

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
September 8, 2024**



**Psalm 146:5**

## **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A North American Lutheran Church  
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Pastor - The Rev. John Boor

Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

### **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 8, 2024**

**Greeters This Week:** Trish Hood

**Greeters Next Week:** Cheryl Bramlette

**Reader This Week:** Trish Hood

**Reader Next Week:** Cathie Bettge

**Acolyte This Week:** Volunteer Needed

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**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!

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

**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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**OPENING HYMN:**

*“In Christ There Is No East or West”*

**LBW #359**

**<sup>1</sup>In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north,  
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.**

**<sup>2</sup>In him shall true hearts ev’rywhere Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord Close-binding all mankind.**

**<sup>3</sup>Join hands then, brothers of the faith, Whate’er your race may be.  
Who serves my Father as a son Is surely kin to me.**

**<sup>4</sup>In Christ now meet both east and west, In him meet south and north;  
All Christly souls are one in him Through-out the whole wide earth.**

## **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**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray,

**C O Lord, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good. 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

The Lord's salvation changes everything for those who believe. Isaiah proclaimed that the coming of the Lord would bring healing and wholeness. This wholeness is reflected in James' instructions to the church to show no partiality among members of the Body of Christ. All people are to be treated with equal respect. Jesus healed the daughter of a Gentile woman demonstrating the impartiality of God's love.

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water ... .

### Responsive Reading Psalm 146

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!  
I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**<sup>2</sup>Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.**

<sup>3</sup>When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

**<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

<sup>5</sup>Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise forever;

**<sup>6</sup>Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger;  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

### SECOND READING: James 2:1-10, 14-18

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? <sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture,

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup>But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

*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:[24-30] 31-37**

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

[<sup>24</sup>{Jesus} arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. <sup>25</sup>But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.] <sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **MESSAGE**

<sup>1</sup>Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

<sup>2</sup>Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

<sup>3</sup>Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

<sup>4</sup>Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!

*Stand as you are able.*

Let us confess our faith through the Apostles' Creed

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**The holy catholic church,**

**The communion of saints,**

**The forgiveness of sins,**

**The resurrection of the body,**

**And the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

L The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

L Let us share the peace.

*Please be seated*

## **OFFERING – AIR**

*by Ludwig Van Beethoven*

*(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 a right 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:**

***“Onward, Christian Soldiers”***

**LBW #509**

**<sup>1</sup>Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.  
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle, See, his banners go!**

***Refrain:***

***Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.***

**<sup>2</sup>Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;  
Let us boldly follow Where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided; All one body we:  
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity. *[Refrain]***

**<sup>3</sup>Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain;  
Gates of hell can never ‘Gainst that Church prevail,  
We have Christ’s own promise, And that cannot fail. *[Refrain]***

**<sup>4</sup>Onward, then, you faithful, Join our happy throng;  
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph-song.  
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ the king.  
We through countless ages With the angels sing: *[Refrain]***

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 - *Sing Aloud to God, Our Strength***

***by Robert J. Hughes***

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

**Today 9/08 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting  
9:00 a.m. Confirmation  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Adult Study  
10:15 a.m. Worship  
**HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!!!!**

**Mon 9/09 Office Closed**

**Tues 9/10** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours  
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Wed 9/11** 9:00 a.m.-2:00 pm. Office Hours  
10:00 a.m. Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor  
12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study  
1:30 p.m. Quilters

**Thurs 9/12** 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours  
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

**Fri 9/13 Office Closed**

**Next Sun. Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 a.m. Confirmation  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Adult Study  
10:15 a.m. Worship – Communion  
Called Congregational Mtg. after service

*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.*

*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** General \$1,180.00, MOM – Lutheran Bible Translators \$240.00, Sunday School \$22.00, Cemetery \$40.00, Building \$60.00, Youth \$40.00, Building –Basement Flooring \$13,500.00, SS – teachers table \$50.00 **Total: \$15,132.00.00**

