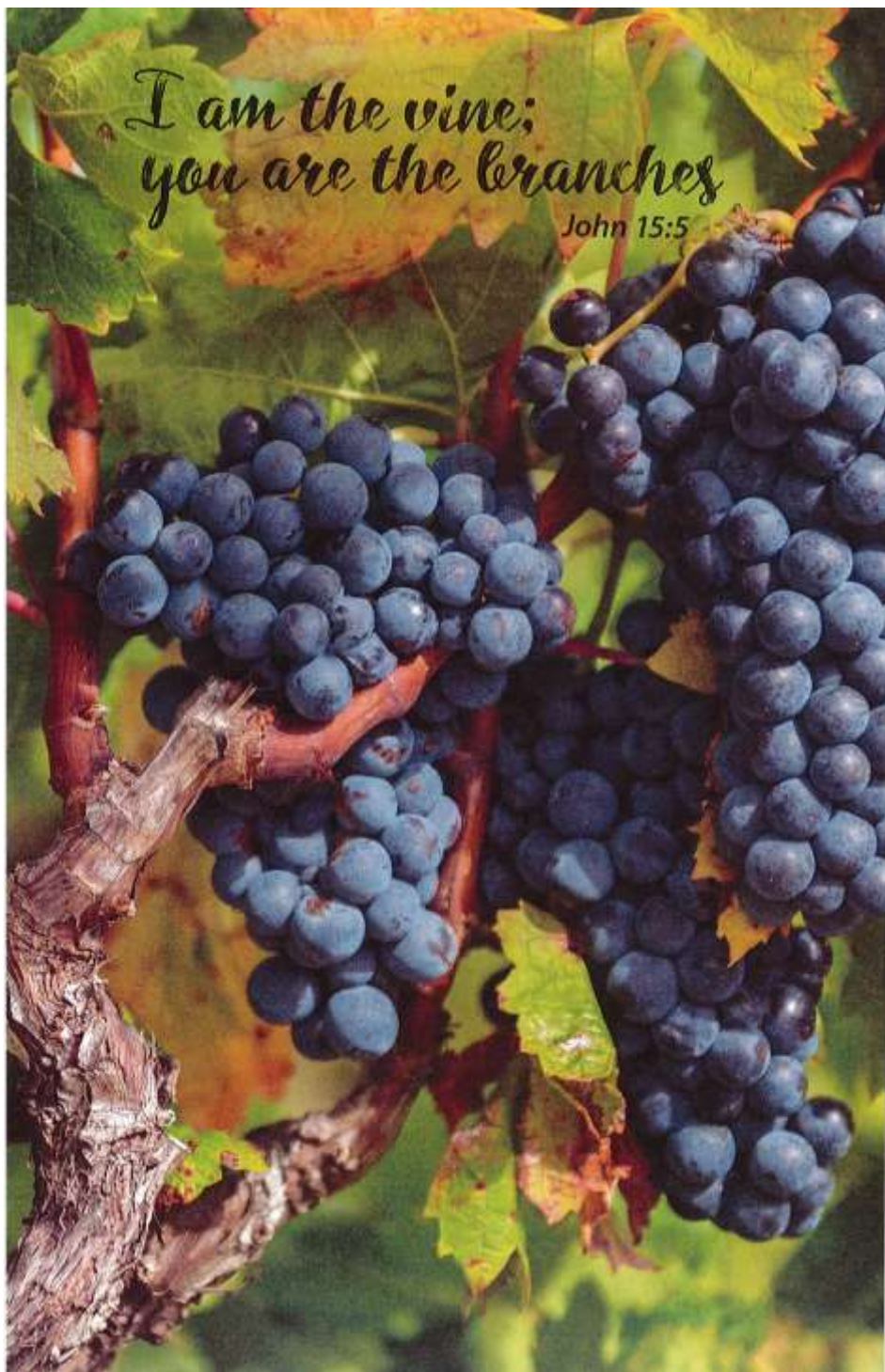


*I am the vine;
you are the branches*

John 15:5



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Contemporary Worship Service

April 29, 2018

Greeter This Week: Youth Group

Greeter Next Week: Bishop Family

Reader This Week: Caden Jander

Reader Next Week: Kathy Dunn

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 on the narthex table. Please ask an usher for a copy if you would like one.

