

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
December 21, 2025**

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Matthew 3:3

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 21, 2025

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Reader This Week: Ayla Nessel

Reader Next Week: LaRae Kelley

Acolyte This Week: Ayla Nessel

Acolyte Next Week: Kinley Leist

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!

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

Faithfulness to the message of the Lord is lived out in human life first by listening and then by being obedient. God promised from of old to send a son, born of a virgin, to be the salvation of Israel and Judah. The very face of God would be seen in this child who would be called Immanuel. As followers of Christ, we, too, have received the message and are called to share the Good News of “God with us.”

PRELUDE:

“From God the Father Virgin Born”

Joseph Prentiss

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - “The Angel Candle”

READING ~ The Patrick Ohrt Family

SCRIPTURE

PRAYER:

L: A Prayer for Peace, Let us pray together:

C: Gracious God, Grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord’s birth. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give to us courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. Amen.

HYMN: LBW #71 1st Verse

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.
Glo...ria in excelsis Deo; Glo...ria in excelsis Deo.

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:

“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.”

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 Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. With your great might, give us your help, that whatever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished by your grace; 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 7:10-17

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah — the king of Assyria!”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 24

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.

²For it is he who founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

³“Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? and who can stand in his holy place?”

⁴“Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

⁵They shall receive a blessing from the LORD and a just reward from the God of their salvation.”

⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever-lasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

⁸**“Who is this King of glory?” “The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.”**

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever-lasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

¹⁰**“Who is he, this King of glory?” “The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.”**

SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 1:18-25

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 1st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

¹⁸The birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

*Refrain: One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all;
one cup of bless-ing which we bless,
and we, though man-y through-out the earth,
we are one bod-y in this one Lord.*

¹Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,
wom-an or man, no more. [*Refrain*]

²Man-y the gifts, man-y the works,
one in the Lord of all. [*Refrain*]

³Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,
gath-ered to one for all. [*Refrain*]

Stand as you are able

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

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

C 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.

Please be seated

OFFERING:

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

(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.

L Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

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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.**

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:

"Celebration"

Benton Price



*May the true meaning of Christmas
fill your heart with joy and love.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN



Revelation 12:5

“She gave birth to a son, a male child, who ‘will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.’ And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.”

[Revelation offers a prophetic glimpse of Jesus’ ultimate rule over the nations. The birth of Christ is not just an event in history but the beginning of God’s cosmic plan of salvation. December is a season to remember that Christ’s birth was part of God’s larger redemptive narrative, leading to His eventual reign over all.]

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

Today 12/21	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
Mon 12/22	9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Office Hours
Tues 12/23	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pastor’s Office Hours Office Hours Council Meeting
Wed 12/24	Office Closed 3:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service w/Communion Christmas Eve Candlelight Service w/Communion
Thurs 12/25	MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!! Office Closed	
Fri 12/26	???	Office Hours
Sat 12/27	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service

Next Sun.	First Sunday after Christmas	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship – Lessons & Carols
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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 13, 2025 General \$250.00; **Total: \$250.00**

Attendance: Worship – 6

Sunday, December 14, 2025 General \$1,635.00, MOM (December) Samaritan’s Purse \$200.00, Sunday School \$19.43, Cemetery \$200.00, Building \$60.00, Youth – General \$20.00, Youth – Camp \$250.00; **Total: \$2,384.43**

Attendance: Worship – 68, Sunday School – 20 Children, 4 Teachers, Adult Study – 10



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.



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

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.

Altar Arrangements

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

Thank You Note Received

Thank you for all of the well wishes and prayers for Bobby's surgery & recovery.

**Bobby & Phillyce
Zengerle**

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 21, 2025 – Youth Christmas Program @ 6 PM

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

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 – Christmas Eve Service w/Communion @ 3 PM

– Christmas Eve Candlelight Service w/Communion @ 10 PM

Thursday, December 25, 2025 – MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Saturday, December 27, 2025 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall

We will continue our Evening Worship Service on Saturday, December 27, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be an alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Friday, January 2, 2026 – Community Family Movie Night

On Friday, January 2, 2026, the Youth will be holding a camp fundraiser at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, the movie "King of Kings" will be shown free of charge. There will be concession items for purchase that will go towards the kids camp funds. Please come join us and bring a friend or two, or more. Thank you!

