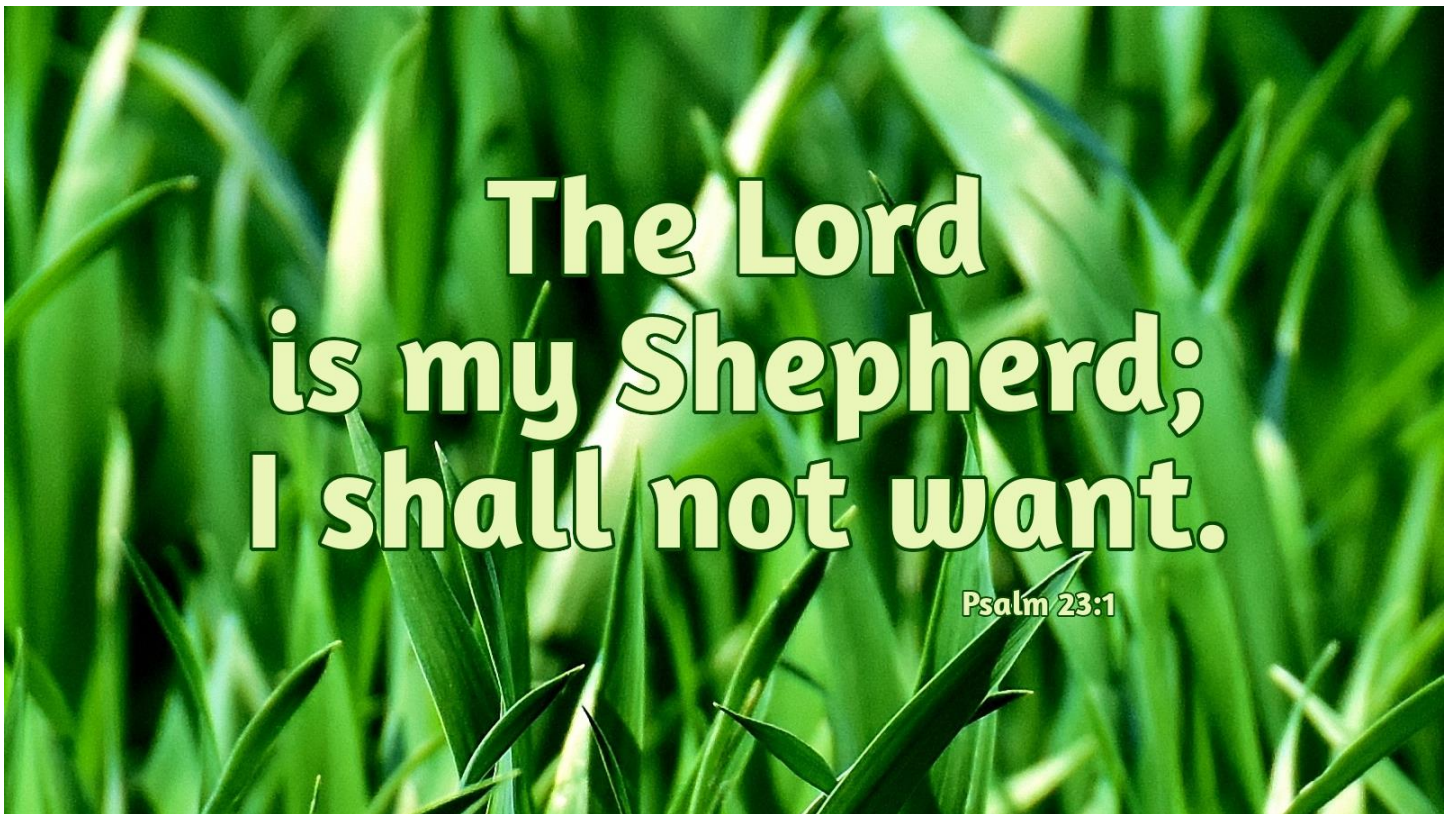


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
July 21, 2024**



**The Lord  
is my Shepherd;  
I shall not want.**

**Psalm 23:1**

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## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, July 21, 2024**

**Greeters This Week:** Marv & Norrean Sager

**Greeters Next Week:** Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

**Reader This Week:** Cathie Bettge

**Reader Next Week:** Kathy Dunn

**Acolyte This Week:** Volunteer Needed

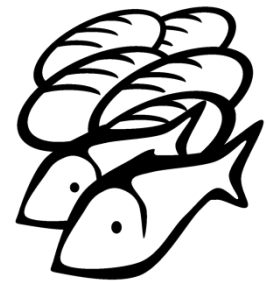
**Acolyte Next Week:** Volunteer Needed

**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 ✠ 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:**

*“Lead On, O King Eternal”*

*LBW #495*

<sup>1</sup>Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;  
Hence-forth in fields of conquest Your tents will be our home.  
Through days of preparation Your grace has made us strong;  
And now, O King eternal, We lift our battle song.

