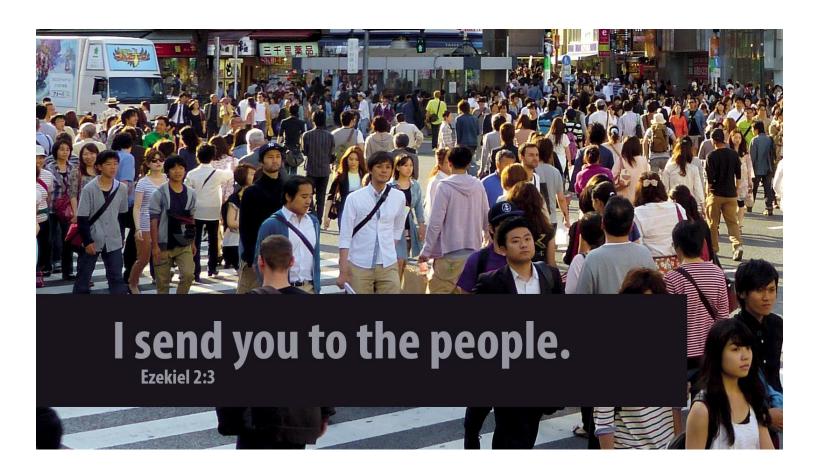
# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, Texas July 7, 2024



# ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 7, 2024

Greeters This Week: The Hays Family Greeters Next Week: Beverly Bodden Reader This Week: Wanda Hays Reader Next Week: Neal Moritz Acolyte This Week: Volunteer Needed Acolyte Next Week: Volunteer Needed

**Altar Guild This Month**: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden **Altar Guild Next Month**: Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

**Communion Assistant This Month**: Obert Sagebiel **Communion Assistant Next Month**: Brian Wendel

**Busy Bags** are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.



# **MISSION STATEMENT**

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

# **Worship Notes Regarding Today's Service:**

For those of you who would prefer to remain in your cars, we will continue to broadcast the service on FM 101.5. You can follow the service in the bulletin as the liturgy, the organ music, hymns with the lyrics by our song leaders, and Pastor John's message will be on the broadcast. Thank you!

# **HOLY COMMUNION**

You are invited to commune with us if, as a baptized Christian, you believe that you are a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness; that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Sacrament; that this is more than a symbolic act, but a way God proclaims forgiveness to us who are repentant.

May your participation increase your faith and strengthen your love for God and one another.

(For those attending, please fill out a tan communion card.)

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

# PRELUDE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand as you are able

#### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L In the name of the Father, and of the \(\mathbb{H}\) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### C Amen

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for Reflection and Meditation

- L Most merciful God,
- C We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- L Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ♣ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# **OPENING HYMN:**

# "Forgiven"

Crowder

I'm the one who held the nail It was cold between my fingertips I've hidden in the garden I've denied You with my very lips

God, I fall down to my knees With a hammer in my hand You look at me, arms open

Forgiven, forgiven
Child there is freedom from all of it
Say goodbye to every sin
You are forgiven

I've done things I wish I hadn't done I've seen things I wish I hadn't seen Just the thought of Your amazing grace And I cry, "Jesus, forgive me!"

God, I fall down to my knees With a hammer in my hand You look at me, arms open

Forgiven, forgiven
Child there is freedom from all of it
Say goodbye to every sin
You are forgiven

I could've been six feet under
I could've been lost forever
Yeah I should be in that fire
But now there's fire inside of me
Here I am a dead man walking
No grave gonna hold God's people
All the weight of all our evil
Lifted away forever free
Who could believe, who could believe?

Forgiven, forgiven
You love me even when I don't deserve it
Forgiven, I'm Forgiven
Jesus Your blood makes me innocent
So I will say goodbye to every sin
I am forgiven
I am forgiven

Songwriters: Chris Tomlin / Daniel Carson / Ed Cash / Jesse Reeves

CCLI#6423944

#### 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.** 

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

# "Jesus Messiah"

**Chris Tomlin** 

He became sin, who knew no sin That we might become His righteousness He humbled himself and carried the cross Love so amazing, love so amazing

Jesus Messiah, name above all names Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, his blood the wine Broken and poured out all for love The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn Love so amazing, love so amazing, yeah Jesus Messiah, name above all names Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You All the glory to You, God, the light of the world

Jesus Messiah, name above all names Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all You're the Lord of all The Lord of all

Songwriters: Chris Tomlin / Daniel Carson / Ed Cash / Jesse Reeves

CCLI#5183443

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

L Let us pray,

C O God, you never undermine your purpose, as you perfectly provide for all that you create. Remove from our way all that is harmful and give us what will profit that we may share in your invincible grace; 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

