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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!

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer

Romans 12:1 (p. 1123)

Prelude

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

† Call to Worship – Psalm 116:1, 5, 12-14 (L–Leader; C–*Congregation*)

L: The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

C: *I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.*

L: What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me?

C: *I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.*

† Congregational Hymns – #38

“I Will Call Upon the Lord”

#30

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

† Unison Prayer of Confession: *Most Merciful God, we’re grateful that you are a God who hears our cries, and delights in our joys. Forgive us the ways our preoccupation with our own circumstances have prevented us from loving others as you love us. Forgive us for being deaf to the cries of those around us. Forgive us our failures to rejoice with those who are celebrating your blessings. Give us eyes to see others, ears to listen, and hearts to love them, joining them in both their joys and sorrows. Amen.*

† Words of Assurance – If the Lord kept a record of sins, which one of us would be able to stand before him? But with the Lord there is forgiveness; therefore we have hope in his Word, peace in his presence, and joy in his love. (Based on Psalm 130:3-5)

† Passing the Peace of Christ

A Mother’s Day Tribute

Scott Short

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

Children’s Message

Preschool Songs (words on pg. 4)

“Thank You God”

“My God Is So Great”

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:9-16 (p. 1123)

Sermon

“Each for the Other”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Klaire Kern

“Majestic”

† Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn – #455

“Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

† Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #606

“Grace, Love and Fellowship”

† Postlude

Welcome . . .

Guests and Visitors

Welcome to our worship of God! 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.

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 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, teach us to love others as much as we love ourselves, caring about their concerns as if they were our own, and celebrating their joys with them as if their joys were our own. And thank you, Lord, for loving us with this sort of love: that you came from heaven to earth to carry our troubles in times of sorrow and lift our hearts in joyful celebration of all of the blessings you have bestowed upon us. In Jesus' name, amen.

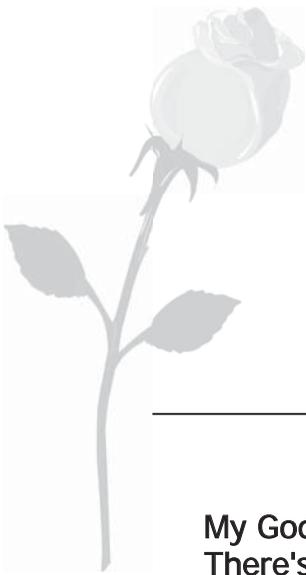
May Mission-A-Month – Cherry Street & Sparrow's Nest

May gives us an opportunity to donate toward the Cherry Street Mission Ministries, which includes Sparrow's Nest, located in Toledo. Monetary donations and donated items for these ministries are gratefully accepted.



**The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Velma Overmier and family
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Thank You God

See the camel, big and humpy,
See the elephant walk so clumpy,
See the turtle, round and slow,
God made them that way, you know.

See the squeaky mouse so small,
Different from the horse that's tall,
See the robin flap his wings,
Thank you, God, who made all things.



My God Is So Great

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!
There's nothing my God cannot do!
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!
There's nothing my God cannot do!
The mountains are His, the rivers are His,
The stars are His handiwork too.
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!
There's nothing my God cannot do! For You!



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

Pre-K Class: This month we are talking about how 'We are the Church.' Today's focus was on how we should pray together.

Faith Village: We continued talking about the story of Zacchaeus and how his life was changed when Jesus called him to come to him. The story is found in Luke 19: 1-10. Do you think Zacchaeus was a happy man when he was taking more money than he should from the people of Jericho? How do you think he felt when he gave the money back?

Confirmation: We're continuing to talk about rites and sacraments in Confirmation class, today focusing on the sacrament of baptism. Ask confirmands about the symbolism of baptism.

Senior High Sunday School: This week we began a new series called "Tough Questions" and we began to talk about the presence of pain in the world. We talked about Genesis 3, and how pain entered the world, and talked about how sometimes we can see a purpose in pain we experience. Have any follow up questions? Feel free to reach out to your teacher or to Pastor Alex.

Life Planning: We celebrated our final meeting of the year with our annual senior recognition and a "mystery supper." Best of luck for your future endeavors to all our Life Planning, SYF, and other seniors: Darby, Marissa, Lynne, Becca, Camden, Toby, and Andrew!

