



Bob & Connie Bostelman

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



JD Holdgreve



Reece Grime

Welcome to



**ST. JOHN'S
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**

**“The Church on
the Corner Whose
Cornerstone is Christ”**

We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word, preaching salvation through believing in Christ as Savior. We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

Welcome to our Worship of God! “God’s Grand Story”

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Scripture and Prayer

Psalm 1 (p. 532)

† Hymn – #16

“We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer”

† Unison Prayer of Confession: *All-Knowing God, we come to you in this service knowing we have sinned. We have sought after possessions that would please us, but we realize our happiness is only temporary. We have sought to worship idols of laziness, luxury and prestige. Remind us again that we must choose life and not death, we much trust you over what others tempt us to do and to be. We must choose forgiveness over harboring grudges and hate. Deliver us from temptation and evil this day. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

† Words of Assurance (L–Leader; P–People)

L: From Acts 10:42, let us recall the words of Peter,

P: *“He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”*

L: Through belief in Christ as Lord and Savior, ours sins are forgiven. Praise be to God.

† Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles Creed

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

(10:30) Junior Choir

“Praise to the Lord”

(10:30) Sacrament of Baptism – JD Holdgreve

Scripture and Promises of the Parents

Congregational Pledge: *You are baptizing your son, JD, to the powerful and loving providence of God. We pledge to share in the Christian nurture of JD and we will support, by our example and love, your efforts to provide a loving and caring home, where trust in God grows and Christ’s way is chosen. Our prayers will be with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful, to the glory of Almighty God.*

Baptism and Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debt/debtors)

Mission Sharing

Tony & Leila Frank

Scripture Reading

Joshua 1:1-9 (p. 208)

Sermon - notes on pg. 4

“Taking Ground for the Kingdom”

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings of Gratitude

Offertory

“You are My Hiding Place”

† Doxology and Unison Prayer of Dedication: *Generous and loving God, help us to be giving people. Help us to be ready to share our time, our energy and our spirit with others. Please accept these gifts as our act of generosity to the church. Amen.*

† Hymn – #292

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #606

“Grace, Love and Fellowship”

† Postlude

Welcome . . .

Guests and Visitors

Welcome to our worship of God! Please take a moment to complete one of the info cards in the pew rack at each end of the pew and drop it in the offering plate once it is passed down the aisle in the service. We hope you will find our service to be an uplifting and pleasurable time of worship and that you will worship with us again. Learn more about us by visiting our Welcome Table at the south end of our building or our website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

Children’s and Large Print Bulletins are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex.

Hearing Assistance is provided through our loop system for hearing aids with a “t” switch position.

This Week’s Congregational Prayer:

Lord God, thank you for being a God who gives strength and courage to your people. I want to be like Joshua, a person of faith, courage and obedience. Lead me, Lord, into new territories, placing me as a witness of your love, grace and peace. Through your Spirit, Lord, fill me with strength and courage to open myself to you and to the people you send my way. For your blessing and honor. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Infant Baptism:

We celebrate the baptism of JD Holdgreve this morning! JD is the son of Ryan and Jill Holdgreve and was born on April 23, 2016. Lainey is JD’s older sister, and his grandparents are Dale and Ann Grime, David and Lisa Evans, and Dean and Gayle Holdgreve. Great-grandparents include Arlene Grime, Cecilia Rosnowski and Eileen Holdgreve. JD’s sponsors are James and Beth Vaughn.

The Special Altar Flower Arrangement and the Bulletins are given by Bob and Connie Bostelman in honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary on February 3rd.



The Altar Rose is in honor of the birth of Reece Augustus Grime, infant son born to Josh and Kasey Grime on January 23rd. Reece weighed 9 lbs., 13 oz., and is welcomed into their family by older siblings Andee, Josee, Ian and Cagnee.



Taking Ground for the Kingdom – Key Scripture: Joshua 1:1-9

1. “I will give you every place you set your foot.” (Joshua 1:3)

- God has called His people to take territory.
- For Joshua, it was land. For us, it’s advancing His kingdom in the world.
- When Israel disobeyed, they lost battles. They didn’t lose their standing with God, but their experience of the Promised Land suffered.

Application: What territory has God called you to take? What is your mission in life?

