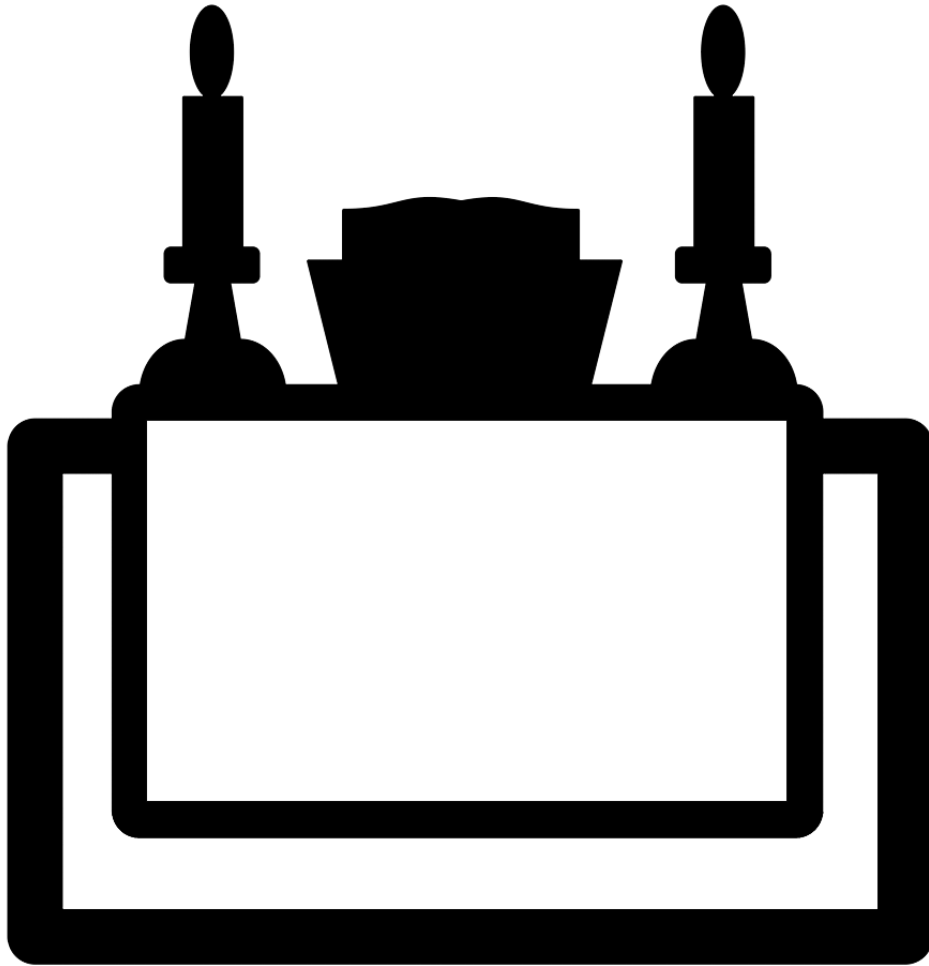


FEBRUARY 12, 2023



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**LIFE.**

**Deuteronomy 30:19**

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

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**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 12, 2023**

**Greeter This Week:** Cathie Bettge

**Greeter Next Week:** John & Margie Swannack

**Reader This Week:** Cathie Bettge

**Reader Next Week:** Dickie Bettge

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

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

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

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Wanda Hays

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Johnny Jank

**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.

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**

### **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,

**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:**

*“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”*

LBW #492

**1 O Master, let me walk with you  
In lowly paths of service true;  
Tell me thy secret; help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.**

**3 Teach me thy patience, share with me  
In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong.**

**4 In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broadening way,  
In peace that only you can give;  
With you, O Master, let me live.**

**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**

L Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship you, we give you thanks,**

**We praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world'**

**Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father;**

**Receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,**

**You alone are the Lord, You alone are the**

**Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**In the glory of God the Father. Amen**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray;

**O Lord, graciously hear the requests of your people. May we who are afflicted for our sins be mercifully relieved, for the sake of your glory, to find new life through the love of Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

Jesus teaches that faithful obedience to God is far deeper than just adherence to the letter of the Law. It is reflected in our secret thoughts and motives. As followers of Christ, our lives are exemplified by the outpouring of the Spiritual fruit: lovingkindness, patience, peace, and mercy. This is not something we can bring about on our own — the Spirit living in us produces this sort of joyful response.

### **First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

15 {Moses said,} “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. 16 If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 17 But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, 20 loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

### **Responsive Reading Psalm 119:1-8**

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!

**2 Happy are they who observe his decrees and seek him with all their hearts!**

3 Who never do any wrong, but always walk in his ways.

**4 You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.**

5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

**6 Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.**

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

**8 I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

1 But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, 3 for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? 4 For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human? 5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. 6 I

planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8 He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

*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: Matthew 5:21-37**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

21 {Jesus said,} "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' 22But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. 23So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. 26Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. 27You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. 30And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. 31It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' 32But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 33Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' 34But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

*“Just as I Am, without One Plea”*

LBW # 296

**1 Just as I am, without one plea, But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**2 Just as I am, and waiting not, To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**3 Just as I am, though tossed about, With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**4 Just as I am, poor, wretched blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**6 Just as I am; thy love unknown, Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

*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.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

