

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
July 27, 2025**

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Luke 11:9

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Greeters Next Week: Cathie & Dickie Bettge

Reader This Week: Dwight Jander

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Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

Altar Guild Next Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Communion Assistant This Month: Johnny Jank

Communion Assistant Next Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt



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

God hears our prayers and answers when we call upon him in faith. Is it so incredible to think that our prayers have an effect on our heavenly Father? Abraham's requests were heard as God threatened to wipe out the evil of two faithless cities. Jesus taught his followers to seek the Lord, to ask for what they needed, and to trust that their Father in heaven would grant them all good gifts in love and mercy.

PRELUDE:

“Fuga”

Josef Seeger

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:

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

LBW #439

**¹What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**²Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**³Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.**

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 O God, your almighty power is most clearly shown in your mercy and pity. Multiply your grace that we may run to your promises and be made to share in your heavenly joy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:[17-19] 20-33

[¹⁷The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.”] ²⁰Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.” ²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰Then he said, “Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³²Then he said, “Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

**²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name,
because of your love and faithfulness;**

³For you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

⁴When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁵All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁶They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁷Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar.

**⁸Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

⁹The LORD will make good his purpose for me;
O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. [¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.]

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 11:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 11th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²And he said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.” ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

MESSAGE

Johnna Picard

SERMON HYMN:

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”
“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

WOV #780

**¹What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain:

***Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.***

**²Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]**

**³What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]**

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:

“Air”

Ludwig Van Beethoven

(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:

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

WOV #721

**¹“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**²“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

**³“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

**⁴“I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.”**

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:

“Morning Song”

James Denton



Psalm 34:8

“Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!”

[July is a time to experience the goodness of the Lord in new and refreshing ways. This verse invites us to trust in God’s goodness and find refuge in Him, knowing that those who do so are truly blessed.]

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 7/27 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
10:15 a.m. Worship

Mon 7/28 Office Closed

8:30 a.m. – Noon VBS

Tues 7/29 8:30 a.m. – Noon VBS

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Office Hours

Wed 7/30 8:30 a.m. – Noon VBS

11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Office Hours
1:30 p.m. Quilters

Thurs 7/31 8:30 a.m. – Noon VBS

8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Office Hours
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours

Fri 8/01 Office Closed

8:30 a.m. – Noon VBS

Sat 8/02 6:00 p.m.

Evening Worship Service
with Communion

Next Sun. Eighth 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, July 19, 2025 General \$1,520.00, Cemetery \$50.00, Youth \$20.00 **Total: \$1,590.00**

Attendance: Worship – 8

Sunday, July 20, 2025 General \$1,627.00, MOM – Water Mission \$250.00, Sunday School \$37.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Building \$60.00, VBS \$40.00, Rosenberg Warehouse \$350.00 **Total: \$2,384.00**

Attendance: Worship – 57, Sunday School – 8 Children, 3 Teacher, 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 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 a bar of soap (or 2 if travel size) for the month of July 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 July - Water Mission

Not only does this nonprofit build safe water solutions for people in developing countries, it answers the call right here in the United States. When Asheville, NC lost its municipal water system during Hurricane Helene, Water Mission stepped in to enable the school to filter its own municipal water on the high school campus so students could get back to school. Water Mission distributed 1,100 generators to power homes and wells and provided more than 457,000 gallons of safe water to this area.

Camp Lone Star was an incredible place for our youth! 8 youth boys attended with 1 Pioneer leader at the La Grange location July 6-11. The theme was Defined, focusing on being defined by God and not by this world. The day would start out with singing and a message from the speaker for the week. Then the campers would do challenge course activities and Bible study time to reflect on the theme of the day. The campers would also enjoy activities like arts and crafts, archery, swimming, lake activities, and a huge slip n slide, just to name a few. In the evenings, we were able to get together as a group to learn the story of Gideon. The boys learned that God sees our potential even when we don't, and will be there to fight for us even when we have fears and doubts. Our theme was G.O.A.T. (God Over All Things). The evenings were for reflection and devotions around a camp fire with songs to get us ready for bed time. The whole experience was a great way to build a stronger relationship with God, and all campers are looking forward to going back next year!



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.

