

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

**Third Sunday in Advent**



**Isaiah 35:4**

## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### **Third Sunday in Advent Sunday, December 14, 2025**

**Greeters This Week:** Dwight & LeAnn Jander  
**Greeters Next Week:** Marv & Norrean Sager  
**Reader This Week:** Dwight Jander  
**Reader Next Week:** Ayla Nessel  
**Acolyte This Week:** Bryson Henkes  
**Acolyte Next Week:** Ayla Nessel  
**Altar Guild This Month:** Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden  
**Altar Guild Next Month:** Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank  
**Communion Assistant This Month:** Pam Haun  
**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Wanda Hays



**Busy Bags** are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

### **Worship Notes Regarding Today's Service:**

For those of you who would prefer to remain in your cars, we will continue to broadcast the service on FM 101.5. You can follow the service in the bulletin as the liturgy, the organ music, hymns with the lyrics by our song leaders, and Pastor John's message will be on the broadcast. Thank you!

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

## AS WE GATHER

Jesus lifted up the work and character of John the Baptist, of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said that one would come to prepare the way of the Lord. With the promises of a desert in full bloom, the blind receiving sight, and the lame walking, the exhortation to be patient and persevere until the coming of the Lord's Messiah gives us hope and courage as we wait for Christ's return.

**PRELUDE:** "Short Prelude No. 5" **Johann Sebastian Bach**

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - "The Shepherd Candle"**

**READING ~ The Patrick Ohrt Family**

**SCRIPTURE**

**PRAYER:**

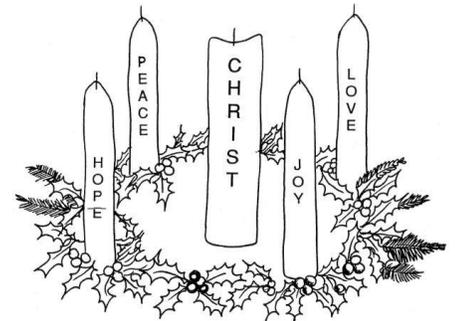
**L:** A prayer of Joy, Let us pray together:

**C:** We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfillment of your promise of a Savior and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation through the birth of your son, Jesus. Create us anew as we wait, and help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with your living Spirit. Amen.

**HYMN: LBW #56 1<sup>st</sup> Verse**

*"The First Noel"*

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel.



*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:**

*“My Lord, What a Morning”*

**WOV #627**

*Refrain:*

*My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;  
oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.*

**<sup>1</sup>You’ll hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God’s right hand, when the stars begin to fall. [Refrain]**

**<sup>2</sup>You’ll hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God’s right hand, when the stars begin to fall. [Refrain]**

**<sup>3</sup>You’ll hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God’s right hand, when the stars begin to fall. [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 Jesus Christ, give ear to our prayers, and lighten the darkness of our hearts by your gracious visitation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

### Responsive Reading

#### Psalm 146

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**<sup>2</sup>Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.**

<sup>3</sup>When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

**<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

<sup>5</sup>Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise forever;

**<sup>6</sup>Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger;  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

## **SECOND READING: James 5:7-11**

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

*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: Matthew 11:2-15**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.” <sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’ <sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## **MESSAGE**

<sup>1</sup>Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song

<sup>2</sup>He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before him burst, The iron fetters yield.

<sup>3</sup>He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of his grace To enrich the humble poor.

<sup>4</sup>Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, your welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav'n's eternal arches ring With your beloved name.

*Stand as you are able*

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

#### 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:**

**“From God the Father Virgin-Born”**

**Joseph Prentiss**

*(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**

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.**

**BENEDICTION**

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:**

*“Joy to the World”*

**LBW #39**

<sup>1</sup>Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King;  
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room And heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

<sup>2</sup>Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

<sup>3</sup>No more let sin and sorrow grow Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

<sup>4</sup>He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.

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:**

*“Celebration”*

**Benton Price**





## 2 Corinthians 9:15

**"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"**

[Paul expresses gratitude for God's ultimate gift—Jesus Christ.

December is a time of giving and receiving, and this verse reminds us that Jesus is the greatest gift we could ever receive. It's a call to give thanks for God's abundant blessings.]

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



### Worship Him

As this Christmas season starts,  
Keep the Lord within your heart.  
AND WORSHIP HIM  
He kept you through another year,  
Solved your problems, dried your  
tears,  
SO WORSHIP HIM.  
Don't get so caught up in the  
season,  
That you forget He is the reason,  
TO WORSHIP HIM  
As we tell the old, old story,  
How our Savior came from glory,  
WORSHIP HIM

Beautiful words by Marie Pitts,  
a Sunday School Teacher from  
Arlington, Texas who joined Christ in  
His Heavenly Home on August 27, 2025

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN



### Sun 12/14 Third Sunday in Advent

8:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
10:15 a.m.

