

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
September 22, 2024**



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THE LORD  
IS THE  
UPHOLDER  
OF MY LIFE.

PSALM 54:4

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## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 22, 2024**

**Greeters This Week:** Margie & John Swannack

**Greeters Next Week:** Kay & Dennis Nagel

**Reader This Week:** Kathy Dunn

**Reader Next Week:** LaRae Kelley

**Acolyte This Week:** Kinley Nessel

**Acolyte Next Week:** Shelby Newman

**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.*

**PRELUDE: *Prelude No. 1 (Twelve Short Preludes)***

*J.S. Bach*

**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 Himself is Present”*

**LBW #249**

**<sup>1</sup>God himself is present; Let us now adore him And with awe appear before him!  
God is in his temple; All within keep silence, Prostrate lie with deepest rev’rence.  
Him alone God we own, Him, our God and Savior; Praise his name forever!**

**<sup>2</sup>God himself is present; Hear the harps resounding; See the hosts the throne surrounding!  
“Holy, holy, holy!” Hear the hymn ascending, Songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow your ear to us here: Hear, O Christ the praises That your Church now raises.**

**<sup>3</sup>Light of light eternal, All things penetrating, For your rays our soul is waiting.  
As the tender flowers, Willingly unfolding, To the sun their faces holding:  
Even so would we do, Light from you obtaining, Strength to serve you gaining.**

**<sup>4</sup>Come, celestial Being, Make our hearts your dwelling, Ev’ry carnal thought dispelling.  
By your Holy Spirit Sanctify us truly, Teaching us to love you only.  
Where we go here below, Let us bow before you And in truth adore you.**

## **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 Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. 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

Idolatry, disobedience, and pride run deep amongst human beings. The prophets of old warned God's people to be humble and meek before Him. As the disciples argued among themselves over which of them was greatest, Jesus interjected the very image of greatness: a little child whom he pulled onto his lap. To be great in the kingdom is to put oneself last while serving and promoting others to be first.

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

<sup>18</sup>The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." <sup>20</sup>But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

### Responsive Reading

#### Psalm 54

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your Name; in your might, defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, God is my helper; it is the LORD who sustains my life.**

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

### SECOND READING: James 3:13-4:10

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

<sup>1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the

humble.” <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

*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 9:30-37**

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>30</sup>{Jesus and his disciples} went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup>And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## **MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN:**

*“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

**LBW #474**

**<sup>1</sup>Children of the heav’nly Father Safely in his bosom gather;  
Nestling bird or star in heaven Such a refuge ne’er was given.**

**<sup>2</sup>God his own doth tend and nourish, In his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them, In his mighty arms he bears them.**

**<sup>3</sup>Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord his children sever;  
Unto them his grace he showeth, And their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**<sup>4</sup>Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne’er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.**

*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: *The Way of Faith***

*Sylvia K. Riggs*

*(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:**

*"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"*

**WOV #801**

**<sup>1</sup>Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise  
thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread  
'thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup  
thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**

**<sup>2</sup>Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be  
thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee  
gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry  
gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**



<sup>3</sup>Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest  
thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be  
'then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war  
thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.

<sup>4</sup>Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonder full surprise  
thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways  
thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least  
then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.

<sup>5</sup>Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light  
thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally  
then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee  
thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.

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



**2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

**“So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.”**

<b>Today 9/22</b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	9:00 a.m. Confirmation 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship
<b>Mon 9/23</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	
<b>Tues 9/24</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	
<b>Wed 9/25</b>	9:00 a.m.-2:00 pm. Office Hours 9:00 a.m. Old Stone Church Meeting 1:30 p.m. Quilters	
<b>Thurs 9/26</b>	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours	
<b>Fri 9/27</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	



*Have a Blessed Week!*

<b>Next Sun.</b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	9:00 a.m. Confirmation 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship – Communion
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***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, September 15, 2024** General \$2,304.00, MOM – NAL Seminary \$230.00, Other Mission – Operation Christmas Child shipping for 25 boxes \$250.00, Sunday School \$11.00, Cemetery \$120.00, NALC \$20.00, Old Stone Church \$ 160.00, SS Mission-Children's Haven \$100.00, Building \$800.00, Youth \$10.00, Organ Fund \$100.00, General – Basement Supplies \$65.00 **Total: \$4,170.00**  
**Attendance:** Worship – 107, Sunday School - 13 Children, 3 Teacher, Adult Study – 10

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

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

Thank you for supporting Lutheran Bible Translators. Your gift invest in the Bible translation movement around the world. More people will experience the hope, life, and transformation that Scripture Brings. It is more than words.

