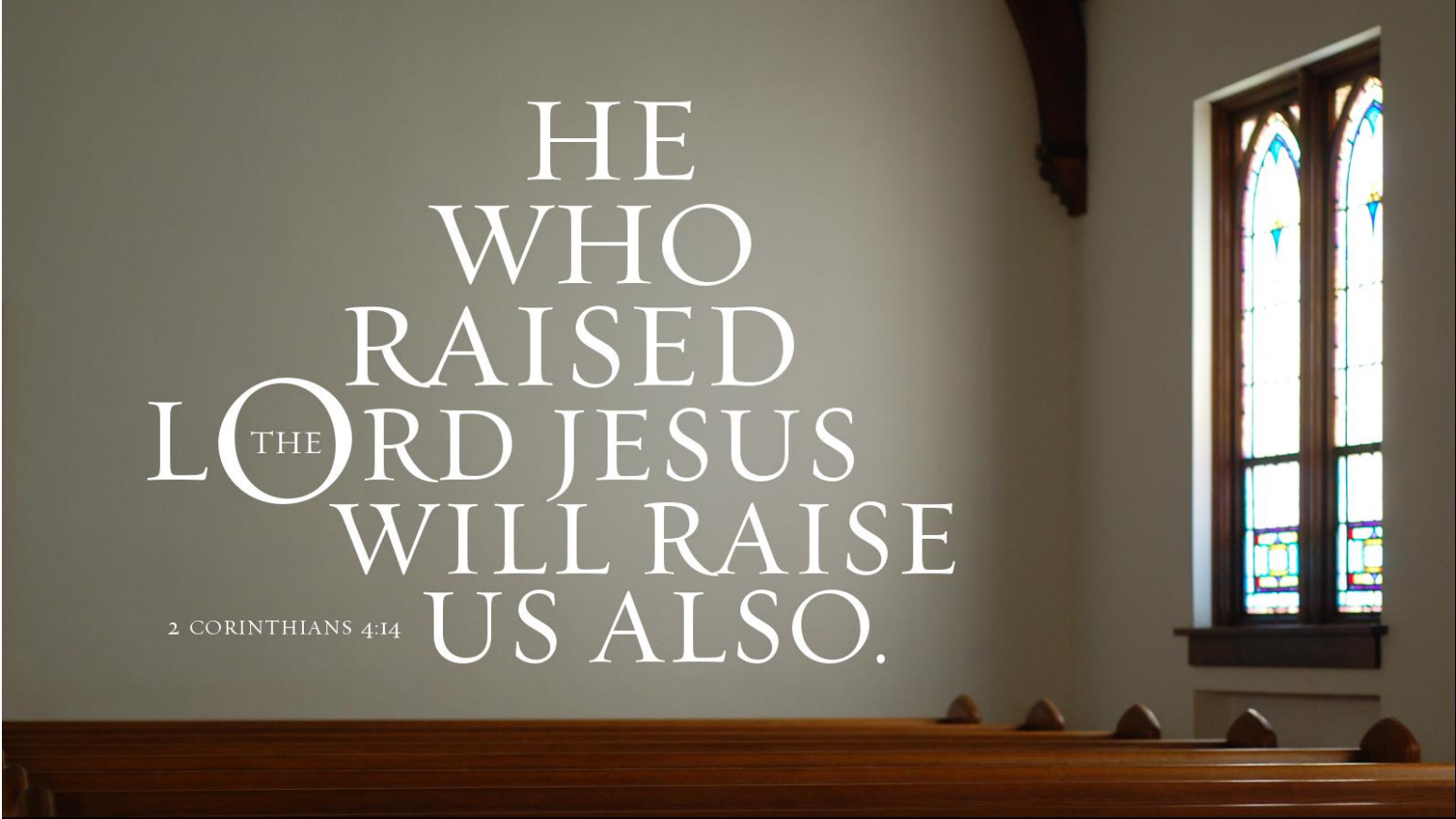


St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
June 9, 2024



HE
WHO
RAISED
THE LORD JESUS
WILL RAISE
US ALSO.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:14

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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2024

Greeters This Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Greeters Next Week: Marv & Norrean Sager

Reader This Week: Cathie Bettge

Reader Next Week: Dwight Jander

Acolyte This Week: Kaleigh Newman

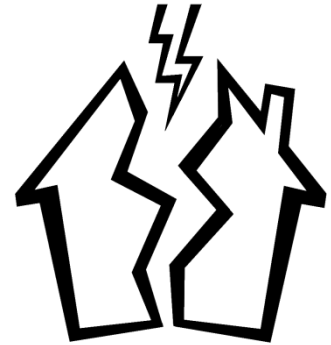
Acolyte Next Week: Volunteer Needed

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:

“I Love to Tell the Story”

LBW #390

**¹I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and this glory, Of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, Because I know it’s true;
It satisfies my longings As nothing else would do.**

Refrain:

**I love to tell the story; I’ll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love**

**²I love to tell the story: How pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, For some have never heard
The message of salvation From God’s own holy Word. [Refrain]**

**³I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I’ll sing the old, old story That I have loved so long. [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

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray,

C O God, you are the protector of all who trust in you, and beside you, nothing is strong or holy. Multiply your mercy and guide us that while using the good things of this fleeting life, we do not lose hold of the things that endure forever. 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 reality of sin is something that we simply cannot escape. Evil is present in the world, and it has a terrible impact. St. Paul called sin the “old Adam,” and Luther understood it as a struggle that only ends at the grave. Behind all sin is the deep need to be in control of our own lives, choices, and actions. We recognize and appreciate God’s power over us when we fear, love, and trust God above all else.

