

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
October 6, 2024**

Blessed is  
everyone who  
fears the Lord,  
who walks  
in his ways.

Psalm 128:1



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## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, October 6, 2024**

**Greeters This Week:** Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

**Greeters Next Week:** The Hays Family

**Reader This Week:** Neal Moritz

**Reader Next Week:** Wanda Hays

**Acolyte This Week:** Kaleigh Newman

**Acolyte Next Week:** Kyler Leist

**Altar Guild This Month:** Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

**Altar Guild Next Month:** M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Pam Haun

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Wanda Hays



**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: "Faith"**

*Felix Mendelssohn*

**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:**

*"You Servants of God"*

*LBW #252*

**<sup>1</sup>You servants of God, your master proclaim, And publish abroad his wonderful name;  
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all!**

**<sup>2</sup>Our God rules on high, almighty to save; And still he is nigh, his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing, Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!**

**<sup>3</sup>Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

**<sup>4</sup>Then let us adore and give him his right, All glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing, with angels above, And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!**

**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 Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, we may be free and glad to serve; 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**

Marriage and family are a gift from God to be cherished and protected from negative influences. In our human sinfulness, we fail to care for our most valued relationships and instead get hung up on the questions of who's right and who's wrong. Fractured relationships are a reality of our broken lives, and even though Jesus understands, he points us to the blessings of the Kingdom of God.

## **First Reading: Genesis 2:18-25**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”  
<sup>19</sup>Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

## **Responsive Reading Psalm 128**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they all who fear the LORD, and who follow in his ways!

**<sup>2</sup>You shall eat the fruit of your labor; happiness and prosperity shall be yours.**

<sup>3</sup>Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house,  
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

**<sup>4</sup>The man who fears the LORD shall thus indeed be blessed.**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

**<sup>6</sup>May you live to see your children’s children; may peace be upon Israel.**

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 2:1-13[14-18]**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup>For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup>how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup>while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. <sup>5</sup>For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup>It has been testified somewhere, “What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? <sup>7</sup>You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup>putting everything in subjection under his feet.” Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup>But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup>For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup>For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup>saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.” <sup>13</sup>And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.” [<sup>14</sup>Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself

likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.]

*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 10:2-16**

L The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

### **Gospel: Mark 10:2-16**

<sup>2</sup>Pharisees came up and in order to test {Jesus} asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” <sup>5</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” <sup>10</sup>And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” <sup>13</sup>And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**MESSAGE**

**Johnna Picard**

<sup>1</sup>You have come down to the lakeshore  
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,  
but only asking for me to follow.

*[Refrain]*

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;  
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
now with you, I will seek other seas.

<sup>2</sup>You know full well what I have, Lord;  
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,  
just these my fish nets and will for working. *[Refrain]*

<sup>3</sup>You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
working love for the rest of the weary '  
a love that's willing to go on loving. *[Refrain]*

<sup>4</sup>You who have fished other waters;  
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:  
O loving Friend, you have come to call 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: "*Dedication*"

*Richard Alan Martons*

*(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: "Praise the Triune God"**

*Edward Broughton*



**Psalm 55:22**

**“Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.”**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**

<b>Today 10/06</b>	<b>Twentieth 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 with Communion
<b>Mon 10/07</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	
<b>Tues 10/08</b>	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.	Bi-annual Altar Guild Meeting
<b>Wed 10/09</b>	10:00 a.m.	Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor
	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	12:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study @ Parsonage
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
<b>Thurs 10/10</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 10/11</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	

**Next Sun. Twenty-First 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 – Pastor Appreciation Day

*Have a Blessed Week!*



**Welcome Visitors!** We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John’s.

Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day’s prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.



Office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. If you would need immediate assistance outside of office hours, text or call 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 30, 2024** General \$2,455.00, MOM – NAL Seminary \$5.00, Rosenberg Warehouse \$100.00, Sunday School \$10.00, Cemetery \$5.00, Old Stone Church \$10.00, SS Mission-Children’s Haven \$100.00, Building \$80.00, Youth \$25.00 **Total: \$2,790.00**

**Attendance:** Worship –69, Sunday School - 2 Children, 2 Teachers, 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 [stjohnlutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnlutheran@juno.com) or by phone (361-277-8653) with your email address and we will be happy to send you The Church Bell via your email. This will save the church money spent on postage, paper, and copying. What a great stewardship idea!!!



**Mission of the Month for October**  
**Hillside Lutheran Church**

This month we have chosen Hillside Lutheran Church. It was recommended to us by Pastor Braaten of the NALC. It is what he has chosen for his charity as our guest for Mission Sunday/Reformation Sunday.

Hillside is a small congregation located in Spring Hill, Kansas that decided to leave the ELCA. Due to that decision, they now find themselves with a financial challenge. Earlier, they had received some grant money and now are required to refund that to the ELCA. Along with this issue, their pastor left the congregation. According to Pastor Braaten, they are a great group of people and are determined to do ministry.

**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 October, the collection for the Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse is**  
**ANY ITEMS for 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**

**Mail Received-Hurricane Helene Recovery...**

The Rosenberg Warehouse is working with the Angelicans to ship supplies to Tallahassee. Mary Bates, national disaster coordinator, is requesting gift cards from Walmart, Lowe's Home Depot, and TSC in any amount if you would like to help.

