

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
September 14, 2025**

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



**There is joy
before the
angels of God
over one sinner
who repents.**

Luke 15:10

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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 14, 2025

Greeters This Week: John & Margie Swannack

Greeters Next Week: The Hays Family

Reader This Week: Neal Moritz

Reader Next Week: Wanda Hays

Acolyte This Week:

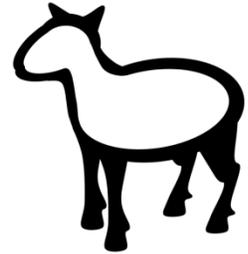
Acolyte Next Week:

Altar Guild This Month: Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

Altar Guild Next Month: M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

Communion Assistant This Month: Obert Sagebiel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Brian Wendel



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

In our sinfulness and rebellion, we humans are prone to wandering away from God. However, as St. Paul proclaimed to his son in the faith, Timothy, Christ came to save the lost and sinful so that all might know his love and mercy. Like sheep who are easily led astray, God will shepherd us back into the fold of his mercy. He will seek those who are lost — even leaving the flock to do so — just so that one stray will be rescued.

PRELUDE: *“Prelude and Fugue in G Minor”*

J. S. Bach

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:

“Chief of Sinners though I Be”

LBW #306

**¹Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.**

**²Oh, the height of Jesus' love! Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity.
Love that found me—wondrous thought—Found me when I sought him not.**

**³Only Jesus can impart Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.**

**⁴Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is All-in-All to me;
All my wants to him are known, All my sorrows are his own.
He sustains the hidden life Safe with him from earthly strife.**

**⁵O my Savior, help afford By your Spirit and your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.**

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 Lord, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. Grant this, we 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: Ezekiel 34:11-24

¹¹“For thus says the LORD God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the LORD God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ¹⁷As for you, my flock, thus says the LORD God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? ²⁰Therefore, thus says the LORD God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 119:169-176

¹⁶⁹Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding, according to your word.

¹⁷⁰**Let my supplication come before you; deliver me, according to your promise.**

¹⁷¹My lips shall pour forth your praise, when you teach me your statutes.

¹⁷²**My tongue shall sing of your promise, for all your commandments are righteous.**

¹⁷³Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your commandments.

¹⁷⁴**I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight.**

¹⁷⁵Let me live, and I will praise you, and let your judgments help me.

¹⁷⁶**I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost;
search for your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1: [5-11] 12-17

[⁵The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. ⁸Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.] ¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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: 15:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

¹The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear {Jesus}. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak ”

LBW #403

¹Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
In living echoes of your tone;
As you have sought, so let us seek
Your straying children, lost and lone.
²Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead
The wand’ring and the wav’ring feet;
Oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
Your hung’ring ones with manna sweet.
³Oh, teach us Lord, that we may teach
The precious truths which you impart;
And wing our words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.
⁴Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
Until our very hearts o’erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Your love to tell, your praise to show.

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.**

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:

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

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OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew aright 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:

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

WOV #734

¹Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he’s waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

*“Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home.”
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, “O sinner, come home!”*

²Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? *[Refrain]*

³Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. *[Refrain]*

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:

“Go Forth in Faith”

David Paxton



Romans 8:28

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.”

[As we reflect on our past experiences, this verse serves as a reminder that God is always working for our good. We can trust that He has a plan for our lives, even when circumstances seem challenging.]

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



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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

- Sun 9/14 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
 8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 9:00 a.m. Adult Study
 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class in Sanctuary
 10:15 a.m. Worship – *Called Congregational Meeting after service*
- Mon 9/15 Office Closed**
 6:30 p.m. 4-H Meeting in Parish Hall
 7:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting in the Parsonage
- Tues 9/16 Pastor @ CAMAL House**
 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office Hours
- Wed 9/17 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office Hours**
 1:30 p.m. Quilters
 6:00 p.m. Mission Ev. Team Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study
- Thurs 9/18 9:30 a.m.-1:30 Office Hours**
 1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours
 ****Committee Reports Due****
- Fri 9/19 Office Closed**
 ****Newsletter Deadline****
- Sat 9/20 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service**
 w/Communion

Have a Blessed Week!

Next Sun. Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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



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

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

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 7, 2025 General \$1,850.00, MOM (September) Christmas in September \$1,175.00, NALC Warehouse \$100.00, Old Stone Church \$20.00, SS Mission \$19.25, Building \$1,475.00, Youth \$40.00, Organ Fund \$20.00; **Total: \$4,699.25**

Attendance: Worship –51, Sunday School – 6 Children, 3 Teachers, Adult Study – 9



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** (*check at schools, restaurants, donut shops*)
- 1 roll paper towels** (*Walmart \$0.68*)
- 1 powder scouring cleanser(like comet)** (*Walmart \$0.88*)
- 1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso)** (*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)
- 1 bottle bleach – small! (1/2 gal. or smaller)** (*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)
- 1 scrub brush** (*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)
- 1 pair rubber gloves (size L preferred, reusable)** (*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)
- 1 pair leather gloves(size L preferred)**(*H Depot 3pk/\$6.00*)
- 1 pair cotton gloves (size L preferred)**(*H Depot \$1 ea. or Walmart 6pk/\$5.00*)
- 2 large contractor trash bags (3 mil)**
- 2 rags** (*cut up old bath or beach towels, dish towels, wash cloths*)

What's in a Heath Care Kit?

