

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
September 1, 2024**



***Only take care,
and keep your
soul diligently,
lest you forget...***

Deuteronomy
4:9

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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church
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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Greeters This Week: Beverly Bodden

Greeters Next Week: Trish Hood

Reader This Week: Beverly Bodden

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Acolyte This Week: Volunteer Needed

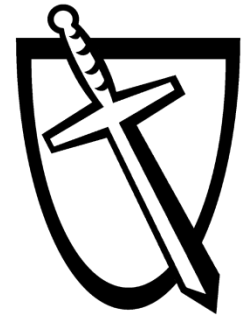
Acolyte Next Week: Volunteer Needed

Altar Guild This Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Altar Guild Next Month: Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

Communion Assistant This Month: Jeff Zengerle

Communion Assistant Next Month: Pam Haun



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:

“Earth and All Stars!”

LBW #558

**¹Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Oh, victory!
Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new song!**

*Refrain: He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise him with a new song!*

**²Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorms!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Flowers and trees!
Loud rustling dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]**

**³Trumpet and pipes, Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre!
Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]**

**⁴Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Limestone and beams!
Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]**

**⁵Classrooms and labs, Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band!
Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]**

**⁶Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son!
Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! [Refrain]**

GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their 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 O Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

AS WE GATHER

There are three main things that keep us from following Jesus in our lives: the world and its forces, the flesh, and the devil. Dwelling in God's holy Word builds a shield around us. It fortifies our hearts against the powers and principalities that seek to destroy us, or at the very least keep us from a loving relationship with Christ. When we put on the armor of God, the Lord protects us from attacks.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹{Moses said,} "Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?

⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? ⁹Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children ...".

Responsive Reading Psalm 119:129-136

¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰**When your word goes forth it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹I open my mouth and pant; I long for your commandments.

¹³²**Turn to me in mercy, as you always do to those who love your name.**

¹³³Steady my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴**Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.**

¹³⁵Let your countenance shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶**My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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 7:14-23

L The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th chapter.

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

Gospel: Mark 7:14-23

¹⁴{Jesus} called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

MESSAGE

**¹Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!**

**²Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**³Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do If with his love he befriend you.**

**⁴Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen Sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!**

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



James 1:19-20

“Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.”



Have a Blessed Week!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 9/01	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion
Mon 9/02	LABOR DAY	Office Closed
Tues 9/03	9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. Pastor’s Office Hours 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting	
Wed 9/04	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters	
Thurs 9/05	????? 1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m.	Office Hours Pastor’s Office Hours
Fri 9/06	Office Closed	
Next Sun.	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship



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, August 25, 2024 Offering details not available at time of printing. Watch for them in next Sunday’s bulletin.
Attendance: Worship –74, Sunday School - 13 Children, 4 Teacher, Adult Study – 12



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

If so, contact the church office at 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 September
North American Lutheran Seminary

Upheld by world-class faculty, students have time and opportunity to reflect on the depth and beauty of their faith and be properly formed. The NALS has a commitment to truly cultivate the foundation and the deep roots necessary for tomorrow's pastors and church leaders to be the stewards of classic, orthodox, biblical theology in preparation for Word and Sacrament ministry in the North American Lutheran Church (NALC).

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 September, the collection for the Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse is ONLY 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**

Thank You!!!!

Dear Friends! The Rosenberg disaster response warehouse has benefited so much from your love & support! There have been so many disasters this year & it takes all of us together to accomplish as much as is done to the Glory of God! Thank you so much for your generosity! God bless you! ~Michael & Pat Dittrich

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 placed these forms on the table in the narthex of the church. 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

Sunday School has begun its new year. Come join the fun and continue your school year right by joining us every Sunday at 9 a.m. for Sunday School. Come deepen your faith, connect with friends, and grow closer to God. All youth are welcome—see you there!

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



Confirmation Classes
Start Sunday, September 8th, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Bunco Party

The Women of Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley cordially invite the ladies and friends of your congregation to come join the fun, Monday, September 9, 2024 at Zion Lutheran Church, 12183 FM 236, Victoria, TX 77905. Registration/refreshments is from 6-7 pm and Bunco starts at 7:05 pm. Please RSVP by Saturday, September 7, 2024 to Cass Martignoni (361) 649-3138 or the Church Office (361) 578-5447.

Called Congregational Meeting on
Sunday, September 15, 2024 after church services
to discuss the placing of TV screens in the sanctuary.

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

THANK YOU !

The family of Bea Bagwell would like to express a sincere thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, etc. during the loss of my mother. They truly were comforting and appreciated.
~ Brenda Boor & Family

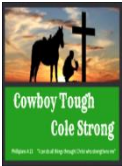
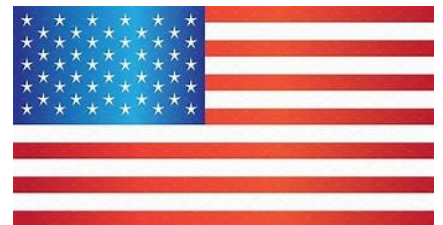
PRAYER REQUESTS

+ 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, Fred "Sandy" Sanders, Rylar James Jacob, Billy Guenther, Pamela Allen, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Dennis Harvey, Mike Rangnow, David Turner; 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

Because so much depends on God's Word that no holy day is sanctified without it, we must realize that God wants this commandment ("remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy") to be kept strictly and will punish all who despise his Word and refuse to hear and learn it, especially at the times appointed.

~ Martin Luther ~

The Large Catechism (Kolb, Wengert)



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