Property Team Meeting  
Sunday School  
Adult Study  
Worship – *Called Congregational Meeting After Service ~ 2026 Budget & Insurance*

### Mon 12/15 Office Closed

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

4-H Meeting in Parish Hall  
Finance Team Meeting  
@ Parsonage

### Tues 12/16 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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

Pastor's Office Hours  
Office Hours

### Wed 12/17 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Office Hours  
Men's Bible Study

### Thurs 12/18 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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

Office Hours  
Pastor's Office Hours

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

### Fri 12/19 Office Closed

**\*\*\*Newsletter Deadline\*\*\***

### Sat 12/20 6:00 p.m.

Evening Worship Service  
w/Communion

### Next Sun. Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Adult Study  
10:15 a.m. Worship w/Communion  
6:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Program



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.

## Have a Blessed Week!



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

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

## OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

**Saturday, December 6, 2025** General \$250.00; **Total: \$250.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 6

**Sunday, December 7, 2025** General \$3,046.00, MOM (December) Samaritan's Purse \$610.00, Old Stone Church \$520.00, SS Mission \$70.00, Building \$705.00, Youth \$35.00, Organ \$20.00, Other Designated Giving \$20.00; **Total: \$5,026.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 82, Sunday School – 12 Children, 4 Teachers, Adult Study – 6

## **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** (*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!**

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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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### **Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection**

During the month of December, our collection items will be **RUBBER GLOVES** for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

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### **Mission of the Month for December**

#### **Samaritan's Purse**

This organization has been busy helping all over the world. They were feeding desperate families in Gaza with over 1 million supplemental nutrition packets. Their medical teams provide first-aid care. Within Israel they continue to help build community centers and emergency medical stations.

They went to Jamaica after the devastating hurricane helping to rebuild and provide medical care.

And, of course, now Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will warm the hearts of children and open the door for evangelism across the world.

Your donation this month will go "where most needed" to equip Samaritan's Purse with the resources to fulfill their worldwide mission of relief and evangelism.

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#### **Altar Arrangements**

Altar arrangements are placed  
for Advent  
to the Glory of God.

#### **Thank You Letter Received**

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for hosting me last month. It was wonderful to get to know all of you! Thank you for your hospitality and the opportunity to share updates on the NALC. We are beyond grateful for your partnership and support!  
In Christ, Maddie Benson**

## 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.

### Sunday, December 14, 2025 – Called Congregational Meeting

TODAY, Sunday, December 14, 2025, there will be a called congregational meeting after our church service. On the agenda is the Proposed Budget for 2026 and Insurance.

### Monday, December 15, 2025 – Finance Team Meeting @ 7 PM

### Wednesday, December 17, 2025 – Men's Bible Study @ 7 PM

### Thursday, December 18, 2025 – Committee Reports Due

### Friday, December 19, 2025 – Newsletter deadline

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

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

### Sunday, December 21, 2025 – Youth Christmas Program @ 6 PM

### Tuesday, December 23, 2025 – Council Meeting @ 7 PM

### Wednesday, December 24, 2025 – Christmas Eve Service @ 3 PM

**- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service w/Communion @ 10 PM**

### Reader/Greeter Sign-Up Sheet

**Please consider being a reader and/or greeter next year. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex or please call the office.**

**Thank you!**



### Nursing Home Visitors

Virginia Abrameit would like to let everyone know that the list of Nursing Home Visitors will remain the same as last year unless someone would like to be added, removed, or moved to a different month. At this time, January is open if anyone is interested in filling this spot.

Thank you for your time and effort in visiting our church members who are in the nursing home. You are each greatly appreciated.



JOIN ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH FOR OUR ANNUAL

# Christmas Program



Sunday, December 21  
6 pm

Celebrate Jesus' birth with creative skits, songs, & audience participation, all brought to life with a joyful True North adventure that points us to Christ.

Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

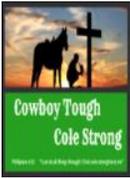
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## Join us for a True North Christmas!

Set your compass toward the manger as we journey into the Christmas story and celebrate God's greatest gift—Jesus! Join us on **Sunday, December 21 at 6 pm** in the sanctuary as our Sunday School youth share the story of Jesus' birth through songs, skits, and audience participation. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the Parish Hall. Don't miss this joyful, guiding celebration of the season!

## PRAYER REQUESTS



**+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:** Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (October 10, 2025): It's that time of year again for the Annual Cowboy Tough Cole Strong team roping benefit. This is definitely one of Cole's favorite events of the year and he's so grateful to Justin Shelton and all those involved for doing this every year. Proceeds from this event go towards paying for Cole's care above and beyond what insurance won't pay for and as anyone with a disability knows it is a constant battle. We try to have a silent auction Saturday and Sunday depending on the number of items that are donated. So if you're interested in donating anything from

baked/homemade goods, décor, or really anything please contact me at 361-550-8856. And we hope to see you there!♥

**+ 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  
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 – Captain, U.S. Air Force, Germany  
John C. Otto – Army, National Guard



### **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, Nancy Butler, Robert Moeller, Jonathan Pokluda, Bobby Zengerle, CJ Constable; 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

Beware of aspiring to such purity that you will not wish to be looked upon as a sinner, or to be one. For Christ dwells only in sinners. On this account he descended from heaven, where he dwelt among the righteous, to dwell among sinners. . . Besides, you will learn from him that just as he has received you so he has made your sins his own and has made his righteousness yours.

~Martin Luther~

*(Letter to George Spenlein)*



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