



**The word of God  
is living and  
active, sharper  
than any two-  
edged sword.**

**Hebrews 4:12**

## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

**Greeter This Week:** Volunteer Needed

**Greeter Next Week:** Beverly Boddin

**Reader This Week:** Neal Moritz

**Reader Next Week:** Cathie Bettge

**Acolytes This Week:** Hayden Leist

**Acolytes Next Week:** Madyx Blain

**Altar Guild This Month:** Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Dickie Bettge

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Pam Haun

### 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 prepare for worship with silent meditation at this time.*

Worship Notes regarding Today's Service:

Thank you for attending this morning's service. We thank God that we continue to be able to gather together and worship inside our church. We are not mandating any seating, nor do we mandate wearing a mask. However if you feel more comfortable wearing one, please feel free to do so. There is hand sanitizer available at each door as you enter and smaller bottles in each pew for your use. At the place in the service where we "Share the Peace" and we would typically move about the church sharing the peace of Christ, we would ask that you remain at your seat, where you might share the peace with immediate family members or look around the church "share the peace" at a distance or give an "air-hug" to others you see. For those uncomfortable with this amount of personal contact we welcome you to continue to take part in the service by listening in your vehicle in the parking lot. We will continue to broadcast the service on FM 101.5 and you can follow the service in the bulletin as the liturgy, the organ music, hymns with the lyrics by our song leaders, and Pastor John's message will be on the broadcast. Thank you for your patience as we all look forward and pray for the day when we might worship without the concern for this pandemic.

**PRELUDE**  
**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS**  
**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**C Amen**

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for Reflection and Meditation*

L Most merciful God,

**C We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

L Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

LBW #315

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter ev’ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit Into ev’ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit; Let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

## **GREETING**

L 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.**

## **KYRIE**

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy**

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord have mercy**

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord have mercy.**

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord have mercy.**

L Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray,

**O God, our refuge and strength, since you yourself are the author of our devotion, graciously consider the devout prayers of your Church. May those things which we ask in faith effectively follow by your grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **First Reading: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20**

<sup>10</sup>He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup>When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup>Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. <sup>13</sup>There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup>and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup>As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup>This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? <sup>17</sup>Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. <sup>18</sup>Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. <sup>19</sup>Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil — this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup>For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

### **Responsive Psalm Reading**

#### **Psalm 119:9-16**

<sup>9</sup>How shall a young man cleanse his way?  
By keeping to your words.

<sup>10</sup>**With my whole heart I seek you;  
let me not stray from your commandments.**

<sup>11</sup>I treasure your promise in my heart,  
that I may not sin against you.

<sup>12</sup>**Blessed are you, O Lord;  
instruct me in your statutes.**

<sup>13</sup>With my lips will I recite  
all the judgments of your mouth.

<sup>14</sup>**I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees  
than in all manner of riches.**

<sup>15</sup>I will meditate on your commandments  
and give attention to your ways.

**<sup>16</sup>My delight is in your statutes;  
I will not forget your word.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 4:1-13 [14-16]**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup>For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup>For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup>For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” <sup>5</sup>And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.” <sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” <sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. <sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. [<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.]

*Stand as you are able*

**GOSPEL VERSE**

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.  
Alleluia.**

*Please be seated*

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:17-27**

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>17</sup> And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup> And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have observed from my youth.” <sup>21</sup> And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup> At that saying his countenance fell, and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is<sup>[a]</sup> to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

SERMON HYMN:

*“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*

LBW #551

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before thee, Praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heav’n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine!**

*Stand as you are able*

Let us confess our faith through the Apostles’ Creed

**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 power of the Holy Spirit and 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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 THE CHURCH

L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs

**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.**

Each petition ends with "...Lord, in your mercy,"

The congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer.**"

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## SHARING THE PEACE

L The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

L Let us share the peace.

OFFERING: You will be given an opportunity to share God's blessings with your offering as you exit after the service

## OFFERTORY

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; united them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

L Merciful Father,

**C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

L Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
That all those who believe in him should not perish,  
But have eternal life.  
We give thanks to you for the salvation  
You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
That we may receive our Lord  
With a living faith as he comes to us  
In his holy supper.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

L In the night in which he was betrayed  
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying;  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
And gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
Shed for you and for all people  
For the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

### **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

L Come for the Lord's Table is ready.