Please send gift cards directly to :  
NALC Disaster Response National Warehouse  
16500 Noble Ave.  
Caldwell, OH 43724.

\* Include a note stating from whom or where the donation comes from.

Please send monetary donations directly to the NALC main office; attention Disaster Response  
North American Lutheran Church

ATTN: Disaster Response  
2113 Harwood Rd. Suite 309 PMB  
Bedford, TX 76021-4703

\* Include a note stating that the donation is for disaster response.

You can also donate online from the NALC website: [thenalc.org](http://thenalc.org)

Please keep our brothers and sisters in prayer. If you have any questions, contact me.

God Bless You! Michael Dittrich (cell: 281-381-5588)

## 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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday School

*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~***

### ATTENTION: ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

The biannual meeting for St. John's Altar Guild will be Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. PLEASE, at least one member from each team is asked to attend for changes in procedures, reminders, discussion. Thank you!

~ Carol Ann ~

### TEAM LEADERS

Planning for the 2025 Budget starts now! Team Leaders please have your budget requests in to the Finance Team/Office no later than Friday, November 1, 2024. Year-to-date figures will be available for pick up from the church office the first week in October.

All requests will be considered. Thank you!

~ St. John Finance Team ~

### 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. They will need to be back to St. John Church no later than Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Cathie Bettge will need to be delivering them the following week.



### 26<sup>TH</sup> Alton C. Allen Historical Conference

#### ***Preservation of Historic Texas Cemeteries: A Shared Responsibility***

This conference will be held October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Hallettsville, Texas. Pre-registration by October 12, 2024 guarantees you a ticket. For more information, please pick up a pamphlet from the table in the Narthex. Thank you!



## **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 Karen for 37 years and has three children – Amber (married to Luke), Christopher (married to



Mark Braaten and best friend Bethge

Rachel), and Cassaundra. 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.

### **St. Peter's Lutheran Church – Ander**

Please join us October 27, 2024 at the picnic area of St Peter's Lutheran Church for food, fun, fellowship, and fundraising from 3:30-7:00 p.m. We will have a country store, music and fellowship, live and silent auctions, and a traditional German meal served. Plates are \$12/plate – for eating here or to go. 100% of funds raised will benefit Goliad County Food Pantries in Goliad, Berclair, and Fannin. Hope to see you there!

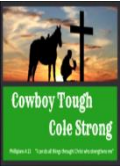
### **Thank You!**

We want to send out a special thank you to those of you who voluntarily did acolyte duties this summer. Our congregation appreciates and is blessed to have young people like you who want to be a part of the church and participate.

Again, thank you all for your time and eagerness to serve our Lord.

May God bless each of you!

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**



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

Updating some after the amazing fundraiser for the Cole Ohrt Walk Strong Foundation. It was another sold out event with the building packed with wonderful supporters of this cause. As always, it was humbling to see that many people come out and support something so special to mine and Cole's hearts. I am so thankful to everyone who sponsored our event

this year and to all who donated prizes, money, or just their time to help make this night such a huge success. We appreciate each and every one of you. Also a big thank you to all who came that night- we hope to see you again next year! If you truly want to see God's love and generosity first hand you need to come to this event. For me it is the most humbling and awesome experience I've ever been blessed to be a part of! Thank you and God Bless. **+ Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole + At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list: *Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual To help family stay strong Patience ~ Stay positive ~The drive to keep trying (perseverance)***

### **Our Military and their families:**

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



### **For Those Serving in the Armed Forces**

Shepherd and defender of our souls, we pray you would protect and bless those who serve in places of conflict, and for the sake of others, must stand in harm's way. Keep those who serve in armed forces around the world safe in your keeping [especially ...]. Bring them home in safety to their loved ones. Grant healing, courage, and peace of heart to those who return from deployment with wounds both visible and invisible. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

### **PHONE PRAYER CHAIN (immediate or long term needs):**

If you have a prayer request or wish to be on the prayer chain, please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500. We ask that when placing a name on the prayer chain, you would please call back weekly with an update on the person's condition. In case of long term prayer needs, please give monthly updates. If we do not have an update, in an effort to keep our list current and up to date, we will presume the situation has improved and remove the request after 30 days. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **CHURCH PRAYER LIST:**

**Please remember these individuals in your prayers:** Hunter Jacob, Cole Ohrt, Ryon Preslar, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay Diebel, Fred "Sandy" Sanders, Ryler James Jacob, Billy Guenther, Pamela Allen, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Dennis Harvey, Mike Rangnow, James Turner, Pat Hays, Dot Ball, Tristan Benignus, Rev. Dr. Amy Little, Micky McDougld, Christy Johns; 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

Children are the most delightful pledges of a loving marriage. They are the best wool on the sheep.

~ Martin Luther ~



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For those on church premises wishing to worship in their vehicles, tune in to FM 101.5 at 10:15 a.m. Sunday mornings.

***If you'd like to receive your monthly church newsletter via email, call or text the church office at 361-277-8653.***