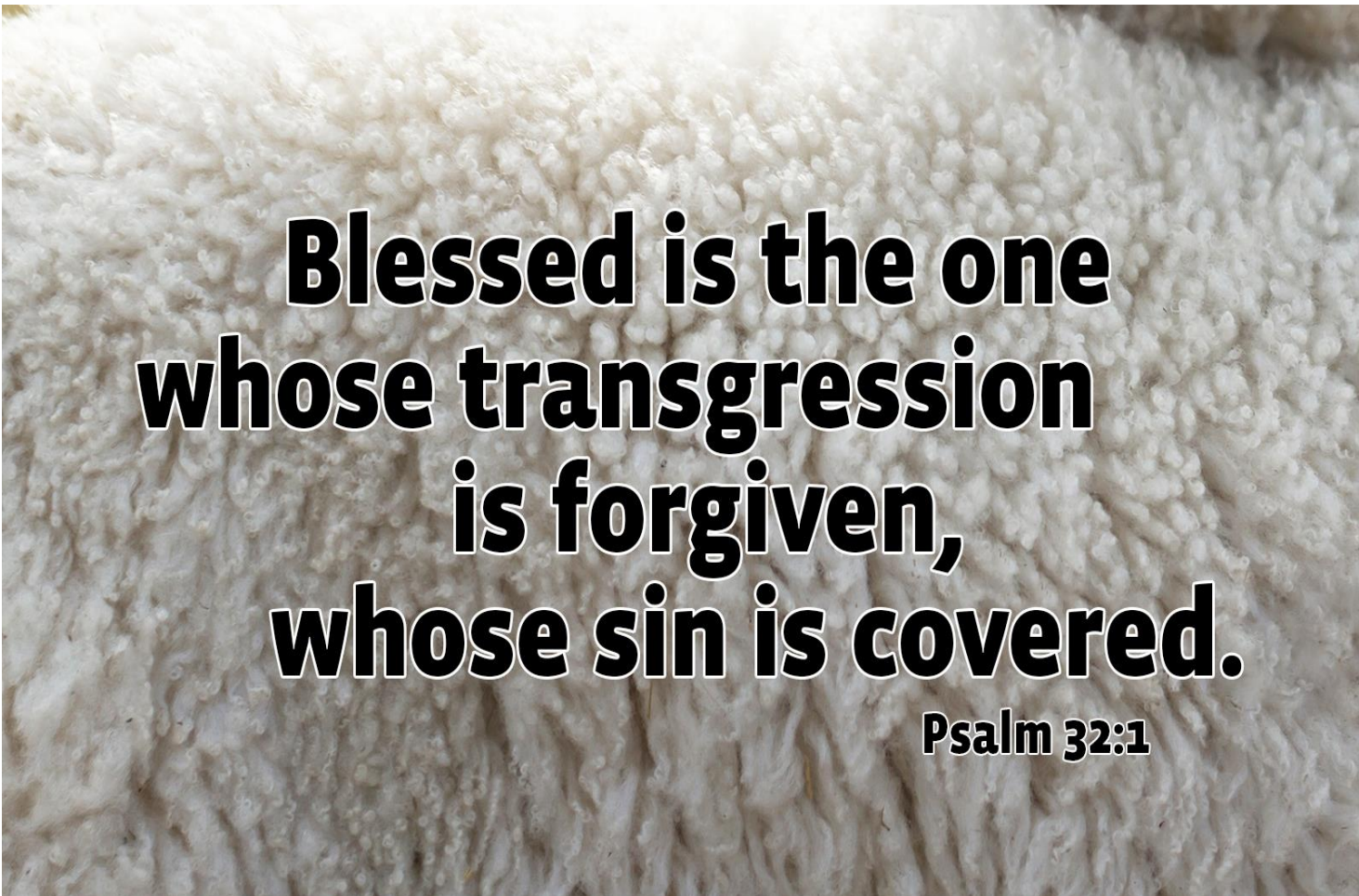


# February 26, 2023

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Blessed is the one  
whose transgression  
is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.**

**Psalm 32:1**

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

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### **First Sunday in Lent**

**February 26, 2023**

**Greeter This Week:** The Hays Family

**Greeter Next Week:** Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

**Reader This Week:** Kathy Dunn

**Reader Next Week:** Wanda Hays

**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:**

*“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”*

LBW #230

**1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from your Son  
And bring to nought all he has done.**

**2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,  
For you are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend your holy church,  
that we May sing your praise triumphantly.**

**3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.**

**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**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray;

**O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **First Reading: Genesis 32:22-30**

<sup>22</sup> Now he got up that same night and took his two wives, his two female slaves, and his eleven children, and crossed the shallow place of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream. And he sent across whatever he had.

<sup>24</sup> Then Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When *the man* saw that he had not prevailed against him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was dislocated while he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking." But he said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel; for you have contended with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> And Jacob asked him and said, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And he blessed him there. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob named the place Peniel, for *he said*, "I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been spared."

**Responsive Reading**  
**Psalm 121**

<sup>1</sup>I will raise my eyes to the mountains; from where will my help come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>He will not allow your foot to slip; He who watches over you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

<sup>5</sup>The Lord is your protector; The Lord is your shade on your right hand.

<sup>6</sup>**The sun will not beat down on you by day, nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The Lord will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul.

