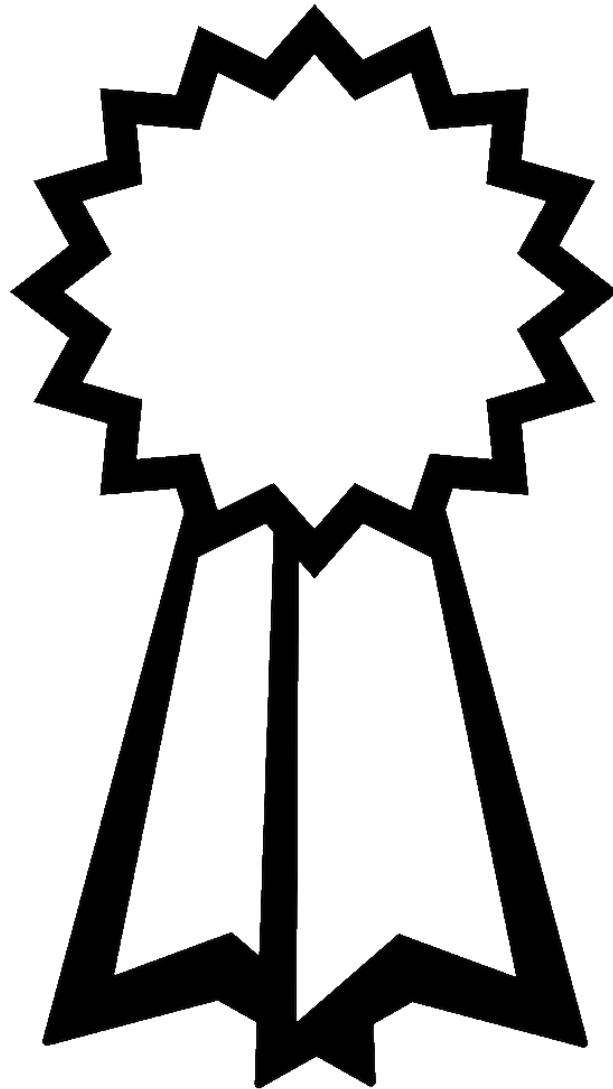


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
October 8, 2023**



**Look down from heaven, and see;  
have regard for this vine.  
Psalm 80:14**

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

A North American Lutheran Church

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Ministers - The People of St. John

Pastor - The Rev. John Boor

Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 8, 2023**

**Greeter This Week:** M'Liss Moore

**Greeters Next Week:** Marv & Norrean Sager

**Reader This Week:** Kathy Dunn

**Reader Next Week:** Johnna Picard

**Acolyte This Week:** Shelby Newman

**Acolyte Next Week:** Kaleigh Newman

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

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Johnny Jank

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Glenn Ruschhaupt

**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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**OPENING HYMN:**

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

**WOV# 526**

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render; oh, help us to see  
‘Tis only the splendor of light hideth 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.**

## **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;

**Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, we may be free and glad to serve; 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**

When it comes to righteousness, Paul says, "I win the medal!" When it comes to following the law to the letter, again he says, "I get the prize!" But now his life is in Christ who showed the apostle the worthlessness of his labors. Paul confesses his zeal for the law and says that whatever he gained by that, he now counts as loss. The only gain we can rejoice in is the love and mercy of Jesus, our Savior.

## **First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. <sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

## **Responsive Reading**

### **Psalm 80:7-18**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**<sup>8</sup>You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

**<sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

**<sup>12</sup>Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes**

<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

**<sup>14</sup>Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted.**

<sup>15</sup>They burn it with fire like rubbish; at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

**<sup>16</sup>Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>17</sup>And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

**<sup>18</sup>Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

## **Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14**

<sup>4b</sup>If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

*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 21:33-46**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>33</sup>{Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people,} “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’ <sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” <sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

*“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

LBW#474

<sup>1</sup>Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in his bosom gather  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge ne'er was given.

<sup>2</sup>God his own doth tend and nourish  
In his holy courts they flourish  
From all evil things he spares them  
In his mighty arms he bears them.

<sup>3</sup>Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord his children sever  
Unto them his grace he showeth  
And their sorrows all he knoweth.

<sup>4</sup>Though he giveth or he taketh  
God his children ne'er forsaketh  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them, pure and holy.

*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.**

## **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 a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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:**

*“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

*LBW #294*

**1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim,  
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.**

*Refrain*

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**2 When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.**

*Refrain*

**3 His oath, his covenant, his blood  
Sustain me in the raging flood;  
When all supports are washed away,  
He then is all my hope and stay.**

*Refrain*

**4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in him be found,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before the throne!**

*Refrain*

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**



**1 Corinthians 16: 13-14**

Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. Your every act should be done with love.



