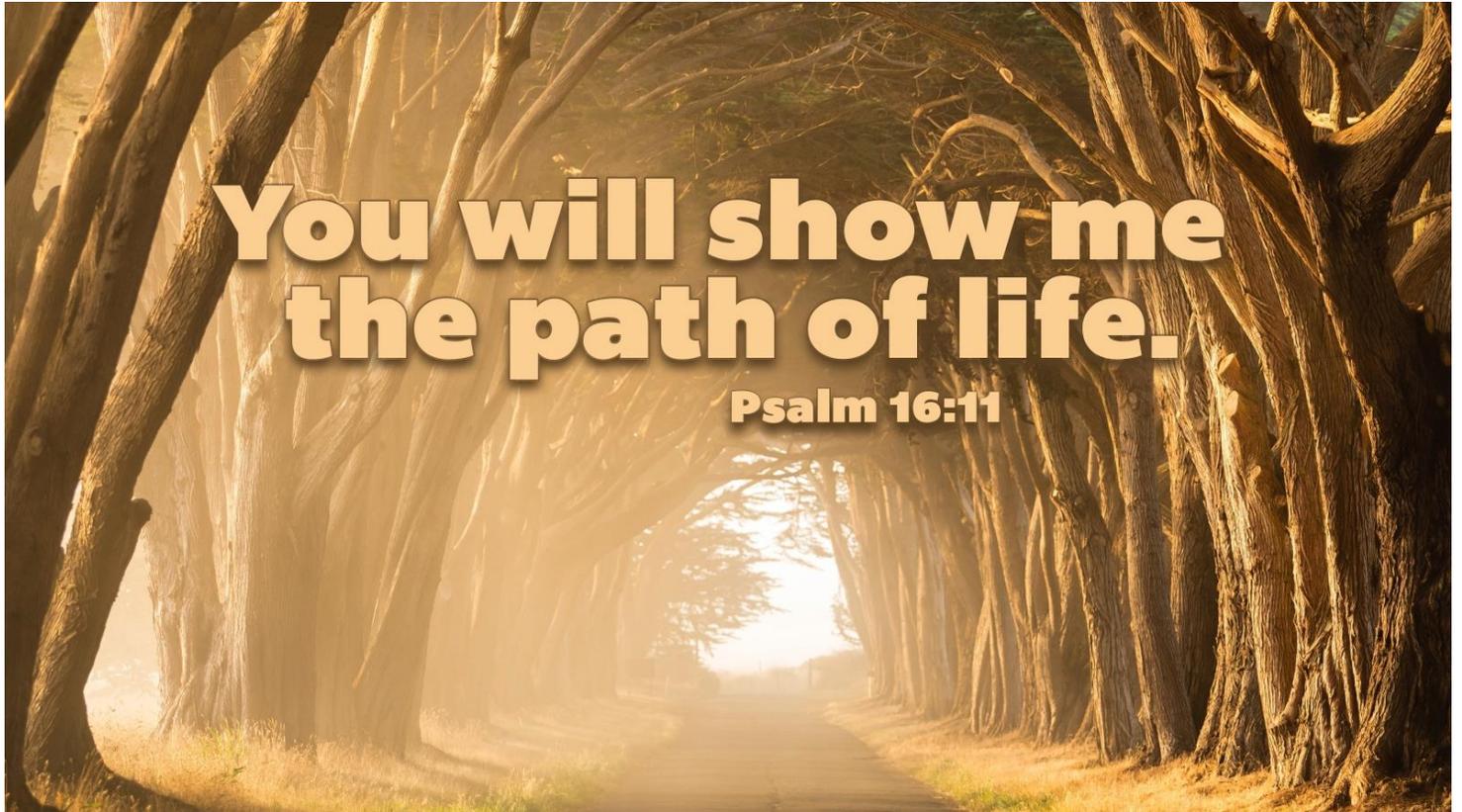


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
June 29, 2025**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**



**You will show me  
the path of life.**

**Psalm 16:11**

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## **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

