

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
August 3, 2025**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Your life  
is hidden  
with Christ  
in God.**

**Colossians 3:3**



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## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Reader This Week:** Dickie Bettge

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**Acolyte This Week:**

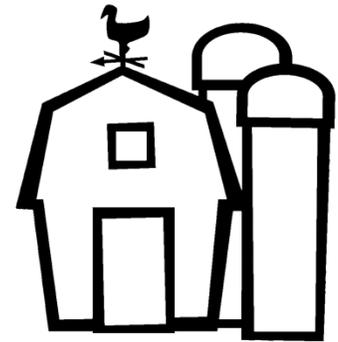
**Acolyte Next Week:**

**Altar Guild This Month:** Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Glenn Ruschhaupt

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Obert Sagebiel



**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.*

## **AS WE GATHER**

A life lived without God at the center is an empty life indeed. We may have enough grain to fill multiple barns and silos, but if we are rich in possessions and poor toward God, then all is in vain. The Christian life is characterized by seeking the things of Christ, not the things of this world. Only the things of God offer us new life and life abundant. We are warned to guard against the idolatry of possessions.

**PRELUDE:**

*“5<sup>e</sup> et dernier Couplet du Kyrie”*

**Francois Couperin**

**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.**

**I feel it in the air right now. It’s all around, I see it everywhere.  
It’s the power, yeah, yeah, God’s power. It’s the power to move any star.  
Its’ the power to heal your broken heart. It’s the power, yeah, God’s power.  
So don’t hold back, no, don’t hold still “Cause God is here, and he is real**

**Take four steps to the left, to the left. 1, 2, 3, 4.  
Turn it around and move to the right. 1, 2, 3.  
Now take tiny little jumps, four to the front. 1, 2, 3, 4.  
Four jumps back, but you better look back. 1, 2, 3, 4.  
Now freeze  
And everybody clap your hands.  
Now stop.**

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Let’s do it all again right now.**

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**GREETING**

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

**KYRIE**

**L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

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

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

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

**L** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** Amen

## HYMN OF PRAISE

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**  
**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**  
**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**  
**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**  
**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**  
**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray,

**C** Almighty, eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid and to provide that for which by ourselves, we do not even presume to pray; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26**

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. <sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

## Responsive Reading

### Psalm 100

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;  
serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

**<sup>2</sup>Know this: The LORD himself is God;  
he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

<sup>3</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

**<sup>4</sup>For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

### Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

*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 12:13-21

L The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to {Jesus}, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

*"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*

LBW #410

<sup>1</sup>We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

<sup>2</sup>May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive,  
And gladly, as thou blessest us, To thee our first fruits give.

<sup>3</sup>Hearts still are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,  
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.

<sup>4</sup>To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,  
To tend those lost in loneliness, Is angels' work below.

<sup>5</sup>The captive to release, The lost to God to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace – It is a Christ like thing.

<sup>6</sup>And we believe thy word, Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, We do it unto thee.

*Stand as you are able*

Let us confess our faith through the Apostles' Creed

### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!**

Each petition ends with "...Lord, in your mercy,"

The congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

L The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

L Let us share the peace.

## OFFERING:

**“Orgelstuck in C Major”**

**A. Kehrer**

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

*Stand as you are able*

## OFFERTORY

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
That we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

L Merciful Father,

**C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

L It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

L Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

That all those who believe in him should not perish,

But have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation

You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

That we may receive our Lord

With a living faith as he comes to us

In his holy supper.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

L In the night in which he was betrayed  
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying;  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
And gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
Shed for you and for all people  
For the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation.  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

L Come for the Lord's Table is ready.

