

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
August 11, 2024**



**1 Kings 19:5**

## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 11, 2024**



**Greeter This Week:** Cathie & Dickie Bettge

**Greeters Next Week:** The Hays Family

**Reader This Week:** Shelby Newman, Gracie Diebel,  
Morgan Zengerle, & Kaleigh Newman

**Reader Next Week:** Wanda Hays

**Altar Guild This Month:** Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Brian Wendel

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Jeff Zengerle



**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 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:**

*“Forever God, Forever Love”*

*Chorus:*

*Can you feel it in your heart, Deep down in your soul?  
Let the love of God Move you, change you,  
Raise your eyes to see The one who gave us all so much,  
Forever God, forever love.*

**Praise the living God.  
He is here, and he is real.**

**Worship him together, worship him forever.  
Look at what he’s done.  
He gave it all for us. [Chorus]**

**You will live forever, Loving us forever.  
You will live forever. God, you are great.  
You will live forever, Loving us forever.  
You will live forever. God, you are great.  
You will live forever, Loving us forever.  
You will live forever. God, you are great.**

*[Chorus]*

*[Chorus]*

## **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 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**

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**

**Shelby Newman**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray,

**C Almighty and merciful God, only by your gift of grace can the faithful offer service that is worthy of you and deserving of praise. Keep us from stumbling as we run to receive your promises; 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**

**Gracie Diebel**

The psalmist sang praises magnifying the Lord, while in the Old Testament scripture for today, Elijah fled the wrath of his enemy, Queen Jezebel. There will always be those who are hard hearted and will not believe in God. They may want to hurt us, but God is always with us. We are called as God's people to imitate his ways, putting aside anything that is false, so we might cling to God's promise of eternity.

## First Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup>Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” <sup>3</sup>Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. <sup>4</sup>But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” <sup>5</sup>And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” <sup>6</sup>And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” <sup>8</sup>And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

## Responsive Reading

Morgan Zengerle

### Psalm 34:1-8

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**<sup>2</sup>I will glory in the LORD; let the humble hear and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt his name together.

**<sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

**<sup>6</sup>I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them.

**<sup>8</sup>Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

## Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Kaleigh Newman

<sup>17</sup>Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. <sup>18</sup>They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. <sup>19</sup>They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. <sup>20</sup>But that is not the way you learned Christ! — <sup>21</sup>assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, <sup>22</sup>to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup>and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. <sup>25</sup>Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and give no opportunity to the devil. <sup>28</sup>Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. <sup>29</sup>Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup>Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*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: John 6:35-51

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to {the crowd}, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup>But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup>All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup>For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” <sup>41</sup>So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup>They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me — <sup>46</sup>not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## MESSAGE

**JOHNNA PICARD**

## SERMON HYMN:

***“I am the Bread of Life”***

***Suzanne Toolan***

**<sup>1</sup>I am the bread of life**

**You who come to Me shall not hunger And who believe in Me shall not thirst**

**No one can come to Me Unless the Father beckons**

***Refrain: And I will raise you up And I will raise you up***

***And I will raise you up on the last day***

**<sup>2</sup>The bread that I will give Is My flesh for the life of the world**

**And if you eat of this bread You shall live forever You shall live forever [*Refrain*]**

**<sup>3</sup>I am the resurrection I am the life**

**If you believe in Me Even though you die You shall live forever [*Refrain*]**

**<sup>4</sup>Yes Lord I believe That You are the Christ**

**The Son of God Who has come Into the world**

***[Refrain]***

***[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.**

### **BACKPACK BLESSINGS**

*(All students in the church are invited to come with their backpacks to the front of the worship space.)*

**L:** As we gather to bless our students and the beginning of the school year, we ask God's guidance and protection over our youth. Today, we bless these backpacks as symbols of learning and growth. May they be filled with tools for knowledge and discovery, and may our students carry them with joy and purpose.

**C: We pray for wisdom and understanding, and for the courage to face new challenges with confidence.**

**L:** We ask for God's blessing upon all who support our youth—teachers, parents, and caregivers. May they be granted patience, strength, and inspiration as they nurture young minds.

