

*Memorial Day Service*  
*May 24, 2026*



*Remembering those who were lost.....*  
*Honoring those who are serving & have served.*

**ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Memorial Day Service**  
**May 24, 2026**

**PRELUDE: “American Melody” (Battle Hymn of the Republic) Sid Richardson**

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME**

Pastor John Boor

*Star Spangled Banner*

Rachel Nessel

**OPENING PRAYER**

Johnny Jank

**OPENING REMARKS**

Pastor John Boor

**SONG: “Onward Christian Soldiers” LBW #509**

**<sup>1</sup>Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.  
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle, See, his banners go!**

*Refrain:*

*Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.*

**<sup>2</sup>Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;  
Let us boldly follow Where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided; All one body we:  
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity. [Refrain]**

**<sup>3</sup>Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain;  
Gates of hell can never ‘Gainst that Church prevail,  
We have Christ’s own promise, And that cannot fail. [Refrain]**

**<sup>4</sup>Onward, then, you faithful, Join our happy throng;  
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph-song.  
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ the king.  
We through countless ages With the angels sing: [Refrain]**

## **RECOGNITION OF VETERANS KILLED IN ACTION**

Pastor John Boor

### **Randolph Goebel, United States Merchant Marines**

Randolph had only served for 9 months and 23 days when he perished in a collision between two tankers on October 23, 1943. Randolph was aboard the USS Gulfland, which was carrying a full cargo of aviation gasoline to further the war efforts. Due to wartime blackout rules, both ships were running without lights. Though Randolph's body was lost at sea, a headstone stands in the St. John Ev. Lutheran Church Cemetery as a memorial to him. Randolph was 24 years old.

### **PFC Ellis James Haun, United States Army 383 Infantry, 96<sup>th</sup> Division**

Ellis was just 20 years old when he was killed in action by enemy machine gun fire on May 10, 1945 in Okinawa Japan. He and his division were following orders to enter a village when they were fired upon. Ellis' body was buried in the 96<sup>th</sup> Division Temporary Cemetery #2 in Okinawa and his remains were later returned home to be buried in the St. John Ev. Lutheran Church Cemetery. In recognition of his sacrifice, Ellis was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously which was sent to his parents Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Haun. Besides his parents, Ellis was survived by a sister, Corine Froehlich & two brothers, Norvan & John William (all now deceased).

### **William Joseph Kenigseder, United States Marine Corp, Korea 1951**

### **Chester Robinson, United States Army, World War II**

### **Billy Ray Baker, United States Marine Corp**

## **RECOGNITION OF THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING**

Pastor John Boor

**Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Fort Cavazos**

**Austin Burns – U.S. Army**

**Philip Child – Captain, United States Air Force, McConnell Air Force Base,  
Wichita, Kansas**

**Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves**

**Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, 2-4 CaB, Charlie Company, Black Hawk  
Medevac Pilot, Fort Riley, Kansas**

**Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina**

**Zach McBrayer – Captain, U.S. Air Force, Germany**

**Michael Petrash II - 1<sup>st</sup> LT, United States Army**

**Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Florida**

**Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL**

**Travis Zavesky - U.S. Army**

**John C. Otto – U.S. Army, National Guard**

We will now recognize those veterans here today.

## MILITARY RECOGNITION

*(All Veterans please come to the front as your song is played.)*

*Marines – “Marine’s Hymn”*

*Coast Guard – “Semper Paratus”*

*Army – “The Caissons Go Rolling Along”*

*Navy – “Anchors Aweigh”*

*Air Force – “Wild Blue Yonder”*

## MESSAGE

Dan Pooley

## SONG

*“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”*

LBW #566

<sup>1</sup>My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountainside, Let freedom ring!

<sup>2</sup>My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills, Like that above.

<sup>3</sup>Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees, Sweet freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.