**C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

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

L May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen**

### **POST COMMUNION**

**C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Let us pray;

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

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

May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

**HYMN:**

*“Hey, Hey, Hey”*

**VBS Children**

**If you know God’s love, say hey! Hey, hey, hey!  
If that love’s enough, say hey! Hey, hey, hey!  
Even in the darkest night, say hey!**

**Hey, hey, hey! ‘Cause you’re gonna be all right, say hey! Hey, hey, hey!**

**He’ll leave the 99 sheep to go find the lost.**

**His love always finds me, reminds me of the cross.**

**If he’d give his Son for me,**

**Hey, hey, hey, Why should I worry?**

**Hey, hey, hey! It’s time to praise;**

**Get those hands raised! Hey, hey, hey!**

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**L Go in peace, serve the Lord.**

**C Thanks be to God**

**THE DOXOLOGY:**

**LBW #565**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE:**

*“Go Forth in Faith”*

*David Paxton*



**Isaiah 43:19**

**“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”**

*[This verse is a powerful reminder that God is constantly at work in our lives, creating new opportunities and pathways. As August signifies a transition, it encourages us to be open to the changes and new experiences that God may bring our way. We can trust that He is capable of providing for us even in the most challenging circumstances.]*

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



*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.*



*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.*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**

**Today 8/03 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School – VBS Sunday  
9:00 a.m. Adult Study  
10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion

**Mon 8/04** Office Closed

**Tues 8/05** Office Closed

**Wed 8/06** 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office Hours  
1:30 p.m. Quilters

**Thurs 8/07** 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office Hours

**Fri 8/08** 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Office Hours

**Sat 8/09** 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

**Pastor @  
Convocation  
Aug. 5-8**

**Next Sun. Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

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

***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.***

**OFFERING & ATTENDANCE**

**Saturday, July 26, 2025** General \$1,043.00; **Total: \$1,043.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 45

**Sunday, July 27, 2025** General \$2,255.31, MOM (July) Water Mission \$55.00, VBS, \$10.00, Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse \$100.00, Sunday School \$19.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Building \$210.00, Youth \$25.00; **Total: \$2,694.31**

**Attendance:** Worship – 80, Sunday School – 8 Children, 2 Teachers, Adult Study – 10



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A COPY OF THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER BEFORE IT EVER GOES IN THE MAIL AND SAVE MONEY AS WELL?**

If so, contact the church office at [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!!!

**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!**

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### Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

**During the month of August our collection items will be gift cards to Walmart, Lowes, Home Depot, or Tractor Supply (TSC). Melissa will be collecting gift cards in the office to mail all at once to the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Crawford as directed by Michael Dittrich.**

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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 August

#### **North American Lutheran Church Seminary**

As Pastor Eric Riesen will be stepping down as Seminary president in January, Rev. Dr. Jukka Kaarianen began his role as NALS president remotely from his home in Finland this past June. He brings with him a wealth of global experience in theological education, pastoral ministry, and mission leadership. The NALS is experiencing unprecedented growth with more students than ever before.

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### 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 San Saba 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 San Saba area the Week of August 17 to assess and plan for the long-term recovery.

## 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, August 3 – Vacation Bible School Sunday

### Tuesday August 5 – Friday, August 8 – Pastor John at Convocation in Pittsburg, PA

### Saturday, August 9, 2025 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall

We will continue our Evening Worship Service on Saturday, August 9, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be an alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

### 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!



### Altar Flowers

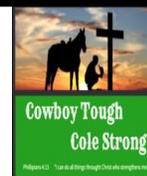
Ray & Linda Boyer had flowers placed on the altar today in loving memory of their son, Chad Michael Boyer.



Congratulations to Dean Ohrt and Bridget Vinklerek who were married on July 12, 2025 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Yoakum. Pastor John participated in the service by giving the blessing. May Dean & Bridget walk together with Christ in this new chapter of their lives. May their journey be filled with love, happiness, and many blessings.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

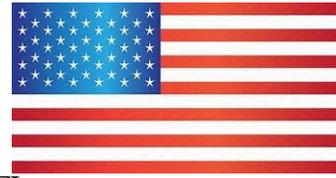
**+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:** Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (June 2, 2025): Before going to sleep I just wanted to wish Cole a happy birthday. He is definitely the most amazing young man I've ever known and I'm lucky enough to be his mother. He had definitely been dealt a very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

For we are so inclined by nature that no one desires to see another have as much as himself, and each one acquires as much as he can; the other may fare as best he can. And yet we pretend to be godly, know how to adorn ourselves most finely and conceal our rascality ... yea, we even dare impertinently to refer to it, and boast of it, and will not have it called rascality, but shrewdness and caution.

~ Martin Luther~

Large Catechism, Ninth & Tenth Commandments



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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.*