**C: We pray for those who teach and guide, that they may be blessed with wisdom, compassion, and dedication.**

**L:** As we bless these backpacks, we also bless the hearts and minds of our students. May they grow in knowledge, wisdom, and love for God and one another.

**C: We pray for a safe, productive, and blessed school year, filled with joy and friendship.**

**L:** Lord, bless this school year and all who are part of it. Guide our students as they navigate their educational journeys, and may they always feel Your presence with them.

**C: In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

*(All students return to their seats with their backpacks.)*

### **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 aright 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!**

(after each petition "Lord in your mercy,"    RESPONSE    "**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**

*Please stand*

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.**

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:**

*"House of the Lord"*

*Phil Wickham*

**We worship the God who was We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors He parted the raging sea  
My God, He holds the victory**

**There's joy in the house of the Lord There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise (Oh-oh, oh) we shout out Your praise (Oh-oh, oh)**



We sing to the God who heals We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
'Cause He hung up on that cross Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away

There's joy in the house of the Lord There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise

We were the beggars Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners Now we're running free  
We are forgiven, accepted Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

'Cause we were the beggars Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners Now we're running free  
We are forgiven, accepted Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord (there is joy in the house) There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet (oh, yeah) We shout out Your praise (I wanna shout out Your praise)  
There's joy in the house of the Lord (there is joy, there is joy)  
Our God is surely in this place And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise (we gonna shout out Your praise)

There's joy in the house of the Lord There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise (we gonna shout out Your praise)  
There's joy in the house of the Lord (there is joy, there is joy)  
Our God is surely in this place (joy in this place) And we won't be quiet (we won't be quiet)

We shout out Your praise  
We shout out Your praise  
There is joy in the house, there is joy in the house today  
We shout out Your praise  
We shout out Your praise

*Songwriters: Jonathan Smith, Phil Wickham. 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**



### Proverbs 16:9

**“The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.”**

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

### Today 8/11 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School-Rally Sunday
9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
10:15 a.m.	Worship with Communion- Backpack Blessing

### Mon 8/12 Office Closed

Tues 8/13	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Pastor’s Office Hours
	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office Hours

Wed 8/14	9:00 a.m.-2:00 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 8/15	9:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Pastor’s Office Hours

### Fri 8/16 Office Closed

### Next Sun. Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
10:15 a.m.	Worship with Communion

*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, August 4, 2024** General \$7,585.00, MOM – Lutheran Bible Translators \$445.00, Rosenberg Warehouse \$50.00, Cemetery \$40.00, Old Stone Church \$20.00, SS Mission 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday \$22.00, Building \$435.00, Youth \$69.00, Organ \$20.00, Gen. Basement Furniture \$2,000.00, **Total: \$2,020.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 79, Sunday School – 10 Children, 5 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 [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 August**  
**Lutheran Bible Translators**

Over 3500 communities are waiting for the Word of God in the language they understand best. Lutheran Bible Translators partners with local leaders to create translation programs for many such communities who do not have access to God's Word in their native language. Prayers and financial gifts enable them to make the Word more accessible than ever.



**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 August, the collection for the Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse is the items for flood buckets and health kits.**

**NALC Disaster Response**

**What's in a Flood Bucket?**

- 1 roll paper towels
- 1 powder cleanser (like comet)
- 1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso)
- 1 bottle bleach – small! (1/2 gal. or smaller)
- 1 pair rubber gloves
- 1 scrub brush
- 1 pair leather gloves
- 1 pair cotton gloves
- 2 contractor trash bags (3 mil)
- 2 rags

**What's in a Health Care Kit?**

- 1 bath towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 shampoo (2 if travel size)
- 1 bar of soap (2 if travel size)
- 1 toothbrush (individually sealed)
- 1 pack of floss
- 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)
- 1 comb
- 1 deodorant
- 1 nail clippers

**We Are Still Looking for Acolytes**

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)!**



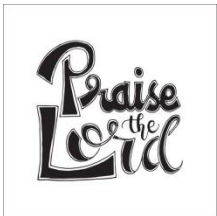
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Sunday School begins a new year.*

*We'd love to see all the children every Sunday at 9a.m.!*

*"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." ~Proverbs 22:6~*

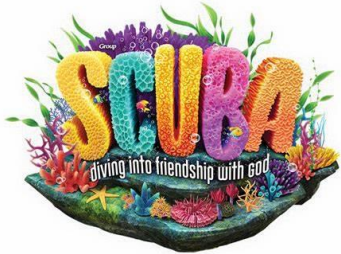




## Organ Assistants

We presently have three people who have graciously agreed to be trained to push the buttons on the organ when and if Bruce should be out.  
THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!!!