### **Third Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, June 29, 2025**

**Greeters This Week:** Dianna & George Soliz

**Greeters Next Week:** John & Margie Swannack

**Reader This Week:** LaRae Kelley

**Reader Next Week:** Dickie Bettge

**Acolyte This Week:**

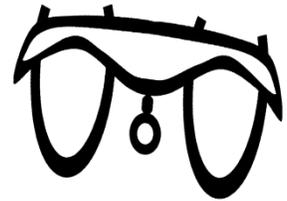
**Acolyte Next Week:**

**Altar Guild This Month:** Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

**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!

*The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude.  
Please prepare for worship with silent meditation at this time.*

## AS WE GATHER

Freedom in Christ is a paradox. On one hand, Jesus' grace and mercy frees us from the law that kills; on the other hand, obedience to God's call is the way of the cross. How are disciples of Christ meant to balance these seemingly contradictory ways of being? Paul reminded the Galatians that following Christ meant walking in the Spirit and turning away from the flesh. Jesus proclaimed a singular focus in life.

**PRELUDE:** "Voluntary"

*John Stanley*

**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:**

*"In the Morning When I Rise"*

**WOV #777**

*Give Me Jesus*

<sup>1</sup>In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

*Refrain:*

**Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.**

<sup>2</sup>Dark . . . midnight was my cry, dark . . . midnight was my cry,  
dark . . . midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. [*Refrain*]

<sup>3</sup>Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,  
just about the break of day, give me Jesus. *[Refrain]*

<sup>4</sup>Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,  
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Jesus. *[Refrain]*

<sup>5</sup>And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,  
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Jesus. *[Refrain]*

## **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**

L Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray,

**C Lord of all power and might, you are the author and giver of all good things. Graft into our hearts a love of your name. Increase in us true faith, nourish us with what is good, and watch over all who are in your care. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9b-21

<sup>9b</sup>Behold, the word of the LORD came to {Elijah}, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." <sup>11</sup>And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup>And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. <sup>13</sup>And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup>He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup>And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. <sup>16</sup>And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." <sup>19</sup>So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. <sup>20</sup>And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

### Responsive Reading

#### Psalm 16

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my LORD, my good above all other."

**<sup>2</sup>All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

**<sup>4</sup>Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

**<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

**<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## **SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup>But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup>But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

*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: Luke 9:51-62**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for {Jesus} to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup>But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>And they went on to another village. <sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” <sup>59</sup>To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup>Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN:**

***“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”***

**LBW #459**

**<sup>1</sup>O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts your work begin,  
And make our hearts your dwelling. Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine, Your strength in us upwelling.  
In your radiance Life from heaven Now is given  
Overflowing, Gift of gifts beyond all knowing.**

**<sup>2</sup>Left to ourselves, we surely stray; Oh, lead us on the narrow way,  
With wisest counsel guide us; And give us steadfastness, that we  
May follow you forever free, No matter who derides us.  
Gently heal those Hearts now broken; Give some token You are near us,  
Whom we trust to light and cheer us.**

**<sup>3</sup>O mighty Rock, O Source of life, Let your good Word in doubt and strife  
Be in us strongly burning, That we be faithful unto death  
And live in love and holy faith, From you true wisdom learning.  
Lord, your mercy On us shower; By your power Christ confessing,  
We will cherish all your blessing.**

*Stand as you are able.*

Let us confess our faith through the Apostles' Creed

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father, the 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 arose 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.**

**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.

*Please be seated*

**OFFERING:**

**“Andante Con Espressione”**

**Muzio Clementi**

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

*Stand as you are able*

**OFFERTORY**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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!**

(after each petition “Lord in your mercy,” RESPONSE “**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**

*Please stand*

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.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen**

**HYMN:**

*“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”*

**LBW #333**

<sup>1</sup>Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life’s way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.  
Without your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

<sup>2</sup>Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;  
For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.  
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

<sup>3</sup>Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen My steps toward home,  
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!  
So, take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: 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:**

*“Our Refuge and Strength, (Psalm 46)”*

*Donald F. Callender*



## Colossians 3:23

**“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.”**

[This verse encourages us to approach our work with dedication, knowing that we are ultimately serving the Lord. June offers new opportunities to pursue excellence in all that we do, for God’s glory.]

