

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
March 22, 2026**

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Romans 8:6

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Greeters This Week: The Henry Rangnow Family

Greeters Next Week: The Hays Family

Reader This Week: Neal Moritz

Reader Next Week: Wanda Hays

Acolyte This Week: Levi Moritz

Acolyte Next Week: Bryson Henkes

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

Altar Guild Next Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Communion Assistant This Month: Brian Wendel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Jeff Zengerle



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. ***Please make note that during Lent we use Setting Two in the hymnal until Easter when we switch back to Setting One.*** Thank you!

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

²Dark . . . midnight was my cry, dark . . . midnight was my cry,
dark . . . midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. [*Refrain*]

³Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,
just about the break of day, give me Jesus. [*Refrain*]

⁴Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Jesus. [*Refrain*]

⁵And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Jesus. [*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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray,

Almighty God, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. 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 37:1-14

¹The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.” ⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 41

¹Blessed is he who considers the poor! The Lord delivers him in the day of trouble;

**² the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;
thou dost not give him up to the will of his enemies.**

³The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness thou healest all his infirmities.

⁴ As for me, I said, “O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against thee!”

⁵My enemies say of me in malice: “When will he die, and his name perish?”

**⁶ And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,
while his heart gathers mischief; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.**

⁷All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.

⁸ They say, “A deadly thing has fastened upon him; he will not rise again from where he lies.”

⁹Even my bosom friend in whom I trusted, who ate of my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

¹⁰ But do thou, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may requite them!

¹¹By this I know that thou art pleased with me, in that my enemy has not triumphed over me.

¹² But thou hast upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in thy presence for ever.

¹³Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:1-12

2Therefore we must pay the closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.²For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution,³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him,⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his own will.⁵For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere, “What is man that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man, that thou carest for him? ⁷Thou didst make him for a little while lower than the angels, thou hast crowned him with glory and honor,⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet.” Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for every one. ¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brethren,¹²saying, “I will proclaim thy name to my brethren, in the midst of the congregation I will praise thee.”

Stand as you are able

GOSPEL VERSE

**C Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:31-9:1

L The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter.

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

Gospel: Mark 8:31-9:1

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men.”

³⁴And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

9 ¹And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

LBW #294

- ¹My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus Christ, my righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.
- ²When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.
- ³His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.
- ⁴When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found;
In Him, my righteousness, alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

Stand as you are able

L 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:

“A Lenten Meditation”

Louis Lefébure-Wely

(Please use the yellow envelopes for cash/coin 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

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.**

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:

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

LBW #385

¹What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse of my soul?

²When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down Beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

³To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

⁴And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on;
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing his love for me,
And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;
And through eternity I’ll sing on.

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:

“Chorus of Praise”

Rob Roy Peery



Isaiah 41:10

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

[In times of uncertainty, as the season changes in March, this verse reassures us that God is with us. His presence gives us strength and protection, and we need not fear what lies ahead because He will uphold us. He is concerned about every aspect of our lives, and we can trust Him to handle our anxieties with His loving care.]

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

Did you know that March 23rd is National Chips and Dip Day?
The popularity of chip and dip skyrocketed at the end of World War II with new entertainment fads and the introduction of Lipton’s new advertising campaign for their famous French Onion Dip.
[nationaltoday.com]
This day encourages social gatherings. The day is often used as an excuse to invite friends and family over for a chip and dip party, as the snack is a universal crowd-pleaser for people of all ages.
So, invite some people over and enjoy some chips and dip along with some fellowship and maybe even a Bible reading and prayer.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Sun 3/22	Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Confirmation Sunday School Adult Study Worship
Mon 3/23	<i>Office Closed</i> 6:30 p.m.	4-H Meeting
Tues 3/24	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pastor’s Office Hours Office Hours Council Meeting
Wed 3/25	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Old Stone Church Meeting Office Hours Quilters Youth Group-Painting @ the Cabin Lenten Service
Thurs 3/26	???? 1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m.	Office Hours Pastor’s Office Hours
Fri 3/27	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Sat 3/28	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service
Next Sun. Palm Sunday	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Youth Group Breakfast Taco Fundraiser Confirmation Sunday School Adult Study Worship



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.

