

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
September 17, 2023**

**Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

**Psalm 103:1**



## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 17, 2023**

**Greeter This Week:** John & Margie Swannack

**Greeters Next Week:** Trish Hood

**Reader This Week:** Dwight Jander

**Reader Next Week:** Trish Hood

**Acolyte This Week:** Gracie Diebel

**Acolyte Next Week:** Lane Moritz

**Altar Guild This Month:** Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Pam Haun

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Johnny Jank

**Busy Bags** are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.

### MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

### 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.*

*(For those attending, please fill out a tan communion card.)*

*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:**                    *“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”*

**WOV#801**

**Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise  
thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread  
‘thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup  
thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**

**Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be  
thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee  
gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry  
gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**

**Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest  
thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be  
’then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war  
thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.**

**Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonder full surprise  
thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways  
thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least  
then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.**

**Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light  
thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally  
then the Holy Holy Holy celebration jubilee  
thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.**

## **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,

**O Lord, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Forgiveness is often a very difficult subject, even for those who know that we are called to forgive if we want to be forgiven. In our human sinfulness we seek to justify ourselves, coming up with reasons why our brother or sister does not deserve to be forgiven. Joseph speaks a word of forgiveness to his scheming brothers, pointing to the reality that God can work through great pain to bring healing of relationships.

### **First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21**

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

### **Responsive Reading**

#### **Psalm 103:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

<sup>3</sup>He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;

**<sup>4</sup>He redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and lovingkindness;**

<sup>5</sup>He satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**<sup>6</sup>The LORD executes righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.**

<sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger forever.

**<sup>10</sup>He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

**<sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.**

## **Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. <sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. <sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." <sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

*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 18:21-35**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

### **Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**

<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to {Jesus}, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN:**

***“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”***

**WOV#731**

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows . . drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is . . . almost . . . gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When the darkness appears and the night draws . . . near,  
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,  
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

*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.**

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**



Psalm 34:8

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him."



Have a Blessed Week!

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**

**Today 9/17 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Confirmation  
9:00 a.m. Adult Study  
10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion

**Mon 9/18 Office Closed**

7:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting

**Tues 9/19 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Pastor's Office Hours

8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Wed 9/20 Office Closed**

1:30 p.m. Quilters – parsonage  
6:00 p.m. Mission Ev. Team Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

**Thurs 9/21 Council Committee Reports Due**

9:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Office Hours

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

**Fri 9/22 Newsletter Deadline. Articles-Announcements due today!**

8:00 p.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Next Sun. Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Confirmation  
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.*

**September 10, 2023** General \$2,116.00, MOM – Elam Ministries \$10.00, Sunday School \$12.00, Old Stone Church \$20.00, Building \$300.00, Youth \$5.00 **Total: \$2,463.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 96, Sunday School - 9 Children, 2 Teachers; Adult Study - 11

*Sunday School continues throughout the year.*

*We'd love to see all the children every Sunday at 9a.m.!*



- **Our Sunday school department is no longer in need of a 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher. JoBeth Caskey has graciously accepted the position. Praise be to God for volunteers! THANK YOU, JOBETH!**
- 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.
- **If you'd like to receive your monthly church newsletter via email, call or text the church office at 361-277-8653.**

**Continue to Pray for Rain! Trust in the Lord and He will provide!  
Be Positive and carry an umbrella with you! ☺**



### **St. John Ev. Lutheran Church Scholarship**

In August, Mackenzie Blain was awarded a scholarship from St. John in the amount of \$1000. Mackenzie is a Junior this year and is attending Texas Lutheran University. Her intentions are to apply for nursing school at TLU next year and obtain her BSN to become an RN. Congratulations and Good Luck, Mackenzie! Our thoughts and prayers will be with you!

### **REFORMATION SUNDAY** **SAVE THE DATE**



On October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday with guest speaker, Pastor Amy Little of NALC. Pastor Amy Little serves as the General Secretary (COO) of the North American Lutheran Church since August 2021. The General Secretary functions as the chief operating officer of the NALC, managing its day-to-day administrative functions in Norwalk, Ohio. She is the graduate of Ohio University, Athens, Ohio with a Bachelor's of Science in Biology; Trinity Lutheran Seminary Columbus, Ohio 2002, MDiv.; Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, DMin. 2012. Pastor Amy served in her first call for 19 years at Trinity Lutheran Church, Monroeville, Ohio. She is married to Jeff who is a High School Intervention Specialist. They have two children, Noah (married to Alyssa) and Anna. In her spare time she makes quilts and other art and makes sure to get her 10,000 steps in each day.

### **DeWitt County Historical Commission**

On Saturday, September 23, 2023, the DeWitt County Historical Commission will celebrate Cuero's 150 Birthday with a special "Lives Remembered" presentation – Cuero, The Early Years; Heros, Out Laws & Entrepreneurs; and Remembering the "World Famous" Turkey Trot. This event will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the Friar Ag Center, 501 Industrial Blvd and admission is free. Donations will be accepted and greatly appreciated. Thank you!

