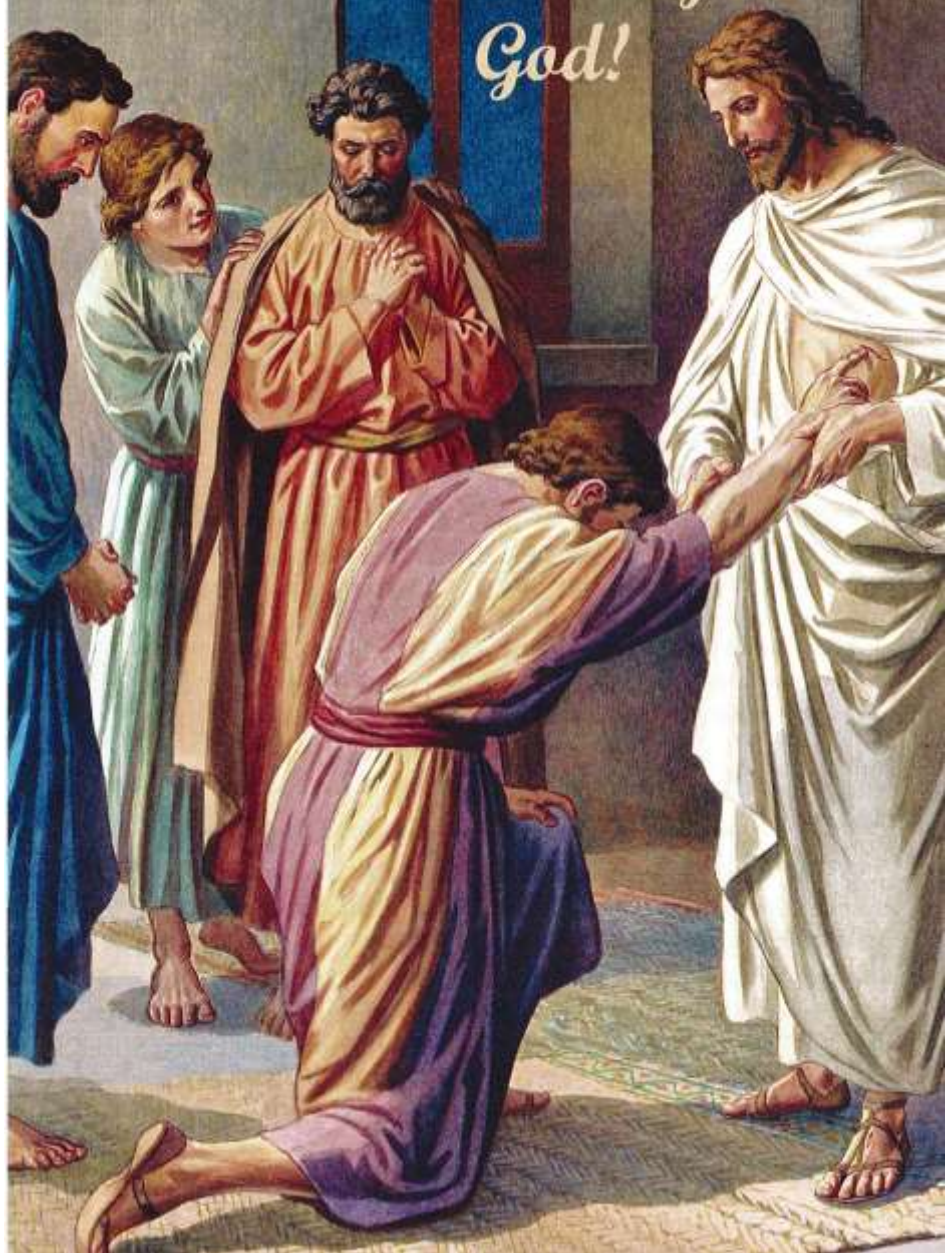


*My Lord
and my
God!*



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

Third Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018

Greeter This Week: Greeters Needed

Greeter Next Week: John & Margie Swannack

Reader This Week: Wendy Bishop

Reader Next Week: Dwight Jander

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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Altar Guild This Month: M'Liss Moore & Carly Waters

Altar Guild Next Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Communion Assistant This Month: Dickie Bettge

Communion Assistant Next Month: Pam Haun

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #315 *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

page 57-58: KYRIE

page 59: HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

All **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**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.

**²Praise him, all you angels of his;
praise him, all his host.**

³Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

**⁴Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord;
for he commanded, and they were created.

**⁶He made them stand fast forever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

**⁸Fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

**¹⁰Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and winged birds;**

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

**¹²Young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

**¹⁴He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal
servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

1 John 1:1-2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us — ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

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

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the

other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: LBW #346 “*When Peace, like a River*”

Stand page 65: APOSTLES’ CREED

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Stand page 66: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand page 75: OFFERTORY “Create in Me”

page 76: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

page 76: THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: LBW #145 “*Thine Is the Glory*”

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 4/8	Second Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:15 a.m.	Worship
	<i>*Flag sales deadline</i>
Mon 4/9	Office Closed
7:00 p.m.	Finance Team
Tues 4/10	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 4/11	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
	6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group
	7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
Thurs 4/12	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 4/13	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Third Sunday of Easter
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m. Worship ~ <i>Grave Decoration</i>
	<i>*Potluck lunch after worship</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.



