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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



Sue & Ben Buehrer

Welcome to



**“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! Third Sunday of Lent

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer

Isaiah 55:1-3a (p. 733)

Prelude

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

† Call to Worship – Psalm 95 (L–Leader; *P–People*)

L: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

P: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

L: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

*P: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.*

† Confession and Assurance

† (8:00) Congregational Hymns – #14
#267

“Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down”
“Come, Thou Almighty King”

† (10:30) Praise Band

“Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down”
“Build Your Kingdom Here”

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

† Hymn – #398

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

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

(10:30) Chancel Choir

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Scripture Reading

John 4:4-26 (p. 1052)

Sermon

“At the Well with Jesus”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings of Gratitude

Offertory

“At the Cross”

† Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn – #372

“Living for Jesus”

† Benediction

† Benediction in Song

“Go Now In Peace”

† 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.

Membership Orientation

St. John's Christian Church offers periodic orientation sessions to inform people about beliefs, ministries and the history of this local congregation. Orientation includes three group sessions and one home visit by one of the pastors. Please let Pastor Erich, Pastor Alex or Sue Grieser know if you would be interested in attending future sessions offered.

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 our 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.



Easter Flowers & Memorials – Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for ordering Easter Flowers (deadline March 26th) and giving Easter Memorials (deadline April 5th). Flowers available for \$9 each are daffodils, lilies, hyacinths (blue, pink, and white), mums (pink, yellow, and white) and tulips (red, pink, purple and yellow). Memorials can be given in any amount. Memorial and flower sponsorships will be listed in Easter Sunday bulletins, and flowers will be available for pick up after the 10:30 service of worship on Easter Sunday.



The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Joan Grieser in memory of loved ones.



March Mission-A-Month
Friendship House (Homeless Shelter in Archbold)

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

Pre-K Class: We continued this Sunday talking about miracles to help us prepare for Easter! This Sunday we talked about Jesus healing a blind man.

Faith Village: In the unit, "Symbols of Holy Week," we are learning about the events of Holy Week. We are using Matthew 21:1-17; 26-27; Mark 11:1-11; 14-15; Luke 19:28-40; 22-23; and John 12:12-19; 13-19. The Cup and Bread, and the Towel are some of the symbols of Holy Week. What part of the story of Holy Week do the Cup and the Bread, and the Towel remind you of?

Confirmation: This Sunday we continued to talk about the meaning of Lent and Easter, and of fasting and feasting. Christians observe Sunday, the first day of the week, as "the Lord's Day," but the Jews observed Saturday, the seventh day of the week, as their Sabbath. Do you know why Christians now worship on Sundays?

Senior High Sunday School: This morning, we're continuing our Lenten series looking at various spiritual disciplines, the HABITS that fuel spiritual growth. Today we talked about Bible memorization, the "B" in the acronym. When's the last time you tried to memorize a Bible verse? Try memorizing 2 Timothy 3:16-17 in the last four weeks of Lent.

LOGOS: Preschool/Kindergarten: Noah Saves the Day – Genesis 6-9. Noah saved the day by building the ark according to God's plans, and filling it with two of every kind of animal. God's symbol of promise in the rainbow shows God loved His creation so much that He gave us a second chance. God did not and does not give up on His relationship with us! The children were then in charge of pretending to be Noah - they had to find an animal picture located in the room, then find it's match from another friend, and safely return it to the "ark." Then we made rainbows out of fruit loops to remind us of God's promise. **Third Grade:** The third graders learned about Ruth and Samuel, how they listened and were faithful to God. We discussed how we can do the same. **Fourth Grade:** The fourth graders read Luke 22:7-23, and discussed The Passover Meal/Last Supper that Jesus had with his disciples. We talked about the sacrament of Holy Communion and how this helps us remember Jesus and his great love for us. We discussed how this also helps us focus on how forgiving and accepting God is of all His people.

JYF: This past week we enjoyed bringing our friends to JYF and playing Bingo and winning prizes! Be sure to attend tonight's Congregational Movie Night, sponsored by our JYF!

