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**IT'S TIME FOR
THE CHURCH TO
FIGHT THE GLOBAL
WATER CRISIS.**

*Water Mission provides safe
water in Malawi and 52 other
countries around the world.*

WATER SUNDAY

EVENT DATE

1.8 BILLION PEOPLE DRINK UNSAFE WATER EVERY DAY.
5.4 BILLION DON'T KNOW JESUS CHRIST.
WE CAN HELP MAKE IT RIGHT.

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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday of Easter

Water Sunday

April 23, 2017

Greeter This Week: Daren & Dawn Otto

Greeter Next Week: Youth Group

Reader This Week: Rylan Dreier

Reader Next Week: Mackenzie Blain

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

Acolytes Next Week: Carlie Parsons

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.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING SONGS
RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL
ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRAISES & CONCERNS

Pastor In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the
 Holy Spirit.

People Amen

Stand **“The River”** Jordan Feliz (2015)

I know a place where we can go
To lay the troubles down eating your soul
I know a place where mercy flows
Take the stains make you whiter than snow

Like a tide, it is rising up deep inside a current that moves and makes
you come alive
Living water that brings the dead to life

We're going down to the river
Down to the river, down to the river to pray
Let's get washed by the water
Washed by the water and rise up in amazing grace
Let's go down, down, down to the river (You will leave changed)
Let's go down, down, down to the river (Never the same)

I've seen it move in my own life
Took me from dusty roads into paradise
All of my dirt, all of my shame
Drowned in the streams that've made me born again

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Let's go down [x3]

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Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go down in amazing grace [x2]

Sit

John 4:13

Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'

Ultimately this is the living water that we seek daily and would willingly share with any and all people. Christ's words, the story of amazing grace that all who believe in Christ shall have eternal life. As John writes in **Revelations 22: 17** "Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let them take of the free gift of the water of life."

But Jesus also reminds us that we will be judged on our actions regarding our neighbors. In **Matthew 25:44**, Jesus reminds us that when we might ask, "when did we see you hungry or thirsty and not help you? Whatever you have not done for the least of these, you did not do for me."

That reminds us of our Mission of the Month, Water Missions International, whose goal is to meet both the physical need of drinkable water and bringing the message of Christ's amazing grace to people worldwide wherever water is needed.

Water Missions International –Video– “The Long Awaited Hope”

WMI - Water Facts – Linda Ruschhaupt

Children’s Message – Johnny Jank

Stand

“We Believe” – Newsboys 2014

In this time of desperation, When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation, We believe, we believe
In this broken generation, When all is dark, You help us see
There is only one salvation, We believe, we believe

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's comin' back again, we believe

So, let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations
We believe, we believe!

We believe in God the Father!
We believe in Jesus Christ!
We believe in the Holy Spirit!
And He's given us new life!
We believe in the crucifixion!
We believe that He conquered death!
We believe in the resurrection!
And He's comin' back again!

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised!
In the here and now, let love invade!
Let the church live loud and our God we'll say
We believe, we believe!

And the gates of hell will not prevail!
For the power of God, has torn the veil!
Now we know Your love will never fail!
We believe, we believe!

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And He's given us new life!
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We believe that He conquered death!
We believe in the resurrection!
And He's comin' back,
He's comin' back again!
He's comin' back again!
We believe!
We believe

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us Pray:

C Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. 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.

Scripture

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him.

Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Sit Message

Stand “**My Victory**” Crowder (2016)

You came for criminals and every Pharisee
You came for hypocrites, even one like me
You carried sin and shame the guilt of every man
The weight of all I've done nailed into Your hands

Oh, Your love bled for me
Oh, Your blood in crimson streams
Oh, Your death is hell's defeat
A cross meant to kill is my victory

Oh, Your amazing grace, I've seen and tasted it
It's running through my veins
I can't escape its grip in You my soul is safe
You uncover everything

Oh, Your love bled for me
Oh, Your blood in crimson streams
Oh, Your death is hell's defeat
A cross meant to kill is my victory

Behold the Lamb of God
Who takes away our sin, who takes away our sin
The holy Lamb of God
Makes us alive again
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Sit Offering
Water Missions Video Scotty Parkers Testimony
(Video will play while offering is collected)

Stand PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
LORD'S PRAYER

P The Peace of the Lord be with You!
C **And also with You!**
Share Christ Peace

Sit **"Our God"** Chris Tomlin (2011)

Water you turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind there's no one like you, none like You!

