

Memorial Day Service
May 26, 2024



Remembering those who were lost.....
Honoring those who are serving & have served.

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Memorial Day Service
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Prelude
Ringling of Church Bell
Welcome and Announcements

Welcome

Pastor John Boor

Star Spangled Banner

Sung by: Rachel Nessel

Opening Prayer

Nick Lowery

Opening Remarks

Pastor John Boor

Recognition of Veterans Killed in Action

Pastor John Boor

Randolph Goebel, United States Merchant Marines

Randolph had only served for 9 months and 23 days when he perished in a collision between two tankers on October 23, 1943. Randolph was aboard the USS Gulfland, which was carrying a full cargo of aviation gasoline to further the war efforts. Due to wartime blackout rules, both ships were running without lights. Though Randolph's body was lost at sea, a headstone stands in the St. John Ev. Lutheran Church Cemetery as a memorial to him. Randolph was 24 years old.

PFC Ellis James Haun, United States Army
383 Infantry, 96th Division

Ellis was just 20 years old when he was killed in action by enemy machine gun fire on May 10, 1945 in Okinawa Japan. He and his division were following orders to enter a village when they were fired upon. Ellis' body was buried in the 96th Division Temporary Cemetery #2 in Okinawa and his remains were later returned home to be buried in the St. John Ev. Lutheran Church Cemetery. In recognition of his sacrifice, Ellis was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously which was sent to his parents Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Haun. Besides his parents, Ellis was survived by a sister, Corine Froehlich & two brothers, Norvan & John William (all now deceased).

William Joseph Keniqseder, United States
Marine Corp, Korea 1951

Chester Robinson, United States Army, World War II

Recognition of those currently Serving

Nick Lowery

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 - 1st LT, United States Army

Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL

Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina

Zach McBrayer - U.S. Air Force, San Antonio

We will now recognize those veterans here today.

Military Recognition (*All Veterans please come to the front as your song is played*)

Message

Dan Pooley

Song

“America the Beautiful”

**O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!**

**America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!**

**O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern impassion'd stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!**

**America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!**

**O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!**

**America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness,
And ev'ry gain divine!**

**O Beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!**

**America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!**

The Peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Share the peace

Offering

Prayers

Pastor John Boor

(Each petition ends with Lord in your mercy, Please respond with Hear our prayer)

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

Closing Remarks

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.

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

We will close today with *“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”* AND *“God Bless America”*

Song

“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”

**My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside,
Let freedom ring!**

**My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.**

**Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees,
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.**

**Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.**

Song

“God Bless America”

**"While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer. "**

**God Bless America,
Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam
God bless America, My home sweet home.
God bless America, My home sweet home.**



Prayer for Veterans

“Jesus, you said, ‘There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.’ Today we pray for those men and women who have, in their military service, sacrificed their time, strength, ambition, health and even their lives on this earth to benefit ‘friends,’ known and unknown. Many of our warriors carry scars in their hearts as well as on their bodies. Dark memories haunt their dreams at night. Fears cloud their waking hours. Jesus, you came to give us abundant life by providing a way for us to release our pain to you. On the cross you bore our sorrows and brokenness and when we trust you, we can exchange our wounds for your joy in a future unhindered by fate. Bring this gift now to the veterans of our nation who bear tangible and intangible wounds. Heal them, Jesus.

Bless the families of soldiers who bear these pains vicariously. Give them patience and wisdom and strength to endure, and more than endure to hope in faith for a blessed life. God, not everything that happens in life is good. But you promise to work all things together for good to those who love you and align their lives with your purpose. Create good in the families of veterans who have experienced pain and loss. Do this miracle, we pray. We honor our veterans in your name. We thank you – as we thank them – for their sacrifice. We ask you to return to them the favor of your blessing, a gift we on our own could never offer. We ask that you would give our veterans a peace beyond the peace they fought to secure, a peace in their own hearts, wrapped in the joy of a life touched by your strong hand. In Jesus name we pray...” Amen.

VETERANS DECEASED

Lee Roy Angerstein, United States Air Force
Roy Barnes, United States Army
Harold Baecker, GySgt United States Marine Corp
Charles Beard, United States Navy, WWII
Chester Bettge, United States Air Force
Lovel A. Blain, United States Navy
Edmund Boehl, United States Army
Elroy Boehl, United States Army
Emil Boehl Sr., United States Army
Emil Boehl Jr., United States Army
John W. Caldwell III, Lt Col. United States Air Force
G.W. Cogburn, United States Navy
Robert Cogburn, United States Marine Corp
James Harold Dees, United States Army
Marion Luther Dees, United States Army
Daniel Dentler, United States Army
Delmar G. Diebel, United States Army
Fred D. Diebel, United States Army
Richard Diebel, United States Army
John Diebel, United States Army
Richard Duderstadt, United States Army
Isaac "Scratch" Egg, United States Army
Ralph Egg, United States Navy
Bobby R. Fagg, United States Army
Frank Fischer, United States Air Force
Jerry Lee Fischer, United States Navy
Charles Gohmert, United States Army
Reuben Lee Gohmert, United States Navy
William Gras, United States Army
Norvan Haun, United States Army
Vernon Hays, United States Army
Edmund Ideus, United States Army
Merton Ideus, United States Army Korea
Clifton Jacob, United States Army
Joseph Jacob, United States Army Air Corp
Dale Jacobs, United States Air Force
Nicholas Jacobs, United States Air Force
J. Gus Jank Cpl., United States Army
Albert Kueker, United States Marine Corp
Leonard Malina, United States Army Air Corp