Sunday, July 27, 2025 – Camp Lone Star BBQ & Auction Fundraiser

You're invited to the **Camp Lone Star BBQ & Auction Fundraiser** on **Sunday, July 27!** We'll start the day at **10:30am** with music by our amazing Summer Staff, followed by a **worship service** led by Rev. Michael Knippa, Congregational Pastor at Redeemer Lutheran in Austin. Then, stick around for a **delicious BBQ lunch** and our always-fun **live & silent auctions** starting at **1pm** It's the perfect chance to reconnect with Camp Lone Star family and friends, and support Camp's mission to transform lives through adventurous Christ-centered experiences. For more information, visit camplonestar.org/bbq-auction-fundraiser/.

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.

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.

Saturday, August 2, 2025 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall with Communion

We will continue our Evening Worship Service with communion on Saturday, August 2, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be an alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

August 3 – Vacation Bible School Sunday

August 10 – Rally Sunday/Backpack Blessing

On August 10, we have a special morning planned for our St. John families as we kick off the school year with faith and fellowship!

Rally Sunday - 9 am

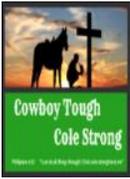
We're kicking off a brand new Sunday School year with Camp Jesus! Join us for songs, crafts, and campfire-style fun as kids reconnect, make new friends, and grow in God's word together.

Backpack Blessing - 10:15 am worship service

All students are invited to bring their backpacks forward during worship for a special blessing. We'll pray for guidance, protection, and peace as they head into the next school year.

We can't wait to see you there!





PRAYER REQUESTS

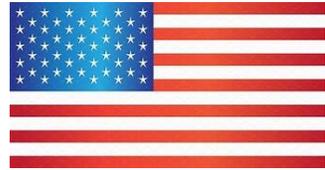
+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole: Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (June 2, 2025): Before going to sleep I just wanted to wish Cole a happy birthday. He is definitely the most amazing young man I've ever known and I'm lucky enough to be his mother. He had definitely been dealt a very difficult 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 - 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.

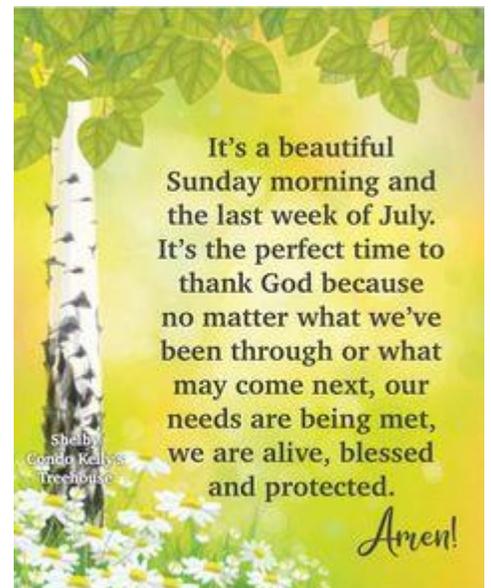
CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

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, Cathie Bettge, Nick Picard, Jonathan Ideus, Pam Ficklen, Stacey Nelson, 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

Let this be the first and most important point, that all our prayers must be based and rest upon obedience to God, irrespective of our person, whether we be sinners or saints, worthy or unworthy. And we must know that God will not have it treated as a jest, but be angry, and punish all who do not pray, as surely as He punishes all other disobedience.

~Martin Luther~

Large Catechism, The Lord's Prayer



Texas Hill Country Flooding Donations

As informed by John Conrad from the NALC, flood buckets are what are exactly needed at this time. Gift cards to Home Depot/Lowe's/Walmart/Tractor Supply are also still best for the time being. Please write the amount and purchase date on the gift cards.

If you want to mail gift cards to the Kerrville Flood Victims, send them to the following address:

St. Paul Lutheran Church
ATTN: Meredith Meyer
P.O. Box 98
Crawford, TX 76638

POC for St. Paul Lutheran Church is Meredith Meyer and her contact number is 254-709-2573.

Fencing supplies are still heavily needed. If someone would like to furnish fencing supplies, the contact for fencing supplies is Brad Williams (325-372-7072).

Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response Coordinator, plans to be in the Kerrville San Saba area the Week of August 17 to assess and plan for the long-term recovery.



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