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

Wednesday, Lenten Service 3, March 11, 2026 General \$891.00, Sunday School \$50.00; **Total: \$941.00**

Attendance: Worship – 30

Saturday, March 14, 2026 General \$450.00, Sunday School \$50.00; **Total: \$500.00**

Attendance: Worship – 5

Sunday, March 15, 2026 General \$1,611.50, MOM (March) CAMAL House \$276.00, Sunday School \$19.00, Old Stone Church \$20.00, Building \$20.00, Youth \$125.00; **Total: \$2,071.50**

Attendance: Worship –75, Sunday School – 7 Children, 3 Teachers, Adult Study – 9

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!

Mission of the Month for March

CAMAL House

CAMAL House is a food pantry that has served the people of Cuero for over 30 years. They provide food items & toiletries to 250-400 households monthly in DeWitt County. In order to continue serving families efficiently, community support in the form of food donations, monetary donations, and volunteers is needed.

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

During the month of March, our collection items will be **STRAW BROOMS** for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

- Items in Demand -

Below are the items we need more than anything else. Family-sized packages are ideal.

Canned Meats: Chicken, Vienna Sausage, Spam, Tuna

Boxed Dinners: Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Mac & Cheese

Individual Meals: Chili, Soup, Ramen, Easy Mac, Beefaroni, Ravioli

Baking Items: Flour, Sugar, Cooking Oil, Baking Powder/Soda, Cornstarch

Mixes: Cake, Pancakes, Brownies, Cookies

Condiments: Syrup, Peanut Butter, Ketchup, Mustard, Dressing, Spices

Snacks: Chips, Fruit Snacks, Pretzels, Granola Bars, Low-Cal options, Gluten Free, Salt-Free

Canned Vegetables & Fruits

Grains: Cereal, Oatmeal, Grits

Toiletries: Shampoo, mouthwash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish soap, laundry soap, toilet paper

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 Cathie Bettge. Thank you!

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 –

April – June Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.

Sunday, March 22, 2026 – Confirmation

Monday, March 23, 2026 – 4-H Meeting @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 – Council Meeting @ 7 PM

**Wednesday, March 25, 2026 – REGISTRATION DEADLINE TODAY FOR
WNALC SOUTH TEXAS MISSION
GATHERING ON APRIL 11TH**

– Old Stone Church Meeting @ 9 AM

– Youth Group @ 5:00 PM

– Lenten Service @ 7 PM

Saturday, March 28, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, March 29, 2026 – PALM SUNDAY

– Confirmation

– Youth Group breakfast taco sell before & during Sunday School

– St. Peter & Paul Altar Society Bake Sale & KCC #13010 Sausage Meal starting at 10:30 AM (\$15/plate)



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

YOUTH GROUP

MARCH 25TH 5-8 PM

PAINTING AT THE CABIN
1955 Old Clinton Rd.

We will meet at 5:00 PM at Mrs. Laurie's Cabin for painting and recreational activities. Food and drinks will be provided!
If you prefer not to paint, games and a basketball court will also be available.
Afterward, we will travel to St. John for the Wednesday Lenten Service.

For more information or if you need transportation to or from either location, please contact:
Kaleigh Newman
(361) 243-2373

UPCOMING PALM SUNDAY EVENTS @ ST. JOHN

On Palm Sunday, the Youth Group will be selling breakfast tacos before and during Sunday School—donations are appreciated! Then, at 10:15 am, all youth are invited to assemble in the narthex to participate in the Palm Sunday procession and song (Be Bold!) during the worship service.

UPCOMING EASTER SUNDAY EVENTS @ ST. JOHN

On Easter Sunday, our Youth Group will lead the Sunrise Service at 7:30 am in the church.