## THANK YOU TO OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEAM!



We are thrilled to share that our Vacation Bible School, "Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God," was a tremendous success! Over the course of five days, we had the joy of hosting 30+ children who dived deep into learning about God's love and friendship. This success would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our amazing teachers, leaders, helpers, and counselors. Your enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment made this week unforgettable for the kids. Thank you for sharing your time and talents, and for creating a fun and nurturing environment for our young explorers.

### **Special Thanks To:**

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|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| *Bev Bodden       | *Johnna Picard     | *Sydney Schaefer  |
| *Pastor John Boor | *Lane Moritz       | *JoBeth Stiles-Caskey   |
| *Cathie Bettge    | *M'Liss Moore      | *Don Wendel   |
| *Feather Diebel   | *Maelee Montgomery | *Seth Wendel  |
| *Gracie Diebel    | *Kaleigh Newman    | *Jo Wieland   |
| *Kathy Dunn       | *Shelby Newman     | *Jeff Zengerle  |
| *Meliss Eckhardt  | *Kinley Nessel     | *Morgan Zengerle  |
| *Taylor Gayle     | *Ayla Nessel       | *Tamara Zengerle  |
| *Lisa Gabrysch    | *Carson Purdy      | *St. Paul Lutheran Church in Yorktown (for sharing some decorations/supplies) |
| *Kally Garrett    | *Laurie Pokluda    |   |
| *Kendall Helms    | *Glenn Ruschhaupt  |   |
| *Johnny Jank      | *Linda Ruschhaupt  |   |
| *LaRae Kelley     | *Marv Sager        |   |

To all our volunteers, parents, and church members who supported this program, whether through donations, prayers, or hands-on assistance, we are deeply grateful! Your contributions made a significant impact, and we couldn't have done it without you!

As we reflect on this wonderful experience, we are reminded of the power of community and faith. Thank you for helping us dive into a deeper relationship with God and each other.

With heartfelt gratitude, ~Rachel Nessel, Parish Ed Committee~

## Seeking Donations for the Basement

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

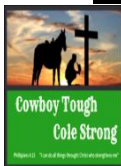


## **With Our Deepest Sympathy**

*Please keep the family of Bea Bagwell in your thoughts & prayers. Bea passed away on Tuesday, August 6, 2024. She is the mother of Brenda Boor. May God comfort her family at this time of loss.*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

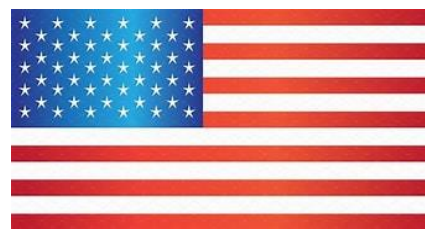
**+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:** Taken from Facebook **Cowboy Tough Cole Strong:** Hello everyone!



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. Amen.

### **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, Ryon Preslar, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay Diebel, Virginia Abrameit, Fred "Sandy" Sanders, Robert Moeller, Ryler James Jacob, Billy Guenther, Pamela Allen, Ronnie Moeller, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Dean Ohrt, Dennis Harvey, Mike Rangnow, Vance Egg; 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

“Walk in love,” counsels the apostle. He would have our external life be all love. But not the world’s love is to be our pattern, which seeks only its own advantage, and loves only so long as it is the gainer thereby; we must love even as Christ loved, who sought neither pleasure nor gain from us but gave himself for us ... as a sacrifice and offering to reconcile God unto ourselves, so that he should be our God and we his children.

~ Martin Luther~



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