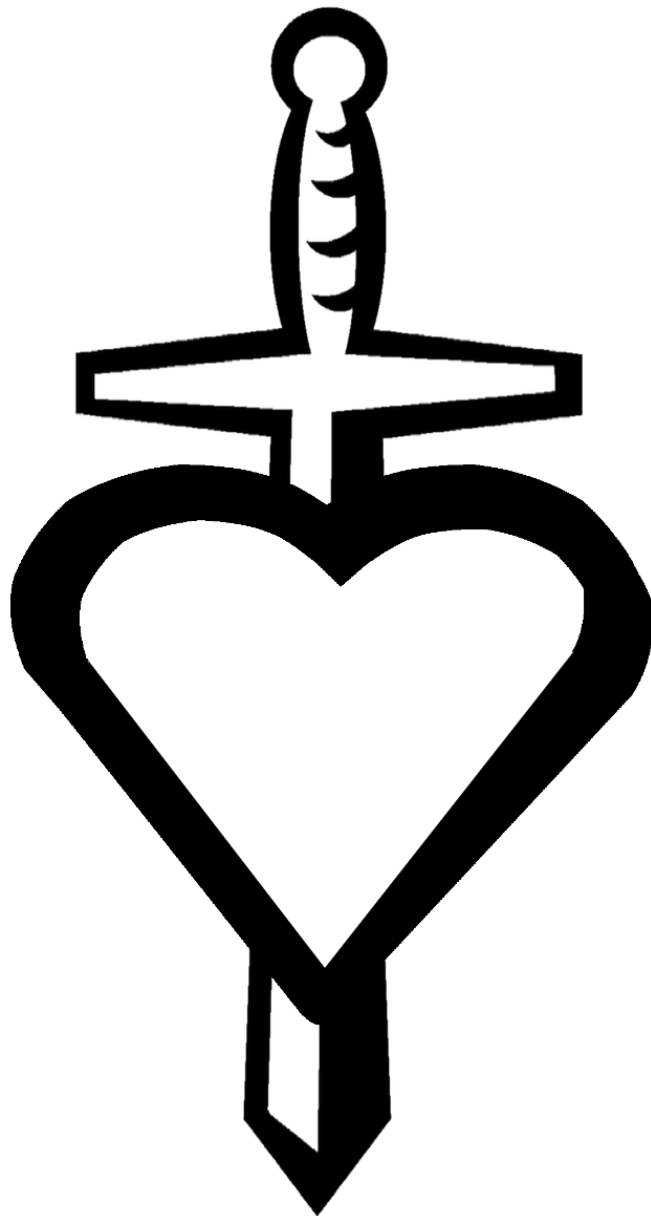


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Meyersville, Texas**  
**July 2, 2023**



**The sum of your word is truth.**  
**Psalm 119:160**

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

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**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 2, 2023**

**Greeter This Week:** Beverly Bodden

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

**Reader This Week:** Beverly Boden

**Reader Next Week:** Neal Moritz

**Altar Guild This Month:** Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Dee Moeller & Beverly Boden

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Dickie Bettge

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Pam Haun

**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:**

*“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!**

## **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.**

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**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray,

**Lord of all power and might, you are the author and giver of all good things. Graft into our hearts a love of your name. Increase in us true faith, nourish us with what is good, and watch over all who are in your care. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

Peace and conflict are major themes in the Scripture readings for today. The prophet Jeremiah insists that true peace comes only through the Lord. Jesus warns his followers that they will seek peace, but by following him, they will more likely experience conflict. Knowing that we are sinners who have been forgiven gives us peace in our hearts, even as our discipleship in the world may bring about suffering.

## First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

## Responsive Reading

Psalm 119:153-160

<sup>153</sup>Behold my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget your law.

<sup>154</sup>**Plead my cause and redeem me; according to your promise, give me life.**

<sup>155</sup>Deliverance is far from the wicked, for they do not study your statutes.

<sup>156</sup>**Great is your compassion, O LORD; preserve my life, according to your judgments.**

<sup>157</sup>There are many who persecute and oppress me, yet I have not swerved from your decrees.

<sup>158</sup>**I look with loathing at the faithless, for they have not kept your word.**

<sup>159</sup>See how I love your commandments! O LORD, in your mercy, preserve me.