**Attendance:** Worship –74, Sunday School - 13 Children, 4 Teacher, Adult Study – 12

**Sunday, September 1, 2024** General \$3,299.26, MOM (August) – Lutheran Bible Translators \$100.00, MOM (September) – NAL Seminary \$495.00, Rosenberg Warehouse \$100.00, Old Stone Church \$ 20.00, SS Mission \$9.00, Building \$175.00, Youth \$30.00, Organ \$20.00, General – Office Chair \$40.00 **Total: \$4,288.26**

**Attendance:** Worship –73, Sunday School - 5 Children, 3 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 [stjohnvlutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnvlutheran@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 St. John Lutheran Church members,

Thank you for your recent donation to Eight Days of Hope. It's been a busy summer and your support has had great impact. Volunteers served in Cleveland and Temple, TX after hurricane Beryl and at the end of July, there were 1,805 volunteers in Buffalo who served 347 families. Right now, volunteers are in Toga County, PA helping those affected by hurricane Debby. Thank you for standing with us loving and serving others. ~ St  
~Eight Days of Hope~

### **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 Started TODAY

Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9:00 AM

## Called Congregational Meeting on

Sunday, September 15, 2024 after church services

to discuss the placing of TV screens in the sanctuary.

## Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church Fall Festival

On Sunday, September 29, 2024, Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic church will be holding their annual BBQ Meal, Raffle, & Country Store, & Live Auction from 11 AM – 1 PM. Dine-in or to-go plates will be available for \$15 each. Please come out and join us.



## SAVE THE DATE

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday with guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Mark Braaten of NALC. More information is to come in the upcoming bulletins and newsletter.



## 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

# **PRAYER REQUESTS**

## **+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole**



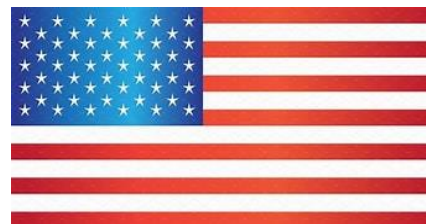
**+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:** Taken from Facebook **Cowboy Tough Cole Strong:** Hello everyone! Updating

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):**

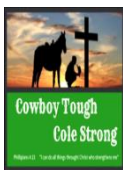
If you have a prayer request or wish to be on the prayer chain, please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500. We ask that when placing a name on the prayer chain, you would please call back weekly with an update on the person's condition. In case of long term prayer needs, please give monthly updates. If 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, Fred "Sandy" Sanders, Ryler 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

Faith takes Christ captive in his word, when he's angriest, and makes out of his cruel words a comforting inversion, as we see here. You say, the woman responds, that I am a dog. Let it be, I will gladly be a dog; now give me the consideration that you give a dog.

- Martin Luther -  
Comments on Mark 7



### Did you know this about Grandparents' Day?

National Grandparents Day has more than one origin. Some people consider it to have been first proposed by Michael Goldgar in the 1970s after he visited his aunt in an Atlanta nursing home, Spending \$11,000 of his own money in lobbying efforts to have the day officially recognized, he made 17 trips to Washington DC over a seven-year span to meet with legislators.

Others consider Marian Lucille Herndon McQuade, a housewife in West Virginia, to have been the main driver for the day of observance. Throughout the 1970s McQuade worked hard to educate the people about the important contributions senior citizens made and the contributions that they would be willing to make if asked. She also urged people to adopt a grandparent, not for one day a year and not for material giving, but for a lifetime of experience. In any event National Grandparents Day was finally signed into law by President Jimmy Carter in 1978. Marian McQuade received a phone call from the White House to advise her of this event. Many people believe that National Grandparents Day was inspired by her efforts. A presidential proclamation on September 6, 1979, made this day official – it designated Sunday, September 9, 1979, (being the "first Sunday of September following Labor Day") as National Grandparents Day.

Each year the President is requested to issue a proclamation to: designate the first Sunday in September after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day; and to call on people, groups and organizations to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Symbols: The official song of National Grandparents Day is "A Song for Grandma And Grandpa" by Johnny Prill. The official flower for the day is the "forget-me-not" flower.

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