

*Memorial Day Service*  
*May 28, 2023*



*Remembering those who were lost.....*  
*Honoring those who are serving & have served.*

**ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Memorial Day Service**  
**May 28, 2023**

**Prelude**

**Ringling of Church Bell**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Welcome

Pastor John Boor

**Star Spangled Banner**

Sung by: Rachel Nessel

Opening Prayer

Nick Lowery

Opening Remarks

Pastor John Boor

Recognition of Veterans Killed in Action

Pastor John Boor

**Randolph Goebel, United States Merchant Marines**

**Randolph had only served for 9 months and 23 days when he perished in a collision between two tankers on October 23, 1943. Randolph was aboard the USS Gulfland, which was carrying a full cargo of aviation gasoline to further the war efforts. Due to wartime blackout rules, both ships were running without lights. Though Randolph's body was lost at sea, a headstone stands in the St. John Ev. Lutheran Church Cemetery as a memorial to him. Randolph was 24 years old.**

**PFC Ellis James Haun, United States Army**

**383 Infantry, 96<sup>th</sup> Division**

**Ellis was just 20 years old when he was killed in action by enemy machine gun fire on May 10, 1945 in Okinawa Japan. He and his division were following orders to enter a village when they were fired upon. Ellis' body was buried in the 96<sup>th</sup> Division Temporary Cemetery #2 in Okinawa and his remains were later returned home to be buried in the St. John Ev. Lutheran Church Cemetery. In recognition of his sacrifice, Ellis was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously which was sent to his parents Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Haun. Besides his parents, Ellis was survived by a sister, Corine Froehlich(now deceased) & two brothers, Norvan(now deceased) & John William(now deceased).**

**William Joseph Kenigseder, United States**

**Marine Corp, Korea 1951**

**Chester Robinson, United States Army, World War II**

Recognition of those currently Serving

Nick Lowery

**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**

We will now recognize those veterans here today.

Military Recognition (*All Veterans please come to the front as your song is played*)

In the past year we lost two veterans,

Isaac "Scratch" Egg

&

Kenneth Newman

Message

Dan Pooley

Song

***"America the Beautiful"***

**O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!**

**America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!**

**O beautiful for pilgrim feet,  
Whose stern impassion'd stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!**

**America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law!**

**O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life!**

**America! America! May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness,  
And ev'ry gain divine!**

**O Beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam,  
Undimmed by human tears!**

**America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!**

The Peace of the Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Share the peace

Offering

Prayers

Pastor John Boor

*(Each petition ends with Lord in your mercy, Please respond with Hear our prayer)*

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy;  
through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

**Amen**

**Closing Remarks**

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.

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

We will close today with *“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”* AND *“God Bless America”*

Song

*“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”*

My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountainside,  
Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills,  
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees,  
Sweet freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake;  
Let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God, our King.

Song

*“God Bless America”*

"While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,  
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,  
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,  
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer. "

**God Bless America,  
Land that I love.  
Stand beside her, and guide her  
Thru the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans, white with foam  
God bless America, My home sweet home.  
God bless America, My home sweet home.**



**Prayer for Veterans**

“Jesus, you said, ‘There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.’ Today we pray for those men and women who have, in their military service, sacrificed their time, strength, ambition, health and even their lives on this earth to benefit ‘friends,’ known and unknown. Many of our warriors carry scars in their hearts as well as on their bodies. Dark memories haunt their dreams at night. Fears cloud their waking hours. Jesus, you came to give us abundant life by providing a way for us to release our pain to you. On the cross you bore our sorrows and brokenness and when we trust you, we can exchange our wounds for your joy in a future unhindered by fate. Bring this gift now to the veterans of our nation who bear tangible and intangible wounds. Heal them, Jesus. Bless the families of soldiers who bear these pains vicariously. Give them patience and wisdom and strength to endure, and more than endure to hope in faith for a blessed life. God, not everything that happens in life is good. But you promise to work all things together for good to those who love you and align their lives with your purpose. Create good in the families of veterans who have experienced pain and loss. Do this miracle, we pray. We honor our veterans in your name. We thank you – as we thank them – for their sacrifice. We ask you to return to them the favor of your blessing, a gift we on our own could never offer. We ask that you would give our veterans a peace beyond the peace they fought to secure, a peace in their own hearts, wrapped in the joy of a life touched by your strong hand. In Jesus name we pray...” Amen.

