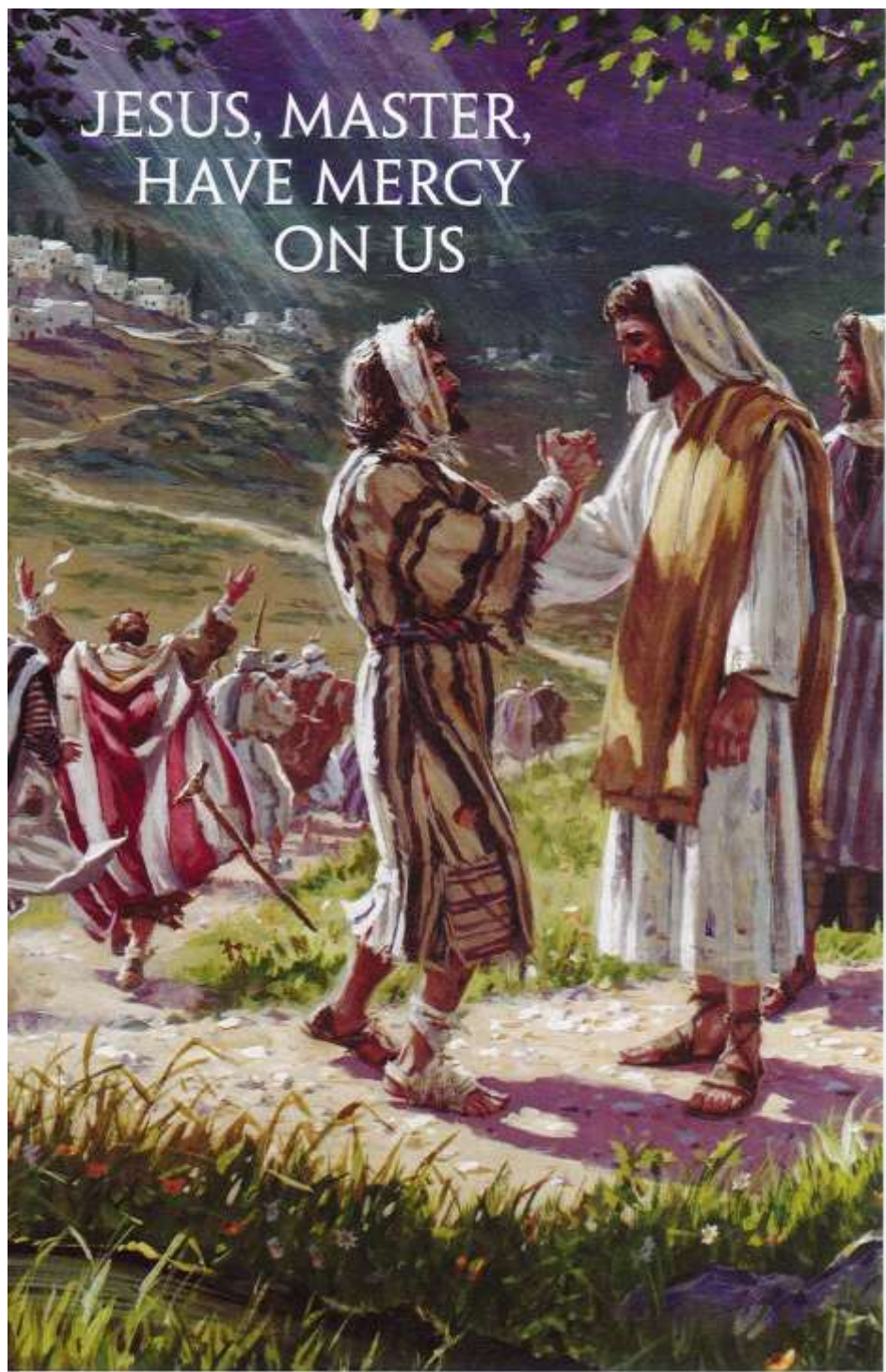


JESUS, MASTER,
HAVE MERCY
ON US



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor - The Rev. John Boor

Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

LWR Quilt Litany

October 13, 2019

Greeter This Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Greeter Next Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Reader This Week: Kernell Moritz

Reader Next Week: Dawn Otto

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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Altar Guild This Month: M'Liss Moore & Carly Waters

Altar Guild Next Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Communion Assistant This Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