- We are on assignment from God to advance His kingdom in this world.
- Our relationship with Him determines how effectively we carry out that mission.
- Our status as His children doesn’t change, but our capacity to fulfill His purposes depends on our faith and commitment to Him.

2. “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Joshua 1:5)

- Joshua needed reassurance, and God gave him plenty of it.
- God’s presence is with His people in all situations.
- He empowers His people to do what He has called them to do.

Application: What is God leading you to do that would be impossible without His presence?

- God reassures us and promises His constant presence—even when we don’t feel it.
- His tasks for us will require His help. Jesus said, “Without Me, you can do nothing.”

3. “Be strong and courageous.” (Joshua 1:6, 7, 9)

- Joshua was in an intimidating situation, and God spoke words of strength to him.
- Fulfilling God’s mission is not an easy, trouble-free assignment. It requires courage.

Application: What are you facing that scares you? What would God say to you about your fear?

- With God on our side, we have nothing to fear.
- The obstacles against us may be great, but He is infinitely greater.

4. “Be careful to do everything written in the Book.” (Joshua 1:8)

- God’s Word is critical to our well-being.
- For Joshua and his people, it was God’s Law. For us today, it’s all of God’s Word.

Application: How diligent are you to read, meditate on, and follow God’s Word? What do you have to gain by being diligent about it? What do you have to lose if you aren’t?

- God doesn’t give us instructions to limit us; He gives them for our benefit.
- We must cling to Christ, His life in us is critical to our well-being.

Let's Talk About It - This Week in Our Children's and Youth Education:

Pre-K Class: We continued our study of Jesus's miracles. Today we learned about how Jesus healed a blind man. Did you like the color we chose to color the blind man's new eyes? Ask us about our yummy snack ☺.

Faith Village: We are using Luke 6:27-31 and Matthew 5:38-47 to learn how Jesus wants us to "Love our Enemies". When was a time that someone treated you badly? Can you think of a way that you could respond to that person with kindness?

Confirmation: In learning about the history and faith theology of St. John's, confirmands explored the church constitution this morning – not necessarily an exciting topic, but they can be asked, "Why is there a church constitution?" or "What are the five main sections of the constitution?" They are memorizing Psalm 23, too.

Senior High Sunday School: This morning we looked at John 13, where Jesus washed his disciples' feet. This was the ultimate object lesson for them, and Jesus explained that they too were to put the needs of others before their own, that they were to humble themselves in order to love and serve others. With your family, talk about one way that you could serve each other, a neighbor, or another family.

LOGOS: Preschool: The preschool class talked about 1 Samuel 16-17, David and Goliath. We enjoyed listening to David's story followed by a visit from Matt Hines. Matt showed us his Armor of God (aka turn out gear). Matt read from his Bible and helped us to better understand how each piece of his gear is similar to what we listened to about the Armor of God. Then we each got a turn to try on his gear and face mask, and we took turns learning how firefighters search for people in a real fire and practiced pulling our friends on their hands and knees just like real firefighters. Thanks again Matt!!! **Fourth Grade:** The fourth graders talked about prayer in their individual lives. We decided we can pray to God for anything! We learned that we do not always get what we want, if it is not God's will for us. We worked in pairs exploring different scriptures in the Bible and reported to the group what Hannah, Solomon, David, and Jesus were praying to God about. We are going to try and remember . . . even when we are having a very bad day, we can always pray to God about it. **Fifth Grade:** The fifth graders reworded The Lord's Prayer into words and phrases meaningful to them.

JYF: This past week at JYF, we enjoyed the company of 12 different moms and dads for our Bring Your Parents for Board Games night. It was a spirited evening of spoons, Apples to Apples, Life, Twister, Bounce Off and more. We also were treated to a care package from the Jared Kuntz family which arrived from South Korea. There was dried squid, dried seaweed, and many different kinds of candy and sweets. The JYF encourages you to join us in praying for our military families this week. Parents, it was great to have you with us! A reminder that our JYF congregational movie night is coming up on Sunday, March 19th. The show titles will be released soon!

SYF SuperSubs: Order your sub sandwiches today for **pick up next Sunday, February 5th** after both services of worship and the Sunday school hour, in support of the SYF SuperSub Sale. You can enjoy either an Italian, Ham, Turkey or Chicken Salad sandwich, all for a free will donation. Each sub comes with lettuce, tomato, chips and a cookie, all packaged in a beautifully decorated sandwich box. Orders will be taken up through Thursday, February 2nd by calling the church office or by contacting an SYF youth. Thank you for your support of our SYF ministry!