# **LESSON: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that this man was caught up into paradise — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows — <sup>4</sup>and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses — <sup>6</sup>though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup>So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Well, I've been turned 'round But I've never been lost Seen the water get troubled But we walked across When my knees were shaking You held my hand **Turning my problems** To a promised land Lead on, Good Shepherd I'll follow all my days There ain't nothing sweeter Than to watch You make a way You've walked me through the valley But You never steered me wrong So lead on good shepherd Lead on Seen some mighty deep canyons That You brought me through Seen some mighty big mountains That just up and moved Glory, glory hallelujah Yeah, that's my song Walking with my Father Into the great unknown Lead on, good shepherd I'll follow all my days There ain't nothing sweeter Than to watch You make a way You've walked me through the valley But You never steered me wrong So lead on, good shepherd Lead on Step by step, day by day Lead me on, Lord I pray Road gets dark, walk by faith Lead on, good shepherd Step by step, day by day Lead me on, Lord I pray Road gets dark, walk by faith Lead on Good Shepherd Lead on, good shepherd I'll follow all my days There ain't nothing sweeter Than to watch You make a way You've walked me through the valley

But You never steered me wrong So lead on, good shepherd Lead on Step by step, day by day Lead me on, Lord I pray Road gets dark, walk by faith Lead on, Good Shepherd Step by step, day by day Lead me on, Lord I pray Road gets dark, walk by faith Lead on, Good Shepherd Lead on

Songwriters: Frankie Orella / Patrick Mayberry / Paul Duncan CCLI#7209206

### **GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:1-13**

L The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter. **C Glory to you, O Lord.** (Spoken)

<sup>1</sup>{Jesus} went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup>And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff — no bread, no bag, no money in their belts — <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup>And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (Spoken)

Please be seated

MESSAGE Pastor John

Lord I come, I confess Bowing here, I find my rest Without You, I fall apart You're the one that guides my heart Lord, I need You, oh, I need You Every hour, I need You My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are And where You are, Lord, I am free Holiness is Christ in me Lord, I need You, oh, I need You Every hour, I need You My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You Jesus, You're my hope and stay Lord, I need You, oh, I need You Every hour, I need You My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You You're my one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You

Songwriters: Matt Maher / Daniel Carson / Jesse Reeves / Kristian Paul Stanfill / Christy L. Nockels

CCLI#5925687

# 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**

# "Come to the Table"

# **Sidewalk Prophets**

We all start on the outside The outside looking in This is where grace begins We were hungry we were thirsty With nothing left to give Oh the shape that we were in Just when all hope seemed lost Love opened the door for us He said come to the table Come join the sinners who have been redeemed Take your place beside the Savior Sit down and be set free Come to the table Come meet this mightly crew of misfits These liars and these thieves There's no one unwelcome here That sin and shame that you brought with you You can leave it at the door And let mercy draw you near So, come to the table Come join the sinners who have been redeemed Take your place beside the Savior

Sit down and be set free

Come to the table

Come to the table

To the thief and to the doubter

To the hero and the coward

To the prisoner and the soldier

To the young and to the older

All who hunger all who thirst

All the last and all the first

All the paupers and the princess

All who fail, you've been forgiven

All who dream and all who suffer

All who loved and lost another

All the chained and all the free

All who follow all who lead

Anyone who's been let down

All the lost you have been found

All who have been labeled right or wrong

To everyone who hears this song

Oh

Come to the table

Come join the sinners you have been redeemed

Take your place beside the Savior

Sit down and be set free

Oh

Sit down and be set free

Come to the table

Come to the table

Sit down and be set free

Come to the table

Songwriters: Ben Mcdonald / Ben Glover / Dave Frey

CCLI#7036352

- L Let us pray.
- L Merciful Father,
- C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- L The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- L Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

- L It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
- C Holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
  Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
  Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
  Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
  Hosanna in the highest.
- L Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
  In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
  We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
  Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- L In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
  Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
  Do this for the remembrance of me.
  Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
  This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
  Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

- L Come for the Lord's Table is ready.
- C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

# **HOLY COMMUNION** (For those attending, please fill out a tan communion card.)

- L May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen

#### **POST COMMUNION**

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

# Let us pray;

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **BENEDICTION**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

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

May the Lord look upon you with favor and # give you peace. Amen.