**Have a Blessed Week!**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**

<b>Today 10/8</b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Property Team Sunday School Confirmation Adult Study Worship
<b>Mon 10/9</b>	<b>Columbus Day</b> Office Closed	
<b>Tues 10/10</b>	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Office Hours Altar Guild Meeting
<b>Wed 10/11</b>	Office Closed 12:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study Quilters – parsonage
<b>Thurs 10/12</b>	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m	Office Hours
<b>Fri 10/13</b>	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m	Office Hours <b>2024 Budget due to the Church office by TODAY</b>
<b>Next Sun.</b>	<b>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Confirmation Adult Study 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.*

**October 1, 2023** General \$3,746.00, MOM – NALS \$840.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Old Stone Church \$30.00, SS Mission-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday \$8.00, Building \$375.00, Organ \$20.00, **Total: \$5,039.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 75, Sunday School - 5 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.!*



*Office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. If you would need immediate assistance outside of office hours, text or call Melissa 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-**

## **ATTENTION: Altar Guild Members**

The biannual meeting for St. John's Altar Guild will be Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. PLEASE, at least one member from each team is asked to attend for changes in procedures, reminders, discussion. *Thank you! ~ Carol Ann*

**We need you to say YES! The Worship Team is "blowing the dust off" the reenactment of the "Living Last Supper." Please see the article in October's newsletter for more information and contact Johnny Jank and simply say, "How can I help?"**



## **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. Her mission of choice is Malawi Orphan Care Project (MOCP). She has been to Malawi three times and she and her husband are currently supporting a college student named Dickson who is studying computer science.

## **ST. John Lutheran Church – Meyersville**

**Please join us for the following:**

EVENT: REFORMATION SUNDAY

Guest speaker: Pastor Amy Little,  
General Secretary for the North American Lutheran Church

DATE: Sunday, October 29, 2023

TIME: 9 AM Sunday School  
10:15 AM Church Service  
BBQ meal to follow

PLACE: St. John Lutheran Church  
1764 Meyersville Rd  
Meyersville  
361-277-8653

LOVE OFFERING: Malawi Orphan Care Project



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

## Mission of the Month for October

### North American Lutheran Seminary

The North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS) is committed to forming pastors and leaders for faithful ministry today. As a network of seminaries centered in Ambridge, Pennsylvania—with additional graduate schools in six states and provinces across the United States and Canada: Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA; Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, AL; Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Edmonton, AB; Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA/Houston, TX; Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC; and Sioux Falls Seminary in Sioux Falls, SD. The NALS exists to form pastors and leaders for the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) through robust spiritual formation, rigorous and distinctive theological education, and intentional pastoral mentorship.

**For the month of October the collection is rubber gloves and cotton gloves.**

**THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED:** Dear Friends! Thank you so much for your recent donation of funds to support the disaster response warehouse! We also appreciate all the supplies of quilts, flood buckets, and misc. supplies! All of this will help fill the warehouse with needed items! It is still hurricane season so the more that is on hand, the better. Your generosity will be helping many families during tough times! We are so thankful for your continued support of the warehouse & disaster response! God bless you! ~ Michael & Pat Dittrich

**THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED:** Thank you all for your generosity and compassion that has helped rescue so many women and children once trapped in a life of hiking long, dangerous paths for water! Your congregation has helped countless numbers have safe water and hope in their communities!! ~ Water Mission

**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.**

### 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.

**The last date for turning in the Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes is November 12. Please include your \$10 check for shipping. ~ Cathie Bettge**



### St. John Lutheran Church - Westhoff

On October 15, 2023, please come join us at St. John Lutheran Church in Westhoff for our 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration (1908-2023) in the Glory of God. Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. and a catered meal will follow. Please RSVP to 830-236-5800 or [stjohnwl@gvtc.com](mailto:stjohnwl@gvtc.com). Thank you! Hope to see you there!



### St. Mark's Lutheran Church - Cuero

Please join us for food, fun & fellowship on Monday, October 23, 2023 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Cuero as we enjoy a light meal and have fun playing bunco in fellowship. Registration & a light meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. and games will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP by October 18, 2023 to Marlene Fromme @ 361-275-4214 or Church Office @ 361-275-2845. Hope to see you there!!!



**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?**

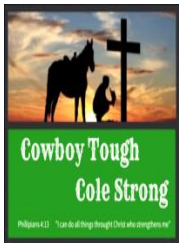
- Soap: 1 regular size bar or 2-3 travel size\*
- Shampoo: 2 or 3 travel size\* (or 1 small size)
- Lotion: 1 or 2 travel size\*

\*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 gently used Bibles as well as prayer books. If you have questions, please contact Cathie Bettge or Meliss Eckhardt. Thank you!



**+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole**

Cole is doing well and continues to work hard. A fundraiser is coming up to help raise money for his expenses. 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)**

**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.**



## 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

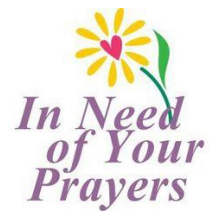
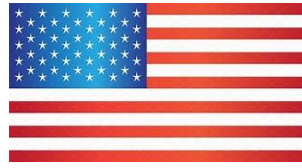
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**Please Pray for:** Hunter Jacob, Cole Ohrt, Mrs. Stiles, Ryon Preslar, Joy Meadows, Rylan Caskey, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay Diebel, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Kay Ohrt, Marlene Fromme, Bobby Zengerle, Debbie Glawson, Steve Cusack, Debbie Webb, Laura Whitson

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## SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

By faith, as St. Peter says, we acquire a new and clean heart, and God will and does account us entirely righteous and holy for the sake of Christ, our Mediator. . . And such faith, renewal, and forgiveness of sins is followed by good works. . . We say, besides, that if good works do not follow, faith is false and not true.

- Martin Luther

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