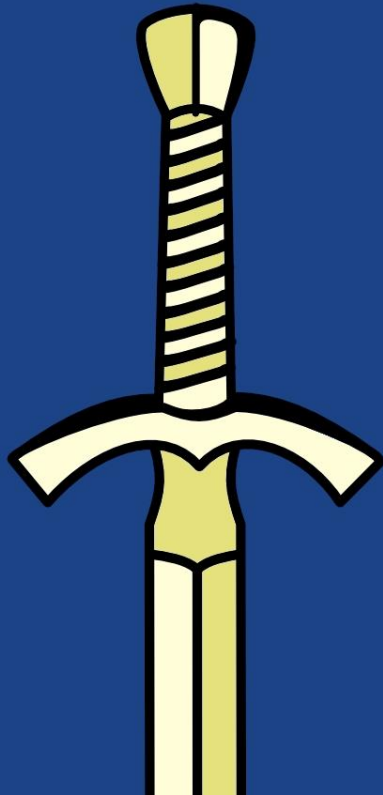


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
October 20, 2024**



**The word of God
is living and
active, sharper
than any two-
edged sword.**

Hebrews 4:12

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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor - The Rev. John Boor

Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 20, 2024**

Greeters This Week: Margie & John Swannack

Greeters Next Week: Youth Group

Reader This Week: Dwight Jander

Reader Next Week: Kathy Dunn

Acolyte This Week: Kinley Nessel

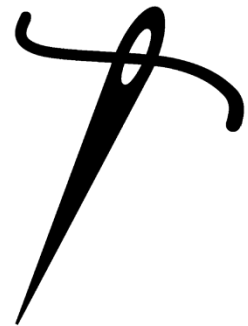
Acolyte Next Week: Shelby Newman

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.*

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord have mercy.

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

C Lord have mercy.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray,

C O God, our refuge and strength, since you yourself are the author of our devotion, graciously consider the devout prayers of your Church. May those things which we ask in faith effectively follow by your grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

AS WE GATHER

The theme of wealth is a topic that occurs more often in the Scriptures than any other, including prayer, perhaps because God knows what can happen when we put our trust in money rather than in him. Jesus warned his followers that relying on riches rather than on the salvation offered through God is assuredly an exercise in futility. Only God can save us. Followers of Christ are called to trust in his promises.

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

¹⁰He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹²Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. ¹³There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. ¹⁸Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil — this is the gift of God. ²⁰For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

Responsive Reading Psalm 119:9-16

⁹How shall a young man cleanse his way? By keeping to your words.

¹⁰**With my whole heart I seek you; let me not stray from your commandments.**

¹¹I treasure your promise in my heart, that I may not sin against you.

¹²**Blessed are you, O LORD; instruct me in your statutes.**

¹³With my lips will I recite all the judgments of your mouth.

¹⁴**I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees than in all manner of riches.**

¹⁵I will meditate on your commandments and give attention to your ways.

¹⁶**My delight is in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:1-13[14-16]

¹Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ²For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." ⁵And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest." ⁶Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today,

if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on.⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,¹⁰for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. [¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.]

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 10:23-31

L The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

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

Gospel: Mark 10:23-31

²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”²⁴And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”²⁶And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?”²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”²⁸Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.”²⁹Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel,³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

MESSAGE

¹Jesus, still lead on, Till our rest be won;
And, although the way be cheerless,
We will follow, calm and fearless;
Guide us by your hand To our Father's land.

²If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
Let no faithless fears o'ertake us,
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
Safely past the foe To our home we go.

³When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring
Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.

⁴Jesus, still lead on, Till our rest be won;
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand In our Father's land.

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:

"Serenity"

Lenea Kaye

(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



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

1Thessalonians 5:16-18
"Rejoice always, pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in
Christ Jesus."

Today 10/20 Twenty-Second 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 with Communion

Mon 10/21 Office Closed

Tues 10/22 9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. Pastor's Office Hours
9:30 a.m.-2:30p.m. Office Hours
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Wed 10/23 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Office Hours
1:30 p.m. Quilters

Thurs 10/24 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Office Hours
1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

Fri 10/25 Office Closed

Next Sun. Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship – Guest Speaker
Luncheon 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.

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



Office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. If you would need immediate assistance outside of office hours, text or call Melissa at 361-649-0413. If you'd like to receive your monthly church newsletter via email, call or text the church office at 361-277-8653

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 13, 2024 General \$2,963.00, MOM – Hillside Lutheran Church \$320.00, Sunday School \$14.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Building \$310.00, Youth \$70.00, General-Basement Supplies \$25.00

Total: \$3,722.00

Attendance: Worship – 63, Sunday School - 6 Children, 2 Teachers, Adult Study – 6



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

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

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.**

The emphasis is on the following items for Hurricane Helene & Milton Recovery:

Cleanup:

Flood/Cleaning buckets
Rakes, shovels, mops brooms
Leather gloves
3 mil heavy duty trash bags
Rubber boots
Wheelbarrows

Keeping warm:

Coats--new or gently used—
please wash!
Gloves, knit hats, scarves
NO OTHER CLOTHES ACCEPTED!
Quilts, blankets, linens
NO PILLOWS!