VETERANS DECEASED

William Mayfield, United States Army
Clarence "Sonny" Meyer, United States Army
Delbert Moeller, United States Navy
Edward L. Moeller, United States Navy
Charlie Moore, United States Air Force
Charles O. Moore, Jr., United States Air Force
Alton Moritz, United States Army
Adolf Motal, United States Army
F/O Elden W. Mueller, United States Army Air Corp
Jimmie L. Muska, United States Army,
WWII Pacific Theater
Edwin N. Nagel, United States Navy
Leon Nagel, United States Army
LCPL Doyle Van Nethery, United States Marine Corp
Kenneth Newman, United States Army
Cotton Ohrt, United States Army
BSGT Arthur Otto, United States National Guard
John Otto, United States Army
Elroy Peters, United States Army WWII Germany, Purple Heart
William Steven Poage, United States Navy
Alfred Rangnow, United States Army
Otto Rangnow, United States Army WWII
Elmer C. Reinecke, United States Army
Milton L. Sievers, United States Army
Herbert Spinks, United States Army
Alfred David Stevens, United States Army
Richard David Stevens, United States Air Force
Charles M. Talley, United States Air Force
Ruben John Thamm, United States Army WWII India
Olen W. Turley, United States Air Force
Nicholas Wagner, United States Army
Henry F. Wauson, United States Army
Clarence P.W. Weise, United States Army
Lewis Wendel, United States Army
SGT Gottlieb R. Wilke, United States Army Air Corp
Martin L. Wolter, United States Army

*Remembering those
who paid for our
freedom.*



VETERANS

Archie Abrameit, United States Army
Todd Arnold, United States Army
Charles Baros, United States Marine Corp
Robert Blain, United States National Guard
Pastor John Boor, United States Air Force
Judy Caldwell, United States Army Nurse Corp
SGT Elmo Coffey, United States Army
Denis Cogburn, United States Army
Jennifer Cornett, United States Air Force
Glen Diebel, United States Army
Blake Dunn, United States Marine Corp
Charles Egg, United States Army National Guard
Jeremy T. Egg, United States Air Force
Matthew Egg, United States Air Force
Ryan C. Egg, United States Air Force
Timothy Egg, United States Air Force
Rick Garrett, United States Air Force
Glenn R. Gisler, United States Navy
Allen D. Jank, United States Army
Gary Moeller, United States Navy
Robert Moeller, United States Air Force
Linda M. Moore, United States Air Force
Kernell Moritz, United States Marine Corp
William "Sandy" Motley, United States Navy
Dennis Nagel, United States Army Reserves
Donald C. Nagel, United States Navy
Rodney Nagel, United States Navy
Wilburn Oehlke, United States Army
Dean Ohrt, United States Army National Guard
John Otto, United States Marine Corp
Col. Michael Petrash, United States Army
Duane Preiss, United States Marine Corp
Lee Preiss, United States Air Force
Preston Preiss, United States Air Force
James Rabe, United States Air Force
Jacob Redmond, United States Marine Corp
Billy Roeske, United States Army
John Swannack Capt., United States Army
Kenneth Swannack Capt., United States Marine Corp
James Turley Sr., United States Air Force
John Wilkerson Master Sgt., United States Air Force
Jeffrey D. Zengerle, United States Army
Robert W. Zengerle, United States Navy



ACTIVE DUTY

Jonathon Albrecht, United States Army, Kentucky

Russell Copeland, United States Army Reserves

Lee Magruder, United States Army

Koltyn Mayhall, United States Marine Corp

Zach McBrayer, United States Air Force

Katrina Moritz, United States Air Force

Michael Petrash II, United States Army

Chase Schroeder, United States Navy

Andrew Washington, United States Marine Corp

Travis Zavesky, United States Army





1 Kings 8:57

“May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our ancestors; may he never leave us nor forsake us.”



Have a Blessed Week!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 5/26	Trinity Sunday 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Adult Study Worship ~ <i>Memorial Day Service</i>
Mon 5/27	Office Closed ~ Memorial Day (Election setup in Parish Hall)	
Tues 5/28	9:00 a.m. - 12:00p.m. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pastor’s Office Hours Office Hours Runoff Elections in Parish Hall Council Meeting in Parsonage
Wed 5/29	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	Office Hours Quilters (Election removal of equipment in Parish Hall)
Thurs 5/30	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Office Hours Pastor’s Office Hours
Fri 5/31	Office Closed	
Sun 6/2	Second Sunday after Pentecost <i>Sunday School is out for the summer!</i> 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship with 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.

