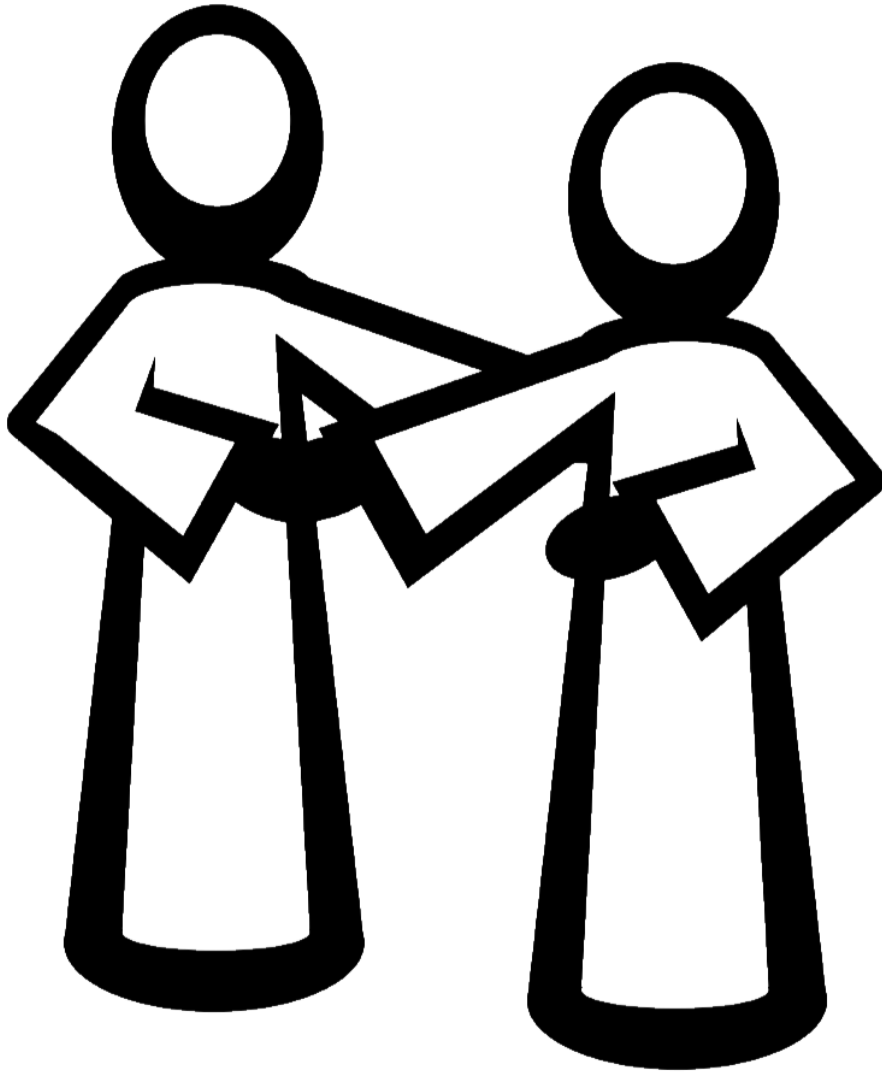


**January 15, 2023**



**Behold, the Lamb of God!**

*John 1:36*

## **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 15, 2023**

**Greeter This Week:** Dickie & Cathie Bettge

**Greeter Next Week:** Marvin & Norrean Sager

**Reader This Week:** Neal Moritz

**Reader Next Week:** Cathie Bettge

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

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Pam Haun

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Wanda Hays

**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.*

*The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please prepare for worship with silent meditation at this time.*

**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:

***“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”***  
*Here I Am, Lord*

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**“I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”**

*Refrain:*

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**“I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?”**

*Refrain:*

**“I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?”**

*Refrain:*

**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,

**Almighty and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people's prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, 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*

John the Baptist clearly identifies Jesus as the holy “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” His testimony to those who will listen is the truth of what God is doing — offering mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation through the One in whom he is “well pleased.” In bread and wine, water and word, the Lamb offers us forgiveness and mercy and promises to be with us always.

### **First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” <sup>4</sup>But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.” <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him — for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — <sup>6</sup>he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

### **Responsive Reading**

#### **Psalm 40:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently upon the LORD;  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup>**He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

<sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

**<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who trust in the LORD!  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**

<sup>5</sup>Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!  
How great your wonders and your plans for us!  
there is none who can be compared with you.

**<sup>6</sup>Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!  
but they are more than I can count.**

<sup>7</sup>In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure;  
you have given me ears to hear you;

**<sup>8</sup>Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required,  
and so I said, “Behold, I come.**

<sup>9</sup>In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:  
“I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.”

**<sup>10</sup>I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;  
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.**

<sup>11</sup>Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — <sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Stand as you are able*

GOSPEL VERSE

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

## GOSPEL READING: John 1:29-42a

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>29</sup>The next day {John} saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” <sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42a</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN

*“Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak”*

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**Lord, speak to us, that we may speak  
In living echoes of your tone;  
As you have sought, so let us seek  
Your straying children, lost and lone.**

**Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead  
The wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;  
Oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed  
Your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.**

**Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach  
The precious truths which you impart;  
And wing our words, that they may reach  
The hidden depths of many a heart.**

**Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,  
Until our very hearts o'er flow  
In kindling thought and glowing word,  
Your love to tell, your praise to show.**

*Stand as you are able*

P God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith together.