C **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

L May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

POST COMMUNION

**C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Let us pray;

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

THE 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.**

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 10/17</b>	<b>Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Adult Study – “Come Holy Spirit” 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ <i>Called Congregational Meeting</i> <i>following Worship Re: Organ</i>
<b>Mon 10/18</b>	<b>~ Office Closed ~</b>
<b>Tues 10/19</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 6:30 p.m. Meyersville 4-H Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bi-Annual Altar Guild Meeting
<b>Wed 10/20</b>	10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab. 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters 6:00 p.m. Mission Ev. Team Meeting 7:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study
<b>Thurs 10/21</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours <b>*Committee Reports Due</b>
<b>Fri 10/22</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours <b>*Newsletter Deadline</b>
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Adult Study – “Come Holy Spirit” 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ Youth Service



**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.*

**October 10, 2021** General \$1,635.00, MOM-NALS \$50.00, Boys & Girls Club of DeWitt County \$300.00, Sunday School \$27.00, OSC \$200.00, Organ \$1,100.00 **Total: \$3,312.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 54 Sunday School - 7 - Children, 16 - Adults, Confirmation - 5



### CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a called congregational meeting following the service TODAY, October 17, 2021. This meeting is regarding information about the organ.

### Altar Guild

There will be a Bi-Annual Altar Guild Meeting this Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please, at least one member from each team attend for updates, questions, etc.



## Mission of the Month of October



# NALS

North American Lutheran Seminary

## North American Lutheran Seminary

### Mission Statement

The NALC set a seminary goal in 2020 to be the denomination with the strongest and most highly respected Lutheran Seminary Training System in North America. Last year in October of 2020 Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen, President of NALC Seminary Board of Regents was our mission speaker on this topic. At that time he informed us of how this could be done. With our donations we can help the NALC attain its goal to upgrade the structure, the program, and recruitment of the seminary over the next 3 years.



### NALC Warehouse and Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

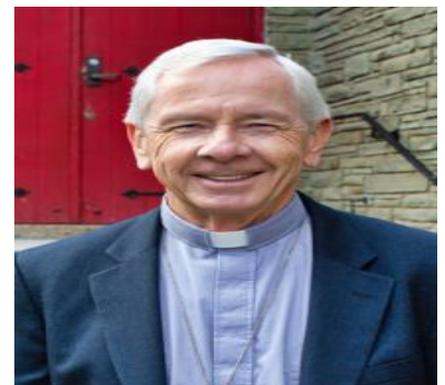
We will be collecting for these charities all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will be collecting rubber gloves and floor cleaner such as a small bottle of Pine Sol or Fabuloso both from the Dollar Tree for \$1 each.

The OCC shoebox collection is a small toy (ex. Slinky or stuffed toy) for the month of October. Our Christmas Shoeboxes & labels have arrived, please pick yours up to fill today! Do not forget to fill out your label & include your check (no cash) for \$9.00 per box for shipping costs. If you wish to pay by credit/debit card you will need to scan the QR code on your label with your phone or go on line and pay for your shipping at: [samaritanaspurse.org/activate](https://samaritanaspurse.org/activate). Please have all boxes filled with labels & shipping paid to the church no later than **Sunday, November 14, 2021**. Thank you!



### Reformation Sunday

The Bishop, Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Selbo will be our guest speaker for Reformation Sunday, October 31, 2021. The Bishop carries out a pastoral ministry within the church, serving as pastor for the pastors and congregations of the NALC. The Bishop preaches the Gospel, forgives sins, administers the Sacraments and judges doctrine (Augsburg Confession XXVIII). The Bishop carries out a ministry of visitation throughout the church, is a defender of the faith, and promotes the mission of the church. Bishop Selbo has been married for 35 years. He and his wife, Mary, have been blessed with four children and four grandchildren. Bishop Selbo graduated from San Jose State University in 1982 with a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies. He received a Master of Divinity degree in 1986 and earned a Doctorate of Ministry in Biblical Preaching in 2013, both from Luther Seminary. He enjoys golfing, fishing, working in the yard and spending time with family and friends.



Join us for a **BBQ Meal** following the service on **October 31<sup>st</sup>** in the Parish Hall. The meat & beans will be provided. Please bring a side dish & a dessert. Hope to see you there!



## Sunday School Youth Service

Next Sunday, October 24th is a youth led service with contemporary songs for the service.

Hope to see you there!

