

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
August 16, 2026**

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



Psalm 67:7

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Greeters This Week: Margie & John Swannack

Greeters Next Week: The Henry Rangnow Family

Reader This Week: Shelby Newman

Reader Next Week: Kathy Dunn

Acolyte This Week:

Acolyte Next Week:

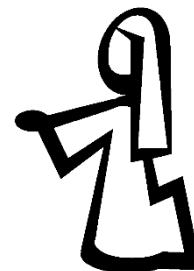
Altar Guild This Month: Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

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

Communion Assistant This Month: Pam Haun

Communion Assistant Next Month: Wanda Hays

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



MISSION STATEMENT

Share Christ. Grow in Faith. Love Our Community.

VISION STATEMENT

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church will be a thriving, multi-generational church family where faith is lived boldly, new ideas are welcomed thoughtfully, and every person feels valued, called to serve, and connected.

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

Themes of inclusion and exclusion are a common thread running through this week's Scriptures. Isaiah prophesies about who is accepted and who is not in God's house, which depends upon obedience to God's law. St. Paul passionately asserts that even though Israel did not believe in Jesus, God will not turn away from his chosen people. Jesus crosses ethnic boundaries to heal a girl from Syrophenicia.

PRELUDE:

"Prelude (for the Keyboard)"

J. S. Bach

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand as you are able

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for Reflection and Meditation

L Most merciful God,

C We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN:

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy "

LBW #290

**¹There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;
There's a kind-ness in his jus-tice Which is more than lib-er-ty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings Have such kind-ly judg-ment giv'n.**

**²There is welcome for the sin-ner, And a prom-ised grace made good;
There is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; There is heal-ing in his blood.
There is grace e-nough for thou-sands Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh cre-a-tions In that up-per home of bliss.**

**³For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind;
And the heart of the e-ter-nal Is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
There is plen-ti-ful re-demp-tion In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the mem-bers In the sor-rows of the head.**

**⁴'Tis not all we owe to Je-sus; It is some-thing more than all:
Great-er good be-cause of e-vil, Larg-er mer-cy through the fall.
If our love were but more sim-ple, We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all sun-shine In the sweet-ness of our Lord.**

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 Almighty, eternal God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love; and in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. 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: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed."

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant — ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." ⁸The LORD God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

Responsive Reading Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

²Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

⁷May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15. 28-32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ...

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy.

³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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 15:21-28

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

²¹Jesus went away from {Gennesaret} and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

LBW #439

**¹What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!**

**²Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**³Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he’ll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.**

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.**

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:

"Promised Blessings"

Lenea Kaye

(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;

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:

**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.**

LBW #565

POSTLUDE:

"Festive Song of Praise"

Lani Smith



Isaiah 40:29

**"He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he
increases strength."**

*[In moments of weakness or
weariness, God provides strength.
This promise is especially encouraging
as we enter a busy season, reminding
us to rely on His power.]*

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Sun 8/16 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
10:15 a.m.	Worship w/Communion

Mon 8/17	10:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting

Tues 8/18 Pastor @ CAMAL House
Office Closed

Wed 8/19	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study

Thurs 8/20	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	6:30 p.m.	Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting
Committee Reports Due		

Fri 8/21 Office Closed
*****Newsletter Deadline*****

Sat 8/22 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

Next Sun. Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
10:15 a.m.	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

Saturday, August 8, 2026 General \$2,000.00, Cemetery \$500.00, Old Stone Church \$500.00, Building \$300.00, Youth \$300.00; **Total: \$3,600.00**

Attendance: Worship – 5

Sunday, August 9, 2026 General \$2,175.00, MOM (Aug.) Lutherans for Life \$150.00, Sunday School \$58.00, Building \$20.00, Youth \$50.00; **Total: \$2,453.00**

Attendance: Worship – 68, Sunday School – 6 Children, 2 Teacher, 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
- 1 shampoo at least 4 ozs.
- 1 bar of soap (2or 3 if travel size)
- 1 toothbrush (individually sealed) (*Dollar Tree 4pk/\$1.75*)
- 1 pack of floss
- 1 toothpaste - individually sealed (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

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

Mission of the Month for August **Lutherans for Life**

LFL believes God gives the gift of life to all people from the moment of conception until natural death. LFL are witnesses to the sanctity of human life through education based on the Word of God. Both His Law and His Gospel are applied to all the life issues—abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia, sexual purity and bio-technology. It is a recognized service organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and is a ministry partner of the North American Lutheran Church. LFL is supported entirely by individual donations and grants.



If anyone would like to acolyte on a Sunday morning starting June 7, 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)!



LIFE-TO-LIFE DISCIPLESHIP MEETING

The next meeting will be
Thursday, August 20, 2026
@ 6:30 PM.

Member Death/Funeral Notification **Email for our Members**

If you are interested in having the church office email you to let you know of a congregational member's death and/or funeral, please let Meliss Eckhardt know your email address. This email address will not be included in the directory, but will be used for the sole purpose of notification.



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 —July-September Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.