<sup>4</sup>Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

## SHARE THE PEACE

### OFFERING:

*“A Soldier’s Song”*

Thomas Mezzo

*Written in memory of Stephen C. Benish, killed in action—Iraq, November 2024*

*For every boy or girl that wears the uniform and does their duty so far from home;  
your sacrifice, the price for our liberty, know that you're not alone.*

*Throughout the day or at play we'll be loving you;  
a light at night in each window that shines for you.*

*We'll stay and pray for the day that you come home, heroes...home to stay.*

*May the angels give you hope through the fight, in the night and through the day.*

*Springtime wishes bring the smell of lilacs your way every day.*

*With each new day we will pray for your safe return and mourn the loss of your friends left behind.*

*We won't forget or let, your memory to die.*

*Honor them, cherish them, pray for them, speak of them.*

*We will remember a soldier's song.*

## PRAYERS

Pastor John Boor

*(Each petition ends with Lord in your mercy, Please respond with Hear our prayer)*

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

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

**Amen**

## CLOSING REMARKS

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.

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

We will close today with *“Battle Hymn of the Republic”*.

**SONG:**

*“Battle Hymn of the Republic”*

**LBW #332**

**<sup>1</sup>Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:  
His truth is marching on.**

*Refrain:*

**Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

**<sup>2</sup>He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. [Refrain]**

**<sup>3</sup>In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
While God is marching on. [Refrain]**

**Postlude:**

**“God Bless Our Land”**

**John Seriveyner**

### *Prayer for Veterans*



“Jesus, you said, ‘There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.’ Today we pray for those men and women who have, in their military service, sacrificed their time, strength, ambition, health and even their lives on this earth to benefit ‘friends,’ known and unknown. Many of our warriors carry scars in their hearts as well as on their bodies. Dark memories haunt their dreams at night. Fears cloud their waking hours. Jesus, you came to give us abundant life by providing a way for us to release our pain to you. On the cross you bore our sorrows and brokenness and when we trust you, we can exchange our wounds for your joy in a future unhindered by fate. Bring this gift now to the veterans of our nation who bear tangible and intangible wounds. Heal them, Jesus. Bless the families of soldiers who bear these pains vicariously. Give them patience and wisdom and strength to endure, and more than endure to hope in faith for a

blessed life. God, not everything that happens in life is good. But you promise to work all things together for good to those who love you and align their lives with your purpose. Create good in the families of veterans who have experienced pain and loss. Do this miracle, we pray. We honor our veterans in your name. We thank you – as we thank them – for their sacrifice. We ask you to return to them the favor of your blessing, a gift we on our own could never offer. We ask that you would give our veterans a peace beyond the peace they fought to secure, a peace in their own hearts, wrapped in the joy of a life touched by your strong hand. In Jesus name we pray...” Amen.



## **VETERANS DECEASED**

**Lee Roy Angerstein, United States Air Force**  
**William Ball, United States Navy**  
**Roy Barnes, United States Army**  
**Harold Baecker, GySgt United States Marine Corp**  
**Charles Beard, United States Navy, WWII**  
**Chester Bettge, United States Air Force**  
**Lovel A. Blain, United States Navy**  
**Edmund Boehl, United States Army**  
**Elroy Boehl, United States Army**  
**Emil Boehl Sr., United States Army**  
**Emil Boehl Jr., United States Army**  
**J. D. Bramlette, Jr., United States Army, WWII-Normandy Beach**  
**Michael Burditt, United States National Guard**  
**John W. Caldwell III, Lt Col. United States Air Force**  
**G.W. Cogburn, United States Navy**  
**Robert Cogburn, United States Marine Corp**  
**James Harold Dees, United States Army**  
**Marion Luther Dees, United States Army**  
**Daniel Dentler, United States Army**  
**Delmar G. Diebel, United States Army**  
**Fred D. Diebel, United States Army**  
**Richard Diebel, United States Army**  
**John Diebel, United States Army**  
**Richard Duderstadt, United States Army**  
**Isaac "Scratch" Egg, United States Army**  
**Ralph Egg, United States Navy**  
**Bobby R. Fagg, United States Army**  
**Frank Fischer, United States Air Force**  
**Jerry Lee Fischer, United States Navy**  
**Charles Gohmert, United States Army**  
**Reuben Lee Gohmert, United States Navy**  
**William Gras, United States Army**  
**Norvan Haun, United States Army**  
**Vernon Hays, United States Army**  
**Edmund Ideus, United States Army**  
**Merton Ideus, United States Army Korea**  
**Clifton Jacob, United States Army**  
**Joseph Jacob, United States Army Air Corp**  
**Dale Jacobs, United States Air Force**  
**J. Gus Jank Cpl., United States Army**