Household:

Bibles--write words of
encouragement!
Kitchen kits
Storage bins with lids
Sleeping bags
Diapers--Kids & Adults
Feminine products

Christmas decorations:

Ornaments--nothing glass or
breakable
Christmas lights--battery
powered only
Stockings, garland, wrapping
paper, etc.

Toys & Card games:

Do Not Wrap!
NO STUFFED ANIMALS!
New toys only.

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-Hurricanes Helene & Milton Recovery...

"Pray for those in crisis, for all volunteers and relief workers, and for God's love to be shared through acts of service."

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 Tractor Supply 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.

Put together Disaster Kits—fill up your Mission District Warehouses.

Financial contributions are needed to pay for traveling expenses and for materials needing to be bought. 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 409
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

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

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

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.

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~



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 are available for pick up from the church office. 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 10th, 2024. Cathie Bettge will need to be delivering them the following week.



REFORMATION SUNDAY

SAVE THE DATE



On October 27th, 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 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.



Mark Braaten and best friend Bethge

Reformation Sunday

Wear Red Sunday, October 27th

*As we celebrate the Reformation which began in 1517, the color of the day is red!
You are invited to wear something **RED** that day as a sign of the Holy Spirit
working in and through Christ's church – reformed and always reforming.*

ST. John Lutheran Church – Meyersville

Please join us for the following:

EVENT: REFORMATION SUNDAY

GUEST SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Mark Braaten,

Southern Area Assistant to the Bishop of the NALC

DATE: Sunday, October 27, 2024

TIME: 9 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Church Service

BBQ meal to follow

Members of our congregation are asked to bring a side dish and dessert.

PLACE: St. John Lutheran Church

1764 Meyersville Rd

Meyersville

361-277-8653

LOVE OFFERING: Cristo Rey Lutheran Church & Hillside Lutheran Church



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

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!



Portals of Prayer

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

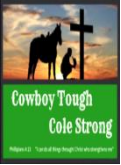
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Reformation Meal Fundraiser sponsored by the Genie Fuhrman Legacy Music Scholarship Committee on Sunday, October 27. Serving time is 11:30 AM to 12:30PM. \$12 donation per plate dine in & carry out only. A delicious meal of sausage, green beans, sweet rice, sauerkraut, bread, and peaches will be served. Will be held in the multi-purpose room on 4102 N. Ben Jordan Victoria, TX. All proceeds benefit the Genie Fuhrman Legacy Music Scholarship.



Attention: If you have lost a loved one in the past year, please contact the church office at 361-277-8653 that we might recognize them during next Sunday's All Saints service.

PRAYER REQUESTS



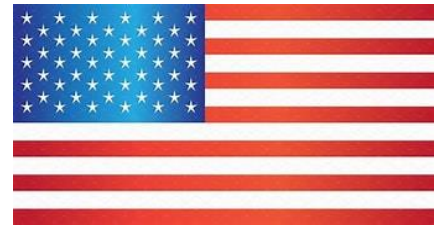
+ **UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:** Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong: Hi everyone ! Figured it was time for an update on Cole! He is doing well - staying healthy by the grace of God and with the help of amazing nurses. Cole actually started college this fall with some online courses. To say he's enjoying it would be a lie- he's always hated school. However he is doing an amazing job keeping up with his course work with the help of a couple of awesome nurses and I'm very proud of him. Even though he hates it he gives it his all. I also wanted to remind everyone of the annual Cowboy Tough Cole Strong Team Roping and Silent Auction benefit coming up this month on the 18th-20th. We will have a silent auction going on during the day Saturday and Sunday with lots of homemade goodies, decor, and much more! As many of you know this event is one of the highlights of Cole's year and he's really looking forward to it. If anyone would like to donate towards this event or the silent auction you can contact me at 361-550-8856. Also we are looking for another nurse for Cole to work 2-3 nights a week. Very easy work and laid back work environment for sure! Contact me at number above if interested or you know someone who would be. God has truly blessed us with the best nurses and I know He'll provide us with another one. Lastly I would like to ask all of you to pray for a young man named Cameron who was run over by a bulldozer at work last Monday. He's in a hospital in Houston fighting for his life and he needs all our prayers. Please also pray for his parents- the pain and suffering they're going through watching their son suffer I know is unimaginable.

Thank you all for your continued prayers for Cole's healing as well. God bless each of you ♥

+ **Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole + At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list:** *Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual To help family stay strong Patience ~ Stay positive ~The drive to keep trying (perseverance)*

Our Military and their families:

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



For Those Serving in the Armed Forces

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

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN (immediate or long term needs):

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

CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

Please remember these individuals in your prayers: Hunter Jacob, Cole Ohrt, Ryon Preslar, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay Diebel, Fred "Sandy" Sanders, 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, Beatrice Fagg, Clydell Tam; 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

Wealth is the most insignificant thing on earth, the smallest gift that God can give a man. What is it in comparison with the Word of God?

~ Martin Luther ~

Comment made at the family table



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