<sup>160</sup>**The heart of your word is truth; all your righteous judgments endure forevermore.**

## Second Reading: Romans 7:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Do you not know, brothers — for I am speaking to those who know the law — that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup>For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. <sup>3</sup>Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. <sup>4</sup>Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup>For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup>But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code. <sup>7</sup>What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” <sup>8</sup>But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. <sup>9</sup>I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. <sup>10</sup>The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. <sup>11</sup>For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup>So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. <sup>13</sup>Did that which is good, then, bring death to

me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

*Stand as you are able*

### **GOSPEL VERSE**

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:34-42**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>34</sup>{Jesus said to the disciples,} “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. <sup>36</sup>And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup>And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>40</sup>Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup>The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. <sup>42</sup>And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

### **MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN:**

***“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”***

***LBW#566***

**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.**

*Stand as you are able*

Let us confess our faith through the Apostles' Creed

### **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/coin 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, forever 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** *(For those attending, please fill out a tan communion card.)*

L May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his  
grace.

**C Amen**

**POST COMMUNION**

**C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who  
seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads  
his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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.**

## **HYMN:**

*"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.**

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **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 7/2</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship with Communion
<b>Mon 7/3</b>	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
<b>Tues 7/4</b>	<b>Independence Day</b>	
	<i>Office Closed Due to Holiday</i>	
<b>Wed 7/5</b>	2:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters – parsonage
<b>Thurs 7/6</b>	8:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m	Office Hours
	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Pastor’s Office Hours
<b>Fri 7/7</b>	8:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m	Office Hours
<b>Next Sun.</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship



**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.

**June 25, 2023** General \$1,880.00, MOM – Christian Warrior’s Retreat \$300.00, Sunday School \$132.00, Building \$60.00, Youth \$70.00 **Total: \$2,442.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 84, Sunday School - 7 Children, 2 Teachers; Adult Study - 12

**VBS Attendance:** Wednesday – 15; Thursday – 13; Friday – 17; Saturday – 7

***Sunday School will continue throughout the summer months.  
We’d love to see all the children every Sunday at 9a.m.!***



**Mission of the Month for June**

**St. John Ev Lutheran Church**

It has been discussed at council meetings that our congregation has been extremely generous over the years in supporting the Mission of the Month. Many worthy causes have benefited from your donations. From time to time our church also needs a little infusion of funds into our General Fund which is used to pay all of the church’s regular expenses. This is why we would like to make our church the July Mission of the Month



St. John would like to give a warm welcome to our new Church Secretary, Meliss Eckhardt. Stop by and say Hi! Office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. If you would need immediate assistance outside of office hours, text or call Meliss at 361-649-0413.

### Forever Stamp Price Increase

Just a quick reminder that on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 forever stamps will increase in price from 63 cents to 66 cents. The price tables are also available on the Postal Service's Explorer website at [pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index](https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index).

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



Congratulations to Breanna & Robbie Rhoton on the birth of their baby boy Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 1:26 pm. They named him Jay Louis Rhoton. Little Jay weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz and was 20 in long. He is also the grandson of Dianna & George Soliz and the great-grandson of the late Milton & Helen Sievers.

**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 deodorant for the month of July. ***Please note:*** We have received notice from Michael Dittrich of the Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse that they are in need of supplies. The tornadoes in Mississippi and Alabama left much devastation and all was taken there. The other two warehouses in Texas are also depleted due to weather disasters. At this time feel free to provide any of the items on the list printed in the bulletin. They will be received with much appreciation and delivered with love. Thank you.

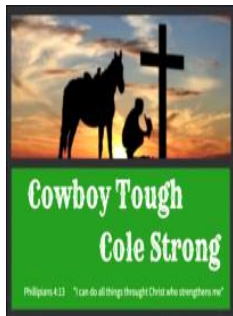


The Quilters are now meeting in the parsonage each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Come and join the bee! Donations of clean used sheets & pillowcases can be used. Please leave on the table on the stage.



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.

### + 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 \$1.25 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:**



- 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, Mrs. Stiles, Ryon Preslar, Joy Meadows, Rylan Caskey, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay Diebel, Glenn Ruschhaupt.

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



## SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

God did not give you your gifts for you to tickle yourself with them, but for you to help your neighbor with them when he needs it, and thus by your strength to bear his witness by your piety and honor to cover up his sin and to conceal his shame, as God through Christ has done for you and still does every day.

— Martin Luther —

Commentary on the Sermon on the Mount (LW 21)



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