

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
November 3, 2024**



**Revelation 21:5**

## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

**November 3, 2024**

**Greeter This Week:** Cathie & Dickie Bettge

**Greeters Next Week:** Trish Hood

**Reader This Week:** Cathie Bettge

**Reader Next Week:** Trish Hood

**Acolyte This Week:** Kaleigh Newman

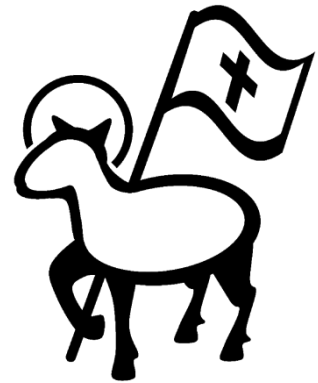
**Acolyte Next Week:** Kyler Leist

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

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Wanda Hays

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Johnny Jank



**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:** “Largo on Rock of Ages” (Toplady)

*Alice Jordan*

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS**

*Stand as you are able*

**RECOGNITION OF SAINTS:**

*Kathy Gay Smith Rangnow*

*Joy Hoy*

*Bea Bagwell*

*William Alfred Wendel*

*Anitta Mollenkopf*

*Rick Gonzales*

*Joy Meadows*

*Jason Frederick*

*Wilburn E. Oehlke*

*Beatrice D. Jahnsen*

*Steve Cusack*

*Clydell Tam*

*Deborah Baros*

*John G. Roller*

*Lydia Claybrook*

*Curtis Weise*

**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:**

*“For All the Saints”*

**LBW #174 (vs. 1-4)**

<sup>1</sup> **For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
All who by faith before the world confessed,  
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

<sup>2</sup> **You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
You, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

<sup>3</sup> **Oh, may your soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

<sup>4</sup> **Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one within your great design.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**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.**

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**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray,

**Almighty God, you have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ, our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which you have prepared for those who love you; 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**

All Saints Day is the day on which we remember the lives of those faithful Christians who have gone before us unto death in the past year. The Scriptures offer us hope in the promise of Jesus' resurrection power in our lives. We look forward to seeing the Lamb of God face to face in that place where tears no longer exist. Christ is our comforter and King forever; his life is our life and we live to worship him.

### **First Reading: Revelation 7:[2-8] 9-17**

[<sup>2</sup>I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."  
<sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: <sup>5</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, <sup>6</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, <sup>7</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, <sup>8</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.] <sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

## Responsive Reading

### Psalm 149

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

**<sup>2</sup>Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

**<sup>4</sup>For the LORD takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds.

**<sup>6</sup>Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two edged sword in their hand;**

<sup>7</sup>To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;

**<sup>8</sup>To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron;**

<sup>9</sup>To inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

### Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

*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: Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

### Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, {Jesus} went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

*“For All the Saints”*

LBW #174 (vs. 5-8)

<sup>5</sup> And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

<sup>6</sup> The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

<sup>7</sup> But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

<sup>8</sup> From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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:

***"Hour of Worship"***

***Sylvia K. Riggs***

*(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:

*"Prelude in G Minor"*

*J. S. Bach*



1 Samuel 12:24

*“But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.”*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**

**Today 11/3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
10:15 a.m.

Sunday School  
Confirmation Class  
Adult Study  
Worship with Communion



**Mon 11/4** Office Closed

**Tues 11/5** 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.  
9:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

**Voting in the Parish Hall**  
Office Hours

**Wed 11/6** ?????  
1:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

Office Hours  
Quilters – parsonage  
Worship Team Meeting

**Thurs 11/7** 9:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.  
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Office Hours  
Pastor’s Office Hours

**Fri 11/8** Office Closed

**Next Sun. Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
10:15 a.m.

Property Team  
Sunday School  
Confirmation Class  
Adult Study  
Worship – **CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES DUE**

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.



*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 27, 2024** General \$1,102.00, MOM – Hillside Lutheran Church \$472.00, Cemetery \$30.00, Building \$230.00, **Total: \$1,834.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 67, Sunday School - 6 Children, 3 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!!!



**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 November, the collection for the Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse is ANY ITEMS listed below (especially those emphasized).

**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

**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 Heath 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](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)

**Additional Donations:** We will also be collecting new and gently used Bibles as well as prayer books. Used Portals of Prayers are also being collected and delivered to Victoria Christian Assistance Ministries in Victoria. If you have questions, please contact Cathie Bettge or Meliss Eckhardt. Thank you!