Communion Assistant Next Month: Obert Sagebiel

Large Print Bulletins are available on the narthex table. Please ask an usher for a copy if you would like one.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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 p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #294 *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

page 57-58: KYRIE

page 59: HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

All **O Lord, sustain your Church with your perpetual mercy. Without you, in our weakness we will surely fail. Therefore, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 28: 12-18

(Page 738, RSV Pew Bible)

¹²“Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord GOD: “You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹³You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, carnelian, topaz, and jasper, chrysolite, beryl, and onyx, sapphire, carbuncle, and emerald; and wrought in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared. ¹⁴With an anointed guardian cherub I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. ¹⁵You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. ¹⁶In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and the guardian cherub drove you out from the midst of the stones of fire.

¹⁷Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you. ¹⁸By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade you profaned your sanctuaries; so I brought forth fire from the midst of you; it consumed you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

(Page 1010-1011, RSV Pew Bible)

¹²I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:7-15

(Page 839, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter.

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

⁷“And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹Pray then like this:

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.

¹⁰ Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread;

¹² And forgive us our debts,

As we also have forgiven our debtors;

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

¹⁴ For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: "*The Lord's Prayer*"

QUILT LITANY

L God of grace, over the clamor of the world's self-serving roar you have made known to us people with profound needs, and by grace you have freed us to respond.

C **WE THANK YOU, GRACIOUS GOD.**

L With hours and hands, purse and purchase, needle and thread you have provided us with a far-reaching channel to make our compassion tangible.

C **WE THANK YOU, GRACIOUS GOD.**

L The kits/quilts arrayed before us have become gifts of hope and beauty.

C **WE THANK YOU, GRACIOUS GOD.**

L As we gather today, we pray your blessing upon the quilts/kits, and pray that they may be a blessing to those who receive them.

C **MAY THEY BE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING, LOVING GOD.**

L Stir in us your spirit and commit our lives to your mission of remedy for the desperate conditions which cry for such mercies as these.

C GIVE US COURAGE, MERCIFUL GOD.

L Embolden us to advocate for greater justice, wider mercy, and persistent peace among the peoples of the world.

C GIVE US COURAGE, MERCIFUL GOD.

L Guide us into simple, more open lives of faithful stewardship of the resources you've entrusted to us.

C GIVE US COURAGE, MERCIFUL GOD.

L We pray for the work of Lutheran World Relief in our combined, faith-filled work to integrate these quilts/kits into a breadth of ministries increasing the sustainability, dignity and wholeness of those whose lives are now so challenged with such a deficit of each.

C MAKE US DILIGENT IN OUR LABORS, GENEROUS IN OUR OFFERINGS AND EARNEST IN OUR PRAYERS.

L In the name of Jesus, our servant Lord we pray,

C AMEN.

Installation of Sunday School Teachers

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Stand page 66: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand page 75: OFFERTORY "Create in Me"

page 76: 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!

page 76: THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: LBW #260 *“On Our Way Rejoicing”*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 10/13	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:15 a.m.	Worship - <i>LWR Quilt Litany</i>
	*Installation of Sunday School Teachers
Mon 10/14	Office Closed
7:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting
Tue 10/15	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours
6:30 p.m.	Meyersville 4-H Meeting
Wed 10/16	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours
10:00 a.m.	Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab.
1:30 p.m.	Quilters
6:00 p.m.	Mission Evangelism Team
7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Thurs 10/17	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours
	*Committee Reports Due
Fri 10/18	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours
	*Newsletter Deadline
Next Sun	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:15 a.m.	Worship
	*2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

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, October 6, 2019

General \$2,626.25, MOM \$900.00, Organ \$ 40.00, Building \$75.00, Sunday School \$55.00, Youth \$220.00, OSC \$20.00, Church Reno. \$1,965.00 **Total: \$5,901.25**

Attendance: Worship - 85 Sunday School - Children - 9
Confirmation - 10

Mission of the Month of October



Samaritan's Purse *Mission Statement*

President & CEO: William "Franklin" Graham III, son of Billy Graham

Founded: 1970, by Bob Pierce

Purpose: Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid with excellence to victims of war, natural disasters, disease, famine, poverty, and persecution in over 100 countries.