[www.prayerlit.com/bible-verses-for-june](http://www.prayerlit.com/bible-verses-for-june)

### Fourth of July Prayer

Dear Lord, we remember today how blessed we are. We remember with gratitude, all who sacrificed and gave their lives so we could have the freedoms we enjoy today. We pray for our country and our leaders. We pray for revival, repentance, renewal, healing and restoration for our country. May the changes we want to see begin with each of us. May we humble ourselves before you. May we live with the same faith, courage and convictions as those who founded and fought for our nation. We pray for all who wish to harm our country and we humbly ask for your blessing to be on the U.S.A. In the name of Jesus we ask these things. Amen

Debbie Kay, Hope For The Broken Hearted.com

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

### Today 6/29 Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

Adult Study

10:15 a.m.

Worship

Mon 6/30

*Office Closed*

Tues 7/01

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Pastor’s Office Hours

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Office Hours

Wed 7/02

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Office Hours

1:30 p.m.

Quilters

Thurs 7/03

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Office Hours

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

Pastor’s Office Hours

Fri 7/04

*Office Closed*

*Happy Fourth of July!*

Sat 7/05

6:00 p.m.

Evening Worship Service  
with Communion

### Next Sun. Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

Adult Study

10:15 a.m.

Worship - Communion

## *Have a Blessed Week!*

Office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. If you would need immediate assistance outside of office hours, text or call Melissa at 361-649-0413.

**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**

**Saturday, June 21, 2025** General \$330.00, Cemetery \$50.00; **Total: \$380.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 27

**Sunday, June 22, 2025** General \$1,615.00, MOM – NALC Disaster Response \$220.00, Sunday School \$18.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Building \$150.00, Youth \$65.00; **Total: \$2,088.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 63, Sunday School – 4 Children, 3 Teacher, 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](mailto: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!!!



NEWSLETTER

## **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.*

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### **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!**

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### **Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection**

We will be collecting toothbrushes & toothpaste for the month of June for the Rosenberg warehouse.

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**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!

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### **Mission of the Month for June** **NALC DISASTER RESPONSE**

The Disaster Response Fund provides resources for:

- respond rapidly when domestic natural disasters occur
- alleviate human suffering
- provide transitional assistance
- enable those affected to begin the rebuilding process

The NALC's Disaster Response Coordinator administers the use of the fund, working cooperatively with and through local NALC congregations and members, as well as other compatible disaster relief organizations such as LCMS Disaster Response.

(Check Memo Line: "Disaster Response Fund")

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### **THANK YOU!!!**

To My St. John's Family in Christ,

I will never be able to put into words, the love and gratitude my family and I have for all that you have done for us. Thank you for the monetary support, the food donations, and all the generous acts you have bestowed on us. But above all, thank you for the prayers, every single one of them. I saw them work from the moment the news spread and the prayer chains were activated. I saw the healing hand of God bring my husband out of the jaws of death and onto the path we're on now. You all helped make that miracle happen, and I will live in wonder knowing I witnessed that miracle. Thank you. We do not know how long our journey will last or what the final outcome will be, but we have trust in God to continue holding us every step of the way. And we know our family in Christ will surround us with love and support as we continue on our journey. Thank you all and may we all continue to walk with Christ.

Love, Johnna Picard

## **THANK YOU!!!**

Thank You! I want to express my sincere appreciation for all the cards, telephone calls, visits, and especially all the prayers for healing, during my recent hospitalization. Thank you, Pastor John, for your visits and prayers. Thank you all again for your concern. May God continue to richly bless us all.

~Bruce Weise~

## **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 –**

July - September Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.

### **Saturday, July 5, 2025 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall with Communion**

We will continue our Evening Worship Service with communion on Saturday, July 5, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be an alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

### **Saturday, July 26, 2025 – Youth Group Meeting**

Youth group will meet on July 26, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided at the youth group meeting. **ALSO:** Needing more volunteers from the Youth Group for VBS. Please get with Sara to find out what is needed.

### **July 28 – August 1 – Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School will be held July 28–August 1 from 8:30 a.m. to noon!



This year's theme, *True North: Trusting God in a Wild World*, takes kids ages 3 to 12 on an exciting Alaskan adventure as they discover that Jesus is our faithful guide—our True North. Through fun activities and stories from the Gospel of Matthew, children will learn to trust God no matter what wild twists life brings! Registration is open now—scan the QR code or contact Rachel Nessel at 361-571-9228 for more information.

