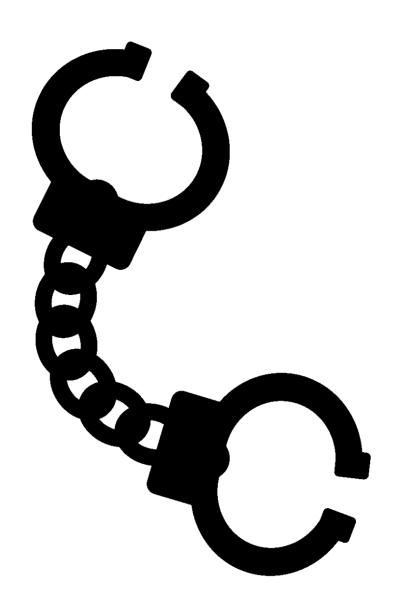
## St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, Texas September 24, 2023



The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**Psalm 27:1** 

#### ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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#### Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 24, 2023

Greeter This Week: Trish Hood

Greeters Next Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Reader This Week: Trish Hood Reader Next Week: Dickie Bettge Acolyte This Week: Lane Moritz Acolyte Next Week: Kinley Nessel

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.

#### **Worship Notes regarding Today's Service:**

For those of you who would prefer to remain in your cars, we will continue to broadcast the service on FM 101.5. You can follow the service in the bulletin as the liturgy, the organ music, hymns with the lyrics by our song leaders, and Pastor John's message will be on the broadcast. Thank you!

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 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 \(\mathbf{Y}\) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

#### **OPENING HYMN:**

#### "Blest Are They"

**WOV# 764** 

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you. Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

\*Refrain\*

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart they shall see God!

\*Refrain\*

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. *Refrain* 

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me. Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; Shine for all to see. *Refrain* 

#### **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;

Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. 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

God's generosity to his people is beyond our human understanding. We often count and keep score of what is given to us and compare it to what others have received. This is not the way God works. God gives to each according to their need, and it is given out of love and mercy. It is not for us to compare or to cry "Unfair!" because God's ways are beyond our limited human understanding.

#### First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

<sup>6</sup>"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

#### **Responsive Reading**

#### Psalm 27:1-13

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;

<sup>4</sup>And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

<sup>5</sup>One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

<sup>6</sup>To behold the fair beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

<sup>7</sup>For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

<sup>8</sup>Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>11</sup>You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, LORD, will I seek.

<sup>12</sup>Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

<sup>13</sup>You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

#### Second Reading: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

<sup>19</sup>... {F}or I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. <sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 20:1-16**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

<sup>1</sup>{Jesus said,} "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup> and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' 5So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. 6And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

Please be seated

**SERMON HYMN:** 

"O God of Youth"

LBW#510

<sup>1</sup>O God of youth, whose Spirit in our hearts is stirring Desire and hope for noble lives and true: Give us a spirit steadfast and unerring; With light and love divine our minds endue.

<sup>2</sup>Fill all our hearts with zeal in ev'ry brave endeavor To right the wrongs that shame this present life, And grant the valiant spirit that shall never Fall back or fail, however long the strife.

<sup>3</sup>Teach us to know the way of Jesus Christ, our master; Give us his clear-eyed faith, his fearless heart Through all life's darkness, danger, and disaster; Oh, let us never from his side depart.

<sup>4</sup>May we be true to him, our captain of salvation, And bear his cross in service glad and free, And look in hope for that last consummation When all earth's kingdoms shall his kingdom be.

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.

#### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER - DEBBIE GLAWSON

#### 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.

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 aright 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:** 

"Good, Good Father"
Chris Tomlin

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night And You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide 'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am,

Because You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us
You are perfect in all of Your ways
Oh, You're perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable
I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I, I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still

You're a good, good Father It's who You are, it's who You are And I'm loved by You It's who I am, it's who I am And You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am
(You're a good, good Father)

You are perfect in all of Your ways (it's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are)

(And I'm loved by You)

You are perfect in all of Your ways (it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am)

Songwriters: Tony Brown, Pat Barrett. For non-commercial use only.

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: 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** 



#### **Ezekiel 36:26**

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.





**Today 9/24** 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

Mon 9/25 Office Closed

**Tues 9/26** 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Office Hours

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

**Wed 9/27** 8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

9:00 a.m. Old Stone Church Meeting

1:30 p.m. Quilters – parsonage

**Thurs 9/28** 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m Office Hours

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

**Fri 9/29** 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m Office Hours

Next Sun. Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Sunday School9:00 a.m.Confirmation9:00 a.m.Adult Study

10:15 a.m. Worship – Holy 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.

**September 17, 2023** General \$2,260.00, MOM – Elam Ministries \$395.00, SS \$11.11, NALC Disaster Response (Warehouse) \$100.00, Old Stone Church \$100.00, Building \$80.00, **Total: \$2,946.11** 

Attendance: Worship - 67, Sunday School - 6 Children, 3 Teachers; Adult Study - 13

Sunday School continues throughout the school year. We'd love to see all the children every Sunday at 9a.m.!

#### **Sunday School**

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.

#### **TEAM LEADERS**

Planning for the 2024 Budget starts now! Team Leaders please have your budget requests in to the Finance Team/Office no later than Friday, October 13, 2023. Year-to-date figures will be available for pick up from the church office the first week in October. All requests will be considered. Thank you!

-St. John Finance Team-



### 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 Philadephia, 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.

#### 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 preevent. 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 6500 Noble Ave. Caldwell, OH 43724

**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.



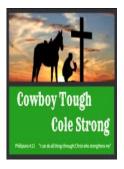


The Quilters are now meeting in the parsonage each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Come and join the bee! Donations of clean used sheets & pillowcases can be used. Please leave on the table on the stage.

#### Portals of Prayers for October – December are available in the narthex.







Cole is doing well and continues to work hard. There are two fundraisers coming up in October to help raise money for his expenses. On October 5, 2023, there will be an Iron Man Happy Hour at Aero Crafters in Victoria starting at 5:30 p.m. Also, on October 20-22, 2023 the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cowboy Tough – Cole Strong Team Roping Event will be held in Gonzales where donations can be made. 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 - 12" X 12"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.

#### **Additional Donations**

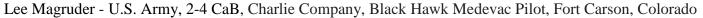
We will also be collecting new and used Bibles as well as prayer books (such as your old portals of prayers). So, if you would like to recycle/reuse these items, you now have a place to bring them for others who have none. If you have questions, please contact Cathie Bettge or Meliss Eckhardt. Thank 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



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 Cusack



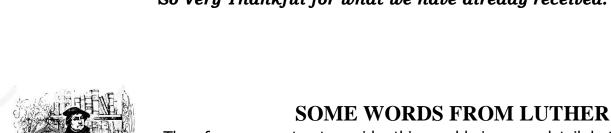
#### **Nursing Home:**

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus

Continue to Pray for Rain! Trust in the Lord and He will provide!

Be Positive and carry an umbrella with you! ©

So Very Thankful for what we have already received.



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

Therefore we must not consider this parable in every detail, but confine ourselves to the leading thought, that which Christ designs to teach by it... what the householder had in mind and what he aims to teach, how he desires to have his goodness esteemed higher than all human works and merit, yea, that his mercy alone must have all the praise.

— Martin Luther

— Martin Luther Sermon on Matthew 20



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