**Mission of the Month for November**  
**Christmas Families**

We will be collecting items for our chosen Christmas Families again this year. We will have one family and the hurricane victims will be our second family for which we will collect the Christmas items, coats, and toys that were listed . Please look/listen for additional information in the Sunday Bulletins and during announcements.

Thank You!



**Christmas decorations:**

Ornaments--nothing glass or  
breakable  
Christmas lights--battery  
powered only  
Stockings, garland, wrapping  
paper, etc.  
Bibles--write words of  
encouragement!  
Diapers--Kids & Adults  
Feminine products

**Toys & Card games:**

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

**Keeping warm:**

Coats--new or gently used—  
please wash!  
Gloves, knit hats, scarves

## 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~



### Election Day

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 5th!!

Remember the Parish Hall will be used for the General Election on November 4-6, 2024.



### Cornucopia

Donations of garden fresh items as well as store bought items of fruits and vegetables are very much appreciated and can be brought to the church at 9:00-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27. Volunteers will assemble the cornucopia for the Thanksgiving Eve service. You may pick your items up after the Thanksgiving Service.

### Samaritans Purse Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Our Samaritans Purse Christmas Child shoeboxes are available in the narthex and the wings for pick-up and need to be back to St. John Church no later than **NEXT Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Cathie Bettge will need to be delivering them the following week.



### Decorating of Church for Christmas

*Plans are being made to decorate the church for Christmas on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 3:00 p.m... Watch bulletins for further details. Thank you!*

### Seeking Donations for the Basement

The newly renovated basement is looking great, thanks to your generous donations. We now have a TV, beverage station, game tables, and comfortable seating. We still need a few items to make the space complete: beverage station setup (Keurig, mugs, etc.), mini refrigerator, and bookshelves. If you can help with any of these, please reach out to Rachel Nessel at (361) 571-9228. Thank you for your support in creating a safe and welcoming space for our youth!



### Personal Notes

*Just wanted to say Thank you to Beverly Bodden, the Parish Life Team & all those who helped prepare the meal for Reformation Sunday. Everything was delicious & the fellowship was delightful.*

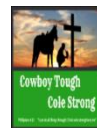
*Congratulations to Justin Ficklen & Kirsten Benignus who were married on Saturday, October 19, 2024 in New Ulm with Pastor John E. Boor officiating. May your marriage be blessed with much love and happiness! Best Wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Justin Ficklen!*



## PRAYER REQUESTS

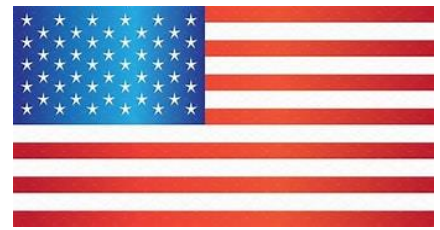
**+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:** Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong: Cole and I and our family want to send out a huge thank you to Justin Shelton for throwing another amazing team roping benefit for Cole last weekend! He continues to do this for Cole every year and it means so much to Cole and our family. We also want to thank all those who help put together and run this event including Tommy and Shelly Marbach, Amy Burnett, and many others working behind the scenes. Also we are thankful to all the sponsors and to all who donated to make this event a great success. And last but not least thank you to all who came and roped and to all who showed up to show their love and support for Cole. We are so blessed to be loved by such an amazing community. I also want to thank Rich Skelton, Nick Sabian, and Jody Starr for donating the roping schools and fishing trips. We auctioned them off today at the high school rodeo and they did amazing. May God bless each and every one of you for your love and generosity ♥

**+ 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



## 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; 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

We are all saints, and cursed is he who does not want to call himself a saint... you do owe this not to yourself but to the will of God, who would be your Father. To call yourself a saint is, therefore, no presumption but an act of gratitude and a confession of God's blessings.

~ Martin Luther ~

Sermon, 1530

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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.*





**ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS**



**HONOR OR REMEMBER A SPECIAL PERSON IN YOUR LIFE** by having a Poinsettia placed in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve, December 24. Please complete the form below, make out a check to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, and place this form and your check in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.

Please indicate the number of Poinsettias you desire and please PRINT clearly. Additional forms are available in the Narthex.

[    ] Poinsettia(s) (cost is \$15.00 each)

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God by: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE CHURCH OFFICE MUST RECEIVE ALL ORDERS NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, November 17, 2024**

*\*All Poinsettias may be picked up after the  
10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.*