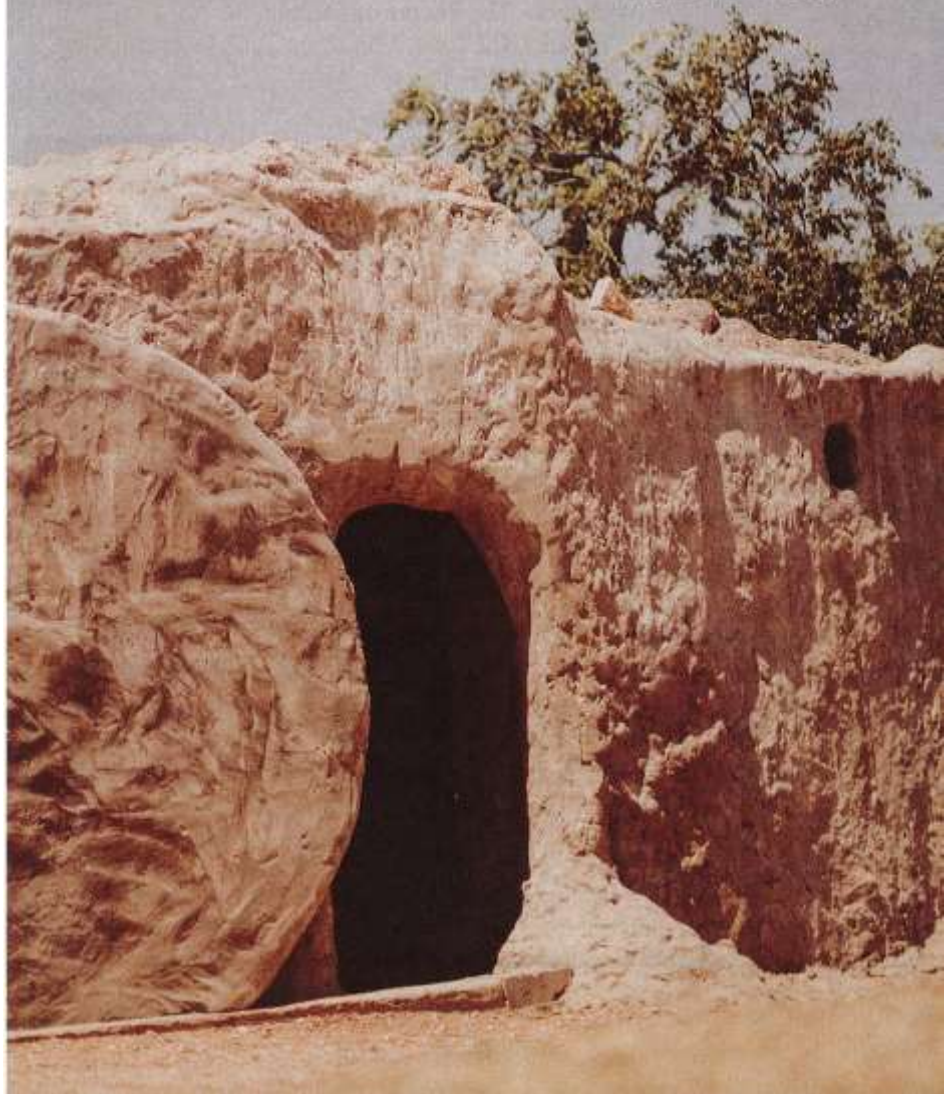


*He has risen
from the dead*

Matthew 28:7



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Easter Sunday

Resurrection of Our Lord

April 16, 2017

Greeter This Week: Volunteer Needed

Greeter Next Week: Daren & Dawn Otto

Reader This Week: Marlene Rangnow

Reader Next Week: Rylan Dreier

Acolytes This Week: Cason Jander

Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

Altar Guild This Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

Altar Guild Next Month: May Dell Jacob & Brenda Boor

Communion Assistant This Month: Wanda Hays

Communion Assistant Next Month: Johnny Jank

Large Print Bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher for a copy.

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.

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.



HOLY COMMUNION

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please show your respect with silent meditation at this time.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

HE IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Sunday School Kids: **“GOD’S NOT DEAD”**

God’s not dead, He is alive!

God’s not dead, He is alive!

God’s not dead, He is alive!

JESUS MY SAVIOR IS ALIVE!

Feel Him in my hands

Feel Him in my feet

Feel Him in my Heart

Feel Him in my soul (Whew!)

Feel Him all over me.

God’s not dead, He is alive!

God’s not dead, He is alive!

God’s not dead, He is alive!

JESUS MY SAVIOR IS ALIVE!

Sit CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Stand p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #151 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

P 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.**

p. 60: HYMN OF PRAISE *“This is the Feast”*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you,

C **And also with you. (sung)**

P Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, you have overcome death through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and have opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly beseech you that as you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

**²All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**⁴Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

⁵O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

⁷I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.