**OFFERING** (*Please use the yellow envelopes for cash offerings & include your name.*)

*Stand as you are able*

**OFFERTORY**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a  
Right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your  
Presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from' me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
And uphold me with your free Spirit.**

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!**

(after each petition "Lord in your mercy," RESPONSE "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**

*Please stand*

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,  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen**



**HYMN:**

*“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”*

WOV # 783

**Seek ye...first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.**

**Allelu, alleluia.**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.**

**Allelu, alleluia.**

**We do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.**

**Allelu, alleluia.**

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**THE DOXOLOGY:**

LBW #565

**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 2/12 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**  
8:00 a.m. Property Team  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class  
9:00 a.m. Adult Study  
10:15 a.m. Worship  
2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Office Hours



**Tues 2/14** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

**Wed 2/15** 1:30 p.m. Quilters – at the Parsonage  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Parish Ed

**Thurs 2/16** 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

**Fri 2/17** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Next Sun.** Transfiguration 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



*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.*

**February 5, 2023** General \$3,814.20, MOM- Warrior's Weekend \$500.00, Sunday School \$300.00, OSC \$20.00, Building \$580.00, Youth Group \$70.00, Organ Fund \$20.00

**Total: \$5,304.20**

**Attendance:** Worship - 62, Sunday School - 1 Child, 11 Adults



Today – Gospel Bruch fundraiser for The Boys & Girls Club of Cuero at 11:30 a.m. at The Venue on Church Street in Cuero. Thank you to all who supported the TBGC and enjoy their presentation!

*We hold Joan Wendel and family in our thoughts & prayers over the loss of her sister, Sherry Kay Metting. Sherry passed on Feb. 2, 2023 with services set for Feb. 14 at Massey Funeral Home in Yorktown. May God comfort them & their families during this time of loss.*



## **February Mission of the Month**

### **Warrior's Weekend**



### **Mission Statement**

Founded in 2007, Warrior's Weekend is a non-profit, 501 (c) 3 Corporation dedicated to the support of veterans of The United States of America with an emphasis on those wounded in The Global War on Terrorism. This is accomplished through holding an annual fishing event for wounded military personnel in May in Port O'Connor, Texas as well as donations to veterans and veterans-based causes.

#### Schedule of Events:

May 19-21, 2023

Friday night—fish fry

Saturday morning—tacos and fruit are served for breakfast

at 8:30 AM approximately 200 boats are available to take them fishing

Saturday night—a bbq dinner is provided with awards for the fishing and a Poker tournament is enjoyed

Sunday morning—a full breakfast is provided with a big send off to follow

### **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!

CAMAL House is now set up to receive online donations via Tithe.ly. Just use this QR code below to made secure cash donations with your cell phone.



### **CAMAL House Dish Soap**

For the month of February, we will be collecting bottles of dish soap to be distributed in March. Please consider donating some dish soap, 20-28 oz., any brand. A designated box is in the Narthex. Thank you!

### **NALC Warehouse**

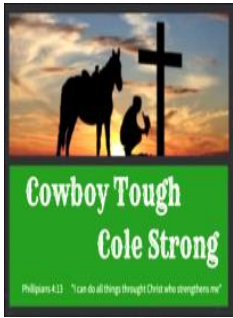


We are collecting again for the warehouse. We will be collecting 3 mL contractor bags and cleaning rags for the month of February.

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.



## + UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole



Hello everyone! Cole is doing fine. The holidays are always a little rough on him being the anniversary of his accident is right before Christmas. Its' been five years since that day. Kind of hard to believe. In some ways it seems like yesterday. We've learned a lot in these past five years. It hasn't been easy and still isn't most days but there are just some things I feel we would have never learned if this hadn't happened. Most importantly is how much we depend on God and on each other to get through this life. Life is full of trials and if you haven't gone through any, rest assured, you will eventually. But we serve a compassionate God who loves us very much and will see us through anything we are going through if we let Him. Cole is still faithfully going to therapy to walk use the arm machine twice weekly.

He's been getting some good movement with his arms while on the machine lately. Now this is only while he's strapped in the machine. He's not able to move his arms independently – yet. But keep praying – any progress is a blessing. In closing I just want to thank all of you for helping us through this trial in our lives. Your prayers, posts, donations, meals, and kind words all help us in more ways than you know. Until next time- keep praying. ❤️

**+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 \$1.25 ea.**

**1 bottle bleach – small! – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.**

**1 pair rubber gloves – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.**

**1 scrub brush – Dollar Tree \$1.25 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.**

**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 \$1.18 ea.**

**1 toothbrush – Dollar Tree 4 for \$1.25**

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

**1 comb – Dollar Tree 12 pk for \$1.25**

**1 bath towel – Walmart \$2.97 ea.**

**1 drawstring bag – available to be filled in narthex or you may sew your own from an old pillow case.**



**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

**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.

**Please Pray for:** Hunter Jacob  
Cole Ohrt  
Marie Liner  
Bea Fagg  
Mrs. Stiles  
Ryon Preslar  
Lisa Phillips  
Joy Meadows  
Rylan Caskey  
Dorothy Fay Diebel



**Nursing Home:**  
Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



## **SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER**

So God does not want you to avenge yourself out of anger in any form or manner, be it with your heart, with your fist, or with your mouth, and thus do an injury to your neighbor, show him spite, give him unkind words, etc.

- Martin Luther –  
Sermon on Matthew 5:20-26



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