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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to *Serve Together*



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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! Second Sunday of Easter

- Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells
- Welcome, Scripture and Prayer Jude 1:22-25 (p. 1213)
- Prelude “Jesus Messiah/All Hail the Power”
- † Call to Worship
Leader: Taste and see that the LORD is good. (Psalm 34:8a)
- † (8:00) Hymn – #64 “All Creatures of Our God and King”
- † (10:30) Praise Songs – screen “My Redeemer Lives”
“Never Once”
- † Unison Prayer for Forgiveness: *Most Holy God, when we look at the world and see the righteous in poor conditions and the wicked thriving, at times we are tempted to doubt your goodness, or your power, or your plan, or even your existence. Be merciful to us in our doubts, we pray, O Lord. Through the promises of your Word, renew our faith in your righteousness, justice, mercy, and love, and strengthen our hearts to trust fully in you. Amen.*
- † Response Song of Assurance – #213 “Because He Lives”
- † Passing the Peace of Christ
- Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign Brad Roth, Eric Nafziger, Jim Grieser
- Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debt/debtors)
- Children’s Message
- Special Music “Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)”
Praise Band with Bruce Wooley
- Scripture Reading John 20:19-31 (p. 1075)
- Sermon “Resurrection and Restoration”
- Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings
- Offertory “You Are Holy”
- † Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication
- † Closing Hymn – #66 “To God Be the Glory”
- † Benediction
- † Benediction in Song – #215, v. 1 “Alleluia! Alleluia!”
- † 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 faithful 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.

This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank you that your Word teaches us that you are merciful toward those who doubt. We confess that sometimes we experience doubt. Sometimes we doubt that you love us. Sometimes we doubt that you will be true to your promises toward us. Like others who have turned to you beforehand, we pray: "I believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" Help us to trust you in the good times and the hard times, and when things just don't make sense for us. In Jesus' name, amen.

April Mission-A-Month – Foods Resource Bank

April gives us an opportunity to donate toward the planting, tending and harvesting of a local community growing project; the 15 acre field is located southeast of Stryker. At harvest time, the crop will be sold and the proceeds given to the Foods Resource Bank.



The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Jon and Alice Leatherman
in loving memory of Candace Leatherman and Lowell Leu.



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

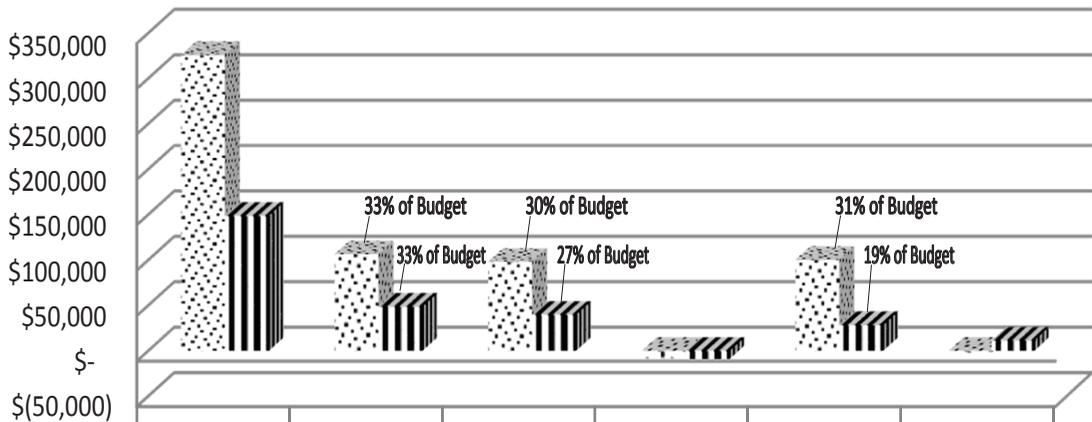
Pre-K Class: Today we talked about how Thomas needed to see Jesus' hands to believe that it was really him. Do you like my hand print craft that I made?

Faith Village: In the unit "Jesus in the Synagogue" (Bible references Luke 4: 14-30 and Isaiah 58:6; 61:1-2), we are learning about life back in Jesus' day, and how Jesus began his public ministry by reading and preaching in the synagogue in Nazareth. The people became angry with Jesus when he said that God was sending the Messiah for everyone, not just the Jews. Jesus told all people the Good News of salvation. To whom can you tell the good news of God's love?