SYF: At the beginning of SYF, we put on our problem solving caps to get everyone over a string of yarn suspended 5 feet in the air. After successfully getting everyone across, we began a new series exploring helpful ways to study the Bible and to pray.

Discovery* is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

March 20 - The Son Superior to Angels Hebrews 1:5-14
March 21 - Listen Up! Look Up! Hebrews 2:1-9
March 22 - One of the Family Hebrews 2:10-18
March 23 - On the Move Hebrews 3:1-6
March 24 - The Sacrament of Now Hebrews 3:7-19
March 25 - Into the Boardroom Hebrews 4:1-11
March 26 - Betrayed! Psalm 55

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

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	3:00PM	Joan Grieser Piano Recital (Sanctuary)
	3:00PM	TGRM Meal & Chapel – Life Planning (Meet in Kitchen)
	4:00PM	JYF Hosting Veggie Tales Movie “Moe & The Big Exit” (Parish Hall)
	5:00PM	JYF Hosting Pizza Meal – Free Will Offering Collected (Parish Hall)
	5:30PM	JYF Hosting Movie “God’s Not Dead 2” (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	Seekers Small Group (Kuntz’s, 733 W. Leggett Street, Wauseon)
Mon	11:15AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	5:00PM	Youth for Christ Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	6:30PM	Preschool MWF PM Dad’s Night (Chapel / Preschool Room)
Tues	7:30PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
	9:15AM	Bible Study – Hebrews 2 (Fireside Room)
Wed	5:00PM	Community Meal – Archbold Area Schools Hosting (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Sunday School Classroom)
Thur	9:00AM	West Haven Bible Study (Fairlawn)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal – March Madness Night (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	6:45PM	Hand Bells (Chapel); Hand Chimes (Parlor)
	6:45PM	JYF (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	8:00PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:00AM	Mending at Fairlawn (Activities Room)
Fri	2:00PM	Non-Member Wedding Rehearsal (Chapel)
Sat	10:00AM	High School Girls Bible Study (Youth Room)
	3:30PM	Non-Member Wedding (Chapel)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	3:00PM	Ordination Service – Pastor Alex Young (Sanctuary) Reception to follow (Parish Hall)

Next Sunday – March 26 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sermon – “Skepticism and Doubt” by Pastor Erich Christman; Scripture – John 9:1-41

Man Camp– Steaks, bacon, hatchets, and fire. Need we say more? A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for April 7th – 9th. The cost for this weekend at Miracle Camp is \$125 which includes lodging and meals. Check with Bruce Wooley if you have questions or visit www.miraclecamp.com/mancamp. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board – the earlier you sign-up, the better your accommodations might be!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2017 – Directors of this year’s VBS are Amy Baden, Mindy Gruenhagen and Carrie Nofziger. They are working on curriculum and theme selection! The week of VBS this year will be June 25th through 29th.

St. John's Christian Church

*Cordially Requests Your Presence and Prayers
For the Ordination to Christian Ministry*

of

Pastor Alex Young

on

March 26, 2017

3 p.m.