### **Martin Luther Lutheran Church**

On Saturday, September 23, 2023 Martin Luther Lutheran Church will be holding their annual bazaar. They will be serving brisket & sausage Bar-B-Q plates for \$12 at the door from 11 AM – 1:30PM. Dine-In or To-Go. A live auction will be held at 12:30 PM. Come enjoy our good ole' country cookin' & lots more!

### **Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church Fall Festival**

On Sunday, September 24, 2023, Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic church will be holding their annual BBQ Meal, Raffle, & Country Store from 11 AM – 1 PM. Dine-in or to-go plates will be available for \$12 each.

Please come out and join us.

### **St. Mark's Lutheran Church**

On Sunday, September 24, 2023, St. Mark's in Cuero will be holding their annual LutherFest. At 9 a.m. the day will begin with worship with Polka Spirit Band playing. The service will be followed by LutherFest Activities (cake walk, country store, silent auction, & kids' activities) and a meal. The meal consists of BBQ Brisket, Sausage, potatoes, green beans, & a dessert. It will be served at 11:20 a.m. Dine-In presale tickets are available for a \$10 donation at the Church Office (361-275-2845) until September 18. Tickets will only be available pre-event. Proceeds benefit St. Mark's member scholarships and equipment for the new fenced area.

### **Mission of the Month for September** **Elam Ministries**

Today, Elam trains and mentors emerging leaders for effective ministry at a variety of levels and to serve in multiple contexts across the Persian-speaking world. We believe that Iran is at a turning point. By God's grace, despite increasing hostility to the church from Iran's government, we continue to see rapid church growth as the Gospel is proclaimed to Iranians. Therefore, we believe the future holds a significant expansion of ministry efforts in evangelism, discipleship, leadership development and church planting through direct ministry, TV and media.

**For the month of September the collection is scrub brushes and small bottles of bleach.**

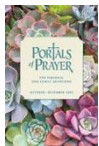
**Please note:** We have received this notice from Michael Dittrich of the Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse : Dear Friends, The devastation in Maui from the fires is extensive. Many people lost everything they had. If you or your congregation wants to help our neighbors in Christ, here is what you can do. This information comes from Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response Coordinator. All gift cards and donations of funds are to be sent to the national disaster response warehouse in Ohio. **Please label everything for the Maui Fire.** Mary is working with her contacts in Hawaii to get supplies & funds where it is needed most. Please keep these folks in your prayers. If you have any questions, please contact me. God Bless You! Michael Dittrich (cell: 281-381-5588)

**Address for Warehouse:** NALC Disaster Response 16500 Noble Ave. Caldwell, OH 43724



## Samaritans Purse Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Our Samaritans Purse Christmas Child shoeboxes are available in the narthex and the wings for pick-up. Get yours early so you can start filling it with love. More information to come at a later time.



## Portals of Prayer

October-December Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.



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



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.

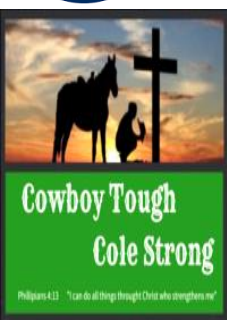
The Meyersville ISD recycle trailer is back in business. This convenience is for everyone in the community to utilize with the school maintaining the project. Please remember, all recyclables must be loose (not bagged) when being placed in the proper bin.



## + 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?**

Buckets as well as the supplies to fill the buckets are still needed. If you want to just provide the materials for the bucket, they do have some buckets already donated. See the list below *(store prices may vary)*:

- 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 – 12" X 12"– Don't buy! Cut up old bath & beach towels, dish towels, wash cloths.....

### **What's in a Health Kit?**

- Soap: 1 regular size bar or 2-3 travel size\*
- Shampoo: 2 or 3 travel size\* (or 1 small size)
- Lotion: 1 or 2 travel size\*

\*Ask for donations from people you know that stay in hotels!

- 1 deodorant – Walmart \$1.18 ea.
- 1 toothbrush – Dollar Tree 4 for \$1.25
- 1 toothpaste (travel size) – Walmart (or for a bigger tube) 77-90 cents ea.
- 1 comb – Dollar Tree 12 pk for \$1.25
- 1 bath towel – Walmart \$2.97 ea.
- 1 drawstring bag – available to be filled in narthex or you may sew your own from an old pillow case.

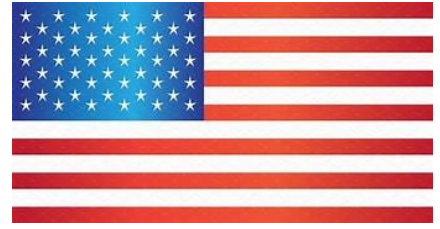


### Additional Donations

We will also be collecting new and gently used Bibles as well as prayer books. If you have questions, please contact Cathie Bettge or Meliss Eckhardt. Thank you!

### **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, Kay Ohrt, Marlene Fromme, Bobby Zengerle, Debbie Glawson, Steve Cusak



### **Nursing Home:**

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



### **SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER**

Now, if there were no one on earth who forgave sins, but there were on Law and works, how timid and miserable a poor distressed conscience would be! But now, when God has filled everyone's mouth so that he can say to another: "Your sins are forgiven," no matter where you are, the golden year has begun.

— Martin Luther —  
Church Postil



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