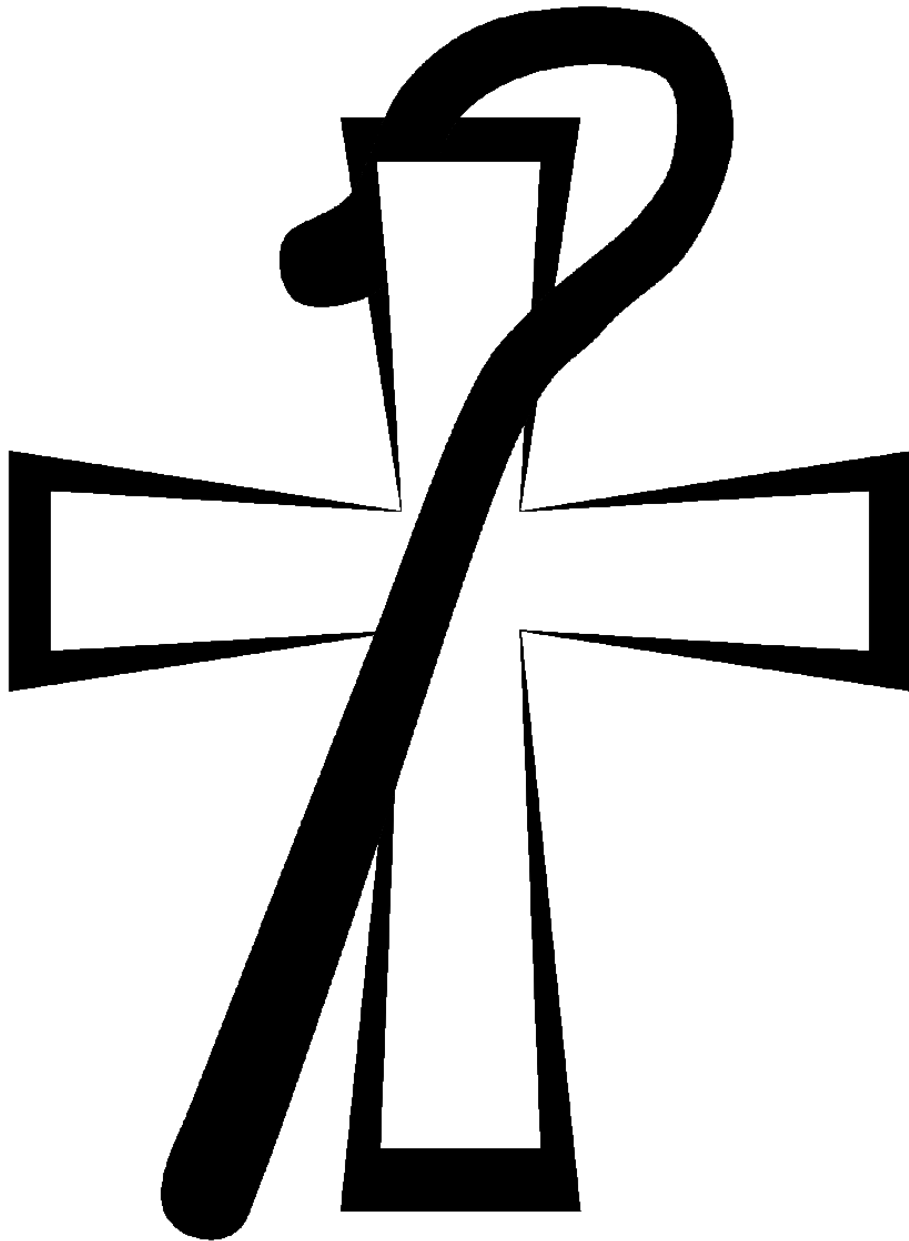


APRIL 30, 2023



**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD;
I SHALL NOT BE IN WANT.
PSALMS 23:1**

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter April 30, 2023

Greeters This Week: John & Margie Swannack

Greeters Next Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Reader This Week: Wanda Hays

Reader Next Week: Cathie Bettge

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

Altar Guild This Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Altar Guild Next Month: Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

Communion Assistant This Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

Communion Assistant Next Month: Obert Sagebiel

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

INTRODUCE GUESTS from "TEEN CHALLENGE"

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:

“FORGIVEN”

by CROWDER

I'm the one who held the nail
It was cold between my fingertips
I've hidden in the garden
I've denied You with my very lips

God, I fall down to my knees
With a hammer in my hand
You look at me, arms open
Forgiven! Forgiven!
Child there is freedom from all of it
Say goodbye to every sin
You are forgiven!