SYF Remix: We played games!

WEEK OF MAY 14TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	2:00PM	Pastors Meeting (Pastor Erich's Office)
	4:00PM	Worship Planning (Nursery)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Preschool Graduation (Sanctuary)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Genesis 32 (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Sunday School Classroom)
	5:30PM	Confirmation Pictures & Practice (Sanctuary)
	7:00PM	Evangelism Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	SYF (Meet at FISH Pantry)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sat	10:00AM	High School Girls Bible Study (Youth Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Youth Breakfast (Parish Hall)
	9:15AM	Faith & Fellowship (Chapel)
	10:30AM	Worship Service - Rite of Confirmation (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM	Private Party (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	3:00PM	Depart for TGRM Chapel & Meal (Meet in Kitchen)
	6:30PM	SYF Worship Night (Meet Here)

Next Sunday – May 21 - Sixth Sunday of Easter / Confirmation Sunday

Sermon – “I Believe – The Apostles’ Creed” by Pastor Erich Christman; Scripture – Romans 10:1-13

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:

May 15 - Treaty	Genesis 31:43-55
May 16 - What Will It Cost?	Genesis 32:1-21
May 17 - The Wrestler	Genesis 32:22-32
May 18 - Transforming	Genesis 33:1-20
May 19 - The Rebrand	Genesis 35:1-29
May 20 - Wake Up Smiling	Ephesians 1:1-14
May 21 - Talking to Yourself	Psalms 62

Vacation Bible School (VBS) – This year’s theme, *Maker Fun Factory*, has our VBS directors, Amy Baden, Mindy Gruenhagen and Carrie Nofziger, excited and working very hard to make this VBS a memorable, imaginative, creative adventure! Online registration is coming soon! Please see the board in the Chapel narthex for adults to sign up and help fill our VBS staff needs.

SYF Mission Trip – We’re still looking for the use of one van for the SYF Mission Trip June 18-23. The team will be traveling to West Virginia, approximately 900 miles round trip. If you’re willing to lend your vehicle for the week, please talk with Pastor Alex.

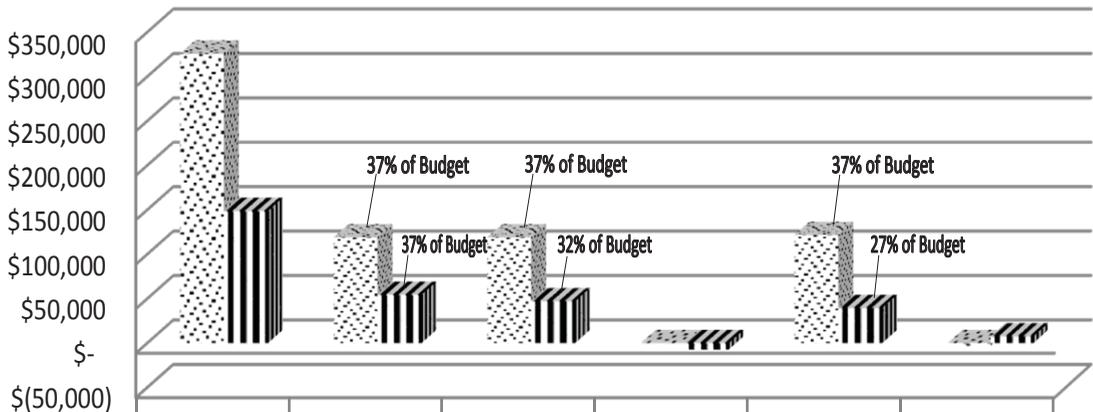
2017 Summer Habitat Trip – A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for this year’s mission trip with the LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity. You will depart from the church on Sunday afternoon, June 11 and return Friday afternoon, June 16th. Lodging will be in the Tower Hill Church Camp retreat center in Sawyer, Michigan. Work will entail framing a new home, and the cost of the trip is \$125 per person. Feel free to ask Mike Meyer, Greg Walker, Kelly Ducey, Tammy Nofziger or Duane and Linda Hayes questions concerning this mission experience.

Confirmation Pictures of Past Classes – We are attempting to collect and digitally organize as many past confirmation class pictures as possible in an effort to remember the people who have been a part of our congregation here at St. John’s. If you have pictures of this nature, please scan and e-mail them to the church office (office@stjohnsarchbold.org) or bring them to the office and we will scan them and return the original. Thank you for any help you can provide on this.

