

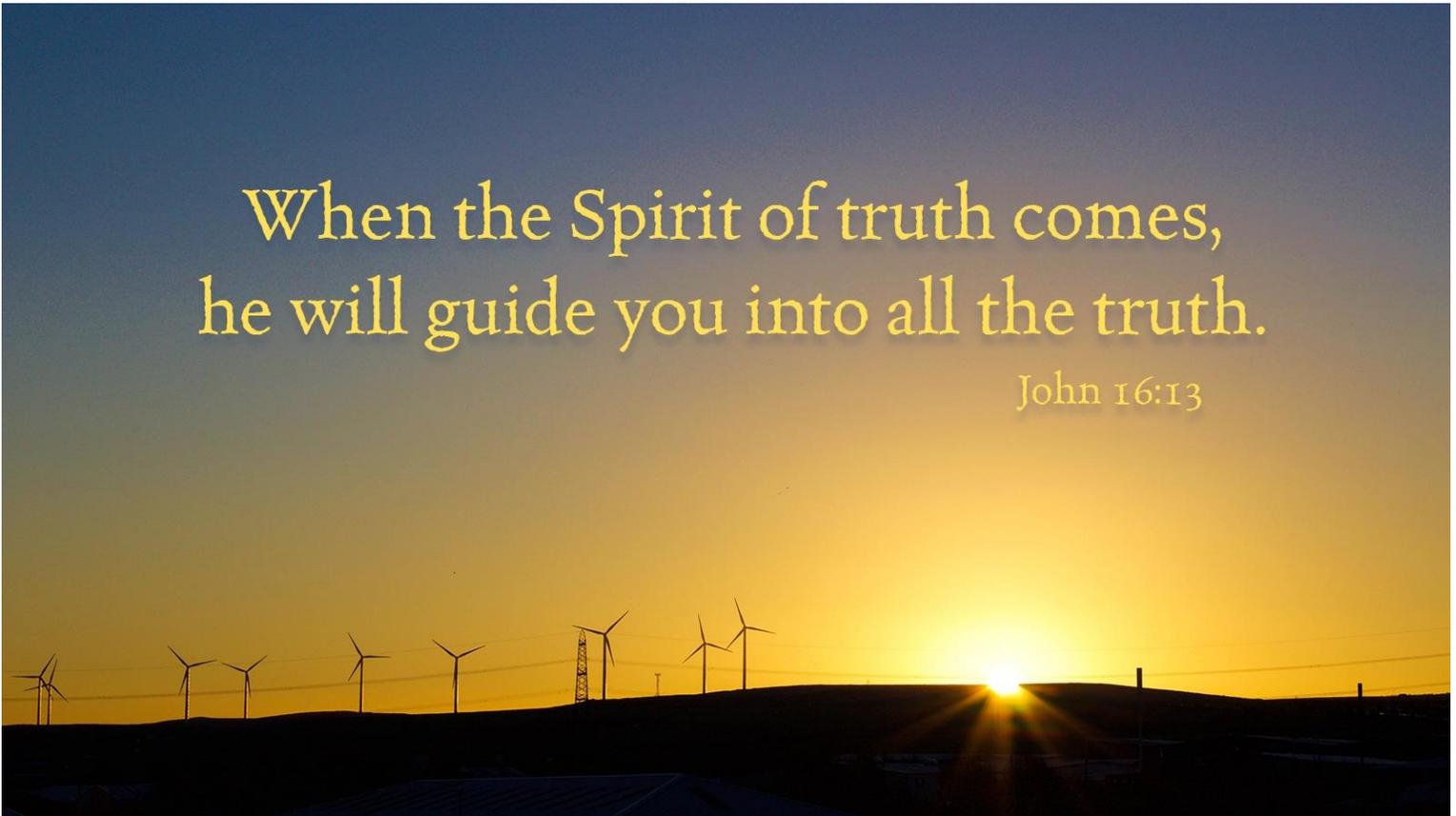
**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
May 18, 2025**

Confirmation Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

When the Spirit of truth comes,
he will guide you into all the truth.

John 16:13



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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Greeters This Week: Cathie & Dickie Bettge

Greeters Next Week: Beverly Bodden

Reader This Week: Dickie Bettge

Reader Next Week: Beverly Bodden

Acolyte This Week: Kaleigh Newman

Acolyte Next Week: Kyler Leist

Altar Guild This Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Altar Guild Next Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

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.