### **Hear Ye!!! Hear Ye!!!**



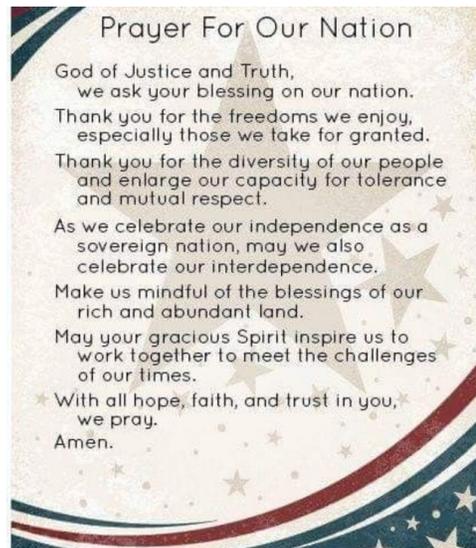
***VBS is in need of more volunteers to help during the week of July 28-August 1 from 8:30 – Noon! Please contact Rachel Nessel at 361-571-9228 if you are interested in helping.***

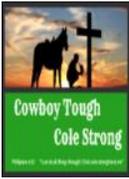
***Also, they are in need of Christmas trees of any size, from 3 ft. to ceiling height to make our area more natural. Would like skinnier trees, but if you have one you'd be willing to let us borrow, please let Rachel know as soon as possible. Thank you!***



**If anyone would like to acolyte on a Sunday morning, 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**

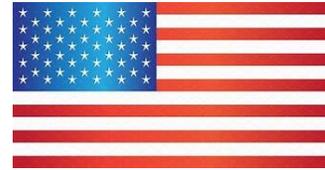
**+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:** Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (June 2, 2025): Before going to sleep I just wanted to wish Cole a happy birthday. He is definitely the most amazing young man I've ever known and I'm lucky enough to be his mother. He had definitely been dealt a very difficult hand in his life but he has handled with more grace and faith than I think I ever could. God has definitely given Cole the grace and strength to deal with this life but I am proud of Cole for accepting these gifts from God. He does give a choice – we can accept His grace or turn our back on it and become bitter. I am so thankful Cole hasn't chosen the latter. I love you baby boy. ♥

**+ 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, U.S. Army, Fort Riley, Kansas  
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.

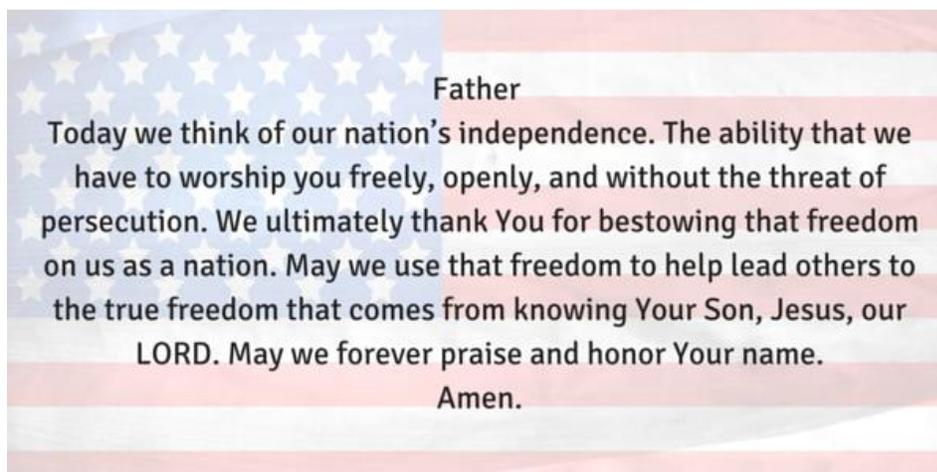
## **CHURCH PRAYER LIST:**

**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, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Christy Johns, Beatrice Fagg, David Diebel, Obert Sagebiel, Elizabeth Beard, Ray Butler, Cathie Bettge, Nick Picard, Jonathan Ideus, Pam Ficklen, Stacey Nelson, Bruce Weise, Kelsi Boehm; 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

All works except for faith have to be directed to the neighbor. For God does not require of us any works with regard to himself, only faith in Christ. That is more than enough for him... Therefore, think nothing else than that you do to your neighbor as Christ has done to you. Let all your work and all your life be turned to your neighbor.

~Martin Luther~

*Advent Postil, 1522*



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