Into the darkness you shine out of the ashes we rise there's no one like you none like You!

Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God you are higher than any other.

Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God!

Into the darkness you shine, out of the ashes we rise there's no one like you, none like You!

Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God you are higher than any other.

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Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God you are higher than any other.

Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God!

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?

And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?

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BENEDICTION

Stand **“Everywhere I Go”** Tim Timmons (2015)

There's a city that calls me by name

There's a city that calls me by name

Yes, as I run this race, I am cheered by the saints

There's a city that calls me by name

There's a future that runs through my veins

There's a future that runs through my veins

And there's nothing on Earth that can stand in the way

There's a future that runs through my veins

Everywhere I go

On this road, high and low

Where I go, I go with You

So I won't be afraid

This my hope, come what may

Where I go, I go with You

Where I go, I go with You

There's a spirit I cannot contain

There's a spirit I cannot contain

The same power that raised Jesus up from grave

The same spirit I cannot contain

Everywhere I go
On this road, high and low
Where I go, I go with You
So I won't be afraid
This my hope, come what may
Where I go, I go with You
Where I go, I go with You

Your breath upon these bones
Your fire in my soul
Your kingdom is my home
And I don't walk alone

Everywhere I go
On this road, high and low
Where I go, I go with You
So I won't be afraid
This my hope, come what may
Where I go, I go with You
Where I go, I go with You

I go with You I go with You

P Everywhere you Go
 On your roads, High and Low
 Go in Peace, His Fire in Your soul!
 Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 4/23	Second Sunday of Easter ~ Water Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ <i>Contemporary</i>
Mon 4/24	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Tues 4/25	Office Closed 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Wed 4/26	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 4/27	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 4/28	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Third Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ <i>Grave Decoration</i> <i>Sunday & Church at the Cemetery</i> <i>*Pot Luck Lunch to Follow</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.

Easter Sunrise Service, April 16, 2017

Offering: General \$924.00, Cemetery \$20.00,
Youth \$110.00, Youth Breakfast \$213.00 **Total: \$1,267.00**

Attendance: 103 **Good Friday Attendance:** 37

Easter Worship Service, April 16, 2017

Offering: General \$1,564.00, MOM \$130.00, Cemetery \$20.00, OSC \$5.00,
Youth \$20.00, Church Reno. \$1,845.00 **Total: \$3,584.00**

Attendance: Worship- 174 Sunday School- 14 Youth, 16 Children



Mission of the Month of April:



This month's
Mission
Project

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.

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 **next 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.





Calling All Graduates!

Graduates

Please send graduating 8th graders, high school seniors & college graduates names to the church office. Either by email: stjohnelutheran@juno.com, call during office hours (361)277-8653 or leave names in the secretary's box outside of the office door. Thank you.

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.



Attention Acolytes

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming months!



Acolytes



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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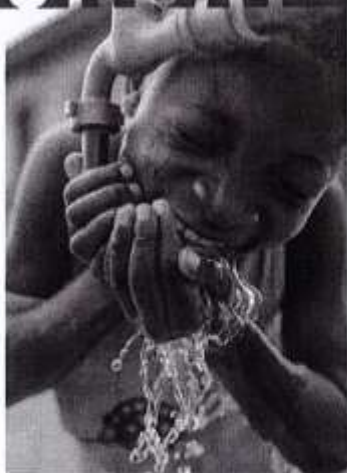
WATER SUNDAY

OUR CHURCH CAN FIGHT THE GLOBAL WATER CRISIS.

WATER SUNDAY, an advocacy initiative of Water Mission, is one Sunday for our church to focus on the global water crisis. By participating in Water Sunday, we can provide safe and Living Water for those in desperate need.

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The **GLOBAL WATER CRISIS** is devastating. Diarrhea caused by dirty drinking water and inadequate hygiene kills an estimated 2,300 people per day. By meeting the physical need for safe water, Water Mission provides a platform for local ministries to build relationships and share the Gospel.



EVENT DATE

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