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN NURTURE

A service based on the six chief parts of the Catechism

AS WE GATHER

Today we celebrate the ministry of Christian nurture – the entire spectrum of things we do to foster Christian growth in people of all ages. As we celebrate, we are aware of the power of the Word and the Sacraments, and all the ways in which they are central to spiritual growth. But we are also aware of all the many people who are involved in these ministries of nurture, and we thank God for the way He uses these servants to personalize His message for each of us.

THE PRELUDE:

“Prelude and Fugue”

J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ENTRANCE HYMN: “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry” (WOV) #770

WELCOME

Welcome to our Confirmation Service. Thank you for coming to share this service with us. This is an important day for us, a day on which we confirm our faith in our Lord. We hope that as you participate in this worship service, you can reaffirm your faith in Him along with us. **LET US BEGIN OUR WORSHIP IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE ✠ SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

WHY ARE WE HERE?

In Baptism, we become a child of God. We are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the Cross of Christ forever. As infants we were told to “Let our light shine before others that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in Heaven.” Now, as Confirmands, we may affirm these words. As children, we came to Sunday School to learn about God’s love and His Holy Word. Our Confirmation classes also helped us learn more about Jesus Christ. Today we are here because we know the Lord will love us no matter where we go or what we do and we love Him and want to serve Him.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Jesus said, “Let you light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven.”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Ten Commandments and Office of the Keys

Student: God says in His word, “You shall have no other gods.”

People: Lord, have mercy.

Student: God says in His word, “You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.”

People: Lord, Have mercy.

Student: God says in His word, “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy”

People: Lord, Have mercy.

Student: God says in His word, “Honor your father and your mother.”

People: Lord, have mercy.

Student: God says in His word, “You shall not murder.”

People: Lord, have mercy.

Student: God says in His word, “You shall not commit adultery.”

People: Lord, have mercy.

Student: God says in His word, “You shall not steal.”

People: Lord, have mercy.

Student: God says in His word, “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.”

People: Lord, have mercy.

Student: God says in His word, You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.”

People: Lord, have mercy.

Student: God says in His word, “You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

People: Lord, have mercy.

(Silence for reflection)

Pastor: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said unto them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whosoever sins you remit, they are remitted unto them. And whosoever sins you retain, they are retained,”

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name he gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

People: AMEN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

(Silence for reflection)

Pastor: Loving Father, as we gather again around the Word and Sacraments,

People: we give you thanks for those who labor in the ministry of nurture,

Pastor: so that through the Word and Sacraments,

People: our faith may be strengthened, and our lives enriched.

Pastor: Help us to live what we believe,

People: and to reach out towards others with our nurture,

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

People: Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

AMEN

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 11:1-18

¹The apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

THE SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-7

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” ⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

VERSE (Sung) **“Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life
Alleluia, Alleluia”**

Please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 16:12-22

The Holy Gospel according to John the 16th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

¹²{Jesus said to his disciples,} “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁶A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)

CREED

The Apostles' Creed is a statement of what Christians believe about the triune God.

The Creed is of ancient origin, tracing its roots back to the first century.

The Apostles' Creed is the Church's baptismal creed; that is, it expresses the faith into which we are baptized.

When we confess the Creed, we witness to our unity with Christians of all times and all places who confess the same faith.

When we confess the Creed, we affirm that the Church of Jesus Christ transcends the limits of time and geography.

So with the whole Church on earth, and with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we confess our faith in the God who saves us.

Please Stand.

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.**

Please be seated.

BAPTISMAL DIRECTIVE

At Baptism the following is directed to parents and Godparents and the congregation:

“In Christ’s love you presented us for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring us to the services of God’s house, teach them the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As we grow in years, you should place in our hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for our instruction in the Christian faith, that living in the covenant of our Baptism and in communion with the Church, we may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ.”

GUIDANCE ALONG THE WAY TO CONFIRMATION

We would like to thank Pastor John, our families, our sponsors, our Sunday School teachers, and our friends for their guidance. We have spent much time learning to get along with each other, learning to trust in the Church, its teachings and each other. Confirmation has strengthened the bonds of love in all these things.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for making these people a part of our lives. Without them, we would not be as close to you as we are. Our parents, along with our Godparents, brought us into Your Family when we were baptized. Your teachers brought, meaning into what you and Your Words are all about. They helped us understand that You will always be our friend, just like they have been. Please watch over them and let them know they are loved for everything they have done for us. AMEN

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

The following people, Kinley Nessel, Shelby Newman, and Kaleigh Newman, having been instructed in the Christian faith, now desire to make public affirmation of their faith.

In Holy Baptism you were received by our Lord Jesus Christ and made members of His Church. Now you choose to affirm the faith of the Church as your own, and to accept personal responsibility for active participation in the life and ministry of this congregation. I therefore ask you:

Do you believe in God the creator? Do you accept His Son, Jesus Christ, as your Lord and as the Savior of the world? Do you believe that this same God continues to be with you, through His Holy Spirit?