### **Fill the Warehouse!**

*(The cheapest place to shop for supplies!)*

### **NALC Disaster Response**

#### **What's in a Flood Bucket?**

**1 bucket (5 gallon) with a lid – Firehouse Subs \$3.00 ea.**

*(Check other restaurants, donut shops, school kitchens, etc.!)*

**1 roll paper towels – Walmart 44 cents a roll**

**1 powder cleanser – Walmart 88 cents ea.**

**1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso) – Dollar Tree \$1.00 ea.**

**1 bottle bleach – small! – Dollar Tree \$1.00 ea.**

**1 pair rubber gloves – Dollar Tree \$1.00 ea.**

**1 scrub brush – Dollar Tree \$1.00 ea.**

**1 pair leather gloves – Home Depot 3 pk under \$6.00**

**1 pair cotton gloves – Walmart 6 pk under \$5.00/Home Depot or Lowe's \$1.00 ea. Pr**

**2 contractor trash bags (3 mil) – shop around.....**

**2 rags – Don't buy! Cut up old bath & beach towels, dish towels, wash cloths.....**

#### **What's in a Health Kit?**

**Soap: 1 regular size bar or 2-3 travel size\***

**Shampoo: 2 or 3 travel size\* (or 1 small size)**

**Lotion: 1 or 2 travel size\***

**\*Ask for donations from people you know that stay in hotels!**

**1 deoderant – Walmart 88 cents ea.**

**1 toothbrush – Dollar Tree 4 for \$1.00**

**1 toothpaste (travel size) – Walmart (or for a bigger tube) 77-90 cents ea.**

**1 comb – Dollar Tree 12 pk for \$1.00**

**1 bath towel – Walmart \$1.97 ea.**

**1 drawstring bag – Make 2 from an old pillow case!**



### **It's Time For B-U-N-C-O!!!**

Please Join Us For Food, Fun & Fellowship

Monday, October 25, 2021

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 400 North Esplanade

Registration & Light Meal @ 6:00 p.m., Games Begin @ 7:00 p.m.

Please RSVP by October 21, 2021

Marlene Fromme 361-275-4214, Church Office 361-275-2845

"Masking is optional but please respect distancing"

Hope To See You There!!!

### **NEW UPDATE: Worship Team Notes**

Worship services will be in the church sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. Communion will go back to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month by stations. The service will still be broadcasted on the radio station FM 101.5 for those who wish to stay in their vehicles. We will continue to commune those worshipping remotely "in the parking lot" in their vehicles. Please note state and local guidelines are subject to change and we will continue to attempt to follow those for the health and safety of all. Guidelines and changes in those will be posted in the bulletin, on our website & FaceBook page. Please check these for changes and updates. Please Note: The service will NO longer be videoed & posted to the church website.



### **NEW Church Renovation Update**

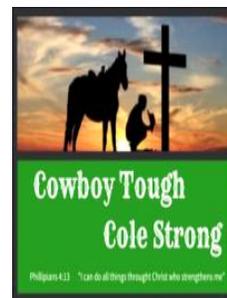


Remaining items for the construction progress are to correct construction errors related to landing elevation and drainage, modification of steps to meet original architectural plans, and elimination of flatwork ponding on approach to elevator, at contractor's cost. After completion, a final walk through will be held to address any items that need to be touched up. The current invoiced total for cost of construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, grass planting, and incidentals is \$600,850.80. Designated giving and memorials received to date total \$602,383.30.

### **+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole**



Cole is at home doing well surrounded by the love and support of all his family and friends. He continues to have therapy on a daily basis at his home and is now receiving therapy in Victoria on his new fabulous walking machine, the Lokomat Pro. This machine is a robotic training system that allows Cole's legs to be attached to robotic legs that assist with basic walking functions. It's an awesome machine and God has truly blessed Cole once again. Cole and his family want others, in need of this type of therapy, to share in this wonderful blessing and be able to also use



this machine. God is truly at work thru Cole. God continues to be with Cole each and every day strengthening his faith, patience, and courage as he travels down this long and difficult journey. We thank each and every one again for all your prayers, concerns, and support for Cole and his family. We ask for you to continue praying for Cole's healing and for strength and patience for him and his family. Thank you and God Bless.

**+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 prayer request or wish to be on the prayer chain please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500 or Pastor John (361)243-0373. We ask that you would update the prayer request regularly. If we do not have an update, in an effort to keep our list current and up to date, we will presume the situation has improved and remove the request after 30 days. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Our Military and their families:**

Jeff Zengerle - U.S. Army NG  
Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves  
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky  
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Hawaii  
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Virginia  
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, 2-4 CaB, Charlie Company, Black Hawk  
Medevac Pilot, Fort Carson, Colorado  
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force  
Michael Petrash II - 1<sup>st</sup> LT, United States Army  
Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL  
Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA  
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina



**Please Pray for:** Adam Womble  
Hunter Jacob  
Kenny Jacob  
Cole Ohrt  
Joy Hoy  
Marie Liner  
Bill Roeske  
Britany Jank Tomas  
Bea Fagg  
Clint Coles  
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## **Pentecost 21**

*October 17, 2021*

### **Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 24 (Year B)**

The theme of wealth is a topic that occurs more often in the Scriptures than any other, including prayer, perhaps because God knows what can happen when we put our trust in money rather than in him. Jesus warned his followers that relying on riches rather than on the salvation offered through God is assuredly an exercise in futility. Only God can save us. Followers of Christ are called to trust in his promises.