I've done things I wish I hadn't done
I've seen things I wish I hadn't seen
Just the thought of Your amazing grace
And I cry "Jesus, forgive me!"

God, I fall down to my knees
With a hammer in my hand
You look at me, arms open

Forgiven! Forgiven!
Child there is freedom from all of it
Say goodbye to every sin
You are forgiven!

I could've been six feet under
I could've been lost forever
Yeah I should be in that fire
But now there's fire inside of me
Here I am a dead man walking
No grave gonna hold God's people
All the weight of all our evil
Lifted away forever free
Who could believe, who could believe?

Forgiven! Forgiven!
You love me even when I don't deserve it
Forgiven! I'm Forgiven!
Jesus Your blood makes me innocent
So I will say goodbye to every sin
I am forgiven!
I am forgiven!

Songwriters: Ed Cash, David A. Crowder.

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;

Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all that are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of 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

The focus of the Fourth Sunday of Easter is on the metaphor of the Shepherd. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, the one who lays down his life for his sheep because of his great love for them. This one, prefigured in Psalm 23, is the shepherd who provides for, protects, and leads his sheep into green pastures and by still waters. This Shepherd suffered greatly for his sheep so they might never be lost or forsaken.

Responsive Reading Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

**⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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 10:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

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

¹{Jesus said to the Jews,} “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

MESSAGE – STAFF AND MEMBERS OF “TEEN CHALLENGE”

SERMON HYMN:

“MY TESTIMONY”

ELEVATION WORSHIP

I saw Satan fall like lightning
I saw darkness run for cover
But the miracle that I just can't get over
My name is registered in Heaven

I believe in signs and wonders
I have resurrection power (Yes I do)
Still, the miracle that I just can't get over
My name is registered in Heaven
Yeah, my praise belongs to You forever

This is my testimony
From death to life
'Cause grace rewrote my story
I'll testify
By Jesus Christ, the righteous
I'm justified
This is my testimony
This is my testimony (Hey)

Come together, sons and daughters
Fought with blood and washed in water
Sing the graces of the Spirit, Son, and Father
Our God will finish what He started
Yes, our God will finish what He started (Oh)

This is my testimony
From death to life
'Cause grace rewrote my story
I'll testify
By Jesus Christ, the righteous
I'm justified
This is my testimony
This is my testimony (Oh)

(Aah, come on now, every voice sing this out)
If I'm not dead, you're not done

Greater things are still to come
Oh, I believe
If I'm not dead, you're not done (Oh)
Greater things are still to come
Oh, I believe
If I'm not dead, you're not done
(You're not done, you're not)
Greater things are still to come
Oh, I believe
If I'm not dead, you're not done, no
Greater things are still to come
Oh, I believe
My best days are up ahead of me, yeah

This is my testimony
From death to life
'Cause grace rewrote my story
I'll testify
By Jesus Christ, the righteous
I'm justified
This is my testimony (Oh I)

This is my testimony
From death to life
'Cause grace rewrote my story
I'll testify
By Jesus Christ, the righteous
I'm justified
This is my testimony
This is my testimony (Oh)
(From death to life, now I'm alive)
(You're the reason to say, the reason to say)

Songwriters: Christopher Joel Brown, Steven Furtick, Brandon Lake, Tiffany Hammer.

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:

"NEW CREATION"

MAC POWELL

I thought I knew what I was talking about
When I testified of Your great love

Well, I was a soul on fire, there was no doubt
Bible believing, saved, and washed in the blood
But it wasn't 'til I stumbled and made my mistakes
That I could know in my soul how amazing was grace

You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with Your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation
I'm a new creation

And now I know what You were talking about
Went from my head into my heart
When I was broken at the bottom, I found
You're my Healer and Redeemer, Jesus, that's who You are
You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with Your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation
I'm a new creation
Oh, oh-oh, oh, oh
Oh, oh-oh, oh, oh
But it wasn't 'til I stumbled and made my mistakes
That I could know in my soul how amazing was grace

You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with Your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation (oh, oh-oh, oh, oh)
You brought me blessings out of a tragedy (You brought me blessings)
You turned my old song into a symphony (I hear a symphony)
And with Your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation
I'm a new creation
(Oh, oh-oh, oh, oh)
I'm a new creation
(Oh, oh-oh, oh, oh)
Oh, a new creation
And with Your spirit living inside of me (oh, oh-oh, oh, oh)
I'm a new creation (oh, oh-oh, oh, oh)
I'm a new creation

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE DOXOLOGY:

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**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 4/30	Fourth Sunday of Easter	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
		9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
		9:00 a.m. Adult Study
		10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 5/1	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Tues 5/2	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team meeting
Wed 5/3	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters – at the Parsonage
Thurs 5/4	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
Fri 5/5		
Next Sun.	Fifth Sunday of Easter	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
		7:00 p.m. New Member Class



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.

