complete the masonry and will begin installing the metal roof immediately thereafter. Canopy is to be installed in May. The estimated costs for construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, and incidentals are \$599,553. We are required to pay as construction progresses so the bills are coming in on a regular basis. This project received almost unanimous support so we ask that you prayerfully consider giving generously to this project.



GOAL: \$599,553.00

RECEIVED AS OF July 28, 2019: \$439,533.00

### **WORDS from the WORSHIP TEAM** SHARING the PEACE



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Where did this come from? Why do we do this?

The Worship Team had a discussion about Sharing the Peace. Are we doing it correctly, is it in the right place in the service, and why did we start doing this in the first place? So what is sharing the peace? First is there scriptural basis for Sharing the Peace (STP)? Almost all sources point to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew as the basis for STP. Specifically Matthew 5:23-24.

“<sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister<sup>\*</sup> has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister,<sup>\*</sup> and then come and offer your gift.”

These verses are considered the foundation of the practice of STP. By giving Christ's peace to our fellow worshippers we are confirming just as Christ has given us his peace in freeing us from the bondage of sin through His grace so we are confirming that all is good between us and our fellow Christians.

Where it falls in the order of worship varies, but most churches place it later in the service after the message and some after the

Prayer of the Church. This is significant in that after we have heard of Christ's peace in the message, confessed our faith in Christ as our Savior as he has reconciled us before God by His precious blood and suffering, that we now reconcile with our neighbors in the service by STP.

How it is done and for how long varies among churches but most agree that it is especially important when Sharing the Peace we show hospitality to visitors, "not simply a time to say hi to those we know." Some have concerns about so much moving about, but if we are truly seeking to "Share Christ's Peace" that may need to be beyond the boundaries of those seated next to us. There also may be those not as mobile as we are that we should pay special effort to STP with.

What it should not become is a time to visit. This is part of our worship service not the intermission. Moving about and STP can be a time of joy, in knowing that my fellow Christians and I are unified as children of God.

So don't hold back. Share the Peace with as many or as few as you feel called to, as long as it is Christ's peace that you are sharing not an update of last evening's events.

His Peace be with you. The Worship Team

### **SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE SURVEY**

The Worship Team and the Parish Ed Team has been getting some questions regarding the possibility of having a second "Early" service and are considering trying 8:00 AM. But before we even begin any planning of such a change we need know how the congregation feels about it. Is there some interest in an early service, a lot of folks that this would benefit, or really not enough support to give it a try. So in the next few weeks bulletins and the August newsletter will be a Second Sunday Service Survey (Mrs. Ada Kirk would be so proud of the use of alliteration here). Fill one out per person, no stuffing the ballot, please. There will be a box in the narthex to collect the surveys. We will compile the results and take steps to comply with the wishes of the congregation. The Parish Ed and Worship Teams thank you for your input.

*\*(See reverse side for survey. Complete the survey, tear it out & place it in the survey box.)*

## SUNDAY SERVICE SURVEY

CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE ANSWER THAT COMPLETES EACH SENTENCE BEST

- 1) Do you attend the 10:15 AM service at St John:
  - a) Regularly, almost every Sunday weekly
  - b) Two or three times a month
  - c) Once a month
  - d) Once and a while
  - e) Two or three times a year
- 2) When you don't attend St John Meyersville I usually:
  - a) Attend another church
  - b) Spend some Bible study time at home
  - c) Spend time with family
  - d) Sleep in
- 3) The current 10:15 Sunday morning service is:
  - a) The perfect time and day for a service
  - b) A little too early
  - c) I wish it were earlier
  - d) Earlier or later, doesn't matter I come when I can
- 4) If St John Meyersville offered a 8:00AM service on Sunday
  - a) I would attend that service, year round
  - b) I would attend it more during the summer months
  - c) I would attend it occasionally, when I have other places to be on Sunday
  - d) I would attend it rarely. I like the current service.
- 5) If St John Meyersville offered a 8:00AM service on Sunday with Sunday school at 9:00 AM:
  - a) I would be more likely to attend church and have my children in Sunday school at 9:00 AM
  - b) I like the current time and would continue to go to 9 AM SS and 10:15 church
  - c) I would take my children to Sunday school and pick them up at 10:00
  - d) I would take my children to Sunday school and attend an adult class.
  - e) I don't have children in SS but I would attend the early service and go to adult Bible study
  - f) I would shake the Pastor's hand as I leave church. That's the whole purpose of an early service so we can do something with the rest of the day.
- 6) I think we should have Sunday school during
  - a) The current 10:15 service
  - b) The early 8:00 AM service

Additional comments:

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**PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, contact Evelyn Diebel. And please update your request at least once a month so the list can be kept current and up to date. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel at (361)275-5979.

**Our Military and their families:**

Nicholas Jacobs - U.S. Air Force,

Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves

John Otto - USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC

Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky

Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy

Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy

Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force

Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, Staff Sergeant, Fort Rucker, AL,  
going to Warrant Officer Candidate School then to Army

Aviation Flight School

Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force

Michael Petrash II - 1<sup>st</sup> LT, United States Army



**Please Pray for:**

Adam Womble

Nate Boehl

Hunter Jacob

Glynn Yurick

Kenny Jacob

Cole Ohrt

Carlton Migura

Robby Bitterly

Carly Waters

Joy Hoy

Breidi Toney

Glenn Ruschhaupt

Marie Liner

Slade Doehrman

*(Slade likes to receive cards, his address is:*

*11049 FM 236, Cuero 77954)*

**Nursing Home:** Yorktown Manor ~ Marjorie Ideus, Barbara Mueller

**Homebound:** Bette Jo Haun



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# Pentecost 8

*August 4, 2019*

## **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 13 (Year C)**



A life lived without God at the center is an empty life indeed. We may have enough grain to fill multiple barns and silos, but if we are rich in possessions and poor toward God, then all is in vain. The Christian life is characterized by seeking the things of Christ, not the things of this world. Only the things of God offer us new life and life abundant. We are warned to guard against the idolatry of possessions.