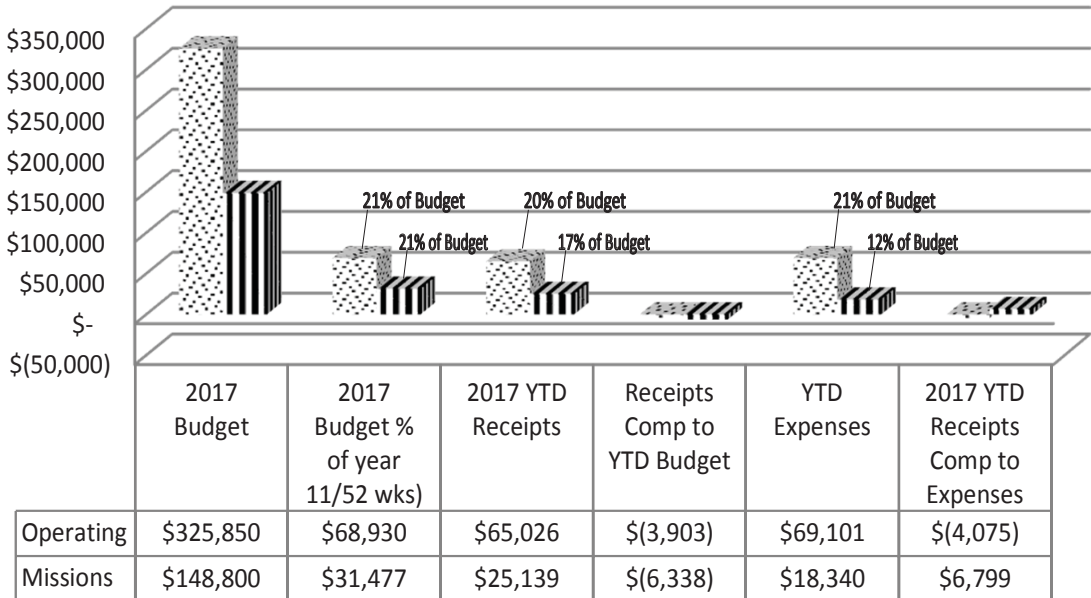
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**St. John's Christian Church
700 S. Defiance Street
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Reception at the Church following the Service

2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of March 16, 2017



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of March 16, 2017 - \$462,168.09

This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Father God, give us eyes to see the people around us as you see them, as human beings created in your holy image, worthy of our time, worthy of our attention, worthy of our respect. Let our hearts be so moved by your amazing grace for us, that we in turn are enabled to show grace to others, overflowing with love even for those whom everyone else has rejected and labeled unworthy of love. Father, let the work you started in Jesus's ministry to the Samaritan woman continue in us: reconcile ruptured race relations through us, reach sexual outcasts through us, bring practitioners of false religions to a true knowledge of you through us. Father, we pray, let knowledge of you and your love fill this earth, and let your kingdom fill our hearts. In Jesus's name, amen.

- † Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for them as they make decisions about school for their children, for the right people for their team, for unity amongst members of their new team.
- † Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Michigan – pray for wisdom and stamina as he trains students to share the gospel and walk by faith, and their discipleship efforts.
- † Brazil – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru – Florianopolis – pray God continues to sustain them through daily difficulties of living in a different culture; pray for the students they met in the city of Pelotas; pray for Alberto, a new friend who has been helpful to them.
- † Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray the encouragement they received while in the states will continue to be a source of strength and blessing as they give effort to their teaching and leading.
- † Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray for the necessary arrangements for a home, for open doors to meeting new Muslim families that are willing to study Jesus, and that united believers in the Chicagoland area will truly exude a Micah 6:8 character toward Muslims and the lost: act justly, love kindness and walk humbly with our God!
- † China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for the family, for the home in China, for the U.S. leadership as they seek guidance and support in this new time.
- † Columbus – Whitney Varnau – pray for wisdom and further support as she spends more time engaged with the anti-trafficking ministry.
- † Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – now that they are in their second month, pray for health, family relationships and unity with staff.
- † India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray for quality and consistent post-operative care following recent work by surgical teams, and pray for their ministerial work in areas of social justice and human health.
- † Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – pray their recent efforts to fund and construct a greenhouse are successful, and praise God for further partnerships in ministry.
- † 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 Kyle Chase: Lord, I thank you for raising up Kyle as a missionary and teacher engaged in campus ministry. May he continually seek your guidance in his teaching and in his interactions with students, and I pray your Spirit will encourage him and give him energy, knowledge and wisdom as he ministers in the unique setting of campus ministry. I pray for his own spirit, that he will not lose heart but will be bold and courageous in his efforts of evangelism and discipleship. Bless him with joy, Lord. I pray for Kyle, for his wife, Melissa, and for their sons, Jaden and Brennan; may their family enjoy time and faith and love together. In Jesus's name, I pray. Amen.