<sup>8</sup>**The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in from this time and forever.**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:22-28**

<sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only *that*, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons *and daughters*, the redemption of our body. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he *already* sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, through perseverance we wait eagerly *for it*. <sup>26</sup>Now in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words; <sup>27</sup>and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God*. <sup>28</sup>And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

*Stand as you are able*

**GOSPEL VERSE**

**C     Return to the Lord, your God,  
          for he is gracious and merciful,  
          slow to anger,  
          and abounding in steadfast love.**

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 26:36-46**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and told His disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” <sup>37</sup> And He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with Him, and began to be grieved and distressed. <sup>38</sup> Then He \*said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me.” <sup>39</sup> And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You *will*.” <sup>40</sup> And He \*came to the disciples and \*found them sleeping, and He \*said to Peter, “So, you *men* could not keep watch with Me for one hour? <sup>41</sup> Keep watching and praying, so that you do not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” <sup>42</sup> He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, “My Father, if this *cup* cannot pass away unless I drink *from* it, Your will be done.” <sup>43</sup> Again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more. <sup>45</sup> Then He \*came to the disciples and \*said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Get up, let’s go; behold, the one who is betraying Me is near!”

P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C Praise to you, O Christ. (*sung*)

*Please be seated*

## MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

*“What a Friend we Have in Jesus”*

LBW # 439

**1 What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear --  
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!**

**2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness -- take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3 Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.**

*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:**

*“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

WOV # 259

**1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;**

**Let us each, your love possessing,**

**Triumph in redeeming grace.**

**Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**2 Thanks we give and adoration For your Gospel's joyful sound.**

**May the fruits of your salvation**

**In our hearts and lives abound.**

**Ever faithful, ever faithful To your truth may we be found.**

**3 Savior, when your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way,**

**Let no fear of death appall us,**

**Glad your summons to obey.**

**May we ever, may we ever Reign with you in endless day.**

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

<b>Today 2/26</b>	<b>First Sunday in Lent</b>	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
<b>Mon 2/27</b>	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Office Hours
<b>Tues 2/28</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting
<b>Wed 3/1</b>	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters – at the Parsonage
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
<b>Thurs 3/2</b>	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
<b>Next Sun.</b>	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 19, 2023** General \$1,940.00 Building \$180.00, MOM- Warrior's Weekend \$495.00, Sunday School \$29.25, Cemetery \$10.00, Old Stone Church \$20.00, Youth Group \$60.00

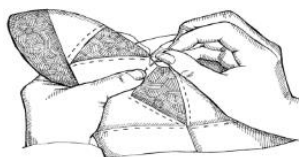
**Total: \$2,734.25** Ash Wednesday February 22, 2023 General \$630.00, Building \$40.00 **Total: \$670.00**

**Attendance:** Worship -74, Sunday School - Children 9, Adults

**PLEASE!!  
NOTE**

The Women's Bible Study will meet March 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM in the parsonage.

Altar Guild Members – The Bi-Annual meeting for St. John's Altar Guild will be Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 7PM in the sanctuary. Please, at least one member from each team is asked to attend for questions, reminders, and/or changes in procedures, etc. Thank you, Carol Ann



The Quilters will be meeting in the parsonage each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Come and join the bee!

Donations of clean used sheets & pillowcases can be used. Please leave in the Parish Hall on the table on the stage.

*We keep the family of Jimmy Eichman of Goliad, brother of Dee Moeller, in our prayers. He passed away on Feb. 8, 2023. Services are pending with Grace Funeral Home. May God comfort their family at 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.

This year's events will be held May 19-21, 2023 in Port O'Connor.

### Lenten Worship Services

*Mid-Week Services - March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29*

*Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.*



Applications are being accepted for the position of Bookkeeper/Secretary. If anyone is interested in this position please contact the church office, Council President Glenn Ruschhaupt or Pastor John.

**HONOR OR REMEMBER A SPECIAL PERSON** by having an Easter Lily placed in the sanctuary Easter Sunday. Cost is \$9.00 and orders are due by March 15, 2023. Order forms are in the Narthex and on the last page of this bulletin.



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



### CAMAL House Dish Soap

For the month of March, we will be collecting bottles of dish soap. 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.

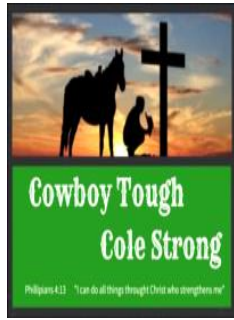
The Meyersville ISD recycle trailer is back in business. This convenience is for everyone in the community to utilize with the school maintaining the project. Please remember, all recyclables must be loose (not bagged) when being placed in the proper bin.





### + 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. It's 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 deodorant – 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, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay Diebel, Leon Wallace.

### **Nursing Home:**

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



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For those on church premises wishing to worship in their vehicles, tune in to FM 101.5 at 10:15 a.m. Sunday mornings.



# SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER



{Eve's} eyes could not be satisfied with seeing. It was nothing to her now that she possessed the knowledge of God, and that she had a sound and perfect mind. She was not content without the addition of the knowledge of evil also. And this was the very essence of Satan's poison; her desire to be wise above that which God had spoken to her as his command.

-Martin Luther –

Luther on the Creation:

A Critical and Devotional Commentary on Genesis

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## ORDER YOUR EASTER LILIES



**HONOR OR REMEMBER A SPECIAL PERSON** by having an Easter Lily placed in the Sanctuary Easter Sunday. Please complete the form below, make out a check to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, and place this form and your check in the offering plate or drop it by the



church office.

Please indicate the number of Easter Lilies you desire and PRINT clearly. Additional forms are available in the Narthex.

[    ] Number of Easter Lily(s) (cost is \$9.00 each)

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God by: \_\_\_\_\_

***THE CHURCH OFFICE MUST RECEIVE ALL ORDERS NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, March 15, 2023***

***All Easter Lilies may be picked up after the 10:15 a.m. Easter***

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