

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
April 21, 2024**



Psalm 23:1

I shall not want.

## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**April 21, 2024**

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

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

**Reader This Week:** Kathy Dunn

**Reader Next Week:** Dwight Jander

**Acolyte This Week:** Lane Moritz

**Acolyte Next Week:** Kinley Nessel

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

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

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Wanda Hays

**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!

### 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:**

*“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”*

*LBW #535*

<sup>1</sup>Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain, Everlasting is your reign.

<sup>2</sup>Hark! The glad celestial hymn  
Angels above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: “Holy, holy, holy Lord!”

<sup>3</sup>Lo, the apostolic train Join your sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;  
And from morn to set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.

<sup>4</sup>Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you,  
Though in essence only one; Undivided God we claim you  
And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

## **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**

**C 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**

L The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

L Let us pray,

**C Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all that are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **AS WE GATHER**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is informally known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows his own and they know him. The shepherd, as opposed to the hired hand, will go to any length necessary to save his sheep. This is exactly what Jesus did when he died on the cross for the sake of those he loves. Salvation comes from one way only, through Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead.

## **FIRST READING: Acts 4:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>As {Peter and John} were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. <sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead — by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

## **RESPONSIVE READING**

### **Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

**<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**<sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. <sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

*Stand as you are able*

## GOSPEL VERSE

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-18

L The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>{Jesus said,} “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

*“Have No Fear, Little Flock”*

*LBW #476*

<sup>1</sup>**Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,  
For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom;  
Have no fear, little flock!**

<sup>2</sup>**Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock,  
For the Father will keep you In his love forever;  
Have good cheer, little flock!**

<sup>3</sup>**Praie the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,  
For he stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you;  
Praise the Lord high above!**

<sup>4</sup>**Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,  
For he stays close beside you, In all things works with you;  
Thankful hearts raise to God!**

*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.  
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:  
 Heav'n 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 ev'ryone 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**



James 1:2-3

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.”



*Have a Blessed Week!*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 4/21</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion
<b>Mon 4/22</b>	<b>Earth Day</b>	Office Closed 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 4-H Meeting in Parish Hall
<b>Tues 4/23</b>		9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
<b>Wed 4/24</b>		9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
<b>Thurs 4/25</b>		9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours
<b>Fri 4/26</b>		Office Closed
<b>Next Sun.</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship



**Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John’s.**

*Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day’s prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.*



*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*

## OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

**Sunday, April 14, 2024** General \$58.00, MOM – Huntsville Hsptly House \$335.00, Sunday School \$105.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Old Stone Church \$ 2,055.00, Building \$5,060.00 **Total: \$7,633.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 103, Sunday School - 5 Children, 3 Teachers



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A COPY OF THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER BEFORE IT EVER GOES IN THE MAIL AND SAVE MONEY AS WELL?

If so, contact the church office at [stjohnlutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnlutheran@juno.com) or by phone (361-277-8653) with your email address and we will be happy to send you The Church Bell via your email. This will save the church money spent on postage, paper, and copying. What a great stewardship idea!!!

**Mission of the Month for April**  
**Huntsville Hospitality House**

a non-profit located in Huntsville, Texas

It was built by volunteers to meet the needs of the increasing number of prison offender families that arrive without funds for lodging and food. It was the first overnight facility of its kind in Texas. Up to 64 guests can be accommodated overnight in 18 private bedrooms. Hot meals such as supper and breakfast are offered. They provide a pathway of hope beyond the shadow of crime for families of the incarcerated.

**For the month of April, the collection is FILLED FLOOD BUCKETS (see Cathie for a bucket to fill) for the warehouse in Rosenberg.**

**NALC Disaster Response**  
**What's in a Flood Bucket?**

- 1 bucket (5 gallon) with a lid – Firehouse Subs \$3.00 ea.**  
*(Check other restaurants, donut shops, school kitchens, etc.!)*
- 1 roll paper towels – Walmart 44 cents a roll**
- 1 powder cleanser – Walmart 88 cents ea.**
- 1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso) – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.**
- 1 bottle bleach – small! – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.**
- 1 pair rubber gloves – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.**
- 1 scrub brush – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.**
- 1 pair leather gloves – Home Depot 3 pk under \$6.00**
- 1 pair cotton gloves – Walmart 6 pk under \$5.00/Home Depot or Lowe's \$1.00 ea.**
- 2 contractor trash bags (3 mil) – shop around.....**
- 2 rags – Don't buy! Cut up old bath & beach towels, dish towels, wash cloths.....**

**NALC Disaster Response**

If you would like to give a monetary donation to those affected by the Texas Panhandle Fires, please send a check to the following address:

NALC Disaster Response, ATTN: Mary Bates  
16500 Noble Ave., Caldwell, OH 43724

Make sure to mark it for the Texas Panhandle Fires.

If you have any questions, see Cathie Bettge or Meliss Eckhardt.



**Service Project Committee**

A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex of the Church if you would like to be a part of our Service Project Committee. There are just a few vacant spots. Please consider how you could serve St. John Church. If you have any questions, please speak to Cathie Bettge. Thank you!