WEEK OF JANUARY 29TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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| Sun | 8:00AM | Worship Service (Sanctuary) |
| | 9:15AM | Adult Faith & Fellowship (Fireside Room) |
| | 9:15AM | Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School |
| | 9:15AM | Tony & Leila Frank, Missionaries (Parish Hall) |
| | 10:30AM | Worship Service (Sanctuary) |
| | 2:00PM | SYF Missions Trip Meeting (Youth Room) |
| | 2:00PM | Habitat Home Dedication (230 S. Shoop Avenue, Wauseon) |
| Mon | 11:15AM | Staff Meeting (Office Closed) |
| | 7:00PM | Consistory Orientation (Fireside Room) |
| Tues | 9:15AM | Bible Study – Mark 1 (Fireside Room) |
| | 5:00PM | Community Meal – St. Martin's Lutheran Hosting (Parish Hall / Kitchen) |
| | 8:00PM | Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| Wed | 8:30AM | Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Sunday School Classroom) |
| | 5:50PM | LOGOS Meal – Souper Bowl of Caring Night (Parish Hall / Kitchen) Bring \$1 for Souper Bowl of Caring Donation |
| | 6:00PM | Member Orientation Session (Pastor Erich's Office) |
| | 6:45PM | Hand Bells (Chancel); Hand Chimes (Choir Room) |
| | 6:45PM | JYF – Lesson and Game (Fireside Room) |
| | 7:00PM | Adult Bible Study (Parlor) |
| | 7:00PM | SYF (Youth Room) |
| | 7:30PM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| Thur | 6:00PM | 4th Grade Basketball (Parish Hall) |
| | 7:00PM | Mission Committee (Fireside Room) |
| Sat | 2:00PM | Youth For Christ Basketball (Parish Hall) |
| Sun | | Pick up SYF SuperSubs (Parish Hall) |
| | 8:00AM | Worship Service (Sanctuary) |
| | 9:15AM | Adult Faith & Fellowship / Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School |
| | 10:30AM | Worship Service (Sanctuary) |
| | 6:00PM | Seekers (Kuntz's, 733 W. Leggett Street, Wauseon) |

Next Sunday – February 5 - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Sermon – “The Heart Matters” by Pastor Erich Christman; Scripture – 1 Samuel 13:14, 16:1-13

Discovery* – The Jan/Feb/Mar guides are available in the literature rack (suggested donation \$5.50 each). You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

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| January 30 - Clear the Decks! | Mark 1:1-8 |
| January 31 - Sharpen the Focus! | Mark 1:9-13 |
| February 1 - Believing is Seeing | Mark 1:14-20 |
| February 2 - Is God in Charge? | Mark 1:21-28 |
| February 3 - Believing is Seeing (2) | Mark 1:29-34 |
| February 4 - Praying Like Jesus | Mark 1:35-39 |
| February 5 - God Makes us Secure | Psalm 48 |

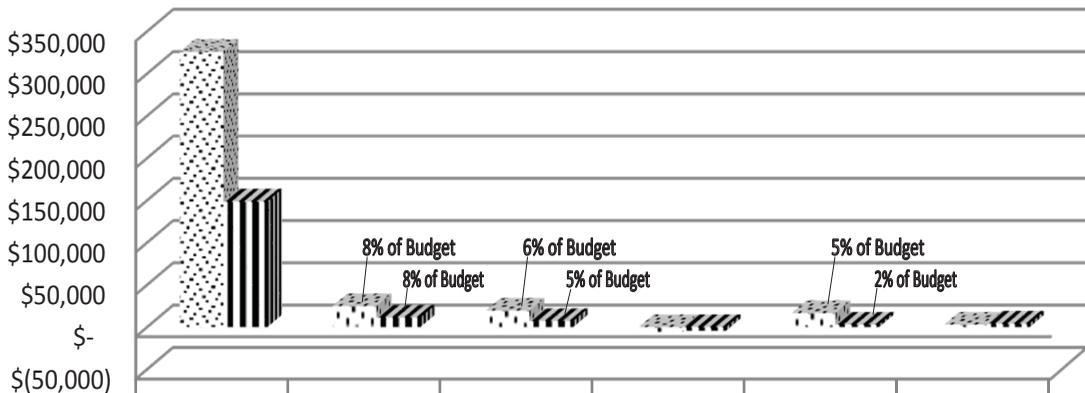
Valentine's Day Potluck – Mark your calendars and plan to attend a Valentine's Day Potluck hosted by the Fellowship Committee on Sunday, February 12th. It will be held in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service of worship. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