Crisis and Disaster Response —

U.S. Disaster Relief: Since 1998, over 83,000 volunteers have worked with our staff to help more than 28,000 families impacted by U.S. natural disasters—hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, floods, and ice storms—by quickly providing emergency supplies, repairing, cleaning and rebuilding homes. Five disaster relief units, tractor-trailers stocked with tools and cleanup supplies, are ready to deploy when disasters strike.

International: Samaritan's Purse specializes in meeting critical needs for victims of war, disaster, and famine in the world's most troubled regions, often working through local churches and ministry partners. Recent efforts include providing aid such as medical care, shelter items, shoes, warm clothing, heaters, food and water for Typhoon victims in the Philippines and Syrian refugees in northern Iraq.

Feeding Programs — Samaritan's Purse has specialized programs to treat severely malnourished children and runs large-scale distributions to feed victims of disaster, famine and war.

Health and Medical —

World Medical Mission: Each year, the medical arm of Samaritan's Purse places hundreds of doctors, dentists, and other medical professionals in voluntary, short-term service with hospitals and clinics in the world's least-developed countries. World Medical Mission also provides hospitals overseas with critical medical equipment and supplies.

Emergency Medicine: Samaritan's Purse responds to disasters by providing medical aid and essential equipment, including a mobile field hospital. The organization is able to mobilize hundreds of volunteer doctors at a moment's notice.

Children's Heart Project: This project brings children to North America to receive life-saving surgery not available in their home countries. To date, Samaritan's Purse has arranged surgery for more than 1,000 children with heart defects.

Diseases: Samaritan's Purse fights malaria, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and other epidemic diseases through medical care, health services, hygiene projects, preventative education and compassionate care.

Operation Christmas Child — The world's largest Christmas project collects and distributes gift-filled shoeboxes for needy children around the world. Since 1993, more than 113 million boxes have been distributed in more than 130 countries. Each year, the project mobilizes more than 100,000 volunteers in the United States.

Operation Heal Our Patriots — This program is designed to strengthen the marriages of wounded and injured members of the U.S. Military. The primary component is Samaritan Lodge Alaska, a wilderness retreat offering outdoor activities and Biblically based marriage enrichment classes. To date, more than 500 people have been through the program.

Animals, Agriculture & Livelihoods — Samaritan's Purse helps families in third-world countries meet their daily food and nutritional needs by providing seeds, tools and livestock. Programs also include training that enables beneficiaries and communities to transition from subsistence living to sustainability.

Construction Projects — Samaritan's Purse constructs houses, schools, hospitals, and churches for families and communities affected by disaster, poverty, and war around the world.

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene — Samaritan's Purse clean water programs have provided safe drinking water for hundreds of thousands of people in more than 25 countries through well projects and water filters for households and communities, coupled with health and hygiene education.

Women's Programs — Samaritan's Purse works to reach the vulnerable women by meeting their physical, emotional and spiritual needs through programs focused on maternal and child health, gender-based violence, job skills training, education, and human trafficking prevention.



Mission Feast

MISSION FEAST On Sunday, October 27, 2019 our mission speaker will be Rev. Dr. Walter C. Jackson, Director of Missions for the Guadalupe Baptist Association. Dr. Jackson has been in the ministry in Texas for the past 22 years. He has pastored four churches and held the position he is currently in since June of 2012. He has participated in mission trips to Belarus, Turkey, Haiti and Ecuador. He resides in Victoria with his wife of 31 years, Lisa. He and Lisa have three children and three grandchildren. Rev. Jackson will bring us a message about Operation Christmas Child a mission of Samaritan's Purse. The Mission Feast will be held after church in the parish hall. This will be a Pot Luck Lunch, each family is asked to bring a main or meat dish and a side dish or dessert. Parish Life will set up tables and decorate the day before. We will also prepare Tea and Water the morning of the lunch.

Operation Christmas Child



We have kicked off Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Project for St. John's. Shoe boxes will be available in the foyer of the church. If you need a box please call Linda Ruschhaupt at (361) 275-2059. Please leave your completed shoe boxes on the risers in the Parish Hall by 8 A.M. November 21, 2019.