April 23, 2023 General \$275.00, Sunday School \$4.00, Cemetery \$1,000.00, OSC \$1,968.00, Building \$3,280.00, Youth Group \$20.00

Total: \$6,547.00

Attendance: Worship - 59, Sunday School - 6 Children, 3 Teachers; Adult Study -

New Member Classes

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. John, please contact Pastor John at 361-243-0373.



Graduation Sunday



Graduation Sunday at St. John will be May 21, 2023. We will recognize all 2023 Kinder, 8th grade, High School & College Graduates. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board or email: stjohnelutheran@juno.com with your graduate's information for the bulletin or drop it by the church office.

St. John ~ Memorial Day Service

We will have a Memorial Day service on Sunday, May 28, 2023 to honor & remember all Military Men & Women. We have a running list for the bulletin that we have used the last several years. If someone has passed away in the past year, or you know of any new military personnel, please let the office know by calling or texting 361-277-8653 or by emailing us at stjohnevlutheran@juno.com. Thank you!



April Mission of the Month **ADULT and TEEN CHALLENGE OF TEXAS**

ATCOT is a faith based long term residential addiction and alcoholism recovery center. This month we are focusing on the women's campus in San Antonio. Here they are committed to helping these young girls and women experience total freedom in Christ as they watch God restore what was broken in their lives. This is done through a work study program and vocational training in several areas.

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.



NALC Warehouse

We are collecting again for the warehouse in Rosenberg. We will be collecting hair combs for the month of April.



The Quilters are now 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 on the table on the stage.

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.



First English Lutheran **Heritage Day Celebration** is being held today, April 30, 2023 starting with worship services at 10:00 am. 11:00 am activities begin including a Cake Walk, Live and Silent Auctions, Country Store & Kids Activities. Barbecue will be served from 11am-1pm, dine in or drive thru pick up. Live Auction starts at 12:45 pm. All events are located at 516 N. Main St., Victoria, Tx www.felcvictoria.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:

3rd Annual Kickin It for Cole Ohrt Walk Strong 2023 - Thursday, May 4, 2023

Social hour, cup auction & meal 5:15-6:30 PM, Bingo starts at 6:30 PM ~ Friar Ag Center, Cuero, TX

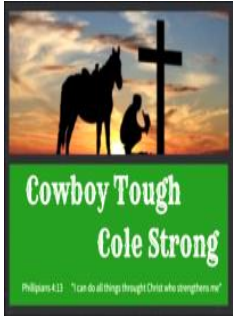
For tickets & more information call (361)648-8147 or (361)578-2257

Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley will be hosting their **Annual Church Picnic** on Saturday, May 13, 2023 starting at 3:00 p.m. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Ice Cream will be available at 5:00 p.m. Bingo, Silent Auction, Adult/Kids' Games all start at 3:00 p.m. Proceeds go to Zion's Playground improvements.

STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE – May 13, 2023 Don't miss out on your opportunity to be part of the largest one day food drive in the country! The National Association of Letter Carriers' 31st Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for the event happening Saturday, May 13th. All you need to do is **place a bag of non-perishable food items near your mailbox**, and your mail carrier will take care of the rest!

Warrior's Weekend Port O'Connor, Texas May 19-21, 2023

+ 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 deoderant – Walmart \$1.18 ea.

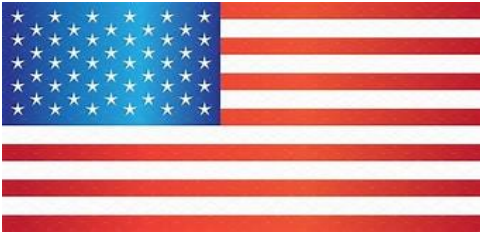
1 toothbrush – Dollar Tree 4 for \$1.25

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 - 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

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



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

It is, however, a matter of great moment, and utterly necessary, that to new-born and infant Christians, sincere and uncorrupt milk should be given. This milk is nothing else than the Gospel itself.

- Martin Luther –

Comments on 1 Peter 2:2



~ Notes ~



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St. John Meyersville**

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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.