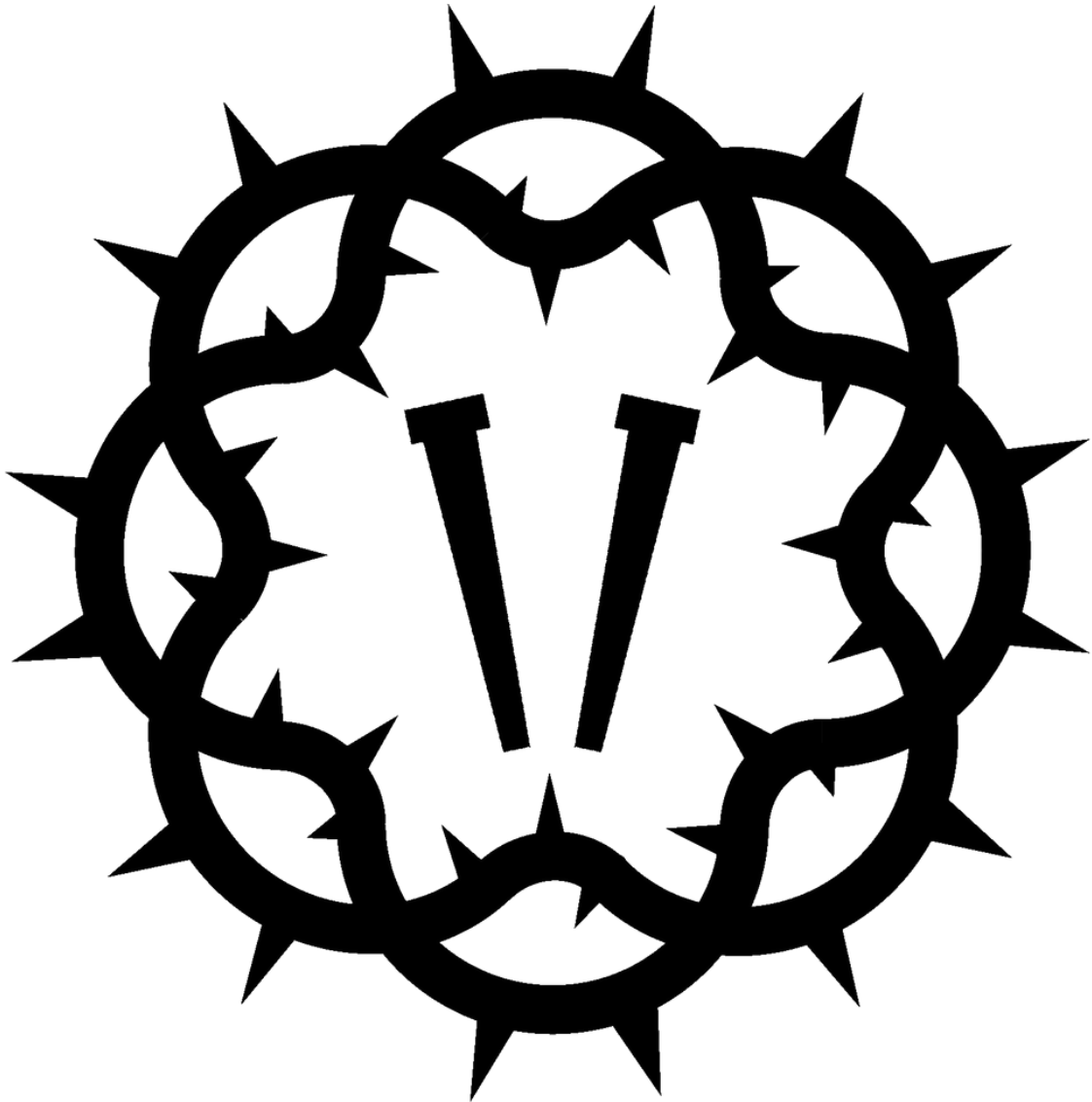


March 5, 2023



It depends on faith.

Romans 4:16

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

Greeter This Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Greeter Next Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Reader This Week: Wanda Hays

Reader Next Week: Cathie Bettge

Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

Altar Guild Next Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Communion Assistant This Month: Johnny Jank

Communion Assistant Next Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

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:

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

LBW #107

**1 Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
The shadow of a mighty rock Within a weary land,
A home within a wilderness, A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat
And burdens of the day.**

**2 Upon the cross of Jesus, My eye at times can see
The very dying form of one Who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears, Two wonders I confess:
The wonder of his glorious love
And my unworthiness.**

**3 I take, O cross, your shadow For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than The sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all, the cross.**

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,

Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, 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: 2 Samuel 15:12; 17:1-4

¹² And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh, while he was offering the sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong, for the people continually increased with Absalom.

¹⁷ Furthermore, Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Please let me choose twelve thousand men and let me set out and pursue David tonight. ² And I will attack him while he is weary and exhausted and startle him, so that all the people who are with him will flee. Then I will strike and kill the king *when he is alone*, ³ and I will bring all the people back to you. The return of everyone depends on the man whom you are seeking; *then* all the people will be at peace." ⁴ And the plan pleased Absalom and all the elders of Israel.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 41

¹ Blessed is one who considers the helpless; The LORD will save him on a day of trouble.