- 1 bath towel**
- 1 wash cloth (optional)**
- 1 shampoo (2 or 3 if travel size)**
- 1 bar of soap (2or 3 if travel size)**
- 1 toothbrush (individually sealed)** (*Dollar Tree 4pk/\$1.75*)
- 1 pack of floss (optional)**
- 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)** (*Walmart \$0.77 to \$0.90*)
- 1 comb** (*Dollar Tree 12 pk/\$1.75*)
- 1 deodorant** (*Walmart \$1.18*)
- 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!

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!

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

During the month of September our collection items will be **FILLED FLOOD BUCKETS** for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

Mission of the Month for September

Christmas in September

We have a family from our very own congregation who is experiencing a health issue after being diagnosed with leukemia. This means he will need extensive and extended medical care. Nick will be undergoing a bone marrow transplant in San Antonio this September. He will need to stay within a 2 mile proximity to the hospital which means the additional cost for lodging, food, and fuel. To help defray their living expenses during the bone marrow transplant the Mission Evangelism Team has chosen the Nick Picard family to be our Mission of the Month Christmas Family. Also, September is designated as Blood Cancer Awareness Month.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

Starting September 7th, 2025, Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes may be picked up. Watch bulletins and next month's newsletter for more information on date due back. Thank you!

*****TODAY*** CALLED CONGREGATION MEETING**

**Called Congregational Meeting on
Sunday, September 14, 2025 after church services to present bids
on painting the church and window restoration.**

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 –

October-December Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.

TODAY, Sunday, September 14, 2025 – CALLED CONGREGATION MEETING

Called Congregational Meeting after church services TODAY to present bids on painting the church and window restoration.

Monday, September 15, 2025 – Finance Team Meeting @ 7 PM

Meeting will be held in the Parsonage due to 4-H Meeting in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 – Pastor @ CAMAL House

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 – Mission Ev. Team Meeting @ 6 PM

Thursday, September 18, 2025 – Committee Reports Due

Friday, September 19, 2025 – Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, September 20, 2025 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall with Communion

We will continue our Evening Worship Service with communion on Saturday, September 20, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be an alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, September 21, 2025 – Confirmation Class @ 9 AM in Parsonage

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 – Council Meeting @ 7 PM

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 – Old Stone Church Meeting @ 9 AM

Saturday, September 27, 2025 – Youth Group Meeting with Pizza for Dinner @ 5 PM



**REFORMATION SUNDAY
SAVE THE DATE**

On October 26th, 2025, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday with guest speaker, Maddie Benson, the director of development for the NALC, followed by lunch.

Maddie Benson serves as the Director of Development for the North American Lutheran Church (NALC), where she leads strategic initiatives to support the mission and ministry of the church through stewardship, fundraising, and donor engagement. With a

strong background in nonprofit development and a deep commitment to faith-based service, Maddie works closely with congregations, individuals, and partner organizations to cultivate generosity and build sustainable support for the NALC's growing ministries. Her leadership reflects a passion for connecting people to the transformative work of the Gospel through meaningful giving and faithful partnership.

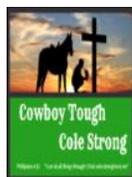


Bunco Party

The Women of Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley cordially invite the ladies and friends of your congregation to come join the fun, Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at Zion Lutheran Church, 12183 FM 236, Victoria, TX 77905. Registration/refreshments is from 6-7 pm and Bunco starts at 7:05 pm. **Please RSVP by Saturday, September 20, 2025** to Cass Martignoni (361) 649-3138 or the Church Office (361) 578-5447.

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church Fall Festival

On Sunday, September 28, 2025, Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic church will be holding their annual BBQ Meal, Raffle, & Country Store, & Live Auction starting at 11 AM. Dine-in or to-go plates will be available for \$15 each until 12:30 PM. Please come out and join us.



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 – Captain, 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, Pam Ficklen, Stacey Nelson, MayDell Jacob, Caroline Blain, Clifford Diebel, Nancy Butler; 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

Repentance is begun when we acknowledge our sins and are sincerely sorry for them; it is completed when trust in the mercy of God comes to this sorrow and hearts are converted to God and long for the forgiveness of sins.

~Martin Luther~

Exposition on Hebrews 14:3



Prayer for Rain

Almighty and all-powerful God,

We thank you for the blessings you give us in heaven and on earth, particularly the beauty of nature and the goodness it provides. We come to You in thanksgiving for the gift of water to cleanse us, nourish us, baptize us, and heal us. Please send down rain upon the earth, renewing it and nurturing all that grows. Just as you shower us with your love, shower us with hope, faith, and trust in You. Send us rain so that we may continue to care for all living things. Just as the rain after a drought brings us relief, we pray for relief when we feel alone and desperate. Lastly Lord, keep us and all living things safe in the rain so that we may enjoy the abundance and marvel at your wondrous works.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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