## VETERANS DECEASED

**Albert Kueker, United States Marine Corp**  
**Leonard Malina, United States Army Air Corp**  
**William Mayfield, United States Army**  
**Clarence "Sonny" Meyer, United States Army**  
**Delbert Moeller, United States Navy**  
**Edward L. Moeller, United States Navy**  
**Charlie Moore, United States Air Force**  
**Charles O. Moore, Jr., United States Air Force**  
**Alton Moritz, United States Army**  
**Adolf Motal, United States Army**  
**F/O Elden W. Mueller, United States Army Air Corp**  
**Jimmie L. Muska, United States Army,**  
**WWII Pacific Theater**  
**Edwin H. Nagel, United States Navy**  
**Leon Nagel, United States Army**  
**LCPL Doyle Van Nethery, United States Marine Corp**  
**Kenneth Newman, United States Army**  
**Cotton Ohrt, United States Army**  
**BSGT Arthur Otto, United States National Guard**  
**John Otto, United States Army**  
**Elroy Peters, United States Army WWII Germany, Purple Heart**  
**Wilburn Oehlke, United States Army**  
**William Steven Poage, United States Navy**  
**Alfred Rangnow, United States Army**  
**Otto Rangnow, United States Army WWII**  
**Elmer C. Reinecke, United States Army**  
**Milton L. Sievers, United States Army**  
**Herbert Spinks, United States Army**  
**Alfred David Stevens, United States Army**  
**Richard David Stevens, United States Air Force**  
**Kenneth Swannack Capt., United States Marine Corp**  
**Charles M. Talley, United States Air Force**  
**Ruben John Thamm, United States Army WWII India**  
**Olen W. Turley, United States Air Force**  
**Nicholas Wagner, United States Army**  
**Henry F. Wauson, United States Army**  
**Clarence P.W. Weise CPL., United States Army**  
**Lewis Wendel, United States Army**  
**SGT Gottlieb R. Wilke, United States Army Air Corp**  
**Martin L. Wolter, United States Army**

*Remembering those  
who paid for our  
freedom.*



## VETERANS

**Archie Abrameit, United States Army**  
**Todd Arnold, United States Army**  
**Charles Baros, United States Marine Corp**  
**Richard Bettge, United States Army Reserves**  
**Robert Blain, United States National Guard**  
**Pastor John Boor, United States Air Force**  
**Judy Caldwell, United States Army Nurse Corp**  
**SGT Elmo Coffey, United States Army**  
**Denis Cogburn, United States Army**  
**Jennifer Cornett, United States Air Force**  
**Glen Diebel, United States Army**  
**Blake Dunn, United States Marine Corp**  
**Charles Egg, United States Army National Guard**  
**Jeremy T. Egg, United States Air Force**  
**Matthew Egg, United States Air Force**  
**Ryan C. Egg, United States Air Force**  
**Timothy Egg, United States Air Force**  
**Kenneth Flessner, United States National Guard**  
**Rick Garrett, United States Air Force**  
**Glenn R. Gisler, United States Navy**  
**Allen D. Jank, United States Army**  
**Nicholas Jacobs, United States Air Force**  
**Gary Moeller, United States Navy**  
**Robert Moeller, United States Air Force**  
**Linda M. Moore, United States Air Force**  
**Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force**  
**Kernell Moritz, United States Marine Corp**  
**Adolf E. Motal, United States Army**  
**William "Sandy" Motley, United States Navy**  
**Dennis Nagel, United States Army Reserves**  
**Donald C. Nagel, United States Navy**  
**Rodney Nagel, United States Navy**  
**Dean Ohrt, United States Army National Guard**  
**Cassie Krueger Olive, United States Air Force**  
**Joe Olive, United States Air Force**  
**John Otto, United States Marine Corp**  
**Col. Michael Petrash, United States Army**  
**Duane Preiss, United States Marine Corp**  
**Lee Preiss, United States Air Force**  
**Preston Preiss, United States Air Force**