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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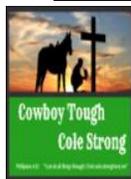


Join us for a True North Christmas!

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

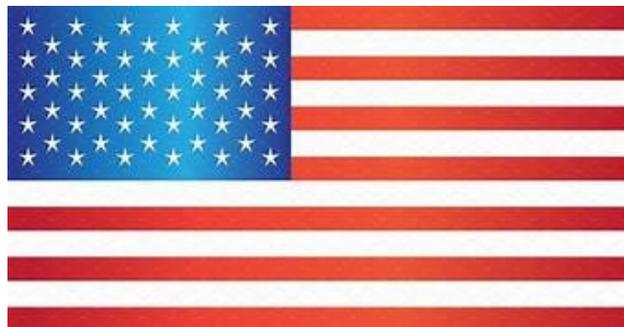
+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole: Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (October 10, 2025): It's that time of year again for the Annual Cowboy Tough Cole Strong team roping benefit. This is definitely one of Cole's favorite events of the year and he's so grateful to Justin Shelton and all those 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 - 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
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, Jonathan Ideus, Pam Ficklen, Stacey Nelson, MayDell Jacob, Caroline Blain, Nancy Butler, Robert Moeller, Jonathan Pokluda, CJ Constable, Kay Nagel; 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

Joseph could hardly place a good construction upon her condition. Had Joseph wished to follow the letter of the law he would have denounced her and she would have been stoned. Joseph had nothing to go by save the Word of God and he accepted it. A godless man would have said it was just a dream, but Joseph believed the word of God and took unto him his wife.

~ Martin Luther~

(Christmas Book)



In Memory of My Grandparents, Emil & Helena Dittfurth and Carl & Annie
Weise, given by Bruce A. Weise

In Memory of My Parents Clarence & Hertha Weise given by Bruce A. Weise

In Honor of Pastor John Boor given by Bruce A. Weise

In Memory of our parents, Arlen & Barbara Mueller, given by The Moore Family

In Memory of our parents, Ruth & Charlie Moore, given by The Moore Family

In Memory of Patty Ohrt given by Dean Ohrt Family

In Memory of Kay Ohrt given by Dean Ohrt Family

In Memory of B.C. & Neldine Ohrt given by Their Children, Grand-Children, &
Great, Great Grand Children

In Memory of Troy Wieland given by The Wieland Family

In Memory of Ralph & Helen Mae Egg given by Their Children

In Memory of Virgie Gohmert given by Her Kids, Grandkids, & Great Grandkids

In Memory of Reuben Gohmert given by His Kids, Grandkids, & Great Grandkids

In Honor of Johnny & Virginia Jank given by The Newman Family

In Memory of Kenneth Newman, Sr. given by The Newman Family

In Honor of my mother, MayDell Jacob, husband, Pat, and son, Tristan given by
Wanda Hays

In Memory of my sweet daddy, Clifton Jacob given by Wanda Hays

In Memory of our parents, William & Gertrude Gras and Delmar Diebel given by
Kenneth & Betty Diebel

In Memory of Delmar J. Diebel given by Dorothy Diebel & Family

In Memory of Martin Wolter given by Johnny & Virginia Jank

In Memory of Wilma Wolter given by Johnny & Virginia Jank

In Memory of J. Gus & Iris Jank given by Kevin & Beverly Bodden & Family

In Memory of John G. Bodden, Sr. given by Kevin & Beverly Bodden & Family

In Memory of Kathleen & Frank Kondo given by Arlene & Leon Wallace & Family

In Honor of All Our Family and In Memory of All Our Deceased Family, given by George & Dianna Soliz & Family

To the Glory of God given by George & Dianna Soliz & Family

In Memory of Eugueno Rios, Sr. given by Linda Rios & Family

In Memory of Ann & E.F. Schorre given by Pam & Terry Haun & Family

In Memory of Johnny & Jeffrey Haun given by Terry & Pam Haun & Family

To the Glory of God given by Mason, Kyle, Caleb, Katelynn, Wyatt, Brady, & Abby

In Memory of Our Loved Ones who have gone on before us, To the Glory of God for His many good and gracious gifts, & In Honor of our Family & Friends still with us given by Morris & Meliss Eckhardt & Family