THE PLEDGE OF THE CONFIRMANDS

“I DO BELIEVE THAT God is my creator and that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior and that the Holy Spirit will be with me now and forever and I promise to be faithful unto Him, even unto death. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism;

To live among God's Faithful people,
to hear His word and share in his supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so answer, "YES WITH THE HELP OF GOD"

Do you intend to honor their unique gifts, support them with your prayers, attend to their spiritual and physical needs, and work with them in harmony, that God's will may be done in and through this corporate body? Do you intend to grow with them and to continually confirm and reconfirm YOUR faith?

If so answer; "YES, WITH THE HELP OF GOD."

LET US PRAY

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, and the spirit of joy in your presence through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. AMEN.

THE BLESSING

*Confirmands Kneel. (Confirmands come to altar rail one at a time with parents. Their Bible verse is read.)
The minister lays hands on the head of each person:*

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his/her serving, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.

Student: Amen

THE PRAYER (Congregation in unison)

Almighty and merciful God, complete the work that is begun in these young people today. Let their partnership with people of faith throughout the world be such that no false doctrine, no selfish desires, and no love of any material thing will lead them away from you or from the faith which we jointly hold, in joyful obedience to You and to Your Word, enable all of us to serve You more faithfully, in both word and deed, that your name may be honored and your will be done. AMEN

THE PRAYERS

Leader: Heavenly Father, as you have given us the gift of life, and the gifts of thinking and acting, and feeling, so give us the gift of you Holy Spirit.

People: That we may make of our lives a response of loving service in your name.

Leader: As you have given us new birth in baptism, so gather us together as your people.

People: That we may live as Christ to our world and witness His love to our generation.

Leader: Gather old and young, men and women, boys and girls, into common tasks for you.

People: For we are all your children, each with his own strength to contribute to your work.

Leader: Forgive our frailties, and our sinning, and our blindness to doing your will.

People: And once forgiven, strengthen us in the new life in Christ.

Leader: We ask you to help parents be your channels of guidance and caring to their children.

People: Building on their baptism the knowledge of you, their Lord, and your love for them.

Leader: We ask you to help young people accept the responsibilities of loyalty and commitment to you.

People: Strengthening our church in vitality and vision and enthusiasm.

Leader: We ask you to help young people respect those of experience who have and are now serving your church.

People: Preserving the wisdom and knowledge of the past as a firm foundation for change and development.

Leader: We ask you to make all of us the means by which you reach to the needy, the troubled, the lonely, the sorrowful.

People: That one day we may stand among those who are already welcomed into your eternal kingdom

SHARING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

THE OFFERING:

“A Light Into My Path”

Bertha R. Frick

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

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY : “Let the vineyards...” **LBW p. 66**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER **LBW p. 67**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **LBW p. 68**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER #33 (right column) **LBW p. 70**

THE LORD’S PRAYER **LBW p. 71**

LAMB OF GOD **LBW p. 72**

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

(For those attending, please fill out a tan communion card.)

Please stand.

POST COMMUNION: “Thank the Lord . . .” **LBW p. 72**

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION **LBW p. 74**

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE DOXOLOGY **LBW #565**

POSTLUDE: **“The Triumphant Dawn”** **Gregg Sewell**



Celebrating their Confirmation

Kinley Nessel

Kinley is the daughter of Dustin and Rachel Nessel. She was baptized at St. John Lutheran Church in Westhoff Texas on February 12, 2012.

Shelby Newman

Shelby is the daughter of Kyle & Sara Newman. She was baptized at St. John Ev. Lutheran Church in Meyersville Texas on June 25, 2023.

Kaleigh Newman

Kaleigh is the daughter of Kyle & Sara Newman. She was baptized at St. John Ev. Lutheran Church in Meyersville Texas on June 25, 2023.



Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

[This passage calls us to complete reliance on God. As we navigate the newness of May, we are encouraged to trust Him in all aspects of our lives, seeking His guidance and wisdom.]

www.prayerlit.com/bible-verses-for-may



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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 5/18 Fifth Day of Easter

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

Sunday School
Adult Study
Worship with Holy Communion
Confirmation Sunday



Mon 5/19 Office Closed

7:00 p.m.

Finance Meeting

Tues 5/20 CAMAL House Mtg. here in Parish Hall

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

Wed 5/21 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Office hours
Quilters
Mission Ev. Team Meeting
Men’s Bible Study

Thurs 5/22 9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.

