A close-up photograph of a hand holding a weathered, curved wooden shepherd's staff. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, gripping the staff. The staff is light-colored wood with a prominent grain and a smooth, curved top. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting foliage. The overall tone is peaceful and pastoral.

*I am
the good
shepherd*

John 10:11

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Water Sunday

April 22, 2018

Greeter This Week: Daren & Dawn Otto

Greeter Next Week: Youth Group

Reader This Week: Cathie Bettge

Reader Next Week: Wanda Hays

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Water Missions Video

Stand p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #456 *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

p. 57-58: KYRIE

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 show those in error the light of your truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all that are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Acts 4:1-12

¹As {Peter and John} were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power

or by what name did you do this?”⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders,⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed,¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead — by him this man is standing before you well.¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

**²He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his name’s sake.

**⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear
no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort
me.**

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that {Jesus Christ} laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before

God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

John 10:11-18

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

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

¹¹{Jesus said,} “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #481 “*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*”

Stand p. 65: APOSTLES’ 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 4/22 Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

10:15 a.m.

Worship ~ *Water Sunday*

Mon 4/23 Office Closed

Tues 4/24 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

7:00 p.m.

Council Meeting

Wed 4/25 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

1:30 p.m.

Quilters

Thurs 4/26 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

Fri 4/27 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

Next Sun Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

10:15 a.m.

Worship ~ *Contemporary*

**Youth Group are greeters*

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.



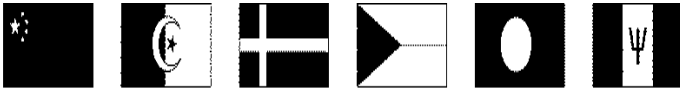
Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

Sunday, April 15, 2018

General \$165.00, MOM \$375.00, Old Stone Church \$4,105.00,
Sunday School \$7.00, Church Reno. \$150.00 **Total : \$4,802.00**

Attendance: Worship - 95 Sunday School - 4 - Children, 4 - 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 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.

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.





QUILTERS

St. John Quilters

The following were sent to Lutheran World Relief April 3rd and earlier to the Rockport-Portland area for storm victims.

- 41 Quilts-LWR
- 50 Quilts(Rockport/Portland area)
- 10 School Kits
- 6 Personal Care Kits
- 4 Baby Care Kits

Thank you to all who prepared these items to help others in need. A LWR chart is in the Narthex showing where the items were sent last year.

Pork Rib Eye Lunch

Come have lunch at The Meyersville Country Club today, April 22, 2018 from 11:00 - 1:00. Pork rib eye and trimmings will be served. Dine in or to go plates available. \$10.00 per plate. Tickets available from Brian Wendel at (361)564-4627. Thank you for your support!



Fire Safety

The Mission Valley community is invited to Fire Safety: In the home and on the ranch Presented by Kevin Heil, MV Fire Chief, and the Texas Forest Service, There will also be time for Q&A

Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 7-9 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
12183 FM 236, Victoria, TX 77905

Bring your friends & neighbors!



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 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.

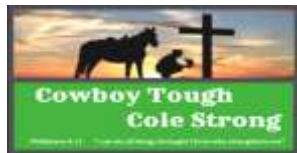


Prayers OF THANKS

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.



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!~



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
Robby Bitterly

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 4

April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)



The Fourth Sunday of Easter is informally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows his own, and they know him. Unlike the hired hand, the shepherd will go to any length necessary to save his sheep. This is exactly what Jesus did when he died on the cross for our sake. Salvation comes from one way only, through Jesus Christ, whom God raised from the dead.