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 BELL
ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRAISES & CONCERNS

Stand

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us Pray:

C O God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Stand

“Lord I Lift Your Name on High”
Rick Founds (1989)

Lord I lift your name on high
Lord I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you are in my life
I'm so glad you came to save us

Lord I lift your name on high
Lord I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you are in my life
I'm so glad you came to save us

You came from heaven to earth, to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift your name on high
You came from heaven to earth, to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift your name on high
You came...
You came from heaven to earth, to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky

Lord I lift your name on high
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Psalm 150

(Read Responsibly)

Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple;
Praise him in the firmament of his power.

**Praise him for his mighty acts;
praise him for his excellent greatness.**

Praise him with the blast of the ram's horn;
praise him with lyre and harp.

**Praise him with timbrel and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe.**

Praise him with resounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clanging cymbals.

**Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

“He Reigns”

Chris Tomlin (2002)

It's the song of the redeemed, rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven, drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers, Filled with God's holy fire
It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation
A love song born of a grateful choir

It's all God's children singing, Glory, glory, hallelujah
He reigns, He reigns

It's all God's children singing, Glory, glory, hallelujah
He reigns, He reigns

Let it rise above the four winds, caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals,
To the faithful gathered underground
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation,
Some were meant to persist

Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples, None rings truer than
this

It's all God's children singing, Glory, glory, hallelujah
He reigns, He reigns

It's all God's children singing, Glory, glory, hallelujah
He reigns, He reigns

It's all God's children singing, Glory, glory, hallelujah
He reigns, He reigns

It's all God's children singing, Glory, glory, hallelujah
He reigns, He reigns (He reigns)

And all the powers of darkness, tremble at what they've just heard
Cause all the powers of darkness, can't drown out a single word
When all God's children sing out, Glory, glory, hallelujah
He reigns, He reigns
All God's children sing out, Glory, glory, hallelujah
He reigns, He reigns
All God's people singing, Glory, glory, hallelujah

He reigns, He reigns
It's all God's people singing, Glory, glory, hallelujah
He reigns, He reigns,
All singing, Glory, glory, hallelujah, hallelujah, he reigns,
hallelujah
All singing, Glory, glory, hallelujah, He reigns, he reigns,
hallelujah
All God's people singing, glory, glory, hallelujah
He reigns hallelujah, he reigns, hallelujah
All God's people singing, Glory, glory, hallelujah
He reigns, he reigns
All God's people singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah
He reigns, He reigns
All God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah
He reigns

Songwriters: Peter Furler / Steve Taylor

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Sit

Acts 8:26-40 The Spirit led Phillip to “Tell the Story”

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” ³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About

whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?”³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

“I Love to tell the Story”

Allan Jackson

I love to tell the story, Of unseen things above
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true
It satisfies my longings, as nothing else can do

I love to tell the story, twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story, of Jesus and his love

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting, to hear it like the rest
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song
Twill be the old, old story, that I have loved so long
I love to tell the story, twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story, of Jesus and his love
To tell the old, old story, of Jesus and his love.

Songwriters: Katherine Hankey / William G. Fischer

I Love to Tell the Story lyrics © Tompkins Farm Music, Kobalt Music Publishing Ltd.

Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“I Want to Live Like That”

Sidewalk Prophets

Sometimes I think, What will people say of me
When I'm only just a memory When I'm home where my soul
belongs Was I love when no one else would show up
Was I Jesus to the least of us, Was my worship more than just a
song

I want to live like that, And give it all I have
So that everything I say and do, points to You
If love is who I am, then this is where I'll stand
Recklessly abandoned, never holding back
I want to live like that
I want to live like that

Am I proof, that You are who you say You are
That grace can really change a heart, do I live like Your love is true
People pass, and even if they don't know my name
Is there evidence that I've been changed
When they see me, do they see You

I want to live like that, and give it all I have
So that everything I say and do, Points to you...
I want to live like that, and give it all I have
So that everything I say and do points to You
If love is who I am, then this is where I'll stand
Recklessly abandoned, never holding back
I want to live like that
I want to live like that

I want to show the world the love You gave for me
I'm longing for the world to know the glory of the King
I want to live like that
And give it all I have
So that everything I say and do, points to You
If love is who I am, then this is where I'll stand

Recklessly abandoned never holding back

I want to live like that

I want to live like that,

I want to live like that

*Songwriters: Ben Glover / Ben McDonald / David Frey / David Douglas Frey
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Stand

“The Gospel”

Ryan Stevenson

A restless generation, we're turning over every stone

Hoping to find salvation in a world that's left us cold

Can we get back to the altar, back to the arms of our first love?

There's only one way to the father and he's calling out to us

To the captive it looks like freedom, To the orphan it feels like
home

To the skeptic it might sound crazy, To believe in a God who loves

In a world where our hearts are breaking,

And we're lost in the mess we've made

Like a blinding light in the dead of night

It's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a way

It's the cure for our condition, it's the good news for us all

It's greater than religion, it's the power of the cross

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It's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a way

It's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a way

It's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a way

It's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a way

In my own life it means forgiveness, when I know I deserved the
fall

It called me out of my darkness, and carried me to the cross

In a moment my eyes were opened,
in that moment my heart was changed

Like a blinding light in the dead of night it's the gospel

To the captive it looks like freedom, To the orphan it feels like
home

To the skeptic it might sound crazy, To believe in a God who loves

In a world where our hearts are breaking

And we're lost in the mess we've made

Like a blinding light in the dead of night

It's the Gospel, the gospel that makes a way

It's the Gospel, the gospel that makes a way

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Gospel John 15:1-8

¹{Jesus said,} “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

²Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

Sit

MESSAGE

Offering (Sing while offering is collected)

“Because He Lives!”

Matt Maher (2014)

I believe in the Son, I believe in the risen One
I believe I overcome, By the power of His blood

Amen, Amen

I'm alive, I'm alive, Because He lives

Amen, Amen

Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame

I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away

Amen, Amen

I'm alive, I'm alive, Because He lives

Amen, Amen

Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow

Because He lives, Every fear is gone

I know He holds my life my future in His hands

Amen, Amen

I'm alive, I'm alive, Because He lives

Amen, Amen

Let my song join the one that never ends

Amen, Amen

I'm alive, I'm alive, Because He lives

Amen, Amen

Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives,

Because He lives

Stand PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Sing **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father
Which art in heaven
Hallowed it 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 debts
As we've forgiven our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom
And the power and the glory
Forever
Amen
Forever and ever
Amen

“Never Been a Moment”

Micah Tyler

I've been sinner, I've been a saint
A little bit of both every single day
I've been lost, But somehow I've been found
There's been some pain, Been some regret
Been some moments I'll never forget
But when I look back, From where I'm standing now
There's never been a moment, I was not held inside your arms
And there's never been a day when you were not who you say you
are
Yours forever, it don't matter, What I'm walking through
Cause no matter where I'm going
There's never been a moment that I was not loved by you
Loved by you, Loved by you

You've been the rock, You've been the peace
Always showing your good heart to me
My days are marked by grace I don't deserve, no
You've been the price I could never pay
You've been the light that has led the way
No matter where I am, Oh I am sure
There's never been a day when you were not who you say you are
Yours forever, it don't matter, What I'm walking through
'Cause no matter where I'm going
There's never been a moment that I was not loved by you
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No matter where oh I am, I am sure
There's never been a moment
I was not held inside your arms
There's never been a day when you were not who you say you are
Yours forever, it don't matter
What I'm walking through
'Cause no matter where I'm going
There's never been a moment that I was not loved by oh
Loved by you
Loved by you
So where could I go that I could wander from your sight
And where could I run and never leave behind
Your all consuming
Heart pursuing
Grace extending
Never ending love
Your love
There's never been a moment, no
There's never been a moment

I was not held inside your arms
There's never been a day when you were not who you say you are
Yours forever, it don't matter
What I'm walking through
'Cause no matter where I'm going
There's never been a moment that I was not loved oh
No matter where I'm going, there's never been a moment
That I was not loved by you
Loved by you
Loved by you
Loved by you
Loved by you

*Songwriters: Micah Tyler / Jeff Pardo
Never Been a Moment lyrics © Music Services, Inc*

BENEDICTION

P Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!
C Thanks be to God!

