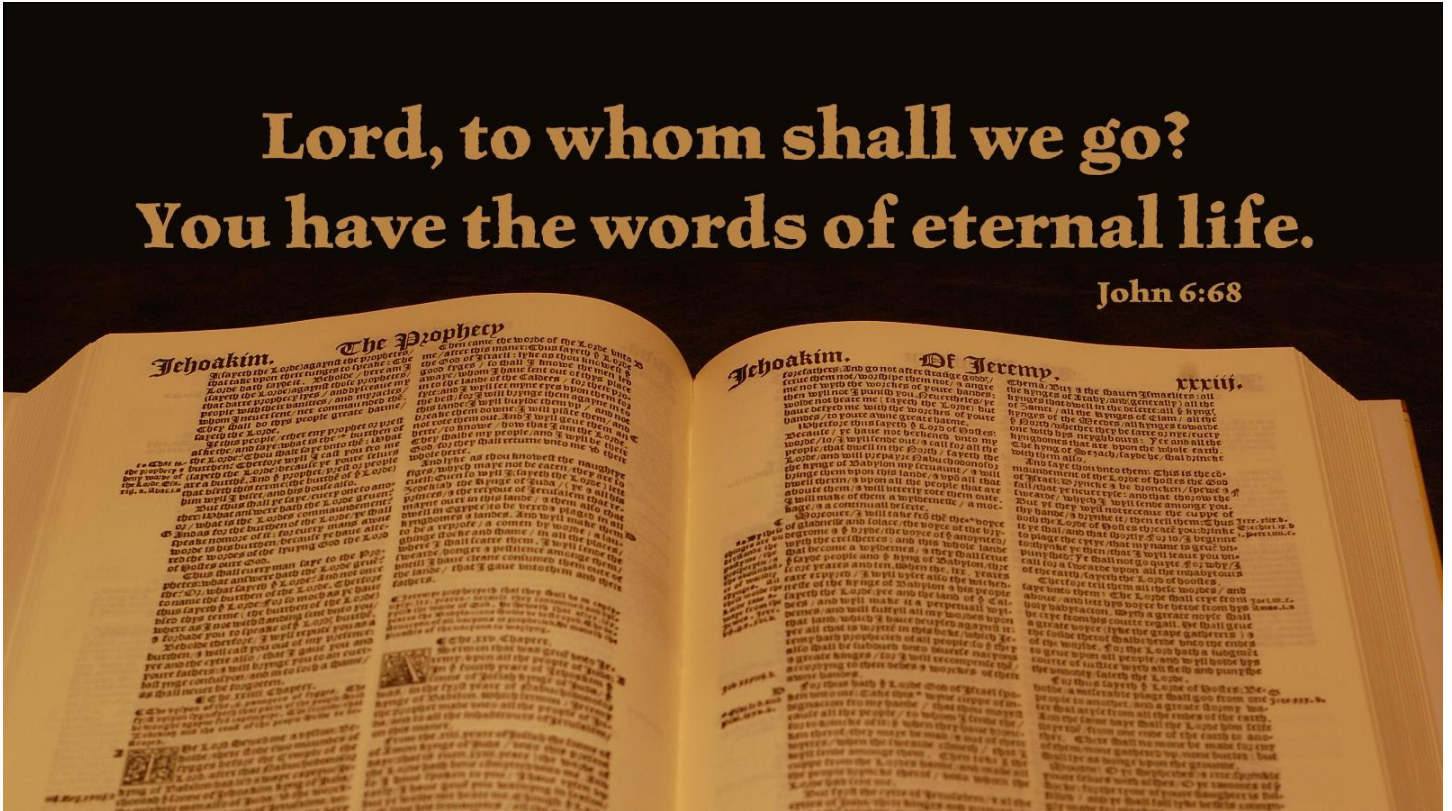


St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, Texas August 18, 2024

Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.

John 6:68



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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 18, 2024**

Greeters This Week: The Hays Family

Greeters Next Week: Marv & Norrean Sager

Reader This Week: Wanda Hays

Reader Next Week: Neal Moritz

Acolyte This Week: Volunteer Needed

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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!

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:

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

LBW #415

¹God of grace and God of glory, On your people pour your pow’r;
Crown your ancient Church’s. . . story; Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

²Lo! The hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grans us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

³Cure your children’s warring madness; Bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss your kingdom’s goal,
Lest we miss your kingdom’s goal.

⁴Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving you whom we adore,
Serving you whom we adore.

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

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 Almighty, eternal God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love; and in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

AS WE GATHER

Martin Luther wrote in his Small Catechism in 1529, "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him; but the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith." The Scriptures for today emphasize the point between which the Spirit calls us and our hearts obey.

First Reading: Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” ¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 34:12-22

¹²Who among you loves life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

¹³Keep your tongue from evil speaking and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

²⁰He will keep safe all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

²¹Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²²The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:6-21

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” ¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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 6:51-69

L The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.