Confirmation: The Apostles' Creed was the subject of the day – how and why was it created? Was it written by the disciples? Youth are memorizing Romans 8:38-39 - have they got it yet?

LOGOS: Preschool/Kindergarten: This week we focused on Mark 2:1-12, Jesus and the Four Friends. After listening to the story about how the four friends carried their paralyzed friend, we talked about ways our class could help others in need. We made get well cards for people so we can respond in a loving way when someone isn't feeling well. **Third Grade:** We studied King David in 1 Samuel 24, how David could have taken King Saul's life but obeyed God and conquered evil with good. We talked about how we can do the same.

2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of April 17, 2017



	2017 Budget	2017 Budget % of year 17/52 wks)	2017 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2017 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$325,850	\$106,528	\$98,339	\$(8,189)	\$100,297	\$(1,958)
Missions	\$148,800	\$48,646	\$39,745	\$(8,902)	\$28,406	\$11,338

Special Congregational Meeting May 7, 2016, 11:45AM – Consideration of New Playground

At their April 17th meeting, Consistory approved the recommendation of the Property Committee to contract with GameTime for the installation of a new playground and to contract with Freedom Fence for the installation of a new fence around the playground. Several issues have developed with the current playground structure. Total cost of the project is not to exceed \$41,000, with funds coming from the Operating Savings Fund, which has a balance of \$130,482.10 as of March 31st. Key aspects of the project include:



1. GameTime is a reputable company and was endorsed by Archbold Parks and Recreation
2. Playground is designed for children ages 2 to 5 and 5 to 12 years of age
3. Seen in the image above, the playground will have: PowerScape Play Structure; Discover Cave with Primary Grips; A Clifford Spring Rider; Two Seater Fire Chief; Spinning Sensory Wave Seat; 6' Bench; Wood Fiber base at 10" depth; 12" Playground Curb around complete area; HD Large Wear Mats at slides
4. Volunteers of the congregation will be tasked with removal of the existing playground structure, fence and pea gravel.
5. The contract provides for supervision of installation from GameTime – one of their staff supervising a crew of 10 to 12 volunteers to install the structure in an 8 to 9 hour day, with site work and holes done prior to the day of installation.

— The 66th Annual National Observance —

May 4, 2017

FOR YOUR
GREAT
NAME'S SAKE!

HEAR US... FORGIVE US... HEAL US!

O LORD, LISTEN! O LORD, FORGIVE! O LORD, HEAR AND ACT!
FOR YOUR SAKE, O MY GOD... DANIEL 9:19

National Day of Prayer Service

Thursday, May 4 - 7:00PM

St. John's Christian Church
Fellowship Hall

God's people coming together to humbly
seek God in prayer for our nation, our
communities and our churches.

WEEK OF APRIL 23RD AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM	Private Party (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	2:00PM	SYF Mission Trip Movie (Youth Room)
	5:00PM	Private Party (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's, 733 W. Leggett Street, Wauseon)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	1:00PM	Worship Planning (Nursery)
	2:00PM	Pastors Meeting (Pastor Erich's Office)
	7:00PM	Leadership Retreat (Chapel)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Genesis 20 (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Leadership Retreat (Chapel)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Sunday School Classroom)
	9:00AM	West Haven Bible Study (Fairlawn)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal – Children's Night (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	6:45PM	Junior Choir (Sanctuary)
	6:45PM	JYF (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	8th Grade Confirmands (Pastor Erich's Office)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thur	10:00AM	Preschool T-Th AM Class Grandparents' Day (Parish Hall)
	2:00PM	Preschool T-Th PM Class Grandparents' Day (Parish Hall)
Fri	10:00AM	Preschool M-W-F AM Class Grandparents' Day (Parish Hall)
	2:00PM	Preschool M-W-F PM Class Grandparents' Day (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	Katie Layton / Scott Helberg Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sat	9:00AM	Presentation Sunday Practice (Sanctuary)
	10:00AM	High School Girls Bible Study (Youth Room)
	3:00PM	Katie Layton / Scott Helberg Wedding (Sanctuary)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Next Sunday – April 30 - Third Sunday of Easter / Presentation Sunday

