



Finn & Liam Yoder

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



Kelsey & Justin Pursel

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 Micah 4:1-5 (p. 921)
- Prelude “Sanctuary”
- † Call to Worship
- † (8:00) Hymn – #2 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
- † (10:30) Praise Songs “God is on the Move”
“Good Good Father”
- † Prayer
- † (8:00) Hymn Response – #433 “Sweet Hour of Pray”
- † Passing the Peace of Christ
- (10:30) Hand Chimes “All Glory Laud and Honor”
- Children’s Message
- (10:30) Hand Bells “No Other Name”
- (10:30) Service of Infant Dedication – Liam Ericson Yoder
- Opening Sentences, The Apostles’ Creed and Scripture – 1 Timothy 4:12
- Promises of the Parents and Congregational Pledge: *You are dedicating your child, Liam, to the powerful and loving providence of God. We pledge to share in the Christian nurture of Liam 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.*
- Dedication and Prayer
- Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debt/debtors)
- Scripture Reading Zechariah 8:1-17 (p. 942)
- Sermon (notes on pg. 4) “The Depths and Heights of Knowing God”
- Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings
- Offertory “It Is Well”
- † Doxology (#625) and Unison Prayer of Dedication: *Heavenly Father, bless and multiply these tithes and offerings so that this church’s ministry and mission radically changes lives and deepens discipleship. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.*
- † Hymn – #354 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”
- † 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.

St. John's Christian Preschool

A learning, Christian ministry geared for children 3-5 years of age. Four sessions offered: Tues/Thurs morning and afternoon, and Mon/Wed/Fri morning and afternoon; and run from September thru May. More information is available at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

Mother's Room / Diaper Changing Station / Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located near our sanctuary – just ask an usher for its location. A diaper changing station is in our nursery room just down the hallway from our sanctuary. Nursery Care is offered during the 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children.

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, receive my praise and wonder, for I'm daily reminded of your glory and amazing love. As I consider Israel's situation once again as revealed in Zechariah 8, enable me to soak in what they experienced and learned for my own benefit. May I make the most of the lessons you teach me, moving me towards my own repentance of sin, igniting my desire to live righteously in your sight, longing for the promised restoration through the grace of Jesus. Thank you for extending your grace and forgiveness to me, and may I offer such grace and forgiveness in my own interactions with people. In all praise and honor, I pray. Amen.

Infant Dedication:

Today we celebrate the dedication of Liam Ericson Arthur Yoder, son of Eric and Anna (Sagle) Yoder, born September 7th, 2016. Liam's older brother is Finn. Grandparents include: John and Linda Gulick, John Sagle, Dale and Sharon VonDeylen, Doug Yoder and Arda Raatz. Great-grandparents include: Marlin and Velda Short, Arnold VonDeylen and Doris Yoder. Liam's sponsors are Aaron and Bri Jenkins.



Congratulations to Justin Pursel and Kelsey Weirauch,
who were married in Pettisville on Saturday.

Sermon – “The Depths and Heights of Knowing God” – Key Scriptures: Zechariah 8:1-17

Introduction: Centuries earlier, God’s people were captive in Egypt and soon-to-be headed to the Promised Land. Now they find themselves in a similar situation — captives in Babylon but promised a future restoration full of peace and glory. Through the story of His people, God is laying the foundation of His coming kingdom.

1. God can do whatever it takes to bring His people back to Him.
 - a. Judah was judged harshly and carried off into captivity, and Jerusalem was destroyed.
 - b. God’s people lived in exile for 70 years, then some were allowed to return and rebuild.
 - c. Many remained scattered across the region for centuries to come.

Personal Application: When have you experienced God’s discipline? How did you respond to it?

What is God Saying?

- a. Our ultimate welfare is so important to God that He will let us experience deep pain for our greater good.
 - b. Even our most difficult trials are filled with hope and promise. We will see His goodness.
2. God’s ultimate goal for His people is greater than we can even imagine.
 - a. Even before He chastened His people for their rebellion, God had promised great hopes and a wonderful future.
 - b. In their suffering, God continued to send prophets to assure His people of His love.
 - c. Though God allowed them to experience heartache, He limited it and protected them from evil plots.
 - d. He brought His people back to their homeland, helped them rebuild, and gave them beautiful prophecies of a much greater destiny.

Personal Application: What dreams and goals are stirred in you when you think about God’s vision of a fulfilling, satisfying future for you?

What is God Saying?

