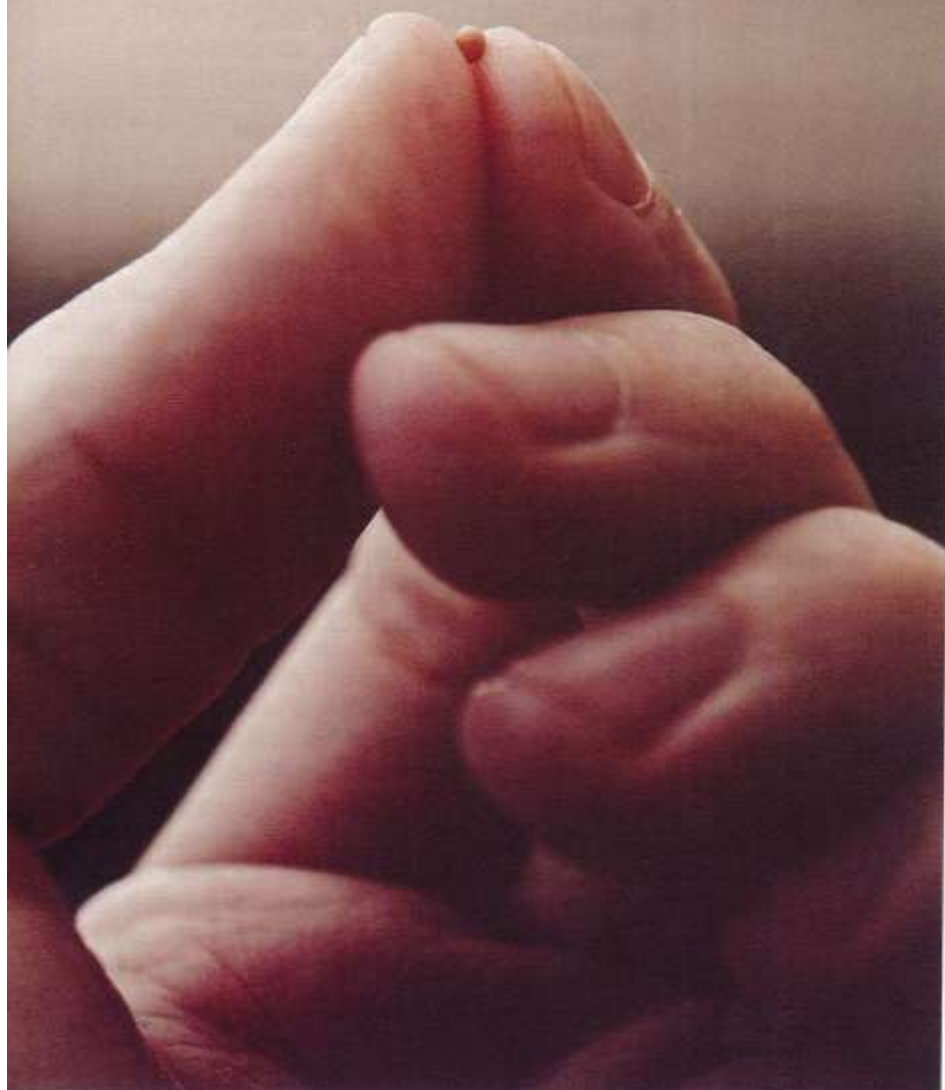


Increase our faith!

Luke 17:5



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2019

Greeter This Week: Candy Cowley

Greeter Next Week: Marv & Norrean Sager

Reader This Week: Caden Jander

Reader Next Week: Kernell Moritz

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 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: LBW #494 “*Jesus Calls Us; O’er the Tumult*”

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: Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, we may be free and glad to serve; 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

Habakkuk’s Complaint

The prophet spoke out to the Lord against the perceived injustices he thought God was allowing to occur in Judah. The response was that God was using the Chaldeans as an instrument of discipline; those that are righteous, even in the face of discipline, will live by faith.

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

(Page 811, RSV Pew Bible)

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. ²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ²And the Lord answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³For still the

vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Wait for God Alone

The psalmist proclaimed that it is from God alone that salvation comes; He is the rock and fortress. It is for Him alone that the psalmist waits, trusting that the Lord will not allow his enemies to shake him. The psalmist urged the people to do the same: to trust the Lord and pour out their hearts unto Him alone.

Psalm 62

(Page 497-498, RSV Pew Bible)

¹For God alone my soul in silence waits;
from him comes my salvation.

²**He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.**

³How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together,
as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

⁴**They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor;
lies are their chief delight.**

⁵They bless with their lips,
but in their hearts they curse.

⁶**For God alone my soul in silence waits;
truly, my hope is in him.**

⁷He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

⁸**In God is my safety and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.**

⁹Put your trust in him always, O people,
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

**¹⁰Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath,
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.**

¹¹On the scales they are lighter than a breath,
all of them together.

**¹²Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

¹³God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.

**¹⁴Steadfast love is yours, O Lord,
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.**

SECOND READING

Do Not Be Ashamed of Your Testimony

Paul praised Timothy for his faith and the faith that was passed on to him by his mother and grandmother. He urged young Timothy to embrace the holy calling on his life and to follow his mentor's words as he continues the work of the gospel.

2 Timothy 1:1-14

(Page 1038, RSV Pew Bible)

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought

life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:1-10

(Page 910, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter.

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

¹{Jesus} said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.” ⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: *LBW #480 “Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”*

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

Today 10/6	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
	8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast/Storytime
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m. Worship
	*2:00-4:00 p.m. <i>Confirmation Class</i>
Mon 10/7	Office Closed
Tues 10/8	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
	7:00 p.m. Bi-Annual Altar Guild Meeting
Wed 10/9	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
	10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Yorktown Nursing & Rehab.
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
	7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
Thurs 10/10	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 10/11	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
	8:00 a.m. Property Team
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m. Worship ~ Quilt Litany Service
	* <i>Installation of Sunday School Teachers</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, September 29, 2019

General \$1,043.75, MOM \$635.00, Water Missions \$3.00,
Shoe Box Project \$50.00, Cemetery \$10.00, Youth \$50.00,
Sunday School \$75.93, Building \$30.00, Church Reno. \$400.00

Total : \$2,297.68

Attendance: Worship - 121 Sunday School - 19 Adults - 16

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!



Altar Guild

There will be a Bi-Annual Altar Guild Meeting Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please, at least one member from each team attend for updates, questions, etc.

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. ~**The Quilt Display will be in Church next Sunday, October 13th for the Quilt Litany Sunday Service~**



Installation of Sunday School Teachers

Next Sunday, 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 next 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 September 29, 2019: \$461,714



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:

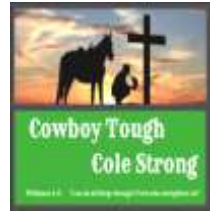
Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual

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
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
Elmcroft-Victoria ~ Bette Jo Haun



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Pentecost 17

October 6, 2019

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 22 (Year C)



God hears us when we are troubled and answers our prayers. Sometimes, though, this requires us to wait and trust in God's perfect timing. This life of discipleship is not always an easy and carefree life; there are persecutions and trials along the way, but the promise is that we can trust God who will increase our faith and keep us from faltering. Meanwhile, we continue to proclaim the good news of Christ.