Christian Resources International – We continue to collect Christian literature to take to this organization in Fowlerville, Michigan. Please deposit literature and old Bibles in the designated box in the Chapel narthex.

Burger Bash Next Sunday, May 21st – Next Sunday, plan to attend the Burger Bash being held in the Ruibley Park Pavilion from 11AM to 1PM. This is the 14th annual event being held, this year focused on helping area cattlemen raise a pen of steers for this faith-based mission outreach through the Foods Resource Bank International program. So be sure to stop at the pavilion next Sunday for a delicious picnic lunch (free will donation) and bring along your family and friends.

2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of May 7, 2017



	2017 Budget	2017 Budget % of year 19/52 wks)	2017 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2017 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$325,850	\$119,061	\$119,075	\$15	\$121,864	\$(2,789)
Missions	\$148,800	\$54,369	\$47,119	\$(7,250)	\$39,530	\$7,588

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- † Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for more honest conversations with members of Ma Imani’s family; pray for two colleagues whose time with the team is ending; pray for conflict resolution involving an islander who used to work on the language project.
- † Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Michigan – pray as they seek God while engaging in long term planning, and for new ministries at Eastern and Western Michigan Universities.
- † Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru – pray for accelerated connections with new partners so they can be on campus this fall, for relationships in Bowling Green, and for day to day courageous and vision-driven steps of faith.
- † Brazil – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru – Florianopolis – continue to pray that their interactions with students and endeavors in planting college ministries are blessed by God’s grace.
- † Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – see prayer shared below.
- † Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray for more workers, for stability in their housing situation, for safety and good connections as Jon supplements their income by driving school bus part-time, pray that God continues to meet their needs.
- † China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for a new family from North Carolina leaving in June to be a part of the ministry; praise God for a new intern helping at the bakery; and continued prayers for support of the Wyse family and the home in China.
- † Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at The Ohio State Univ. – pray for students as they leave for the summer, pray for Whitney as she leads her first anti-trafficking training this month.
- † Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – pray for Jason as he continues to recover from a recent head wound, which caused a concussion and has postponed their home furlough. Pray for God’s grace and enlightenment in this time.
- † India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray for their Mobile Health Teams and Village Health Workers, who have just finished surveying 7,500 adults in 15 Project Villages for Type II Diabetes. May their medical missions overflow with health and joy.
- † Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children’s Home – pray for someone from SJCC to consider participating in the August 31 trip to KCH, pray for avenues of sponsorship, for individual children and for the home.
- † Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Toledo – pray for students as they enter into summer break or graduate into the workforce, pray for students going to leadership training.

Prayer for Tony & Leila Frank: All-knowing and Ever-present Lord, I thank you for the works of your hands, works of creation and sustainment, works of engagement and relationship. As I pray for Tony & Leila today, I am grateful for your hand upon their ministry, and upon them as a couple. I pray that you bless them with much wisdom as they continue to assume new responsibilities with the Bible Church in Estancia Velha, as well as with the Bible College. I pray for their prayer request, that they, Tony & Leila, and those they are ministering to, will grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus. Pour out your mercy upon them, lighting their conversations and interactions with your grace and love. In the mighty and powerful name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Sue Buehrer, who is home after a few days in Toledo Hospital last week.
- Cristina Avina, daughter of Ken and Shirley Nafziger, who continues to battle cancer.
- Velma Overmier, home from Toledo Hospital.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, doing very well in his treatment.
- 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, stationed in California for advanced training.
- Kollin Woolace, stationed in North Carolina for advanced training.
- All our home bound and care center residents.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Josie Grieser	(10:30) Emma Nafziger
Ushers	(Head) Greg Walker	
	(8:00) Doug & Nancy Rupp	
	(10:30) Brad & Susie Enderle, Curt & Kay Stamm	
Greeters	(10:30) Tim & Sue Grieser, Brad & Aimee Roth	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Eric & Anna Yoder	(May 21) Justin & Carrie Yoder
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Tom Hines	
Worship & Song Leader	(Both) Jim Redd	
Accompanist	(Both) Deb Schnitkey	
Children Message	(Both) Nancy Rupp	

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