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

# CLOSING PRAISE FOR OUR COUNTRY

# "MY AMERICA"

**Danny Gokey** 

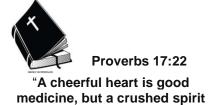
I hear them say, "Our country's far too gone"
Even claim, "Our fathers got it wrong"
But I won't give up on us, and I'll take a stand
'Cause we can overcome, this is not the end
I still believe in us, oh, America
You're still the land I love, though a little bruised up
Stars and Stripes still cry liberty
Over evil over tyranny
Blood poured out for our freedom
They sacrificed it all for this nation
I still believe in us, my America
Our history is full of bravery
Heroes fought for our equality
Now is the time to make peace and forgive our faults
Because united we stand or divided we will fall

I still believe in us, my America You're still the land I love, though a little bruised up Stars and Stripes still cry liberty Over evil, over tyranny Blood poured out for our freedom Sacrificed it all for this nation I still believe in us America, America God shed His grace on thee And crowned thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea I'll always believe in us, my America This is the land I love, but we gotta heal up Lady Liberty will always be a sign of hope unto the refugee The immigrant can find escape from oppression to a better place I still believe in us I still believe in us I still believe in us My America

Songwriter: Danny Gokey

POSTLUDE: "God Bless the USA" Lee Greenwood

**Our America** 



dries up the bones."

Have a Blessed Week!

# THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 7/07 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study

10:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship

with Communion

Mon 7/08 Office Closed

**Tues 7/09** 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Wed 7/10** 9:00 a.m.-1:00 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 7/11** 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours

1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

Fri 7/12 Office Closed

Next Sun. Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting

 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School

 9:00 a.m.
 Adult Study

 10:15 a.m.
 Worship

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

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



Office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. If you would need immediate assistance outside of office hours, text or call Meliss at 361-649-0413. If you'd like to receive your monthly church newsletter via email, call or text the church office at 361-277-8653

# **OFFERING & ATTENDANCE**

<u>Sunday, June 30, 2024</u> General \$1,925.00, MOM – Eight Days of Hope \$320.00, Camal House \$50.00, Sunday School \$5.00, Building \$610.00, Rosenberg Warehouse \$100.00, Huntsville Hospitality House \$100.00,

Total: \$3,110.00

**Attendance:** Worship – 70; Sunday School - 1 Child, 1 Teacher; 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 <a href="mailto:stjohnevlutheran@juno.com">stjohnevlutheran@juno.com</a> or by phone (361-277-8653) with your email address and we will be happy to send you <a href="mailto:The Church Bell">The Church Bell</a> 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 July Water Missions



The Water Missions provides safe water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions in developing countries and areas that have experienced a disaster along with sharing the Living Water message of Jesus Christ. For one person it only takes \$50, for 2--\$100, for 3--\$150, for a family of 5--\$250, and a small church (20 people)--\$1000. Access to safe water changes lives by building health and hope. It creates educational and economic opportunities that break the cycle of poverty.

For the month of July, the collection for the Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse is leaf rakes and short handled wide shovels.

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......

# We Are Still Looking for Acolytes for the Summer



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 is 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**



# **Sunday School**

Sunday School will begin again on Sunday, June 30, 2024 and run through August 4, 2024 with a special youth Summer Sunday School – Miracles of Jesus from 9 to 10 a.m. We'd love to see all the children at 9:00 a.m. starting next Sunday, June 30, 2024.



# **Organ Assistant Needed**

We are in need of someone to run the organ when Bruce is out. Bruce will teach you how to push the appropriate buttons at the appropriate time. All we need is someone willing to give this a try. Maybe that person is you!



#### Vacation Bible School

Register now! Vacation Bible School will be held **July 29-August 2 from 8:30-Noon.** 

Dive into an amazing undersea adventure to experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!

Children 3-12 welcome. Youth entering 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to volunteer as camp counselors.

Our goal is to reach as many children as we can. We've exceeded our initial attendance goal and have opened up more space so we can continue to accept registrations. With the high number of registrations already, we are needing more help to run the camp. Youth or adult volunteers are greatly needed. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Rachel Nessel or Johnna Picard as soon as possible.

# Join us Online in August!

August 9, 2024 from 6-9 p.m. ET

Join us online Friday, August 9, from 6-9 p.m. ET to hear from Bishop Dan Selbo, participate in elections and voting, and hear updates from across the NALC.

It is easier than ever to attend the **2024 NALC Mission Convocation**. With no need to travel, and minimal registration costs, we encourage all pastors and delegates to attend. All members of your congregation are invited to join in on the livestream as well!

Go to www.lutheranweek.com and select the Register Now tab.

Clergy delegate registration fee: \$25; Lay delegate registration fee: \$25;

Visitor registration fee: \$0

Registration closes Friday, August 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. ET Note: You will need ZOOM

# **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)
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force
Michael Petrash II - 1<sup>st</sup> LT, United States Army
Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina
Zach McBrayer - 1<sup>st</sup> LT, U.S. Air Force, Germany



# 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, Ronnie Moeller, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Cheryl Bramlette, Dean Ohrt; 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**

Humility is so tender and so precious that it cannot bear to look at its own face.

~ Martin Luther ~ Exposition on Luke 1:48

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