**⁸I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are
pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

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

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with

fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #135 “*The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done*”

Stand p. 64: NICENE CREED
p. 65: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
p. 66: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand p. 66: OFFERTORY: “Let the vineyards...”
p. 67: OFFERTORY PRAYER
p. 68: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
p. 70: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #33 (right column)
p. 71: LORD’S PRAYER
p. 72: LAMB OF GOD

Sit DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION
SOFT HYMNS FOR MEDITATION

Stand p. 72: POST COMMUNION: “Thank the Lord . . .”
p. 74: PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 4/16	Resurrection of Our Lord~Easter Sunday 7:30 a.m. <i>Easter Sunrise Service</i> <i>Following will be a pancake breakfast</i> 9:15 a.m. Resurrection Egg Hunt 10:15 a.m. Easter Worship
Mon 4/17	Office Closed
Tues 4/18	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Altar Guild Meeting
Wed 4/19	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours 10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab. 1:30 p.m. Quilters 6:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
Thurs 4/20	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours *Committee Report's Due
Fri 4/21	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours *Newsletter Deadline
Next Sun	Second Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 a.m. Worship~Contemporary <i>Water Sunday</i>

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.



Sunday, April 9, 2017

Offering: General \$3,051.89, MOM \$185.00,

Cemetery \$20.00, Church Reno \$1,427.00, **Total: \$4,683.89**

Attendance: Worship- 122 Sunday School- 16 Adults, 15 Children

Thursday, April 13, 2017

Total Offering: \$40,259.95 Attendance: 43

Mission of the Month of April:



Mission Statement

Water Missions International

Water Missions International is a nonprofit Christian engineering organization providing sustainable safe water and sanitation solutions for people in developing countries and disaster areas. Safe water is the source of life. It is the foundation for health, education and viable economies. Through the generous support of individuals, churches, our corporate partners and many others, Water Missions International has brought relief and hope to more than 2.5 million people across the globe.

Our faith and belief in the sanctity of life compel us to develop and implement the best technologies and community development programs so God will be honored and glorified through our work.

Mission: Our mission is to be a best in class Christian engineering ministry that transforms lives through sustainable safe water solutions.

Vision: Water Missions International will be a Christian engineering ministry that is recognized as a global leader in transformational safe water solutions by 2017.

We will celebrate Water Sunday April 23, 2017 at St. John's.

HAPPY EASTER FROM ST. JOHN!



SAVE THE DATE – Sat., April 29, 2017

8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON Spring Workday

We are planning a spring workday and encourage everyone to participate. There are a lot of odd jobs around the Church, pariah hall, parsonage, and grounds that are hard to contract out, but need to be done. Please consider giving one Saturday morning of your time to help us care for God's House. The following are jobs that need to be done:



- **Brush removal along east property line fence.**
- **Trim trees.**
- **Pressure wash & paint pump house.**
- **Pressure wash church building.**
- **Fix drainage problem on west side of church.**
- **Basement Clean-up.**
- **Banister at parish hall needs painting.**

If you cannot be there on the Saturday of workday, but would like to undertake a project on your own, please see one of the property team members. With more daylight in the evenings, it may be better for some to work in the evenings. Please contact a property team member if you see other areas around the church, parish hall, parsonage, and grounds that need our attention. Property team members are as follows: Dickie Bettge, chm, Marv Sager, Pastor John, Clay Haun, Vance Egg, Glenn Ruschhaupt, and Will Roeske.



Grave Decoration Sunday & Church at The Cemetery

You are invited to attend St. John's annual Grave Decoration service on Sunday April 30th. The service will be held next to the cemetery and the historic Old Stone Church under the scenic live oak trees. A pot luck lunch will follow. Those attending are asked to bring a main dish and a side dish or desert to share. So bring your lawn chair and invite your friends and family for this special service honoring all those Saints who now rest here at St. John's cemetery.

Save the Date for Summer Day Camp July 31st through August 4th

Four Camp Counselors from Luther Hill in LaGrange will lead our youth in Worship, Music, Activities and lots of fun. Day Camp is open to youth ages 5 through 12. All older youth are needed to help as Junior Counselors. Contact Kathy Dunn for more info: 361-275-4322



*Need a
Ride?*



Sunday School

Need a ride to Sunday school? Sometimes parents need that extra hour of sleep. Let us pick up your kids! Call or text Kathy Dunn at 361-275-4322 or Wanda Hays at 361-648-4033

Church Renovation Fund

On August 28, 2016, our congregation voted to establish a fund for installation of the elevator and other church renovations. Anyone wishing to give to the renovation project may do so by designating "Church Renovation" or "Elevator Fund" on their check or on the pew giving envelope.





PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, contact Evelyn Diebel. And please update your request at least once a month so the list can be kept current and up to date. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel (361-275-5979)

Our Military and their families:

- Nicholas Jacobs - U.S. Air Force, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada
- Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
- John Otto - USMC, Bahrain
- Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky
- Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy
- Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy
- Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force



- Please Pray for:**
- Adam Womble
 - Nate Boehl
 - Hunter Jacob
 - Glynn Yurick
 - Mike Meyer

Nursing Homes: Arlen Mueller - Yorktown Nursing & Rehab

Homebound: Cleo Wendel, Helen Mae Egg, Bette Jo Haun

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.



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Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

Easter Lily Meaning



The Easter season is masked with several legends and folklores about the lily and its religious significance. Easter Lily is the traditional flower of Easter and is highly regarded as a joyful symbol of elegance, beauty, spirituality, hope, and life. In Christendom the lily has come to symbolize the resurrection of Jesus because of its delicacy of form and its snow white color. But have you ever wondered about the history and significance of this symbolic Easter flower, which adds elegance, grace and fragrance to millions of homes and churches during the spring time. Every year, on the first Sunday after the first full moon, churches are filled with exquisite Easter lilies. Churches at Easter time grace the altars and surround the cross with Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This importance rests even more clearly on a legend that the blood of Jesus, as it fell from the cross, was by a miracle transformed into flowers which filled heaven and earth. The popular Easter lily we use today to celebrate the holiday is referred to as 'the white-robed apostles of hope.' These beautiful trumpet shaped white flowers were brought to the United States in 1875 from Japan by an American tourist and named after the florist who made it popular. The flower retells the resurrection story with its life cycle. These snow white flowers symbolize new life and hope. The bulb of these flowers buried in the ground represents the tomb of Jesus and the glorious white trumpet-like fragrant flowers which grow from the bulbs symbolize His life after death. The snowy white color stands for the purity of the Divine Savior and the joy of the resurrection while the trumpet shape signifies Gabriel's trumpet call to rebirth and new life.

Easter Lilies



In Memory of

Roy & Barby Keel by Mitchell & Terri Jank

J. Gus & Iris Jank by Mitchell & Terri Jank

Leonard & Kathleen Jander by Dwight & LeAnn Jander & Family

J. Gus & Iris Jank by Johnny & Virginia Jank

Martin & Wilma Wolter by Johnny & Virginia Jank

Bobby R. Fagg by Bea, Kevin, Carrie, Abby & Brady

Delmar J. Diebel by His Family

Trinity Berger by Pam, Lindsey, Justin, Jeri Ficklen & Amanda Denson

*Jerry & Elsa Berger by Pam, Lindsey, Justin,
Jeri Ficklen & Amanda Denson*

Patty Ohrt by Dean Ohrt

Charlie & Ruth Moore by The Moore Family

Walter & Elvie Egg by The Moore Family

Marla Hartman To the Glory of God by Her Family

*J.G. Bodden To the Glory of God by Kevin & Beverly Bodden, Trenton,
Trevor & Kathleen*

*J. Gus & Iris Jank To the Glory of God by Kevin & Beverly Bodden,
Trenton, Trevor & Kathleen*

Tommy Gohmert by Sandy Gohmert & Family

LeAnn Denise Wendel by Shirley & Paul Wendel

Edward & Lucille Ruschhaupt by Archie & Virginia Abrameit

Clarence & Hertha Weise by Bruce A. Weise

Emil & Helena Dittfurth by Bruce A. Weise

Carl & Annie Weise by Bruce A. Weise

Reuben Gohmert by JoBeth & Jimmy Caskey, Julie & JoLeah

Our Parents by John & Margie Swannack

Sonny Meyer by Mike, Tammy & Family

Easter Lilies



In Honor of

Virgie Gohmert by Joie & Jimmy Caskey, Julie & JoLeah

Our Grandchildren by John & Margie Swannack

Clifton & May Dell Jacob by Pat, Wanda & Tristan Hays

Pat & Tristan Hays by Wanda Hays

Helen Mae Egg To the Glory of God by Her Children

Beth, Travis & Caleb Reinecke by Leroy Reinecke

Mackenzie, Marlee & Madyx Blain by Mommy & Daddy

Mike Meyer by Tammy Blain

Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017

Resurrection of Our Lord — Easter Day



The resurrection of our Lord ushers in a new reality for those who believe: a new life in Christ. God, who shows no partiality, offers salvation and forgiveness to all who believe. Our confession of faith in the resurrection of Christ is a commitment to a deeper walk with God: one characterized by worship, prayer, and an intentional living out of Jesus' kingdom principles. This Good News is something we act upon.



“This is a strange message, such as reason cannot comprehend. It must be accepted in faith: Christ is alive and yet dead, and dead in such a way that in him death itself has had to die and lose all its power.”

- Martin Luther -