### **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

*Stand as you are able*

## 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;  
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
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 Him 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 seek 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.**

POSTLUDE

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

### **Today 1/15 Baptism of Our Lord**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class  
9:00 a.m. Adult Study  
10:15 a.m. Worship – Holy Communion

### **Mon 1/16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

7:00 p.m. Finance Team

### **Tues 1/17 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

### **Wed 1/18 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Office Hours**

1:30 p.m. Quilters  
6:00 p.m. Mission Evangelism Team  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

### **Thurs 1/19 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours**

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

***Committee Reports Due, please email to council members***

### **Fri 1/20 *Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to the office***

### **Sat 1/21**

### **Next Sun. 9:00 a.m. Sunday School**

9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

9:00 a.m. Adult Study

10:15 a.m. Worship followed by Annual  
Congregational Meeting



***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.*

**January 8, 2023** General \$1,437.00, Building \$100.00, OSC \$20.00, MOM-Boys & Girls Club of DeWitt County now known as Boys & Girls Club of Cuero, \$620.00, Sunday School \$32.00

**Total: \$2,209.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 61 Sunday School - 7 Children, - 11 Adults

### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held next ***Sunday, January 22, 2023*** immediately following worship.

### **Greeters and Readers - Signup for 2023**

Signup sheets are on the Narthex bulletin board for anyone who would like to volunteer for these positions.



### Acolytes

Volunteer are needed! A sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you to those who have previously signed up. We still need a lot of dates to fill. Thank

### JOB OPENING!

The position for St. John church secretary is once again open. If anyone is interested in this position please contact Obert Sagebiel or Pastor John.



### Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held next *Sunday, January 22, 2023* immediately following worship.

### January Mission of the Month



***BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF DEWITT COUNTY now known as  
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF CUERO***

This club has a vision to provide positive life changing experiences to help empower the young.

Their mission is to enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

The club code is that of believing in God, the right to worship, and believing in the Constitution and Bill of Rights of America.

Thank you for donating toward the future citizens of DeWitt County.

### CAMAL House Food Drive and Blanket Drive

It's the season for giving & sharing. Please consider a donation of non-perishable goods, to our local food pantry! They are specifically in need of canned meats. Items are being collected in the narthex. CAMAL House is also collection new and gently used blankets, comforters, quilts or extra large throws. Items can be dropped off in the Parish Hall or Narthex now thru February 2023. Thank you!



**PLEASE REMEMBER** – Finance Team meeting will be meeting on Monday, January 16, 2023 at 7PM in the Parish Hall. It was inadvertently omitted from the January calendar.

### Youth Group



St. John's Youth Group, 5<sup>th</sup> grade through high school, will meet following church services on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023 from 11:15-1:30 for Christian Fellowship and a pizza lunch. Be sure to bring a friend!

Dear Friends!

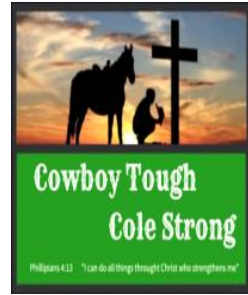
Thank you so much for the quilts and supplies that Mike delivered to us! We also appreciate your donation of \$200! Your support means a lot in helping us restock the warehouse. Many families will be touched by your kindness! Thanks again & God Bless You!

Michael & Pat Dittrich



**+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole**

Hello everyone! Hope you are all enjoying this cooler weather! Cole not so much. He hates the winter time daily because he burns all over when he gets cold. He loves to be outside so this makes it miserable for him when it's cooler. He pushes through it like he does everything else but maybe pray this burning will stay away. Cole has reached a cool milestone recently. He has officially walked over 100,000 steps on his Lokomat machine! He faithfully goes twice a week to work an hour on the Armeo are machined then walks on the Lokomat even though he really doesn't feel like it some days. That on top of all the therapy he does at home. He's hard-headed and sometimes that serves us well! Cole has been staying healthy otherwise so we are always Thankful for that. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support.



Also, please pray for another boy, Holden, who sustained some very serious injuries in an ATV accident recently. In addition, please pray for his parents and doctors as they move forward in the care and needs of Holden. 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)*

**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 cases**

The Meyersville ISD recycle trailer is back in business. This convenience is for everyone in the community to utilize with the school maintaining the project. Please remember, all recyclables must be loose (not bagged) when being placed in the proper bin.



**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, Louisiana
- Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
- Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Fort Hood
- Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Hawaii
- 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
- Zach McBrayer - U.S. Air Force, San Antonio

**Please Pray for:**

- Hunter Jacob, Cole Ohrt, Marie Liner, Bea Fagg, Mrs. Stiles, Ryon Preslar, Lisa Phillips, Joy Meadows, Rylan Caskey

**Nursing Home:**

- Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



# SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

In the eyes of the world these words cannot be convincing, because their meaning becomes clear only by faith.

- Martin Luther -

Luther's Works 17:169 (Lectures on Isaiah)



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