## VETERANS

**James Rabe, United States Air Force**  
**Jacob Redmond, United States Marine Corp**  
**Billy Roeske, United States Army**  
**John H. Swannack Capt., United States Army**  
**James Turley, Sr., United States Air Force**  
**Robert Leon Wallace, United States Army**  
**John Wilkerson Master Sgt., United States Air Force**  
**Jeffrey D. Zengerle, United States Army**  
**Robert W. Zengerle, United States Navy**

## ACTIVE DUTY

**Jonathon Albrecht, United States Army, Fort Cavazos**  
**Austin Burns, United States Army**  
**Philip Child, Captain, United States Air Force, McConnell Air Force Base, Wichita, Kansas**  
**Russell Copeland, United States Army Reserves**  
**Lee Magruder, United States Army, Fort Riley, Kansas**  
**Koltyn Mayhall, United States Marine Corp, North Carolina**  
**Zach McBrayer, Captain, United States Air Force, Germany**  
**Michael Petrash II, 1<sup>st</sup> LT, United States Army**  
**Chase Schroeder, United States Navy, Florida**  
**Andrew Washington, L CPL, United States Marine Corp, Pensacola, FL**  
**Travis Zavesky, United States Army**  
**John C. Otto – U.S. Army, National Guard**



### **FOREVER REMEMBERED**

In solemn silence, we gather nearby,  
To honor heroes, we hold dear.  
Their courage and sacrifice we recall,  
On this Memorial Day, we stand tall.  
They fought for freedom, gave their all,  
Answered duty's unwavering call.  
Their memory we cherish, hearts embrace,  
With gratitude, love, and solemn grace.  
For the fallen, our gratitude will never fade,  
On this day, their sacrifice forever displayed.  
In their honor, we solemnly pray,  
Remembering them on this Memorial Day.





Ephesians 2:8-9

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

[This powerful reminder of God’s grace encourages humility and gratitude. May invites us to reflect on the gift of salvation and the freedom it brings.]

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



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.



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, May 16, 2026** General \$940.00; **Total: \$940.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 17

**Sunday, May 17, 2026** General \$2,612.00, MOM (May) Call Sign Victor \$435.00, Sunday School \$115.00, NALC Warehouse \$100.00; **Total: \$3,262.00**

**Attendance:** Worship –82, Sunday School – 5 Children, 3 Teachers, Adult Study – 9

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN



Sun 5/24

**Day of Pentecost**

9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

10:15 a.m.

Sunday School

Adult Study

Worship ~ *Memorial Day Service*

Mon 5/25

**Memorial Day**

Office Closed

Tues 5/26

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Primary Runoff Elections

Office Hours

Council Meeting

Wed 5/27

9:00 a.m.

1:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

Old Stone Church Meeting

Quilters

Youth Group

Thurs 5/28

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

Office Hours

Pastor’s Office Hours

Fri 5/29

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Office Hours

**SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE**

Sat 5/30

6:00 p.m.

Evening Worship Service

Sun 5/31

**Holy Trinity Sunday**

9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

10:15 a.m.

Sunday School

Adult Study

Worship ~ *Graduation Sunday*

## Have a Blessed Week!



### 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 [stjohnlutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnlutheran@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.*

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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 Health 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 May, our collection items will be **ANY HEALTH CARE KIT ITEMS** for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

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#### **Mission of the Month for May**

##### **Call Sign Victor**

**(Previously known as Christian Warrior's Retreat)**

Call Sign Victor is a peer led, non-clinical, Christian faith-based organization committed to serving our veterans, first responders, and their loving families. Our organization's foundation is firmly entrenched in military traditions that unify all branches of the United States military and first responders, of all eras. We do this by establishing an atmosphere of honor, trust, comfort and safety so that veterans, first responders and their families have the opportunity to work through those mental and moral injuries that were sustained during time of service. The Call Sign Victor community helps our members heal from traumas while guiding them arm-in-arm through proven steps to re-establish relationships, purpose, and identity through peer-led exercises. We believe that with Christ, all things are possible.