A Pancake Breakfast will be served in the Parish House between the Sunrise Service and Sunday School—everyone is welcome!

During Sunday School at 9 am, we will have our Annual Resurrection Egg Hunt for 3rd graders and younger. Eggs signify new life in Jesus! Children should bring an Easter basket.

4th graders and older will help hide the eggs and/or work on Easter crafts, including a special painting activity, giving our youth a creative way to celebrate the day.

THRIVENT CHOICE NOTICE

Congratulations! In 2025, stjohnelutheran@juno.com received \$561 through the Thrivent Choice® program — and that's worth celebrating! 🎉 Your work strengthens communities, and we're grateful for the impact you make every day. With the March 31, 2026 deadline approaching, now is a great time to remind your supporters to direct any remaining 2025 Choice Dollars® before they expire.

Just a friendly reminder: Thrivent clients with membership: Don't forget to direct 2025 Choice Dollars® by March 31 at thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

Scholarships for 2026 NALC Continental Youth Gathering

This summer the NALC will be hosting its second Continental Youth Gathering. It will be July 7-10 in Roanoke, Virginia. The first Youth Gathering in 2024 was an incredible event. We are hoping to have many of our Texas youth in attendance for this one! Our Texas Region Missions Team is going to help with this. We will again be offering scholarships for youth in our Region that would like to attend the gathering. Our hope is to particularly support youth who otherwise might not be able to attend. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, or would just like more information, please contact Pastor Mark Braaten at mbraaten@oslctyler.org

Applications must be received by April 15.

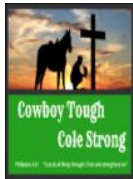
2026 Vacation Bible School – Rainforest Falls

Join us at St. John for Vacation Bible School July 27–31 from 8:30 a.m.–noon! Children ages 4-12 will journey into the misty rainforest to discover the wonder of God’s creation and learn how God is our Creator, our refuge, and our forever friend through Bible stories, music, games, and hands-on activities. Registration is now open: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/3GMyD0KAc4>.

We are also looking for volunteers to help bring VBS to life! Help is needed with planning, decorating, organizing, teaching, leading activity rotations, and cleanup. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Rachel Nessel or Kathy Dunn.

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

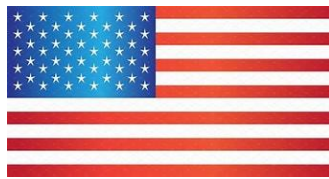
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Florida

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, Jonathan Ideus, Pam Ficklen, Stacey Nelson, MayDell Jacob, Caroline Blain, Nancy Butler, Robert Moeller, Jonathan Pokluda, Kay Nagel, Kevin Bodden, Carol Ann Sagebiel, John Swannack; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.



Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



REMEMBER TO PRAY WITHOUT CEASING FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS!!!



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

“Faith closes its eyes and commits the manner and the way and the method of preserving to God. Thus, in all perils, Christian wisdom walks with closed eyes and does not take offense.” “The Christian way is to despair of all counsels and wisdom, to commit everything to God alone, and to walk the unknown way.”

~Martin Luther~

Lectures on Isaiah, LW 17

A Prayer for Rain in a Dry Season

Father in Heaven, we are enduring a dry season, and we feel the weight of its impact on our land and lives. We ask for Your grace to send the rain that will end this dryness. Let Your blessings fall from the sky like rain, bringing new life to the earth and refreshing our spirits. We trust in Your wisdom and timing, and we pray that You will open the heavens to release the rain we need. We know that You hear our prayers, and we believe in Your power to bring transformation through the gift of rain. Amen.

Zechariah 10:1

“Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone.”

Prayer

God, we thank You for the promise of provision and the assurance that You hear our prayers. We ask for rain in this dry season, so that the land may be refreshed and new life may emerge. Let the rain be a reminder of Your faithfulness and care, and may it restore not only the earth but also our hearts. Keep us steadfast in faith as we await the rain that will bring renewal. Amen.

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