**Prayer Chain**

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex of the Church. Please sign up to renew your desire to continue on the prayer chain and/or to join the prayer chain. We need you to help us to continue to make changes through prayer in people's lives. Thank You!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Camp Lone Star

**Parents - if your child is interested in attending Camp Lone Star this summer, please contact Rachel Nessel ASAP at (361) 571-9228.**

## REGIONAL GET-TOGETHER

The Texas-Oklahoma Mission Region of the NALC invite you to their first regional get-together July 23-25, 2024 at the Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Temple, Texas.

**The DEADLINE for early bird registration is April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

The Get-Together will start with dinner on Tuesday evening and conclude with worship on Thursday morning. Your registration includes accommodations, all meals, daily worship opportunities, keynote presentations, workshops, and activities.

If you have questions, call Pastor Becky Thane @ 201-572-8073  
or email her at [BeckyThane@aol.com](mailto:BeckyThane@aol.com)

There is an email posted on the Narthex bulletin board about the speaker and workshops available. Space is limited! Register early to reserve your spot.

## Kickin It For Cows Purse and Camo Bingo Benefiting the Cole Ohrt Walk Strong Non-Profit

Bingo Date May 9, 2024 at the Friar Ag Homemaking Building

Sponsorship Form-Please see attached forms to be a Premier Sponsor this year for the Bingo-these tables will be sold first and are only on sale now. Public tables go on sale March 10<sup>th</sup>. Get premier seating, special recognition, servers, and additional perks. Don't wait these will go fast. Want to help underwrite different parts of the bingo, please see the underwriting page and return that form to us. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact the following people: Amanda Luddeke 361-648-8147; Julie Ohrt 361-550-8856; Leslie Crews 361-645-4808.

## Graduation Sunday



Graduation Sunday at St. John is on the horizon. We will be recognizing all 2024 Kinder, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, High School & College Graduates during this upcoming service. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board or email: [stjohnevlutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnevlutheran@juno.com) with your graduate's information for the bulletin or drop it by the church office.

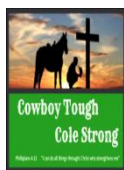
## St. John ~ Memorial Day Service

We will have a Memorial Day service on Sunday, May 26, 2024 to honor & remember all Military Men & Women. We have a running list for the bulletin that we have used the last several years. If someone has passed away in the past year, or you know of any new military personnel, please let the office know by calling or texting 361-277-8653 or by emailing us at [stjohnevlutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnevlutheran@juno.com). Thank you!



# **PRAYER REQUESTS**

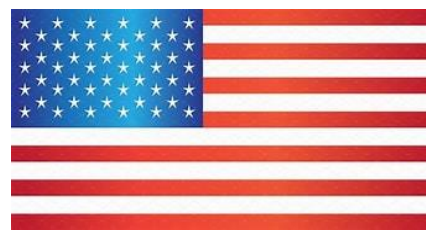
**+ UPDATE + *Special Prayers for Cole*** ❤️



**Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong:** Hello everyone. As usual I will start this post with an apology for my absence. I have no excuse other than I'm a really bad Facebooker. But I should be better for no other reason than I owe it to all of you praying for Cole to give you regular updates. Cole is doing well other than a swollen, purple big toe he recently acquired while his crazy parents drove his wheelchair into the back of the church pew (I won't mention which one of us it was). Other than that I am so happy to say Cole has been staying very healthy. This in itself is a huge blessing considering all the complications that can come with this injury. I give all the credit to the amazing care he receives from his nurses. He really has the best we could have ever asked for. Cole and I were talking the other day to one of our newer nurses about some of the benefits that have been thrown for Cole since his accident. By the time I got through telling her about the first team roping fundraiser and the big benefit at Schroeder and the bidding on Cole's Stock show heifers the year he got hurt we were both in tears. I was completely overwhelmed again by the generosity that has been shown and continues to be shown to us by family, friends, and this community. When I let myself think about it I just can't stop the tears—tears of joy, sadness, and gratefulness all at the same time. So I really don't like to cry so I rarely let myself ponder on this for too long but maybe that's selfish. So tonight as tears are freely flowing I just want to thank everyone in this amazing community again from the bottom of my heart. No words can I say to express my gratitude to each and every one of you who have helped us on this journey. We can never repay you for all you have done. The only thing we know to do is pay it forward by helping others through Cole's foundation, offering a helping hand wherever we can, or just offering our prayers for all of you when you need it. I only hope we can do half as good a job as all of you have. God bless you and keep praying for Cole's healing—it's coming. P.S. – I promise to try and be better about posting more regularly. **+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, stationed overseas (location unknown)  
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



## **PHONE PRAYER CHAIN (immediate or long term needs):**

If you have a prayer request or wish to be on the prayer chain, please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500. We ask that when placing a name on the prayer chain, you would please call back weekly with an update on the person's condition. In case of long term prayer needs, please give monthly updates. 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.

## **CHURCH PRAYER LIST:**

**Please remember these individuals in your prayers:** Hunter Jacob, Cole Ohrt, Mrs. Stiles, Ryon Preslar, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay Diebel, Steve Cusack, Virginia Abrameit, Bea Bagwell, Charlie Baros, Cindy (Randy's wife) Wendel, Fred "Sandy" Sanders, Robert Moeller, Ryler James Jacob, Jason Frederick, Billy Guenther, Pamela Allen, Glenda Henry, Dickie Bettge; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.



## **Nursing Home:**

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus

## SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

The love of God does not find but creates that in which it delights; the love of man is generated by what it delights in.

~ Martin Luther ~  
Heidelberg, 1518



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