- a. Even when we’ve fallen to the deepest depths, God can raise us to the highest heights.
- b. Live in hope. There is never a reason in God’s kingdom not to be filled with hope.
- c. God has not only promised restoration for His people, He has promised a glorious fulfillment of His kingdom forever. That future is to shape our present every day.

Conclusion: As a citizen of God’s kingdom, it’s possible to have setbacks and experience trials and difficulties. But it is not possible to be ultimately defeated or to find ourselves in a place of hopelessness. He works all things together for our good – and the good is not just a nice consolation, it’s greater than we can imagine.

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

Pre-K Class: We enjoyed spending time together this morning learning more about Jesus. Ask us what we talked about!

Faith Village: Faith Village kids are learning about the life of Jeremiah using several different passages in the book of Jeremiah. Jeremiah didn't want to tell God's message to the people because it was not good news for the people. But God promised to be with Jeremiah and to help him. Have you ever been given a job that you really didn't want to do? Did anyone help you do that job?

Confirmation: This morning's lesson was on the Evangelical Association (EA) – the network of churches in which St. John's is a member. What is meant by a network? What are the benefits of being part of the EA?

Senior High Sunday School: Everyone wants attention, in one way or another. However, it's possible for our need for affirmation and encouragement to get out of balance. In our affirmation-starved world, we learn to settle for attention. The chase after attention is a lot different than the pursuit for affirmation. Our lesson explored God's ideal: pursue modesty rather than doing whatever it takes to grab attention. How might you pursue modesty this week?

LOGOS: Preschool/Kindergarten: A Boy Shares His Lunch: John 6:1-14. We read a story about the boy who shared his lunch (two loaves of fish and five barley loaves) with Jesus. Through the miraculous touch of Jesus over 5,000 people were fed with more leftovers than what they started with. Jesus stretched these limited resources beyond anyone's imagination. So then our class went to feed our church, not 5,000 but closer to 70. We gave out bags with 5 crackers (bread) and 2 Swedish fish. It was an awesome way to remember the story for younger children, and older ones who received the bags of food. **Third Grade:** The third graders studied Joshua 1-6 learning that we, like Joshua, need to be strong and courageous because the Lord is with us wherever we go. **Fourth Grade:** The fourth graders read Romans chapter 12 and talked about the message that Paul was giving us. We learned that we all make up the body of Christ. We all have gifts that we are to use in doing God's work. We shared ideas with one another, of different ways we can be God's body at work, using our own eyes, ears, hands, and voice to overcome evil with good.

JYF: We had a fun night tonight playing the game "Trasket Ball," a combination of answering review questions on various Biblical stories and characters, and of basketball, using a trash can for a hoop. What's something new you learned from the Bible in this review game?

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Sunday, March 19th for the Family Movie Night the JYF will be hosting in the parish hall. At 4PM, a preschool age movie will be shown, then pizza will be served around 5PM, followed by the featured movie "God's Not Dead 2" starting between 5:30 and 6PM. A free will offering will be collected to help fund various JYF activities throughout the year.

SYF: We talked about the Old Testament prophets and some of their enacted prophecies, like Ezekiel lying on his side for 14 months, and Jeremiah wearing a wooden yoke. Teams of teens acted out some of these prophecies and we talked about their meanings as well. Some were messages of punishment for rebellious Judah, but others were messages of the Lord's mercy in spite of the people's sins. After seeing how God disciplines his people, we might ask the question: what does God require of us? Read Micah 6:6-8 to see what the Lord said through his servant Micah, and think about how you might apply these things in your own life this week.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Adult Faith & Fellowship / Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service – Hand Bells & Hand Chimes Play (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM	Private Party (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	2:00PM	Private Party (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	3:00PM	Out of Box FISH Pantry Experience (Chapel)
	6:00PM	Seekers Small Group (Kuntz's, 733 W. Leggett Street, Wauseon)
Mon	11:15AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Mark 5 (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal – Lockport Mennonite Hosting (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	7:00PM	Preschool Board (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Sunday School Classroom)
	9:00AM	West Haven Bible Study (Fairlawn)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal – F.R.O.G. Night – wear green (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	6:45PM	Junior Choir (Sanctuary)
	6:45PM	JYF – Lesson and Game (Fireside Room)
	6:55PM	Adult Bible Study (Parlor)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
Thur	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	4th Grade Basketball (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	Preschool Mom's Night – T-Th AM Class (Chapel & Preschool Room)
Sat	9:00AM	Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby Time Trials (Parish Hall)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Adult Faith & Fellowship / Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Next Sunday – February 26 - Seventh Sunday after Epiphany (Pastor Alex Young preaching)

