


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
April 14, 2024**



**Lift up  
the light  
of your face  
upon us,  
O Lord!**

Psalm 4:6

**GRAVE DECORATION SUNDAY  
Church Under the Trees**

## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### GRAVE DECORATION SUNDAY

**Church Under the Trees**

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

**Greeters This Week:** Cathie & Dickie Bettge

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

**Reader This Week:** Dickie Bettge

**Reader Next Week:** Kathy Dunn

**Acolyte This Week:** Morgan Zengerle

**Acolyte Next Week:** Lane Moritz

**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



### 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.

*The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude.  
Please prepare for worship with silent meditation at this time.*

## PRELUDE

L Christ has risen from the dead.

**C God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.**

## WELCOME AND WORSHIP NOTES

## 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.

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

*“Beautiful Savior”*

**LBW #518**

<sup>1</sup>Beautiful Savior, King of Creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

<sup>2</sup>Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

<sup>3</sup>Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

<sup>4</sup>Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!

## **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** (*Spoken*)

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 mercy 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** (*Sung*)

L Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**C 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 Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.** (*Spoken*)

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **AS WE GATHER**

Themes of wonder and amazement pervade the readings for the Third Sunday of Easter. There is power in Jesus' name, as is seen through the healing of a lame beggar. The power to heal did not come from Peter and John, but from God alone. The disciples are simply instruments of God's wondrous works among the people. John reminds us in his first letter that we are all adopted into the family of God which makes us bearers of the good news of Christ and instruments of his awesome power.

## **FIRST READING: Acts 3:11-21**

<sup>11</sup>While {the lame man who had been healed} clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name — by faith in his name — has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. <sup>17</sup>And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

## **RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 4**

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!"  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup>**I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

**GOSPEL VERSE** (*Sung*)

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

L The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:36-49**

<sup>36</sup>As {the disciples} were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

L The Gospel of the Lord

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**SERMON HYMN**

***“In the Garden”***

**<sup>1</sup>I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, Falling on my ear, The song of God discloses.**

**Refrain:**

**And He walks with me, and he talks with me,  
And He tells me I am his own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.**

**<sup>2</sup>He speaks, and the sound of his voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody That he gave to me Within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]**

**<sup>3</sup>I'd stay in the garden with him Tho' the night around me be falling,  
But he bids me go; Thro' the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling. [Refrain]**

*Stand as you are able.*

P God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith together.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** I believe in one God, the Father, the 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 arose 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.

**TEMPLE TALK** - Old Stone Church Historical Committee President, M'Liss Moore

## **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**

*(All loose and non-designated offerings received today will go to the maintenance of the Old Stone Church. Thank you!)*

*Stand as you are able*

## **OFFERTORY** *(Sung)*

**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**

Each petition ends with "...Lord, in your mercy,"

The congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."

Father remember us always and teach us to pray:

**C**

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**HYMN**

***“The Old Stone Church in the Vale” (modified)***

**<sup>1</sup>There’s a church in the val-ley by the twelve mile,  
No love-li-er place in the dale;  
No spot is so dear to my child-hood  
As the old sto-ne church in the vale.**

*Chorus*

**O, come, come, come, come, come,  
To the church by the twelve mile,  
O come to the church in the dale.  
No spot is so dear to my child-hood,  
As the old sto-ne church in the vale.**

**<sup>2</sup>How sweet on a clear Sab-bath morn-ing,  
To list to the clear ringing bell;  
It’s tones so sweetly are call-ing,  
O come to the church in the vale. [*Chorus*]**

**<sup>3</sup>From the church in the valley by the twelve mile,  
When day fades away into night,  
I would fain from this spot of my child-hood,  
Wing my way to the mansions of light. [*Chorus*]**

*After the singing of the hymn, we gather around the cemetery for the Graveside Service Honoring the Deceased.*

### **GRAVESIDE SERVICE HONORING THE DECEASED**

L Let us pray. Almighty God, by the death and burial of Jesus, you have destroyed death and sanctified the graves of all saints. Keep our brothers and sisters, whose bodies are here laid to rest, in the company of all saints and, at the last day, raise them up to share with all faithful people the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**



**PSALM 23** (read responsively)

L The LORD is my shepherd;

**C I shall not want.**

L He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

**C he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

L He restoreth my soul:

**C he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

L Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

**C for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

L Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

**C thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

L Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

**C and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*“Jesus Loves Me”*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong,  
They are weak but He is strong.