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

Gospel: John 6:51-69

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.”⁵² Then the Jews *began* to argue with one another, saying, “How can this man give us *His* flesh to eat?” ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. ⁵⁴ He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also will live because of Me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever.”

⁵⁹ These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. ⁶⁰ Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this* said, “This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹ But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, “Does this cause you to stumble? ⁶² *What* then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? ⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would ^[a]betray Him. ⁶⁵ And He was saying, “For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father.”

⁶⁶ As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore. ⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!”

LBW #501

**¹He leadeth me: oh, blessed thought! Oh, words with heav’nly comfort fraught!
Whate’er I do, where’er I be, Still ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me.**

Refrain:

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me, By his own hand he leadeth me.
His faithful foll’wer I would be, For by his hand he leadeth me.**

²Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. [*Refrain*]

³Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see, Since 'tis my God that leadeth me. [*Refrain*]

⁴And when my task on earth is done, When by thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jordan leadeth me. [*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.**

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:

**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.**

LBW #565

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN



Romans 12:2

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Today 8/18	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship with Communion
Mon 8/19	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Tues 8/20	9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Wed 8/21	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Thurs 8/22	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	*** <i>Committee Reports Due</i> ***	
Fri 8/23	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	*** <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> ***	

Have a Blessed Week!

Next Sun. Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship-Pastor John meeting with Confirmands & Parents after church

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

Correction for Sunday, August 4, 2024 Total was: \$10,686.00

Sunday, August 11, 2024 General \$5,041.00, MOM – Lutheran Bible Translators \$500.00, Sunday School \$1,037.00, Cemetery \$520.00, NALC \$500.00, Old Stone Church \$1,500.00, Building \$6,300.00, Youth \$40.00, Gen. Basement Furnishings \$2,050.00 **Total: \$17,488.00**

Attendance: Worship – 105, Sunday School - 13 Children, 5 Teacher, Adult Study – 11

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

If so, contact the church office at stjohnelutheran@juno.com or by phone (361-277-8653) with your email address and we will be happy to send you The Church Bell via your email. This will save the church money spent on postage, paper, and copying. What a great stewardship idea!!!



Mission of the Month for 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 Heath 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**



Veterans/Active Duty

With Labor Day just around the corner and having just celebrated Memorial Day & Fourth of July, I have begun to look at updating our list of Veterans and Active Duty Military members. I have included a form in the bulletin. If you know of someone that we have not listed in previous year's list, please fill one out and leave at the church office or give it to Pastor John or myself.

If you have an updated location or rank for anyone who is serving, please update that information on the form and indicate that it's an update. This is just a small way we can honor those who have served, fought, died in action, still servicing, etc. Please help us to update this list to include all that we can.

Thank you! --- Meliss Eckhardt

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday School



Join us for Sunday School!

Start your school year right by joining us every Sunday at 9 am for Sunday School. Deepen your faith, connect with friends, and grow closer to God.

All youth are welcome—see you there!

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

PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Parents of this year's confirmation students, there will be a meeting with Pastor John in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 25, 2024 right after church services. Please make sure to attend. First Confirmation class is set for September 8th, 2024.

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

PROOF THAT PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

THANK YOU NOTE FROM GLEN NAGEL



Thank you!

Your thoughtfulness will be remembered for many a day.

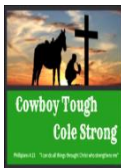
Thank you so much for your prayers.

As I told Dennis God answered all the prayers of you good people.

Praise God,
Glen Nagel

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

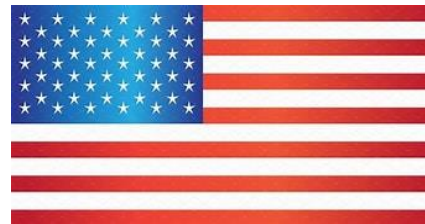


some after the amazing fundraiser for the Cole Ohrt Walk Strong Foundation. It was another sold out event with the building packed with wonderful supporters of this cause. As always, it was humbling to see that many people come out and support something so special to mine and Cole's hearts. I am so thankful to everyone who sponsored our event this year and to all who donated prizes, money, or just their time to help make this night such a huge success. We appreciate each and every one of you. Also a big thank you to all who came that night- we hope to see you again next year! If you

truly want to see God's love and generosity first hand you need to come to this event. For me it is the most humbling and awesome experience I've ever been blessed to be a part of! Thank you and God Bless. + **Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole** + **At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list:** *Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual To help family stay strong Patience ~ Stay positive ~The drive to keep trying (perseverance)*

Our Military and their families:

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Fort Hood
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Florida
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, stationed overseas (location unknown)
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force
Michael Petrash II - 1st LT, United States Army
Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina
Zach McBrayer – 1st 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; 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

I make this point for the sake of those who, so soon as they observe that all Christians are not perfectly holy, but will occasionally stumble and fall, imagine there is no such thing as a Christian and the Gospel is impotent and fruitless. Just as if to be a Christian meant the mountain already climbed and complete, triumphant victory over sin!

The fact is, it is rather a contest, a battle.

~ Martin Luther ~



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