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

Office hours
Pastor’s Office Hours

*****Committee Reports Due*****

Fri 5/23 Graduation in Cuero, Yorktown, & Nordheim

Office Closed

*****Newsletter Deadline*****

Next Sun. Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday School
Adult Study
Worship – *Memorial Day Service*

MEMORIAL DAY



Have a Blessed Week!

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

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

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Sunday, May 11, 2024 General \$1,873.00, MOM (May) – Christian Warrior’s Retreat \$100.00, Sunday School \$13.00, Old Stone Church \$300.00, Building \$680.00, Youth \$60.00 **Total: \$3,026.00**

Attendance: Worship – 88, Sunday School - 6 Children, 3 Teachers, Adult Study – 7

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, national warehouse or Texas warehouse. *Rosenberg Warehouse checks need to be written out to Peace Lutheran Church with Rosenberg Warehouse on the memo line.*

NALC Disaster Response

What's in a Flood Bucket?

- 1 five gallon bucket with lid
- 1 roll paper towels
- 1 powder scouring cleanser (like comet)
- 1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso)
- 1 bottle bleach – small! (1/2 gal. or smaller)
- 1 scrub brush
- 1 pair rubber gloves (size L preferred, reusable)
- 1 pair leather gloves (size L preferred)
- 1 pair cotton gloves (size L preferred)
- 2 large contractor trash bags (3 mil)
- 2 rags

What's in a Health Care Kit?

- 1 bath towel
- 1 wash cloth (optional)
- 1 shampoo (2 if travel size)
- 1 bar of soap (2 if travel size)
- 1 toothbrush (individually sealed)
- 1 pack of floss (optional)
- 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)
- 1 comb
- 1 deodorant
- 1 nail clippers (optional)

We will also be collecting new and gently used Bibles of any language as well as prayer books for Disaster Relief. If you have questions, please contact Cathie Bettge. Thank you!

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

We will be collecting new or used Bibles for the month of May for the Rosenberg warehouse.

Additional Donations: Used Portals of Prayers are also being collected and delivered to Victoria Christian Assistance Ministries in Victoria. If you have questions, please contact Margie Swannack. Thank you!

Mission of the Month for May

CHRISTIAN WARRIOR'S RETREAT

Christian Warriors Retreat (CWR) is a Christian organization committed to serving our veterans, first responders, and their loving families. Our bi-annual retreats are currently held at the beautiful El Shaddai Ranch in Yorktown, Texas. Each of our four-day retreats starts on a Thursday night and ends on a Sunday afternoon. At each retreat, veterans and first responders are invited to stay onsite completely free of charge. Their lodging, meals, and snacks are provided for through the donation of our amazing financial supporters. Leaders and volunteers at CWR serve each guest with honor and attendees are integrated into CWR's family through live music and worship, powerful guest speakers, and small group gatherings designed to serve those who serve with the love and grace of God. Our organization has plans to launch CWR retreats in new locations throughout our nation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Sunday - 9:00 A.M. - Sunday School-

*Come deepen your faith, connect with friends, and grow closer to God!
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~**



Each Sunday - Portals of Prayer –

April - June Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.

Sunday, May 18, 2025 – Confirmation Sunday

Today, May 18th, 2025, is Confirmation Sunday.

Confirmands are: Kaleigh Newman, Shelby Newman, & Kinley Nessel



Wednesday, May 21, 2025 – Mission Evangelism Meeting

Friday, May 23, 2025 – High School Graduations

Sunday, May 25, 2025 – St. John ~ Memorial Day Service

We will have a Memorial Day service on Sunday, May 25, 2025 to honor & remember all Military Men & Women. We have a running list for the bulletin that we have used the last several years. If someone has passed away in the past year, or you know of any new military personnel, please let the office know by calling or texting 361-277-8653 or by emailing us at stjohnvlutheran@juno.com. Thank you!



Monday, May 26, 2025 – Memorial Day

Thursday, May 29, 2025 – Ascension of the Lord

Saturday, May 31, 2025 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall

This will be an alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, June 1, 2025 – Graduation Sunday

Graduation Sunday at St. John will be celebrated on Sunday, June 2, 2024. We will be recognizing all 2024 Kinder, 8th grade, High School & College Graduates during this time. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board or email: stjohnvlutheran@juno.com with your graduate's information for the bulletin or drop it by the church office.

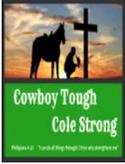


If anyone would like to acolyte on a Sunday morning starting June 1, please let Pastor know or the office so we can include your name in the bulletin.

There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board.

What a way to praise our Lord, serve at church, and have volunteer credit on future applications (job & college)!