## VETERANS DECEASED

**Lee Roy Angerstein, United States Air Force**  
**Roy Barnes, United States Army**  
**Harold Baecker, GySgt United States Marine Corp**  
**Charles Beard, United States Navy, WWII**  
**Chester Bettge, United States Air Force**  
**Lovel A. Blain, United States Navy**  
**Edmund Boehl, United States Army**  
**Elroy Boehl, United States Army**  
**Emil Boehl Sr., United States Army**  
**Emil Boehl Jr., United States Army**  
**John W. Caldwell III, , Lt Col. United States Air Force**  
**G.W. Cogburn, United States Navy**  
**Robert Cogburn, United States Marine Corp**  
**James Harold Dees, United States Army**  
**Marion Luther Dees, United States Army**  
**Daniel Dentler, United States Army**  
**Delmar G. Diebel, United States Army**  
**Fred D. Diebel, United States Army**  
**Richard Diebel, United States Army**  
**John Diebel, United States Army**  
**Richard Duderstadt, United States Army**  
**Isaac "Scratch" Egg, United States Army**  
**Ralph Egg, United States Navy**  
**Bobby R. Fagg, United States Army**  
**Frank Fischer, United States Air Force**  
**Jerry Lee Fischer, United States Navy**  
**Charles Gohmert, United States Army**  
**Reuben Lee Gohmert, United States Navy**  
**William Gras, United States Army**  
**Norvan Haun, United States Army**  
**Vernon Hays, United States Army**  
**Edmund Ideus, United States Army**  
**Merton Ideus, United States Army Korea**  
**Clifton Jacob, United States Army**  
**Joseph Jacob, United States Army Air Corp**  
**Dale Jacobs, United States Air Force**  
**Nicholas Jacobs, United States Air Force**  
**J. Gus Jank Cpl., United States Army**  
**Albert Kueker, United States Marine Corp**  
**Leonard Malina, United States Army Air Corp**

## VETERANS DECEASED

**William Mayfield, United States Army**  
**Clarence “Sonny” Meyer, United States Army**  
**Delbert Moeller, United States Navy**  
**Edward L. Moeller, United States Navy**  
**Charlie Moore, United States Air Force**  
**Charles O. Moore, Jr., United States Air Force**  
**Alton Moritz, United States Army**  
**Adolf Motal, United States Army**  
**F/O Elden W. Mueller, United States Army Air Corp**  
**Jimmie L. Muska, United States Army,**  
**WWII Pacific Theater**  
**Edwin N. Nagel, United States Navy**  
**Leon Nagel, United States Army**  
**LCPL Doyle Van Nethery, United States Marine Corp**  
**Kenneth Newman, United States Army**  
**Cotton Ohrt, United States Army**  
**BSGT Arthur Otto, United States National Guard**  
**John Otto, United States Army**  
**Elroy Peters, United States Army WWII Germany, Purple Heart**  
**Alfred Rangnow, United States Army**  
**Otto Rangnow, United States Army WWII**  
**Elmer C. Reinecke, United States Army**  
**Milton L. Sievers, United States Army**  
**Aerbert Spinks, United States Army**  
**Alfred David Stevens, United States Army**  
**Richard David Stevens, United States Air Force**  
**Ruben John Thamm, United States Army WWII India**  
**Olen W. Turley, United States Air Force**  
**Nicholas Wagner, United States Army**  
**Henry F. Wauson, United States Army**  
**Clarence P.W. Weise, United States Army**  
**Lewis Wendel, United States Army**  
**SGT Gottlieb R. Wilke, United States Army Air Corp**  
**Martin L. Wolter, United States Army**

*Remembering those  
who paid for our  
freedom.*





## VETERANS

**Archie Abrameit, United States Army**  
**Todd Arnold, United States Army**  
**Charles Baros, United States Marine Corp**  
**Robert Blain, United States National Guard**  
**Pastor John Boor, United States Air Force**  
**Judy Caldwell, United States Army Nurse Corp**  
**SGT Elmo Coffey, United States Army**  
**Denis Cogburn, United States Army**  
**Jennifer Cornett, United States Air Force**  
**Glen Diebel, United States Army**  
**Blake Dunn, United States Marine Corp**  
**Charles Egg, United States Army National Guard**  
**Jeremy T. Egg, United States Air Force**  
**Matthew Egg, United States Air Force**  
**Ryan C. Egg, United States Air Force**  
**Timothy Egg, United States Air Force**  
**Rick Garrett, United States Air Force**  
**Glenn R. Gisler, United States Navy**  
**Allen D. Jank, United States Army**  
**Gary Moeller, United States Navy**  
**Robert Moeller, United States Air Force**  
**Linda M. Moore, United States Air Force**  
**Kernell Moritz, United States Marine Corp**  
**William "Sandy" Motley, United States Navy**  
**Dennis Nagel, United States Army Reserves**  
**Donald C. Nagel, United States Navy**  
**Rodney Nagel, United States Navy**  
**Wilburn Oehlke, United States Army**  
**Dean Ohrt, United States Army National Guard**  
**John Otto, United States Marine Corp**  
**Col. Michael Petrash, United States Army**  
**Duane Preiss, United States Marine Corp**  
**Lee Preiss, United States Air Force**  
**Preston Preiss, United States Air Force**  
**James Rabe, United States Air Force**  
**Billy Roeske, United States Army**  
**John Swannack Capt., United States Army**  
**Kenneth Swannack Capt., United States Marine Corp**  
**James Turley Sr., United States Air Force**  
**John Wilkerson Master Sgt., United States Air Force**