God's blessings, Rev. Dr. Rich Rudowske,  
Executive Director of Lutheran Bible Translators

**Veterans/Active Duty**

These forms are still available on the table in the narthex of the church. 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 deepen your faith, connect with friends, and grow closer to God every Sunday at 9 a.m.! All youth are welcome— we'd love to 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~***





## 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.

## Samaritans Purse Christmas Child Shoeboxes



Our Samaritans Purse Christmas Child shoeboxes are available in the narthex and the wings for pick-up. Get yours early so you can start filling it with love. More information to come at a later time.

## REFORMATION SUNDAY

### 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. The Rev. Dr. Mark Braaten is the proud grandfather of three girls – Skylar and Scarlett who recently turned one and Sophia who is 8 months. He has been married to



Mark Braaten and best friend Bethge

Karen for 37 years and has three children – Amber (married to Luke), Christopher (married to Rachel), and Cassandra. Pastor Mark takes great pride in being a native Minnesotan, now he and Karen reside just outside of Tyler, Texas. Pastor Mark earned a Bachelor's degree in Religion from Augsburg College in Minneapolis in 1977. He graduated from Luther Seminary in St. Paul in 1981 with a Master of Divinity degree and again in 2003 with a Doctor of Ministry degree. He was ordained as a pastor in 1981. He has served as a congregational pastor for 40 years, with congregations in Kentucky, Colorado, New Mexico, Minnesota, and Texas. He has been active in the North American Lutheran Church since its beginning. He presently serves as the Southern Area Assistant to the Bishop of the North American Lutheran Church. Pastor Mark is the author of a number of books, including *Come Lord Jesus A Study of Revelation*, *Prayer as Joy*, *Prayer as Struggle*, *Ruth – The Adult Version*, and a new book on Revelation entitled *Engaging Revelation* which should be published this spring. His passions are studying the Bible, particularly the book of Revelation, spending time with family, swimming, and fishing.

Rev. Dr. Braaten has two missions that are his favorite. The first is Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in Joliet, IL. They are a new Spanish Speaking mission started in a suburb of Chicago. Pastor Keith Forni is the mission developer. They just began about 6 months ago and have about 30 in worship. They have great potential in a predominately Spanish speaking area. The second is Hillside Lutheran Church in Spring Hill, Kansas. They are a small congregation that was ELCA. They decided to leave the ELCA and the ELCA gave them all sort of grief. The ELCA threatened law suits and their pastor left. It was difficult. The congregation did successfully leave the ELCA and join the NALC. They have some grant money that they need to refund of the ELCA so they have financial challenges, but they are a great group of people and determined to do ministry.

## Seeking Donations for the Basement

We are so grateful for the donations we've already received for the newly renovated church basement! With a TV, game tables, and a rug in place, the space is coming together. However, we still need a few more items to complete the room. We're looking for: couches, armchairs, or bean bags; coffee bar setup (Keurig, mugs, etc.), fridge, bookshelves. If you're able to help, please contact Rachel Nessel at (361) 571-9228.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support for our youth! ~ Rachel Nessel

## **PERSONAL NOTE**

### *With Our Deepest Sympathy*

Please keep the family of Wilburn E. Oehlke in your thoughts & prayers. Wilburn passed away on Tuesday, September 17, 2024. He is the father of Debbie (Glawson) Vanderheiden. May God comfort his family at this time of loss.

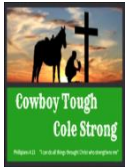


# **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

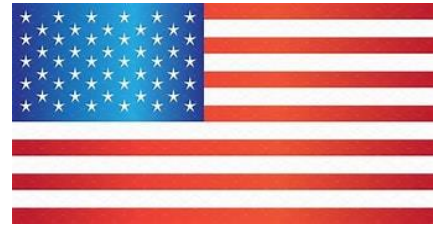


**+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:** Taken from Facebook **Cowboy Tough Cole Strong**: Hello everyone! Updating some after the amazing fundraiser for the Cole Ohrt Walk Strong Foundation. It was another sold out event with the building packed with wonderful supporters of this cause. As always, it 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, James Turner, Pat Hays, Dot Ball, Tristan Benignus, the Family of Wilburn Oehlke; 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

If we want to be wise, we must become fools and let God's Word be the eternal truth.

- Martin Luther -

Sermon on Luke 2:21, 1531



### Portals of Prayer

October-December Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.



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