Exit **“Breathe”**
Jonny Diaz

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 4/29	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship ~ <i>Contemporary</i>
Mon 4/30	Office Closed	
Tues 5/1	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team
Wed 5/2	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
Thurs 5/3	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Fri 5/4	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Next Sun	Sixth Sunday of Easter	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship

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.



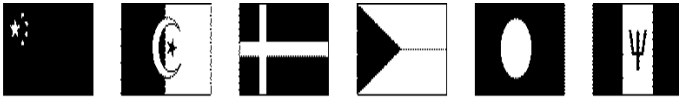
Sunday, April 22, 2018

General \$1,715.00, MOM \$540.00, Cemetery \$20.00, OSC \$223.00,
Youth \$20.00, Sunday School \$95.77, Church Reno. \$410.00

Total : \$3,023.77

Attendance: Worship - 97 Sunday School - 14 - Children, 16 - Adults

Mission of the Month of April



MISSIONS



Water Missions 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 celebrated Water Sunday on 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.



Youth Group

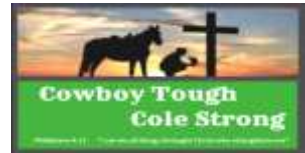
Youth Group will meet at the church on Saturday, May 5th at 9:00 am to go to the Field of Honor in Victoria. Please contact Diane Chavez if you need a ride or have questions @ (361)212-4438. Youth group will meet Wednesday, May 16th from 6-8 pm for their monthly meeting. We will honor the seniors at this meeting. Thank you to Britton & Sara Blain for providing dinner at the meeting.

Special Thank You

Prayers OF THANKS

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.



Church Picture Directories

Church picture directories are here! If you have a picture in the directory you may take one from the table in the Narthex. Thank you to Terri Jank for your hard work getting these together, they look great!



ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS:

The current Thrivent Choice balance available for allocation is \$4,831.00. The Finance Team recommendation is that these monies be allocated to the Renovation/Elevator Fund effective May 31, 2018. Should you have any questions or have a different allocation preference, please contact Glenn Ruschhaupt prior to that date. Thank you.



Attention Acolytes

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet for 2018-2019 in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed.



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.



Baked Items-Cole Ohrt Benefit

St. John members, please donate at least one baked item each if you can. Please make sure your baked item does not have to remain really cool as this bake sale will be outside. You may take your baked item(s) to Schroeder Hall Friday, May 4th from 5:30-9:00pm or Saturday, May 5th from 9:00-11:00am. Thank you for coming together as a community to help out the Ohrt family. For more information, please call Jennifer Wendel @ (361)550-9782 or Megan Boehl @ (361)218-6221.

Cole Ohrt Benefit BBQ & Live Music

Saturday, May 5, 2018

3:00 pm - 1:00 am

Schroeder Hall

*Legal Limit Band and The Crow Bar Band will be providing live entertainment

*Ticket cost is \$20.00 per person (no pre-sale) to enter which includes the meal

*To-Go plates (\$10) available at 3:00 pm

*There will be live & silent auctions at the event

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



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

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

Nursing Home: Marjorie Ideus, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation

Homebound: Bette Jo Haun



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Easter 5

April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)



The love of Christ is shown to the world by the way his people live their lives — the way we live our lives. Nothing good can be done apart from God. It is the Spirit of God that leads us into opportunities to share this love, as is evidenced by the way in which Philip was led to meet the Ethiopian and explain the Good News to him. God desires that all people would come to know him and be a part of the Kingdom's true vine.