Shoebox Challenge

This year as we have in several of the past years, our church is taking part in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox program. Our speaker for Mission Feast Sunday, October 27th, will be Pastor Walter Jackson, who will talk to us about that program and other ministries of Samaritan's Purse. We have all heard some of the stories of the effect these boxes have on the recipients, and I'm sure Pastor Jackson will add to that beautiful list. So let's all agree this is an amazing program and our participation in it is a good thing! That being said I would like to issue a challenge to all the members of St John. A few facts to validate the challenge. First of all, our church was founded in 1851 and 2019 will be our 168th year of serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Second, Jesus calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Third, we give ourselves and those we love gifts at Christmas. Fourth, the Shoebox program is a wonderful way of showing love to our neighbors by giving a Christmas gift to deserving children, just as we give ourselves. **So I challenge the members of St John Meyersville to**

exceed the goal of one box for each year of our church's existence, that's 168 shoeboxes. That's considerably more than we did last year, but it should be a very attainable goal. We average 80 something in attendance per Sunday. If each of us brought 2 boxes each we would almost be there in one Sunday. So let's do this, and I know it will be to the glory of God, however many we collect, but I bet it will make this Christmas feel a little different if we reach our goal.

So grab a box, fill it and come back and get two more. Let's fill some shoeboxes with some St John Meyersville Texas love and make some children smile!



Raffle Tickets for Carly

Raffle tickets are available to benefit Carly Arndt Waters in her fight against Multiple Sclerosis. Proceeds will help pay medical costs associated with her scheduled surgery. Tickets may be purchased from Brian Wendel or the Meyersville Store.

NALC Quilt Litany

As a service project of St. John, we stretch our hearts and hands to help people in need in our community & nation when disaster strikes. Quilters currently meet every Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 pm on the stage at the parish house to pin and tack quilt tops together.

However, fabric squares are also available to be sewn together at home for quilt tops. All participation is welcomed & appreciated! For additional information please feel free to call Norrean Sager at (361)275-6029.



Installation of Sunday School Teachers

Today, October 13th during the church service we will have our installation of Sunday school teachers! Thank you to those that give their time to the children of St. John.



Zion Lutheran-Mission Valley Church Picnic

Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley will be holding their Annual Church Picnic today Sunday, October 13th. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex for more details!





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.

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 continues the Two Part series titled "Disciples of the Cross". In Part one we studied "Who We Are" and we are just beginning 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.



Church Renovation Update

Remaining items for the construction progress are to complete the canopy and final grade the site. After completion, a final walk through will be held to address any items that need to be touched-up. The estimated costs for construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, and incidentals are \$599,553.00. 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 RECEIVED AS OF October 6, 2019: \$463,679



Special Prayers for Cole

~UPDATE~UPDATE~UPDATE~

Cole will be returning from China on September 22nd after six months of treatment for his injury. God truly blessed Cole with many outstanding doctors, nurses and therapist

that took care of him while he was in China. Cole has shown some improvement since he's been in China. Even though he is still on the ventilator he is able to take nine deep breaths on his own off the ventilator with very little difficulty. He is also able to hold his head on his own for at least sixteen minutes or more. He is getting stronger every day. We pray for continued healing for Cole each and every day. God has been with Cole every step of the way and by faith we know he will continue to do so.

When Cole leaves China he will be going to New Jersey for a surgery on his diaphragm that hopefully will help get him completely off the ventilator. After about one week in New Jersey he will be returning to TIRR in Houston for continued rehab. It will be so great to have him so close to home.

We want to thank each and every one again for all your prayers, concerns and support for Cole and his family while they were in China. They have truly been a blessing. We ask for those continued prayers as Cole and his family continue on this slow and difficult journey. Thank you again and may God bless each and every one.

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

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

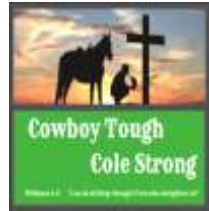
Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual

To help family stay strong

Patience

Stay positive

The drive to keep trying (perseverance)



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:

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 - 1st LT, United States Army



Please Pray for:

Adam Womble
Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Glynn Yurick
Kenny Jacob
Cole Ohrt
Carlton Migura
Carly Waters
Joy Hoy
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
Elmcroft-Victoria ~ Bette Jo Haun



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Pentecost 18

October 13, 2019

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 23 (Year C)



Loyalty is something to cherish as a quality in friends and family. Ruth was a loyal servant to Naomi when both lost their husbands and had to begin again in an impoverished state. The psalmist praised God for his loyalty and steadfast faithfulness to his covenant with Israel. When Jesus healed ten lepers, there was only one who was grateful and expressed loyalty to Christ, and he was a Samaritan.

