

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
November 19, 2023

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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

Greeter This Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Greeters Next Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Reader This Week: Dwight Jander

Reader Next Week: Wanda Hays

Acolyte This Week: Shelby Newman

Acolyte Next Week: Kaleigh Newman

Altar Guild This Month: Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

Altar Guild Next Month: M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

Communion Assistant This Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

Communion Assistant Next Month: Obert Sagebiel

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!

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

Stand as you are able

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:

“Chief of Sinners though I Be”

LBW #306

¹Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.

²Oh, the height of Jesus' love! Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity.
Love that found me—wondrous thought—Found me when I sought him not.

³Only Jesus can impart Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.

⁴Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is All-in-All to me;
All my wants to him are known, All my sorrows are his own.
He sustains the hidden life Safe with him from earthly strife.

⁵O my Savior, help afford By your Spirit and your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

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 God, rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, that while keeping the end of all things in mind, we may be stirred up to holiness in this life and come to be with you forever in that life to come. 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

The Day of the Lord is ever upon us, even though believers have been waiting for his return since his ascension long ago. Time for us is vastly different than God's time, and so we wait with anticipation and patience for the return of Christ. In the meantime we are encouraged to be good stewards of all that God has given us: investing in others, sharing His Word, and living each day with joy and mercy

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7-16

⁷Be silent before the LORD God! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. ⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice — "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. ⁹On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. ¹⁰On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. ¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' ¹³Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 90:1-12

¹LORD, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

**²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.**

³You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth."

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night.

⁵You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.

⁶In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

⁷For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

⁸Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

**¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but
labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath? who rightly fears your indignation?

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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 25:14-30

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴{Jesus said to the disciples,} "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ. (*Sung*)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“How Great Thou Art”

LBW #532

¹O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,
How great though art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,
How great thou art!
How great thou art!

²When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

³But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain

⁴When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”

Refrain

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.)*

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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



Job 8:7

"And though your beginning was small, your latter days will be very great."



Have a Blessed Week!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 11/19	Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship with Communion

Mon 11/20	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	6:30-7:30 p.m.	4-H Meeting in Parish Hall

Tues 11/21	** Council Committee Reports Due**	
	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Office Hour
	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours

Wed 11/22	**Newsletter Deadline ~ Articles & Announcements Due Today**	
	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	9:30 a.m.	Cornucopia Preparations
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters – Parsonage
	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thurs 11/23	Thanksgiving Day
	<i>Office Closed</i>

Fri 11/24	<i>Office Closed</i>
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Next Sun.	Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship – Country Christmas
	3:00 p.m.	Church Christmas Decorating

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.

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.

November 12, 2023 General \$2,264.00, Sunday School \$305.70, Cemetery \$10.00, Building \$380.00
Total: \$2,959.70

Attendance: Worship - 100, Sunday School - 7 Children, 2 Teachers; Adult Study - 14

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



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PLEASE NOTE THAT OFFICE HOURS COULD CHANGE THIS WEEK DUE TO THE HOLIDAY!

Please call before you stop by to see if I'm in the office.

If you need something, please don't hesitate to call my cell. Thank You! Meliss





With Our Deepest Sympathy

Please keep the family Kathy Rangnow in your thoughts & prayers. Kathy was the wife of Henry Lee Rangnow and mother of Buck, Chad, & Charlie Rangnow. May God comfort her family at this time of loss.

A Note of Thankfulness

We would like to thank our church family for their prayers, texts, calls, and the sweet card. It means so much to us. We could feel the prayers! A special thank you to Pastor John for his calls, texts, prayers, and visits. We would also like to thank everyone who checked on mom, visited her and brought her food. It meant the world to us! We are blessed with a special church family.
~Wanda & Pat Hays & Family~



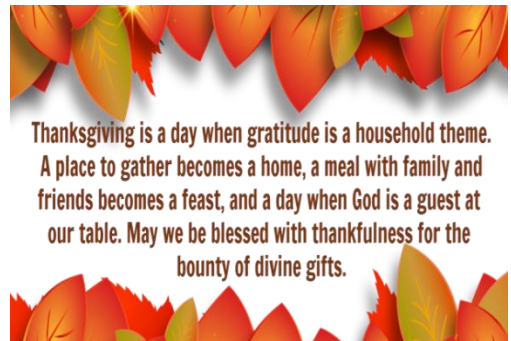
Cornucopia

Donations of freshly harvested fruits and vegetables can be brought to the church at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22. Volunteers will assemble the cornucopia for the Thanksgiving Eve service.



Thanksgiving Eve Service

St. John will have a Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m.



Christmas Poinsettias

St. John will be selling poinsettias to decorate the Church for Christmas Eve Worship Services. You can take your poinsettias home after the December 24th, 10:00 pm service. Forms are available in the Narthex, and in the back of today's bulletin. **Deadline for submitting is Sunday, November 19, 2023, NEXT SUNDAY. The FINAL ORDER will be placed after church TODAY.** Price per plant is \$15.00.



Decorating of Church for Christmas

Plans are being made to decorate the church for Christmas on November 26th, 2023 at 3:00 p.m... Watch bulletins for further details. Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE

Our Christmas Program will be held December 17 at 6 p.m. During this program, our youth will retell the story of Christmas as the stars who were twinkling away the night Jesus was born. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.





**FYI: A set of keys was found outside the Parish Hall.
Please contact the office if you've lost yours.**



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?"

Mission of the Month for November

Christmas Families

We will be collecting items for our Christmas Families again this year. Please look/listen for additional information in the Sunday Bulletins and during announcements. Thank You!

For the month of November the collection is toothbrushes individually wrapped and travel size toothpaste.

Fill the Warehouse!

(The cheapest place to shop for supplies!)

NALC Disaster Response

What's in a Flood Bucket?

Filled 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?

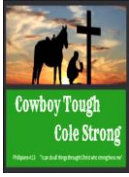
- Soap: 1 regular size bar or 2-3 travel size*
- Shampoo: 2 or 3 travel size* (or 1 small size)
- Lotion: 1 or 2 travel size*

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

- 1 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. 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)**

Our Military and their families:

- Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
- Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Fort Hood
- Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Florida
- 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 - 1st 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, Marlene Fromme, Debbie Glawson, Debbie Webb, Steve Cusack, Laura Whitson, Family of Kay Ohrt, Family of Wyatt Hassel, Pay Hays, Rachel Nessel, Beverly Bodden, Family of Kathy Rangnow



Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

God does all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him.

~Martin Luther~

Explanation to the Third Article of the Creed



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ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS



HONOR OR REMEMBER A SPECIAL PERSON IN YOUR LIFE by having a Poinsettia placed in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve, December 24. Please complete the form below, make out a check to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, and place this form and your check in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.

Please indicate the number of Poinsettias you desire and please PRINT clearly. Additional forms are available in the Narthex.

[] Poinsettia(s) (cost is \$15.00 each)

In Honor of: _____

By: _____

In Memory of: _____

By: _____

To the Glory of God by: _____

THE CHURCH OFFICE MUST RECEIVE ALL ORDERS NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, November 19, 2023

**All Poinsettias may be picked up after the
10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.*