Adult Faith & Fellowship in Parish Hall – We continue our group Bible study based on the current worship sermon series titled “God’s Grand Story: His Word. Your Life.” This group Bible study will meet from 9:15–10:15AM and be led by Pastor Alex. A Guidebook will be utilized during each Sunday morning session, providing the material and focus of the Sunday school hour discussions. Anyone is welcome to attend any or all of these Sunday school hour sessions.

Volunteers Needed – We are always in need of people to assist with the many ministry activities that take place here at SJCC. We are currently in need of people to sign up for our Sunday morning usher and greeter ministries (sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board across from the church office) and are looking for people interested in help with our senior high youth ministries. Please contact Pastor Alex if interested in helping with senior high ministries, and contact the church office for details on serving as ushers or greeters. Thank you for continuing to help us be the hands and feet of Jesus!

Christian Resources International (CRI) – CRI is an organization in Fowlerville, Michigan that sends containers filled with Bibles and Christian literature around the world and to prisons. Our church has taken material to them, and we believe this to be an excellent Christian activity. If you have any Christian literature (Bibles, devotionals, Sunday school papers or books) you no longer use, please donate them to this project. There is a box labeled to receive literature in the chapel narthex. Please contact Norma Fish (419-799-9172) or Gloria Lauber (419-445-7882) if you have a large amount of literature.

2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of January 23, 2016



| | 2017 Budget | 2017 Budget % of year (4/52 wks) | 2017 YTD Receipts | Receipts Comp to YTD Budget | YTD Expenses | 2017 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses |
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| Operating | \$325,850 | \$25,065 | \$19,551 | \$(5,514) | \$16,540 | \$3,012 |
| Missions | \$148,800 | \$11,446 | \$7,250 | \$(4,196) | \$3,028 | \$4,222 |

January Mission-A-Month - Church World Service Emergency Clean Up Kits

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Kris Short, recovering from back surgery.
- Randy Layton, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Joanne Spotts, at the Rupp Rehab Center in Fairlawn recovering from a broken hip.
- Kreighton Sims, recovering from a broken ankle.
- Jayson Lindsay, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Ed Ruffer, recovering from foot surgery.
- John Lovejoy, Paul and Joan Lovejoy's son, who has completed chemo and radiation treatments for esophageal cancer. Further testing will determine next step in treatment.
- Gary Frazier, as he continues to recover at home.
- Benjamin Chapman, stationed in Qatar.
- Brenden Bostelman, at Fort Benning, Georgia for airborne training for several weeks, then will be transferred to Alaska.
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC.
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in South Korea.
- Steve Schink, stationed at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.
- AJ Short, in basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina.
- Collin Woolace, grandson of Larry & Mel Woolace, who left last week for Paris Island, South Carolina to begin serving in the US Marines.
- Koltin Zimmerman, stationed at Fort Campbell, Oak Grove, Kentucky.
- All our home bound and care center residents.

Today's Worship Servants

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| Acolytes | (8:00) Braden Eichler | (10:30) Lydia Whitemen |
| Ushers | (Head) Greg Walker | |
| | (8:00) Ron & Karen Rice | |
| | (10:30) Cayla, Toby, Adam & Steve Walker | |
| Greeters | (10:30) Tim & Sue Grieser, Nancy Ries, Phyllis Swietzer | |
| Nursery Staff | (10:30) Travis & Mindy Gruenhagen | (Feb 5) Vond & Mary Hall |
| Sound Tech | (8:00) Angie Neuenschwander | (10:30) James Grime |
| Video Tech | (10:30) Dean Sauder | |
| Computer Tech | (Both) Becca Grieser | |
| Song Leader | (Both) Elaine Winzeler | |
| Accompanist | (Both) Lynne Christman | |
| Children's Message | (Both) Matt Hines | |

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