Sunday, May 19, 2024 General \$6,270.00, MOM- Christian Warrior’s Retreat \$150.00, Youth \$15.00, Building \$360.00, Camal House \$150.00 **Total: \$6,945.00**

Attendance: Worship – 140; Sunday School - 5 Children, 3 Teachers; 13 - Adults



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

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 stjohnevlutheran@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 May

Christian's Warriors Retreat

What is Christian Warriors Retreat?

Christian Warriors Retreat (CWR) is a Christian organization committed to serving our veterans, first responders, and their loving families. Our bi-annual retreats are currently held at the beautiful El Shaddai Ranch in Yorktown, Texas. Each of our four-day retreats starts on a Thursday night and ends on a Sunday afternoon. At each retreat, veterans and first responders are invited to stay onsite completely free of charge. Their lodging, meals, and snacks are provided for through the donation of our amazing financial supporters. Leaders and volunteers at CWR serve each guest with honor and attendees are integrated into CWR's family through live music and worship, powerful guest speakers, and small group gatherings designed to serve those who serve with the love and grace of God. Our organization has plans to launch CWR retreats in new locations throughout our nation.

**For the month of May, the collection for the Rosenberg warehouse is
straw brooms & string mops.**

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.....

If anyone would like to acolyte on a Sunday morning, please let Pastor know or the office so we can include your name in the bulletin. There will also be a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board.



What a way to praise our Lord, serve at church, and have volunteer credit on future applications (job & college)!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Council Meeting, May 28th, 2024

On May 27th thru May 29th, we will be hosting the Primary Run-off Election in the Parish Hall. Due to this event, Council will be holding their meeting in the Parsonage on Tuesday, May 28th, 2024.

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor John will be on vacation Sunday, June 2, 2024 to Sunday, June 9, 2024.

Johnny Paul Jank & Johnna Picard will be doing the service.

We pray that he will have a relaxing and enjoyable time and come back refreshed.

We also pray for his safe travels and safe return.

Graduation Sunday



Graduation Sunday at St. John will be celebrated on Sunday, June 2, 2024. We will be recognizing all 2024 Kinder, 8th grade, High School & College Graduates during this time. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board or email: stjohnelutheran@juno.com with your graduate's information for the bulletin or drop it by the church office.

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 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

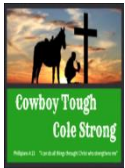
There is an email posted on the Narthex bulletin board about the speaker and workshops available.

Space is limited! Register early to reserve your spot.

PRAYER REQUESTS

+ UPDATE + *Special Prayers for Cole* ❤️

Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong: Hello everyone! Hope you are all doing well. Cole back up and walking again on his machine after laying off for six weeks with a broken big toe. He's been staying busy getting ready for one of his favorite events of the year—the Cole Ohrt Walk Strong Camo and Purse Bingo. He takes pride in shopping for all the men's gifts and he's known for picking some really nice stuff! I'm so proud of him for getting so involved in helping with this huge fundraiser. He truly enjoys watching his foundation help others in the community. We've all heard it said God will bring good out of any trial or tribulation but this is the first time I've ever experienced it personally. If you've ever been to this event, you've seen how God is doing exactly that on a grand scale! Before I close, I would like to ask for special prayers for three beautiful friends who are battling cancer right now. Erica was my college roommate and close friend and is fighting brain cancer. Judith is fighting colon cancer, and Ross, a missionary we met in China is fighting esophageal cancer. They are all in need of your prayers and Cole has the best prayer warriors in the world so I'm asking all of you. Thank you and God Bless. **+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)

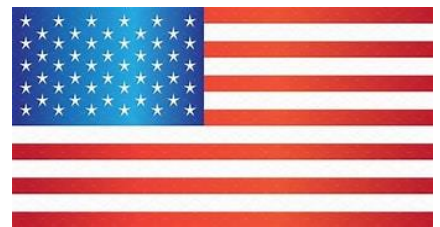
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PHONE PRAYER CHAIN (immediate or long term needs):

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, Billy Guenther, Pamela Allen; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



SUNDAY SCHOOL & VBS NEWS

Today was the last day of Sunday School as we take a summer break, however get ready for Vacation Bible School July 29 – August 2nd! Registration is now open with packets available in the Narthex and Parish Hall. The same information will also be mailed out this coming week.

SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

The Scriptures gradually and beautifully lead us to Christ; first revealing him to us as a man, then as the lord of all creatures, and finally as God. Thus we are successfully led to the true knowledge of God.

- Martin Luther -

Sermon for Trinity Sunday, Church Postil, 1522



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