

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
October 27, 2024



*If you abide
in my word,
you are truly
my disciples.*

John 8:31

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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 27, 2024

Greeters This Week: Youth Group

Greeters Next Week: Cathie & Dickie Bettge

Reader This Week: Kathy Dunn

Reader Next Week: Cathie Bettge

Acolyte This Week: Shelby Newman

Acolyte Next Week: Kaleigh 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.

PRELUDE: “Prelude and Fugue in C Major”

Johann Sebastian 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:

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

LBW #229

**¹A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

**²No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God’s only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

**³Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat’ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot over pow’r us.
Let this world’s tyrant rage; In battle we’ll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God’s judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**

**⁴God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!**

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord have mercy.

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

C Lord have mercy.

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

C Lord have mercy.

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

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray,

C O Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of your Word, and bestow upon the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, 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

On this Reformation Sunday we hear familiar words from Jesus and St. Paul that remind us of the truth of our human existence: We are sinners in need of grace. Through Christ's sacrifice on the cross of Calvary we are freed from sin, death, and the devil in order to abide with Jesus and keep his word holy. Luther taught that the church is to always be reforming and to always be returning to the Gospel truth.

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

⁶I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Responsive Reading Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

³Though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

⁴The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁵There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁶God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; God shall help her at the break of day.

⁷The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

⁸The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁹Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, what awesome things he has done on earth.

**¹⁰It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.**

¹¹"Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

¹²The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are

justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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: John 8:31-36

L The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

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

Gospel: John 8:31-36

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

MESSAGE ~ The Rev. Dr. Mark Braaten of the NALC

SERMON HYMN:

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

LBW #212

**¹Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.**

Refrain

**When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**²Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees. [*Refrain*]**

**³Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees. [*Refrain*]**

Stand as you are able

Let us confess our faith through the Nicene Creed

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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: "Autumn Glory"

(Please use the yellow envelopes for cash/coin offerings & include your name.)

Sylvia K. Riggs

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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: *"Prelude in G Minor"*

Johann Sebastian Bach

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN



Romans 3:23-24

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

Today 10/27 REFORMATION SUNDAY

Twenty-Third 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

Guest Pastor ~ The Rev. Dr. Mark Braaten

****BBQ Meal after church****

Mon 10/28 ???? Office Hours

Tues 10/29 9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.

Pastor's Office Hours

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Office Hours

Wed 10/30 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Office Hours

1:30 p.m.

Quilters

Thurs 10/31 Office Closed

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Pastor's Office Hours

Fri 11/01 ???? Office Hours

Team Leader Budget Requests Due to Finance Team/Office

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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.

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.

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 20, 2024 General \$1,250.00, MOM – Hillside Lutheran Church \$10.00, Rosenberg Warehouse \$345.00, Sunday School \$29.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Old Stone Church \$10.00, SS Mission-Children's Haven \$100.00, Building \$60.00, Youth \$40.00, Other Mission - 8 Days of Hope \$2,000.00

Total: \$3,864.00

Attendance: Worship – 62, Sunday School - 2 Children, 2 Teachers, 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 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!!!

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, November 3rd, 2024's All Saints service.



NEWSLETTER



ATTENTION PLEASE

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

TEAM LEADERS

Team Leaders please have your budget requests in to the Finance Team/Office no later than Friday, November 1, 2024. ~ 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. 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.



Mark Braaten and best friend Bethge

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 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.

Thank you

Thank you to The Rev. Dr. Mark Braaten for being here today on Reformation Sunday! We were blessed to have you as part of our Sunday School and our church service today. God's blessings to you and yours!

Altar Flowers for This Sunday

Today's altar flowers are placed to the Glory of God and in Honor of
The Rev. Dr. Mark Braaten.



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!

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 Furhman Legacy Music Scholarship.

Meyersville Country Club Turkey Shoot

Today, Sunday, October 27th, 2024, the Meyersville Country Club will hold a Turkey Shoot. This is a public event. The BB Gun Shoot will be from 2 PM – 4 PM with 3 rounds for \$10 (all ages). A to-go meal of chili and cornbread meal for \$12 will be available from 4 PM – 6 PM. There will be a gun raffle, bonus shoot, prizes. Cash and checks only. BB guns provided. Kitchen will be closed and ice chests welcomed.

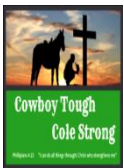


With Our Deepest Sympathy

Please keep the family of Clydell Tam

in your thoughts & prayers. Clydell passed away on Thursday, October 17, 2024. She is Beatrice Fagg's sister and Clay Haun's aunt. May God comfort her family at this time of loss.

PRAYER REQUESTS



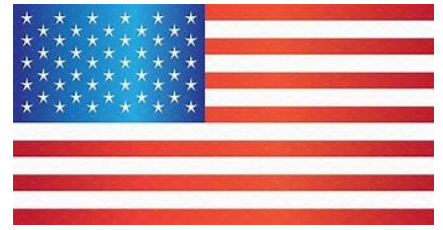
+ **UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:** Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong: Hi everyone !

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



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, Family of 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

Distinguishing between the law and the gospel is the highest art in Christendom, one who every person who values the name Christian ought to recognize, know, and possess. Where this is lacking, it is not possible to tell who is a Christian and who is a pagan or Jew. That much

~ Martin Luther ~

The Distinction Between Law and Gospel, 1532



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