**ACTIVE DUTY**

- Jonathon Albrecht, United States Army, Kentucky**
- Russell Copeland, United States Army Reserves**
- Lee Magruder, United States Army**
- Koltyn Mayhall, United States Marine Corp**
- Katrina Moritz, United States Air Force**
- Michael Petrash II, United States Army**
- Jacob Redmond, United States Marine Corp**
- Chase Schroeder, United States Navy**
- Andrew Washington, United States Marine Corp**
- Travis Zavesky, United States Army**
- Jeffrey D. Zengerle, United States Army**
- Koltyn Mayhall, United States Marine Corp**



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*Please join us for a reception in the Parish Hall to enjoy cookies & lemonade!*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 5/28</b>	<b>Day of Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ <i>Memorial Day Service</i> <i>*Cookies &amp; lemonade reception in the parish hall</i>
<b>Mon 5/29</b>	<b>Office Closed ~ Memorial Day</b>
<b>Tues 5/30</b>	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Wed 5/31</b>	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
<b>Thurs 6/1</b>	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
<b>Fri 6/2</b>	
<b>Sun 6/4</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion



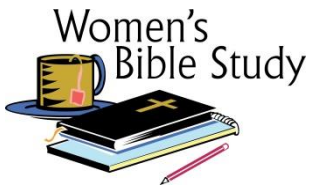
*Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's.*

*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.*

**May 21, 2022** General \$1,865.00, MOM-Tunnel to Towers \$130.00, Cemetery \$30.00, NALC \$20.00  
Sunday School \$33.75, Youth \$55.00, Building \$70.00, Camal House \$50.00, Old Stone Church \$60.00  
**Total: \$2,313.75**

**Attendance:** Worship - 93 Sunday School - 4 Children, 2 Teachers; 14 - Adults

***If you'd like to receive your monthly church newsletter via email, call or text the church office at 361-277-8653.***



**Women's Bible Study** will now be meeting monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 12:30 PM at the Parsonage.



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.

## Mission of the Month of May



### **Tunnel to Towers**

Tunnel to Towers is building a very special, first-of-its-kind community called Let Us Do Good Village in Land O'Lakes, Florida. It will serve America's catastrophically injured veterans and first responders, as well as help the families of fallen heroes who sacrificed their lives protecting our communities and our country.

The goal for the Let Us Do Good Village is to bring families with similar backgrounds together to heal and help one another.

With gratitude for our support they say: thank you for bringing help, hope, and healing to families in need!



We are on the search for a Sunday School teacher for 1-2 grade! If you are interested, please contact Rachel Nessel at 361-571-9228 or Kathy Dunn at 361-275-4322



### NALC Warehouse

We are collecting again for the warehouse in Rosenberg. We will be collecting paper towels and small bottles of bleach for the month of May. Thank you!

### Church Camp

Our Youth Group & Sunday School kids ages 8-18 have the opportunity to go to church camp this year at Camp Lone Star in La Grange, July 30-August 4. Please contact Rachel nessel if your child is interested in attending.



### **Church Camp**



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.

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.

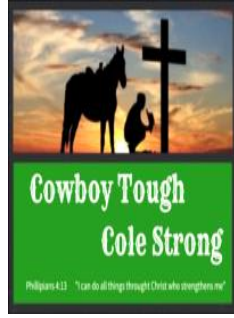


Answers to the Graduation Word Scramble: 1) graduate, 2) commencement, 3) ceremony, 4) relative, 5) attendance, 6) honor, 7) tassel, 8) diploma, 9) gown, 10) education, 11) dean, 12) degree



### + UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole

Hello everyone! Happy Mother's Day to all you beautiful mothers out there! Hope you all had a blessed day with your families. I'm always behind but want to send out a huge heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to support the Cole Ohrt Walk Strong Bingo benefit on May 4<sup>th</sup>. It was an amazing event with around 600 people attending! God was all over this event blessing us in so many ways. I don't have a final count on how much we raised for the foundation but it was a lot! This community is the most supportive and loving of any I've ever known. We are truly grateful. I also want to thank all of those



that helped organize, set up, work, or donate toward this event. Without all of you this would not be possible. Cole had such an amazing time and looks forward to this event every year. So if you didn't get to join us this year we'll be doing it again next May! Hope to see you then. And as always thank you all for your continued prayers for Cole- 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**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you have a prayer request or wish to be on the prayer chain please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500 or Pastor John (361)243-0373. We ask that you would update the prayer request regularly. If we do not have an update, in an effort to keep our list current and up to date, we will presume the situation has improved and remove the request after 30 days. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.





**Our Military and their families:**

- Jeff Zengerle - U.S. Army, Louisiana
- Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
- Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Fort Hood
- Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Hawaii
- Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, 2-4 CaB, Charlie Company, Black Hawk Medevac Pilot, Fort Carson, Colorado
- Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force
- Michael Petrash II - 1 st 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, Joy Meadows, Rylan Caskey, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay Diebel, Leon Wallace.

**Nursing Home:**

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



**SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER**

(Christ) has proved his love in taking your sins upon himself and paying for them with his blood, as he tells you by the gospel. He has given you grace to believe by his Spirit, and has prepared and accomplished everything most surely, so that you need not care or fear any more, but only keep your heart strong and reliant on his Word and faith.

- Martin Luther –  
Letter to His Father (February 15, 1520)



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