**² The LORD will protect him and keep him alive,
And he will be called blessed upon the earth;
And do not turn him over to the desire of his enemies.**

³ The LORD will sustain him upon his sickbed; In his illness, You restore him to health.

**⁴ As for me, I said, "LORD, be gracious to me;
Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."**

⁵ My enemies speak evil against me, "When will he die, and his name perish?"

**⁶ And when he comes to see *me*, he speaks empty words; His heart gathers wickedness to
itself; When he goes outside, he tells it.**

⁷ All who hate me whisper together against me; They plot my harm against me, *saying*,

**⁸ "A wicked thing is poured out upon him,
So that when he lies down, he will not get up again."**

⁹ Even my close friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.

¹⁰ But You, LORD, be gracious to me and raise me up, That I may repay them.

¹¹ By this I know that You are pleased with me,
Because my enemy does not shout in triumph over me.

¹² As for me, You uphold me in my integrity, And You place me in Your presence forever.

¹³ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, From everlasting to everlasting.

Second Reading: Acts 3:14-19

¹⁴ But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ but put to death the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, *a fact* to which we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And on the basis of faith in His name, *it is* the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷ "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers also did. ¹⁸ But the things which God previously announced by the mouths of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has fulfilled in this way. ¹⁹ Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

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: John 18:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18th chapter.

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

¹ When Jesus had spoken these words, He went away with His disciples across the ravine of the Kidron, where there was a garden which He entered with His disciples. ² Now Judas, who was betraying Him, also knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with His disciples. ³ So Judas, having obtained the *Roman* cohort and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, *came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. ⁴ Jesus therefore, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, came out *into the open* and *said to them, “Whom are you seeking?” ⁵ They answered Him, “Jesus the Nazarene.” He *said to them, “I am *He*.” And Judas also, who was betraying Him, was standing with them. ⁶ Now then, when He said to them, “I am *He*,” they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷ He then asked them again, “Whom are you seeking?” And they said, “Jesus the Nazarene.” ⁸ Jesus answered, “I told you that I am *He*; so if you are seeking Me, let these *men* go on their way.” ⁹ *This took place* so that the word which He spoke would be fulfilled: “Of those whom You have given Me I lost not one.” ¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, since he had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave’s name was Malchus. ¹¹ So Jesus said to Peter, “Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, am I not to drink it?”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN

“In The Garden”

**1 I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.**

Refrain:

*And he walks with me, and he talks with me and he tells me I am his own,
and the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

**2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.**

Refrain

**3 I’d stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; through the voice of woe he voice to me is calling.**

Refrain

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

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 Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own
eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light
to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.**

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 3/5 Second Sunday in Lent

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 3/6 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours

Tues 3/7 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

Wed 3/8 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Yorktown Manor
12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Parsonage
1:30 p.m. Quilters at Parsonage
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Thurs 3/9 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

Next Sun. Third Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
10:15 a.m. Worship
** *Daylight Savings Time* **



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 26, 2023 General \$1,855.00, Warrior's Weekend \$415.00, Sunday School \$315.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Old Stone Church \$50.00, Building Fund \$80.00, Organ Fund \$20.00

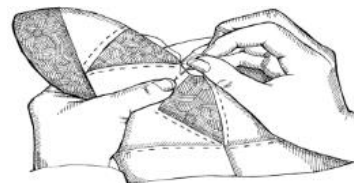
Total: \$2,755.00 Attendance: Worship - 52 Sunday School - 4 Children, 2 Teachers; Adults' Group - 11

March 1, 2023 General \$256.00 **Attendance:** Mid-week Lenten Worship - 22

QUILTERS

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

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



Attention 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

March Mission of the Month

TURKEY EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE by SAMARITAN'S PURSE



Teams have been working on the ground to assess needs in southern Turkey near the border with Syria. Samaritan's Purse set up an Emergency Field Hospital and the critically needed items are airlifted in Turkey to help people as they recover. More supplies will be provided. Many 10's of 1000's are injured and the death toll exceeds 35,000.



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.



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.

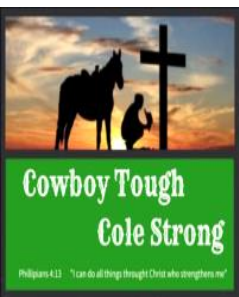
CAMAL House is now set up to receive online donations via Tithe.ly. Just use this QR code to made secure cash donations with your cell phone.



NALC Warehouse

We are collecting again for the warehouse. We will be collecting wrapped bar soap & travel size shampoo for the month of March.

+ 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 \$1.00 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 \$1.18 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 \$2.97 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.



Visit our website at stjohnmeyersville.org to view the weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters.

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



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 - 1st 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, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay
Diebel, Leon Wallace.

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

Faith is not that human illusion and dream that some people think it is. Faith is a work of God in us, which changes us and brings us to birth anew from God (cf. John 1). It kills the old Adam, makes us completely different people in heart, mind, senses, and all our powers, and brings the Holy Spirit with it.

-Martin Luther-
Commentary on Romans



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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