#### **Deadline for St. John Ev. Lutheran Church Scholarship-APPLY NOW!!!**

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church is excited to offer scholarships to support the youth in our congregation with their college or vocational education. If you're a member of St. John and are currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a college, university, or trade school, we encourage you to apply! **Deadline to apply: May 29, 2026**  
**Applications** are available at the church office.

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**Note: The Gabriel Project (the baby bottle) will be in the narthex from Mother's Day to Father's Day if anyone would like to make a donation.**

**Thank you!**

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## 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.



## 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, May 24, 2026 – Day of Pentecost

– Memorial Day Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

### Monday, May 25, 2026 – Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 – Primary Runoff Elections in Parish Hall 7 AM to 7 PM

– Council Meeting @ 7 PM

### Wednesday, May 27, 2026 – Old Stone Church Meeting @ 9 AM

– Quilters @ 1:30 PM

– Youth Group @ 6 PM

### Friday, May 29, 2026 – Scholarship Deadline

### Saturday, May 30, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service

### Sunday, May 31, 2026 – Holy Trinity Sunday

– Graduation Sunday

– Worship Service @ 10:15 AM



### **Graduation Sunday**

Graduation Sunday at St. John is on the horizon. We will be recognizing all 2026 Kinder, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, High School & College Graduates during this upcoming service. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board or email: [stjohnelutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnelutheran@juno.com) with your graduate's information for the bulletin or drop it by the church office.

**GRADUATION SUNDAY WILL BE MAY 31, 2026.**



**If anyone would like to acolyte on a Sunday morning starting June 1, please let Pastor know or the office so we can include your name in the bulletin. There is a sign-up sheet**

**on the Narthex bulletin board. What a way to praise our Lord, serve at church, and have volunteer credit on future applications (job & college)!**



Keep up with St. John online  
St. John Meyersville

<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>

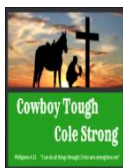
Or visit our website at: [stjohnmeyersville.org](http://stjohnmeyersville.org) to view weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters.

For those on church premises wishing to worship in their vehicles, tune in to FM 101.5 at 10:15 a.m. Sunday mornings.

***If you'd like to receive your monthly church newsletter via email, call or text the church office at 361-277-8653.***



# PRAYER REQUESTS



## **+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:** Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (March 21, 2026):

Hello everyone! Well over due for an update on Cole so I figured I'd post something. Cole is staying healthy and doing well. He did take the spring semester off for college but plans to get back at it in the fall. He still faithfully walks on his machine and uses his robotic arm machine twice weekly as well as working at home. He has been helping his Dad get his spraying business off the ground and helping me with billing which has been such a huge help. I know he'd much rather be out there working side by side with his Dad but until then I'm grateful he can contribute in this way. Cole is very sharp and organized so he's been a blessing. I also wanted to share the flyer for the annual fundraiser for Cole's foundation coming up in May. As a lot of you know this is one of Cole's favorite events of the year. The mission of this foundation is to raise funds to help pay for therapy for those with no insurance or limited insurance. We are also branching out to help pay for medical equipment, supplies, or care for those who need it as well. This is a cause close to our hearts and we'd like to personally invite all of you to this amazing event! I'll include the flyer but if you'd like to come and are having trouble booking online just message me. With that I'll close and thank you all dearly for all your continued prayers for Cole's healing. Keep praying-his miracle is coming.♥

**+ 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

Austin Burns, 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  
Philip Child, Captain, United States Air  
Force, McConnell Air Force Base,  
Wichita, Kansas

### **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, Jonathan Pokluda, Kay Nagel, Kevin Boddin, Carol Ann Sagebiel, John Swannack, Feather Diebel, Jeff Zengerle, Virginia Jank; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.



### **Nursing Home:**

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus & Carol Ann Sagebiel

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## **SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER**



(Christ) has proved his love in taking your sins upon himself and paying for them with his blood, as he tells you by the gospel. He has given you grace to believe by his Spirit, and has prepared and accomplished everything most surely, so that you need not care or fear any more, but only keep your heart strong and reliant on his Word and faith.

~ Martin Luther ~

*Letter to His Father (February 15, 1520)*