**Chorus:**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

<sup>2</sup>Jesus loves me! He who died,  
Heaven's gates to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin,  
Let his little child come in. [*Chorus*]

<sup>3</sup>Jesus loves me! He will stay,  
Close beside me, all the way;  
If I love him when I die,  
He will take me home on high. [*Chorus*]

**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.**



**LOG CHURCH - 1851**

*All are invited to join us for a potluck lunch to be served immediately following the Worship service in the Parish Hall. All visitors are welcome to join us for the potluck even if you haven't brought a dish. We'll have plenty! Please stay awhile after lunch and take a stroll thru the cemetery and Old Stone Church!.*



**STONE CHURCH - 1866**

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN



John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

### Today 4/14 GRAVE DECORATION SUNDAY

8:00 a.m.	Property Team Mtg.
9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
10:15 a.m.	Worship ~ GRAVE DECORATION SUNDAY/ Church Under the Trees/ Potluck lunch after Worship
<i>After Church</i>	Parish Ed. Mtg.

Mon 4/15 *Office Closed*

Tues 4/16 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours  
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours

Wed 4/17 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours  
1:30 p.m. Quilters  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Thurs 4/18 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours  
**\*\*\*Committee Reports Due\*\***  
*Please email to Council Members & Church Office.*

Fri 4/19 *Office Closed*  
**\*\*\*Newsletter deadline.\*\*\***  
*Please have all articles to office.*

*Have a Blessed!*

### Next Sun. Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

*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 7, 2024** General \$1,892.00, MOM– Huntsville Hptly. House \$500.00, Other Mission(NALC Rosenberg Warehouse) \$20.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Old Stone Church \$20.00, SS Mission-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday \$17.00, Building \$805.00, Organ Fund \$20.00, **Total: \$3,294.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 86; Sunday School - 6 Children, 3 Teachers; Adult Study – 10

## **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 [stjohnelutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnelutheran@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!!!





## Grave Decoration Sunday & Church Under the Trees

You are invited to a potluck lunch today following the service. Those attending are asked to bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert to share. All visitors are welcome to join us for the potluck even if you haven't brought a dish. We'll have plenty! Please stay awhile after lunch and take a stroll thru the cemetery and Old Stone Church!

### 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.

### **Note From Pr. Ralph W. Reitmeyer**

Greetings to All in this Easter Season:

I have recently become aware that our Mission District Treasurer, Pr. Jan Unger, wishes to turn that role over to someone else. Jan has done yeoman's labor in this role for a number of years, especially as she has served in this role for all three mission districts in the mission region, and we are thankful for her service.

Please know that she would like to relinquish this position soon. So, if there is a qualified person in your congregation(s) who would be willing to serve in this capacity, please pass this name and contact information on to me as soon as you can.

Blessings, Pr. Ralph W. Reitmeyer, Dean,  
Southwest Texas Mission District

### **THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE FIRST-EVER CONTINENTAL YOUTH GATHERING IS APRIL 15!**

The FIRST NALC NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT will be held July 1-4, 2024 in Boerne, TX! St. John's Lutheran Church in Boerne will Host this first ever Continental Youth Gathering (CYG). This four-day gathering will provide opportunities for NALC youth to grow in faith and relationship with others as the Body of Christ. They will dig into the theme "We Belong: I Know My Own and My Own Know Me." **Along with learning and connecting through the word of God, youth will also get to participate in activities such as serving local missional needs, attending a rodeo, watching a spectacular fireworks display on July 4<sup>th</sup>, as well as a candlelit worship service. The final registration deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>, and the deadline for Leaders In Training (LITs) is March 1.** For more information visit the NALC website ([thenalc.org](http://thenalc.org)) and click on Upcoming Events

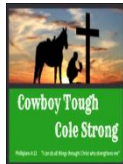
### **WITH SYMPATHY**

We express our deepest sympathy to Pastor Jonathan Mollenkopf of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Nordheim and his family for the loss of his wife, Anitta Mollenkopf on the morning of Friday, April 5, 2024. Her services will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024, in Bellville, TX.



# **PRAYER REQUESTS**

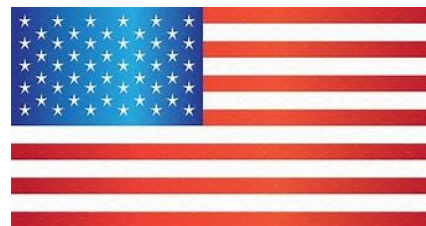
+ **UPDATE** + **Special Prayers for Cole** 



**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; 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

This is also learned from the nature of the Gospel, for the Gospel is a message and a testimony, which declares how the Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead, that he might remove sin, death and all evil from all who believe on him. If I recognize him as such a Savior, I have heard the Gospel aright, and he has in truth revealed himself to me.

- Martin Luther -  
Church Postil, 1524



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