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15

⁸{The man and his wife} heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

²**If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, O LORD, who could stand?**

³For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.

⁴**I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.**

⁵My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

⁶**O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy;**

⁷With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

¹For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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 3:20-35

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

²⁰{Jesus} went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that {Jesus and the apostles} could not even eat.
²¹And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”
²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” ²³And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.
²⁸Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter,
²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” —
³⁰for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.” ³¹And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³²And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” ³³And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

MESSAGE

Johnny Paul Jank

SERMON HYMN:

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

LBW #400

¹**God, whose almighty word Chaos and darkness heard
And took their flight: Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel day Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!**

²**Lord, who once came to bring, On your redeeming wing,
Healing and sight, Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind: Oh, now to humankind
Let there be light!**

**³Spirit of truth and love, Life-giving holy dove,
Speed forth your flight; Move on the water's face
Bearing the lamp of grace, And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!**

**⁴Holy and blessed three, Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, love, might! Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride, Through the earth, far and wide,
Let there be light!**

Stand as you are able.

Let us confess our faith through the Apostles' Creed.

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.**

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

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

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:

"This Is Amazing Grace"

Phil Wickham

**Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings**

**Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings**

**This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross**

**You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me**

**Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of glory, the King above all kings**

**This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross**

**You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me**

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Worthy, worthy, worthy

This is amazing grace

This is unfailing love

That You would take my place

That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life

That I would be set free

Oh, Jesus, I sing for

All that You've done for me

All that You've done for me

Songwriters: Phil Wickham, Lecrae Moore, Jeremy Riddle, Joshua Neil Farro. For non-commercial use only.

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: 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.”

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

- Today 6/09 Third Sunday after Pentecost**
 9:00 a.m. Adult Study
 10:15 a.m. Worship
- Mon 6/10 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours**
- Tues 6/11 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours**
Office Closed
- Wed 6/12 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours**
 10:00 a.m. Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor
 12:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study
 1:30 p.m. Quilters
- Thurs 6/13 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours**
 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Office Hours
- Fri 6/14 Office Closed**

Have a Blessed Week!

- Next Sun. Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
Happy Father’s Day!!!
 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, June 2, 2024 General \$2,100.00, MOM– Eight Days of Hope \$890.00, Sunday School Mission \$100.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Old Stone Church \$30.00, Building \$455.00, Organ \$20.00

Total: \$3,615.00

Attendance: Worship – 85, Adult Study - 12

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, the collection for the Rosenberg warehouse is 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.....

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meyersville Firemans Association

The Meyersville Firemans Association will be holding their annual meeting and supper on Tuesday, June 18th beginning at 7:00 P.M. at the Meyersville Fire Station. A sausage supper will be served. Please bring a side dish. Annual dues are \$20.00

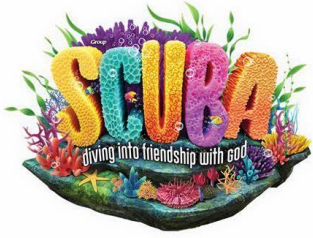
REGIONAL GET-TOGETHER

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

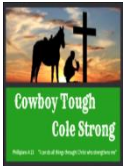
Vacation Bible School will be held July 29-August 2 from 8:30-noon.

We have purchased a curriculum with the Scuba theme.

More information to come as we draw closer to the date.

PRAYER REQUESTS

+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole ❤️



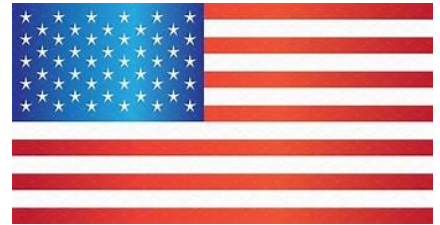
Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong: Hello everyone! An update after the amazing fundraiser for the Cole Ohrt Walk Strong Foundation: It was another sold out event with the building packed with wonderful supporters of this cause. As always, it was humbling to see that many people come out and 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, 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

Thus must the Church of Christ continually engage in the work of expelling the devil. Her warfare with the wicked old serpent, who shows his fangs with a bitter determination to establish his dominion, is a perpetual one.

- Martin Luther -
Church Postil, Sermon on Luke 11:14-28



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