PRAYER REQUESTS ❤️

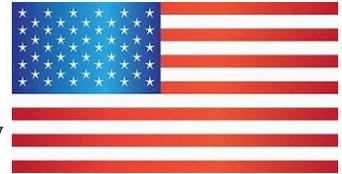
+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole: Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (April 3, 2025): Hello everyone! Figured it was time for an update on Cole. He is doing well. He is in his second semester of college and no he still doesn't like it. Of course he never has liked school. He still dedicated to working hard at therapy even on the days he really doesn't want to go. He is a very determined young man. We were recently talking about how tough life can be not just for him but others we know and Cole said "you just have to keep living and keep believing". I couldn't have said it any better. Coming from someone who has lived through what he has the past seven years I think that's pretty amazing advice for anyone going through tough times. Sometimes we are in Gods waiting room and we just have to trust His timing no matter how frustrating it can be at times. I also wanted to post pictures (see FB) of the Cole Ohrt Walk Strong Foundation fundraiser coming up. Once again we raise money each year to help pay for people with disabilities like Cole's and other serious neurological issues to receive the therapy they need regardless of their insurance coverage or lack of. It is a wonderful event and we invite to come join us. If you're unable to come but would still like to donate I'm also posting multiple underwriting/donating opportunities for anyone who is interested. Well that's all for now. Keep those prayers coming and if there's anything or anyone you would like us to pray for just message us here and we'll be happy to pray for 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 Cavazos
 Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Florida
 Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, Fort Riley, Kansas
 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, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Christy Johns, Beatrice Fagg, David Diebel, Obert Sagebiel, Elizabeth Beard, Ray Butler, MayDell Jacob, Mary Wagner, Carol Ann Sagebiel, Cathie Bettge, Deb Wagner, Wanda Hays, Nick Picard, Jonathan Ideus, Pam Ficklen; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.



Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus

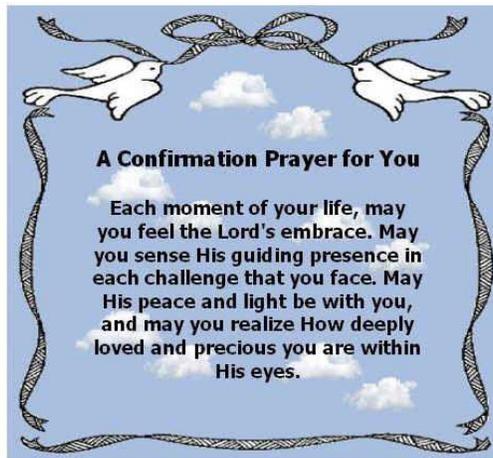
When we find ourselves in the midst of grief, pain, and sorrow, it is almost impossible to dream of better days. We may know intellectually that things will turn around and healing will begin, but our hearts are broken and we mourn. Jesus spoke to those raw emotions as he told his followers that their sorrow would soon turn to joy. Our Lord turns mourning into dancing as he brings new life out of death.

SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER



Can one fall from this joy? Yes. And as soon as we fall, eternal pain is at hand, out of which, although it is in its nature eternal, yet God rescues his own. Thus the joy continues forever, but as long as the person is upon the earth he may fall from it. You should understand it thus: Christ is my Savior, if! so believe and confess. This joy is to me an eternal joy so far as I remain in it. But when Christ departs out of the heart, then the joy also departs. The grace continues, but the conscience can easily fall.

~ Martin Luther ~



Today's Psalm: Psalm 150

¹Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; praise him in the firmament of his power.

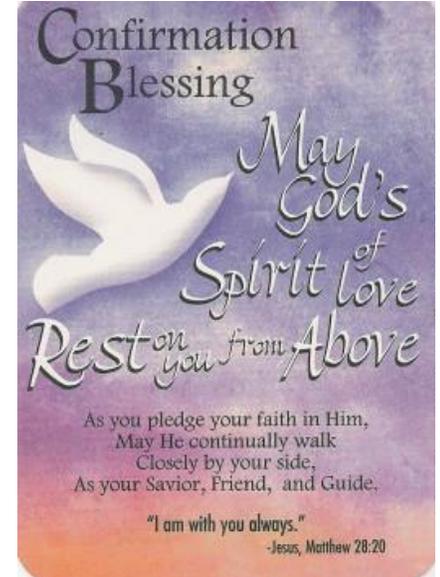
²**Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him for his excellent greatness.**

³Praise him with the blast of the ram's horn; praise him with lyre and harp.

⁴**Praise him with timbrel and dance; praise him with strings and pipe.**

⁵Praise him with resounding cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals.

⁶**Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah!**



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