Discovery* is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

April 24 - Love and Destruction	Genesis 19:15-29
April 25 - Trail of Regrets	Genesis 20:1-18
April 26 - Great Expectations	Genesis 21:1-21
April 27 - Stuff of Life	Genesis 21:22-34
April 28 - All Too Much?	Genesis 22:1-8
April 29 - The Very Center	Genesis 22:9-19
April 30 - Sticks and Stones?	Psalm 59

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- † Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – Pray more islanders will seek to be good spouses. Pray for all the brothers and sisters on the islands that they could be a witness through strong and healthy marriages. Pray for an island neighbor who is pregnant because the OB has traveled to France so a midwife will need to handle any complications. She seems nervous and asks us to pray every time she sees us. And please pray for Tom's sister who is pregnant.
- † Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Michigan – Pray for Kyle as he continues to oversee the ministry and discipleship of North Campus students and staff, as well as oversee the teaching ministry of New Life Church.
- † Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru – pray for them as they continue to raise support as they join the staff of Cru on the BGSU campus this summer. The mission committee has given them \$500 for this year, and will discern further support at the end of the year.
- † Brazil – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru – Florianopolis – See this month's prayer feature below.
- † Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – Pray for the light of discernment as Tony and Leila help the mission committee make decisions about a mission trip to visit with them in 2018.
- † Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – Pray for Jon as he teaches a class on disciple making movements, and for both of them as they seek to do their best in demonstrating love, sharing Jesus through his Word and equip disciples to become disciples makers!
- † China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – Pray for discernment of the future of the work.
- † Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at The Ohio State Univ. – Pray for students Molly, Courtney and Halley, that they will come to know Jesus deeper this semester; for students to invest their summer in Leadership Training; pray for the "She Has a Name Night of Jubilee" – praying for those affected by trafficking in Columbus.
- † Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – Pray as they prepare to return in a few weeks, enjoying a time of furlough and visiting at SJCC on May 14.
- † India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – Pray for the sustaining nature of this ministry, started in 1970, as they strive to be faithful to all who come their way.
- † Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – Pray for discernment about a trip to the home in September; pray for churches St. John's can recruit to join the supporting efforts of KCH, and for additional sponsors so all children will be blessed with sponsorship.
- † Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Toledo – Pray as he continues to passionately minister with students who are tomorrows leaders who are passionate about serving Christ.

Prayer for Matt & Paige Waanders: Heavenly Father, as you sent Paul and Barnabas and Silas and Timothy, and so many other early missionaries out to the world, I thank you for sending Matt and Paige to Brazil. I pray for their health and strength, both physically and spiritually. As they continue to disciple college students, I pray you will give them the words, the boldness and the compassion to share your love with them. God, as Matt and Paige have asked us to pray for specific students, like Gaspar, Enrico, Elousie and Naira, I pray for the spiritual birth and wellbeing of these students – may they be receptive to Matt and Paige, and receptive to your light and love. Bless Matt and Paige with knowledge and wisdom and safety in these days. Amen.

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of April 17, 2017 - \$472,267.59

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Jeremy Neuenschwander, as he enters into treatment of the cancer that has returned in his liver.
- Dale Grime, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- John Lovejoy, Paul and Joan Lovejoy's son, undergoing chemo treatments.
- Gary Frazier, undergoing chemo treatments.
- Benjamin Chapman, stationed 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.
- All our home bound and care center residents.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Bryce Beltz	(10:30) Braden Eichler
Ushers	(Head) Tim Grieser	
	(8:00) Brent Winzeler	
	(10:30) Duane & Linda Hayes, Brad & Aimee Roth	
Greeters	(10:30) Ryan & Devin Bernath, Jed & Jen Grime	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) JoAnn Short	(Apr 30) Chris & Amy Baden
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Becca Grieser	
Song Leader	(Both) Deb Schnitkey	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Praise Band	(10:30) Chris Baden, Lynne Christman, Norm & Ann Fether, Sarah Nafziger, Deb Schnitkey	
Children Message	(Both) Deb Kauffman	

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