<sup>2</sup>Lead on, O King eternal, Till sin’s fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper The sweet amen of peace;  
For not with swords loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums,  
But deeds of love and mercy The heav’nly kingdom comes.

<sup>3</sup>Lead on, O King eternal: We follow, not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning Where’er your face appears.  
Your cross is lifted o’er us; We journey in its light;  
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might!

## **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.**

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 worship 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**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

L Let us pray,

**C Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; that you may hear our petitions. In all things, help us to ask for what will please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## AS WE GATHER

The “shepherds” of Israel who were supposed to be caring for God’s people sinned against God and ended up far from home, exiled in Babylon. God would bring his people home to Jerusalem even as he would also send a shepherd who would restore his people to a right relationship with him. This one is Jesus, God’s only Son, who brought peace, reconciliation, and inclusion for all in God’s kingdom.

### First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD. <sup>5</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

### Responsive Reading

#### Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

### Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

<sup>11</sup>Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands — <sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,

<sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

*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 6:30-44**

L The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

### **Gospel: Mark 6:30-44**

<sup>30</sup>The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup>Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” <sup>37</sup>But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” <sup>39</sup>Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup>And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup>And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

*“The Lord’s My Shepherd”*

*LBW #451*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord’s my shepherd; I’ll not want. He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; he leadeth me The quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me The quiet waters by.

<sup>2</sup>My soul he doth restore again, And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, E’en for his own name’s sake;  
Within the paths of righteousness, E’en for his own name’s sake.

<sup>3</sup>Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me comfort still;  
For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me comfort still.

<sup>4</sup>My table thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.  
My head thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

<sup>5</sup>Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me,  
And in God’s house forevermore My dwelling-place shall be.  
And in God’s house forevermore My dwelling-place shall be.

*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.**

## 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.**

## 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.

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

*Stand as you are able*

## OFFERTORY

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
That we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

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, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. 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.

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 everyone 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**

## **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**



Joshua 1:9

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 7/21</b>	<b>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion
<b>Mon 7/22</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	
<b>Tues 7/23</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	
<b>Wed 7/24</b>	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters	
<b>Thurs 7/25</b>	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours	
<b>Fri 7/26</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	

### **Next Sun. Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
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 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, July 14, 2024** General \$1,856.00, MOM– Water Missions \$30.00, Old Stone Church \$20.00, Building \$105.00, Youth \$40.00, Other Misc. Income – Trees \$267.00 **Total: \$2,338.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 65, Sunday School - 3 Children, 1 Teacher, Adult Study – 10

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A COPY OF THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER BEFORE IT EVER GOES IN THE MAIL AND SAVE MONEY AS WELL?**

If so, contact the church office at [stjohnlutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnlutheran@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 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.



### **NALC WAREHOUSE & NALC WAREHOUSE-ROSENBERG**

If you are giving a donation to one of these warehouses, please indicate which one. This designation must be made in order for the funds to be sent to your donation, Minnesota or Texas. *Rosenberg Warehouse checks need to be written out to Peace Lutheran Church with Rosenberg Warehouse on the memo line.*

**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.....**

**FYI:** If anyone would be interested in giving to our mission district, please make your check out to "SOUTH TEXAS MISSION DISTRICT". In the MEMO line, write the name of the congregation and Southwest TX Mission District. This will ensure that your mission district is properly credited. The new Treasurer is Pastor Michael Giese and your check should be mailed to his attention at Holy Cross Lutheran Church P.O. Box 301 Rockport, TX 78381.

### **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 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.

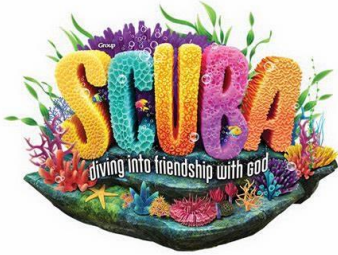
### Organ Assistant

Wanda Hays has graciously agreed to be trained to push the buttons on the organ when and if Bruce should be out. THANK YOU, WANDA!!!

After some discussion, we have come to the conclusion that more than one person trained in pushing the buttons would be more ideal. Having more than one person trained is advantageous to us all. Here's your chance to happily "push some buttons". Join Wanda in her learning endeavor and learn to push the organ's buttons. Sometimes two heads are better than one in times like this. Learning together with someone else is more fun and I also find it builds our confidence because we have someone to help us along.

