

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
June 2, 2024**



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Second Sunday after Pentecost
Graduation Sunday
June 2, 2024**

Greeters This Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Greeters Next Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Reader This Week: Kathy Dunn

Reader Next Week: Cathie Bettge

Acolyte This Week: Volunteer Needed

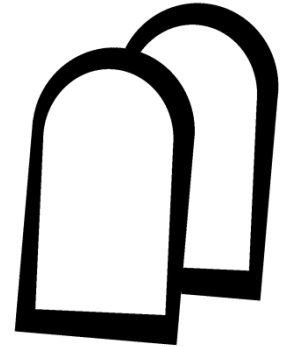
Acolyte Next Week: Volunteer Needed

Altar Guild This Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Altar Guild Next Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

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!

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

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN:

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

LBW #294

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

Refrain:

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

**²When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In ev’ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. *[Refrain]***

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

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

GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their 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

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 the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray,

C Work in us a perpetual reverence and love for you, O Lord, for we know that those who come to love your ways are never disappointed in the path on which you are guide. 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

AS WE GATHER

The Sabbath day was meant to be a gift. As God rested from six days of labor creating all that exists out of nothing, so God's children were commanded to rest and be in communion with the Creator on the seventh day. Taken the principle to its extreme, the Pharisees in Jesus' day criticized the disciples of Christ for plucking grain on the Sabbath. But Jesus corrected them, saying the Sabbath was made for humanity.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹²{Moses said to the Israelites,} “Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 81: 1-10

¹Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

²Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the merry harp, and the lyre.

³Blow the ram's horn at the new moon, and at the full moon, the day of our feast.

⁴For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.

⁵He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, when he came out of the land of Egypt.

**⁶I heard an unfamiliar voice saying, “I eased his shoulder from the burden;
his hands were set free from bearing the load.”**

⁷You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

⁸Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

⁹There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god.

**¹⁰I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,
“Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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: Mark 2:23-28[3:1-6]

L The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 2nd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²³One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: ²⁶how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" ²⁷And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

[¹Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ²And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." ⁴And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him."]

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

MESSAGE

Johnna Picard

SERMON HYMN:

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

WOV #767

Refrain:

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

**¹Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny winds. *[Refrain]***

**²The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. *[Refrain]***

**³The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them ev'ry one. *[Refrain]***

**⁴God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *[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.**

SHARING THE PEACE

L The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

L Let us share the peace.

Please be seated

OFFERING *(Please use the yellow envelopes for cash offerings & include your name.)*

Stand as you are able

OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.**

L 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.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen

HYMN:

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

LBW #527

**¹All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice with us and sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam
And silver moon with softer gleam:
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**³O flowing waters, pure and clear,
Make music for your Lord to hear.
Oh,...praise him! Alleluia!
O fire so masterful and bright,
Providing us with warmth and light,
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**⁵O ev'ryone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and lay on him your care.
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**⁷Let all things their Creator bless
And worship God in humbleness.
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**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



Psalm 118:24

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 6/02 **Second Sunday after Pentecost**
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
10:15 a.m. Worship

Mon 6/03 *Office Closed*

Tues 6/04 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours

Wed 6/05 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
1:30 p.m. Quilters

Thurs 6/06 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours

Fri 6/07 *Office Closed*

Next Sun. Third Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
10:15 a.m. Worship

Have a Blessed Week!



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 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

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Sunday, May 26, 2024 General \$1,571.00, MOM – Christian Warrior's Retreat \$845.00, Sunday School \$121.00, Building \$60.00, VBS \$150.00 **Total: \$2,747.00**

Attendance: Worship – 71; Sunday School - 4 Children, 3 Teachers; Adult Study - 13

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 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 June
Eight Days of Hope

Jesus Christ is central to everything this group does.

As an organization, they strive to embody faith, hope, service, integrity, and unity through every deployment, rebuilding effort, safe house built, and warm meal provided.

In 2023 their latest endeavor began in the state of Ohio where with the support of the local community they are constructing a refuge dedicated to serving girls, ages 14 to 18, who are rescued from human trafficking. They are hoping Phase 1 of SAFE HARBOR OHIO will be able to open its doors in 2024.

For the month of June, adult and children's bibles.

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.....**

Congratulations to Our Graduates!



MacKenna Diebel graduated from Cuero High School and is the granddaughter of Meri & Clifford Diebel. Her Mom is Lindsey Diebel. She plans on going to Wharton Community Junior College.

Cody Rangnow graduated from Cuero High School and is the son of Toi & Buck Rangnow. He plans on working for the family water well business, Rangnow Water Well Service, LLC.

Scott Wendel Motley graduated from Victoria West High School and is the son of Vicki & William Motley. He plans on attending Victoria College and major in computer science.

Luke Moritz, son of Neal & Lenzi Moritz, has graduated from 8th grade at Cuero Jr. High and will be moving on to Cuero High School.

Shelby Newman, daughter of Sara & Kyle Newman, has graduated from 8th grade at Cuero Jr. High and will be moving on to Cuero High School.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pastor on Vacation

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

Thank you Johnny Paul Jank & Johnna Picard for doing the service today.

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.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held July 29-August 2 from 8:30-noon.

We have purchased a curriculum with the Scuba theme.

Registration is now open with packets available in the Narthex and Parish Hall.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School will be taking a summer break! Rally Sunday/Backpack Blessing will be August 11 and this will be the start of our 2024-2025 Sunday School program.

Public Event – all are invited to attend this fundraiser!

Meyersville Country Club ~ Summer Kickoff

Saturday, June 8, 2024 starting at 4:00 pm

Food served from 5:00-8:30 consists of Burger Combo \$10 or Hot Dog Combo \$6

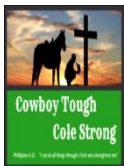
Come join us for food, fun and festivities!!

50/50 Raffle Concession Stand Silent Auction Corn Hole Swimming Sno-Cones

PRAYER REQUESTS

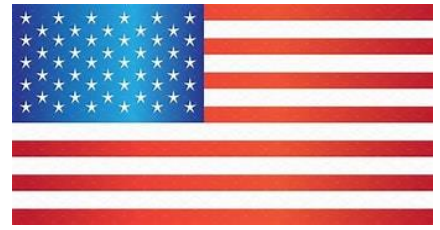
+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole ❤️

Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong: Hello everyone! Updating some after the amazing fundraiser for the Cole Ohrt Walk Strong Foundation. It was another sold out event with the building packed with wonderful supporters of this cause. As always, it was humbling to see that many people come out and support something so special to mine and Cole's hearts. I am so thankful to everyone who sponsored our event this year and to all who donated prizes, money, or just their time to help make this night such a huge success. We appreciate each and every one of you. Also a big thank you to all who came that night- we hope to see you again next year! If you truly want to see God's love and generosity first hand you need to come to this event. For me it is the most humbling and awesome experience I've ever been blessed to be a part of! 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)
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



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

SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise his Word and the preaching of it, but acknowledge it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it.

~ Martin Luther ~

Explanation to the Third Commandment Small Catechism



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