Sunday, August 16, 2026 – Worship Service with Communion @ 10:15 AM

Monday, August 17, 2026 – Finance Team Meeting @ 7 PM

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 – Pastor @ CAMAL House

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

– Men's Bible Study @ 7 PM

Thursday, August 20, 2026 – Committee Reports Due

– Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting @6:30 PM

Friday, August 21, 2026 – Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, August 22, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, August 23, 2026 – Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 – Council Meeting @ 7PM

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

Saturday, August 29, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, August 30, 2026 – Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

THANK YOU NOTES FROM OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Dear, St. John's Thank You for
the scholarship money it will definitely
help with cost for school

Sincerely,

Kyle Noyes

Thank you Saint John's for
the scholarship money I greatly
appreciate it has will help me
get school supplies.

Sincerely,

Calvin

PRAYER FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Dear God,

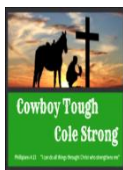
Thank you for this wonderful provision and the blessing of this scholarship. Thank you for allowing our congregation to provide help in opening doors, easing financial stress, and providing for tuition for these college students.

Grant these students a clear mind and a humble heart to manage these funds wisely, use their education to serve others, and remember that every good gift comes from Your hands.

We pray for each to have good stewardship to handle the award responsibly and balance schoolwork and rest. We ask for each continued dedication, strength, and peace throughout their college journey. We also ask that they will be able to focus on your peace and understanding when they face anxiety, worry, and stress. May they feel your arms wrapped around them in a comforting embrace. May they feel your presence always.

AMEN.

PRAYER REQUESTS



+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole: Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (June 9, 2026):

Hello everyone. Cole has asked me to graciously ask all his prayer warriors to pray for him as he is about to go into surgery in Houston for a fractured femur he sustained yesterday while doing some routine stretching at home. He knows he can count on all of you to lift him up in prayer during this scary time for him. ~~ Man I am overwhelmed by the love and support you all give my precious boy. Thank you for lifting him up in prayer. He's in surgery now. Will post with an update when he gets out. ~~ Cole is out of surgery and doing well! Surgery went great thank the Lord. Cole is still a little drowsy but wanted me to thank all of you for your prayers and asks yall to keep praying for his complete healing. ~~ Wanted to give an update on Cole. He is back home and doing well. Has some pain and discomfort but nothing compared to before surgery. We want to sincerely thank all of you for your prayers. Cole had an amazing surgeon and team in Houston and his surgery was successful with no complications. God. His is good. ♥

+ 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 Hood

Chase Schroeder, IT3 - U.S. Navy, FL

Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, Fort Riley, KS

Michael Petrash II - 1st Lt., U.S. Army

Austin Burns, U.S. Army



Andrew Washington, L CPL – USMC,

Washington DC

Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina

Zach McBrayer – Capt., USAF, Germany

John C. Otto – Army, National Guard

Philip Child, Capt., USAF, McConnell AFB

Wichita, KS

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, Christy Johns, David Diebel, Obert Sagebiel, Jonathan Ideus, Stacey Nelson, MayDell Jacob, Nancy Butler, Jonathan Pokluda, Kay Nagel, Kevin Bodden, Gary Moeller, Betty Diebel, Seth Wendel, Linda Boyer, Kaleigh Newman, John Helms, Ashley McAllister; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.

Nursing Home:

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

PAM Unit ~ Elizabeth Beard



CONGRATULATIONS

*Congratulations to our
2026 Scholarship Recipients*

Caleb Nagel

Kyle Nagel

Kaleigh Newman

*May God go with them through their education
and guide their paths.*

A Prayer for Protection from Evil

Lord Almighty, we ask for Your divine protection as our college students navigate through college. Shield them from harm, evil, and every plan of the enemy against their destiny. Guard their hearts against wrong influences, their body against harm, and their souls against despair. Surround them with Your angels wherever they go, whether in class, dormitory, or outside campus. Let no weapon formed against them prosper, and let them walk in the safety of Your presence all the days of their lives. Amen.

Bible Verse: Psalm 91:11 – "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

Faith takes Christ captive in his word, when he's angriest, and makes out of his cruel words a comforting inversion as we see here. You say, the woman responds, that I am a dog. Let it be, I will gladly be a dog; now give me the consideration that you give a dog. Thus she catches Christ with his own words, and he is happy to be caught.

~ Martin Luther~

Sermon on Mark 7

A Prayer for Rain to Refresh Dry Souls

Lord of Life, just as the earth thirsts for rain, so do our souls thirst for Your presence. We ask that You send both physical rain to the land and spiritual rain to our hearts. Refresh our spirits as You refresh the earth, pouring out Your love and grace in abundance. Let the rain remind us of Your never-ending mercy and Your constant desire to revive and renew us. We seek Your healing, Your restoration, and Your peace as we await the rain that nourishes both body and soul. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

Psalm 42:1-2

**"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God."**

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the ways You restore and refresh us, both physically and spiritually. We pray for rain that not only nurtures the land but also renews our spirits. May we always thirst for Your presence, and may You satisfy that thirst with Your love? Let the rains be a reminder of Your grace, bringing us peace and renewal. Amen.



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