A Reminder of How Our “Imagine Your Faith Building” Campaign Came To Be

A Lesson from the Past

It was in 1945 that the consistory of St. John’s Church recommended to the congregation that the deacons be authorized to gather funds to enlarge the church. From this recommendation the congregation moved forward until on April 22, 1947 it was voted to build a new church. In 1949 the congregation acquired as a gift a three acre tract of land for the purpose of building a new church. From 1948 to 1952 over \$110,000 was raised for the new church building. A ground breaking service was held on November 27, 1955. On July 7, 1957 the St. John’s congregation dedicated the present building. Basic plans of the building were to provide good dry classrooms with plenty of daylight and to eliminate the necessity of climbing a flight of stairs to enter the sanctuary. A note burning service was held on July 5, 1962. On July 5, 1964 a ground breaking service was held for the fellowship hall, kitchen and chapel, with this addition being dedicated on November 28, 1965. A mortgage burning service was held on November 29, 1970. The cost of the present building was approximately \$500,000, roughly \$2.4 million in today’s dollars.

The Process Which Brought About Our Current Capital Campaign

1. It was in the late 1990’s that the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) was formed to evaluate programmatic and physical needs of the church, following attention of the Property Committee to various building needs.
2. In 2001, a Facility Committee addressed needs identified by the LRPC.
3. In 2003, the Facility Committee’s proposed building plan failed to receive congregational approval; tally was 185 votes against the proposal and 142 votes in favor of the proposal.
4. In 2008 to 2011, a Ministries Assessment and Planning Committee (MAP) evaluated programmatic and physical needs of the church; consolidated LRPC and 2003 Facility Committee data; evaluated programmatic changes made since 2003 and impact on needs; met with groups within the church to update and understand current and future needs; shared “MAP Needs Summary” with the congregation, with positive feedback to proceed with process; congregation approved engagement with architecture firm MartinRiley of Fort Wayne, Indiana to develop building concept and opinion of probable cost (OPC).
5. The years of 2011 to 2012 saw the formation of a new Facility Committee, that worked intimately with MartinRiley to form a building concept which included a \$4.2 million OPC; the Facility Committee took the building concept and OPC to Consistory for possible action.
6. In the years of 2012 through 2014, the Consistory formed a working group of Facility Committee and Consistory members to assess proposal presentation needs and potential funding of any proposed facility project; that working group formed a Facility Finance Task Force that studied financial information and recommended Consistory proceed with a capital campaign. Consistory agreed to present Facility Committee Report and Proposal to the congregation for approval to enter into a Capital Campaign to fund a building project.
7. The congregation approved entering into the “Imagine Your Faith Building” campaign at a congregational meeting held on April 13, 2014 with 81.5% of those voting in favor.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Wayne Spiess, at FCHC being treated for an infection in his mastoid (ear) bone.
- Dale Grime, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Nate Meyer, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Randy Layton, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Joanne Spotts, now home recovering from a broken hip.
- John Lovejoy, Paul and Joan Lovejoy's son, undergoing chemo treatments.
- Gary Frazier, undergoing chemo treatments.
- Benjamin Chapman, who has returned from Qatar to the states. He is in Texas for a few weeks, and will then be reunited with his wife and 3 children and they will return to their home in Lynchburg, Virginia.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Alaska.
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC.
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in South Korea.
- Donny Richardson, stationed in Okinawa, Japan.
- Steve Schink, stationed at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.
- AJ Short, who is in 9 weeks of infantry training in North Carolina.
- Kollin Woolace, 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) Josie Grieser	(10:30) Emily Hines
Ushers	(Head) Steve Walker	
	(8:00) Jim Grieser	
	(10:30) Jeremy & Jen Hurst, Kim & Adam Walker	
Greeters	(10:30) Bill & Kathy Bostelmen, Nancy Ries, Phyllis Sweitzer	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Bo & Bri Krukowski	(Mar 26) Lucas & Lindy Lantz
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Worship Leader	(Both) Jan Lindsay	
Song Leader	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Accompanist	(Both) Deb Schnitkey	

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