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.

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 2018 Attendance: 43 Good Friday: 41
General \$504.05, MOM \$110.00, Church Reno. \$40.00 **Total: \$654.05**

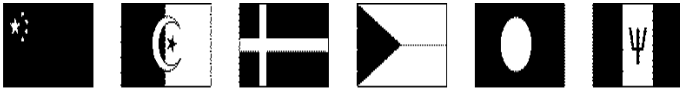
Sunrise Service: Youth \$493.00, Pancake Breakfast \$224.00
Total: \$717.00 Attendance: 78

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

General \$2,202.00, MOM \$575.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Organ \$20.00, Building \$285.00, OSC \$80.00, Youth \$10.00, Church Reno. \$68.00 **Total : \$3,260.00**

Attendance: Worship - 137 Sunday School - 29 - Children, 16 - Adults

Mission of the Month of April



M I S S I O N S



Water Mission's International Mission Statement

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 22, 2018 at St. John's.*

Other news from Missions

Samaritan's Purse will bring us a mission message on Mission Sunday in October.

Prayers OF THANKS

Special Thank You

Cole Ohrt and all his family would like to extend a most heartfelt THANK YOU to each and everyone for all the many concerns, thoughts, prayers and outstanding support since

Cole's accident. God has truly touched many hearts and in turn blessed us all.

We ask for your continued prayers for Cole's recovery and for spiritual strength, strong faith and unlimited patience for him and his family. Thanks again and may God bless you all.



Youth Group Flag Sales

Today is the last day to purchase flags. This is a great fundraiser to help Wounded Warriors as well as our youth group. Thank you!



Grave Decoration Sunday & Church at The Cemetery

You are invited to attend St. John's annual Grave Decoration service on Sunday April 15th. 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.



Attention Acolytes

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet for 2018 in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed for the New Year.



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.



Cole Ohrt Benefit BBQ & Live Music

Saturday, May 5, 2018

3:00 pm - 1:00 am

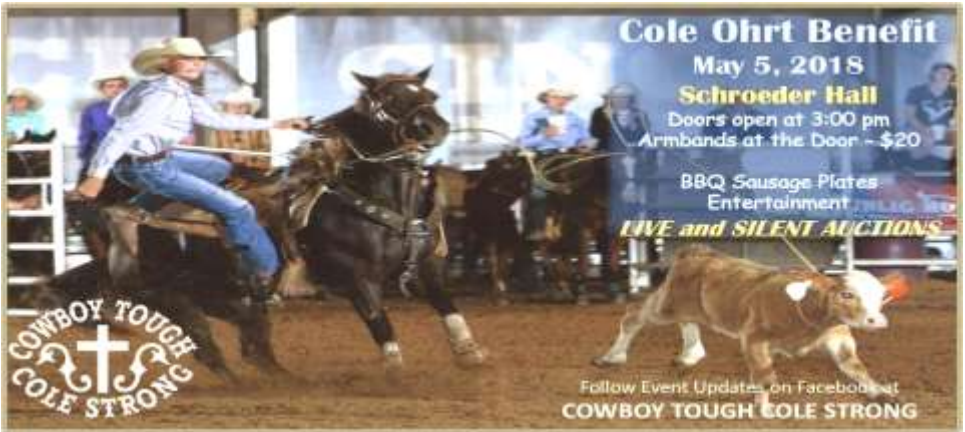
Schroeder Hall

*Legal Limit Band will be providing live entertainment

*Ticket cost is \$20.00 per person to enter the event which includes the meal

*There will be live & silent auctions at the event

~Come out & enjoy the fun while supporting this Tough Cowboy!~



***There is now a sign-up sheet in the St. John Narthex to order t-shirts, caps & bracelets. The last day to order is: Sunday, April 15, 2018.**

(Please leave payment in the envelope provided next to the sign-up sheet. Make checks payable to: Julie Ohrt. Money will be locked up after church each Sunday. You may also come by during church office hours to order & pay. Thank you.)

Other ways to help:

- **Cole's Benefit Account - New First National Bank - make checks payable to Garrett or Julie Ohrt. Can make deposits at the branch or pm me for an address to mail a check to and we will take care of depositing for you.**
- **PayPal account - coleohrtfund@gmail.com - Please send funds as friend or family and put a note on what money is for - donation, payment for raffle, football pots, or shirts (please do not send funds for shirts without ordering from Sarah Rowlands first)**

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, North Carolina
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force
Lee Magrauder - U.S. Army, Afghanistan
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force
Jeff Zengerle - Victoria Texas National Guard
Deploying May 15, 2018 to February 2019 Djibouti, Africa



Please Pray for: Adam Womble
Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Glynn Yurick
Kenny Jacob
Sandy Gohmert
Jimmy Caskey
Cole Ohrt
Carlton Migura
Britany Jank

Nursing Home: Marjorie Ideus, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation

Homebound: Bette Jo Haun



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St. John Meyersville

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

Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

Easter 2

April 8, 2018

Second Sunday of Easter (Year B)



John's Gospel message for the Second Sunday of Easter highlights faith that is based on what is unseen. Thomas, who was absent when Jesus first appeared to the disciples, vowed not to believe in a risen Jesus unless he could see, touch, and speak to him in person. This is a common human response to things we cannot understand, and yet the very nature of faith is rooted in believing without seeing.