Discovery® is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. 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:

February 20 - Among the Gravestones	Mark 5:1-20
February 21 - Amongst Disease	Mark 5:21-34
February 22 - Amongst Death	Mark 5:34-43
February 23 - Amongst Unbelief	Mark 6:1-6a
February 24 - Among the Villagers	Mark 6:6b-13
February 25 - Among the Rulers	Mark 6:14-29
February 26 - The Long Walk Home	Psalm 51

Veteran ID Cards are now available for issue by the Fulton County Recorder and Fulton County Veterans Services. For an appointment on March 1st, 2nd or 3rd, call 419-337-9232. See bulletin board for more information including available times, location and required documentation.

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for the family as they say goodbye to their present team, prepare for time in the states this summer, and then return to work with a new team.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Michigan – pray that God would raise up people to help with their monthly support, that their children will love Jesus, and that God will lead their pastoral team as they continue to plan for leadership strategy.
- ✠ Brazil – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru – Florianopolis
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray for their stamina and focus as they teach the Gospel at the Bible College, and for clarity as they stand against false teaching and cultural issues.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray they will be the incarnational embodiment of Jesus’s love to their communities, for new partnerships with churches and individuals, for wise use of their time and energies, as they balance ministry, family and fundraising.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for the family as they mourn the loss of Keith, pray for support and encouragement, and pray for the ministry of the Life House.
- ✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at Ohio State Univ. – pray for OC East to love Jesus deeply, for God to give wisdom with how to reach that part of campus, and for her future with the “She Has a Name” in efforts to bring freedom from human trafficking.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – pray they’re settling in well as they arrived on campus on January 25th, praying for a productive transition.
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray for upcoming surgical camps in February for the poorest of the poor, and for their new efforts in Diabetes awareness.
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children’s Home – praising God for three students who have been admitted to high school, one with a scholarship, and thankful two boys who were injured in a car accident, one needing prolonged treatment, but both are recovered now.
- ✠ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Toledo – pray for Matt in his efforts of teaching, leadership development, outreach, staff discipleship and fundraising.

Prayer for Tom & Megan: Dear Lord, I thank you for missionaries like Tom & Megan, who have followed your path of light. As they go through another time of team transition, may your Spirit guide their ministry, supplying support and vitality to the team members who are leaving. Help Tom and Megan clarify plans for their time back in the states, that plans will come together for their spiritual and physical renewal. I pray for the people of The Islands, that new converts would remain strong and stand firm in times of fear. Lord, may your strength and compassion be a real blessing in their lives and situations. In Jesus’ name, amen.

February Mission-A-Month - Archbold FISH Food Pantry

The Out of Box Experience is happening this afternoon at 3PM. This is a great opportunity to learn more about and support the Archbold FISH Food Pantry. Individuals, couples, families, children, youth and adults – all are welcome! We’ll gather in the Chapel and divide into shopping groups, then head out to the stores to shop for items for the pantry. After shopping, everyone will meet at the pantry to learn how it operates and we’ll stock the shelves with the items just purchased. It’s a fun mission/fellowship experience all rolled into one event!

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Meridith Short, suffering from bronchitis and severe influenza.
- Nate Meyer, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- 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.
- Jayson Lindsay, recovering from shoulder 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, stationed in Alaska (new address: Brenden Bostelman, 701 Quartermaster Rd. #1185, JBER AK 99505).
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC.
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in South Korea.
- Donny Richardson, deployed to Okinawa, Japan last week (address not yet available).
- Steve Schink, stationed at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.
- AJ Short, in basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina.
- Koltin Zimmerman, stationed at Fort Campbell, Oak Grove, Kentucky.
- All our home bound and care center residents.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Emily Hines	(10:30) Tyler Hurst
Ushers	(Head) Dave Walker	
	(8:00) Tim Beck, Mark Beltz	
	(10:30) Ben & Sue Buehrer, Scott Short, Karen Walker	
Greeters	(10:30) Mark & Tammy Nofziger, Brad & Aimee Roth	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Ryan & Jill Holdgreve	(Feb 26) Gregg & Annika Johnson
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Worship Leader	(8:00) Jan Lindsay	(10:30) Jim Redd
Song Leader	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Accompanist	(Both) Deb Schnitkey	
Praise Band	(10:30) Chris Baden, Lynne Christman, Norm & Ann Fether, Brandon Lehman, Sarah Nafziger, Todd Nafziger, Deb Schnitkey	

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