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is a week away. There are currently 33 kids registered and online registration has been turned off. If any additional children would like to register, the VBS team will review on a case-by-case basis as space allows. Remember camp runs July 29-August 2, from 8:30 a.m. – Noon. Check-in will begin at 8 am under the pavilion. Check-out will begin at noon. All volunteers are asked to arrive by 8 am each day. **FYI** – No breakfast/lunch will be provided; however, snacks will be available for campers and volunteers each day.



**Reminder:** A VBS volunteer workshop will be held **TODAY** immediately following church service with pizza and drinks provided. Camp details and rotations will be discussed as well as learning camp songs and decorating rooms/hallways to transform them into an underwater oasis.

**All campers and their parents are invited to Sunday School and church service on Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> to see what the kids learned during VBS and during church will sing one of their camp songs.**

### BBQ & Auction Fundraiser, July 28, 2024

You are invited to Camp Lone Star's annual BBQ & Auction Fundraiser on July 28, 2024. They will have an outdoor worship service, serving some good 'ole Texas BBQ, and looking for support of the Camp through the live & silent auctions. Rev. Dr. Brian J. Hesse, Senior Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bellmead (Waco), will be their Worship Service Leader. Rev. Michael Newman, President of the Texas District LCMS, will also be joining them to lead Rev. Ryan Neuhaus' installation as Camp Lone Star's next Chief Executive Officer. If you cannot attend, there is still a way for you to support the Camp. You can mail a donation to: Camp Lone Star 2016 Camp Lone Star Rd La Grange, TX 78945. Please mark in the memo line that your donation is for the BBQ Fundraiser. Thank you!

### 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](http://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

### Seeking Donations for the Basement

Renovations of our church basement are nearing completion and the space is looking amazing! This newly transformed space will serve as a safe and fun place for our youth to gather, learn, and grow in their faith.

We deeply appreciate the support & dedication of our congregation in making this dream a reality. Your investment in our youth is an investment in the future.

To make this space truly welcoming and comfortable, we are seeking donations for furnishing it. If you are able, please consider contributing any of the following items: Big Screen TV (55"+), Game tables (pool, foosball, etc.), game, couches, armchairs, bean bag chairs, coffee bar setup, Keurig machine, fridge, rugs, bookshelves. Every donation, big or small will help create an inviting & engaging environment for our youth.

Thank you for your continued support & generosity!

If you have any items to donate or would like to contribute financially, please contact Rachel Nessel at (361) 571-9228.

Thank you! ~ Rachel Nessel

### I Shall Not Want

Find the 51 **bold** words from Psalm 23 (ESV)

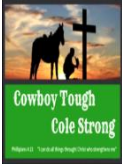
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The **LORD** is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

# **PRAYER REQUESTS**

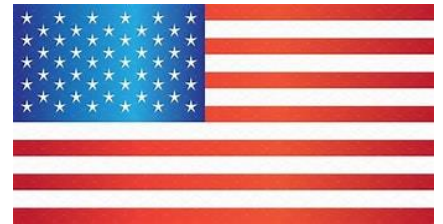
+ **UPDATE** + **Special Prayers for Cole:** Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong: Hello everyone!



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 - 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



## **For Those Serving in the Armed Forces**

Shepherd and defender of our souls, we pray you would protect and bless those who serve in places of conflict, and for the sake of others, must stand in harm's way. Keep those who serve in armed forces around the world safe in your keeping [especially ...]. Bring them home in safety to their loved ones. Grant healing, courage, and peace of heart to those who return from deployment with wounds both visible and invisible. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

## **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, Dennis Harvey, Mike Rangnow; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.



## **Nursing Home:**

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus

## **Prayer for Provision and Resources after Hurricane Beryl**

*Provider God, we lift up those who have lost their means of livelihood due to the hurricane. Just as You fed the multitude (Matthew 14:13-21), we ask for Your provision of resources and opportunities. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*

## **Prayer for Divine Healing after Hurricane Beryl**

*Our dear compassionate Savior, extend Your healing touch to those who are injured or unwell due to the hurricane's impact. Just as You went about healing every disease and sickness (Matthew 9:35), we ask for Your restoration of health and strength. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*

## SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER



We should learn from this psalm not to despise God's Word. We should hear and learn it, love and respect it, and join the little flock in which we find it, and flee and avoid those that revile and persecute it. Wherever this blessed light does not shine, there neither happiness nor salvation can be found.

~ Martin Luther ~  
LW 12



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