



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



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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!

## The Rite of Confirmation

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells	
Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer	Acts 2:36-39 (p. 1079)
† Songs of Praise – screen	“My Life Is In You” “We Believe”
Children’s Message	
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (debt/debtors)	
Chancel Choir	“Jesus, Savior, Lord I Adore You”
Prayer of Dedication and Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings of Gratitude	
Offertory	“Jesus, Lord To Me”
Scripture Reading	Romans 10:1-13 (p. 1120)
Sermon (notes on pg. 4)	“I Believe – The Apostles’ Creed”
The Rite of Confirmation	
The Sacrament of Baptism	
Invitation, Opening Sentences and Charge to Confirmands	
Scripture Reading and The Apostles’ Creed	
Promises and Vows of Confirmands	
Memory Verses and the Laying on of Hands in Blessing	
Prayer of Thanksgiving	
Charge to Parents	
Response of Parents: <i>We praise God for your step of faith in your decision to be confirmed into the church of Jesus Christ this morning. Let us strive to stand firm in faithfulness to the Lord. We promise to continue to encourage you in your faith, doing our part to help you remember your confession and vows of faith. God bless you with wisdom and strength as you continue to deepen your faith and serve the Lord with gladness.</i>	
Address to Confirmands	
Unison Welcome by Congregation: <i>We are filled with joy for you as you have confessed your faith in Christ. We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and ministries of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love, and be witnesses of Christ in the world. Amen.</i>	
Greetings of Christian Love and Conferring of Certificates	
Benediction	
† Closing Hymn – #409	“I Know Whom I Have Believed”
† Benediction	
† Benediction in Song – #409, refrain	“I Know Whom I Have Believed”
† 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](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org).

## **St. John's Christian Preschool**

A learning, Christian ministry geared for children 3-5 years of age. Four sessions available: 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](http://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 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.

## **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 take care of each other.

**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. Why did the people of Jericho grumble about Jesus going to Zacchaeus' house for dinner? Why did Jesus want to go to Zacchaeus' house?

**Confirmation/Senior High Sunday School:** This morning we enjoyed a delicious breakfast sponsored by the Fellowship Committee as a way of recognizing the youth of our church. Thanks to the Fellowship Committee for the good food, and thanks to Jordyn Pursel for serving as our speaker!

**SYF:** This week we met at the FISH Pantry which serves families in need throughout the area. We helped the Pantry out with various cleaning projects to aid and encourage the Pantry in their ministry to those in need.

## **Blessings to our Confirmands and Their Parents:**



Josie Grieser, daughter of Craig Grieser & Erin Grieser  
Josee Grime, daughter of Josh & Kasey Grime  
Emily Hines, daughter of Matt & Kim Hines  
Kylie Sauder, daughter of Lucas & Lindy Lantz



Sermon – “I Believe – The Apostles’ Creed”  
Scripture Text – Romans 10:1-13 (p. 1120)

May it be that:

“Our heart’s desire and prayer to God for the confirmands is that they may be saved.”

Zeal – Knowledge – Righteousness that comes from God – Righteousness that is by Faith

Leviticus 18:5 “Keep my decrees and laws, for the man who obeys them will live by them. I am the Lord.”

Romans 10:8 ““The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming:”

The Apostles’ Creed

- I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth
- And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord
- I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Romans 10:9 “That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

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**This Week’s Congregational Prayer:**

God, I want to thank you for the work of your Spirit upon and within our 8th grade confirmands. May you continue to give them the courage, the strength and the grace to live out their vows of faithfulness. Guide me in being an example of discipleship for them and all others, and I thank you and praise for the people of faith who have guided and shepherded me! In my belief, Lord, I praise you, Father, your Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **WEEK OF MAY 21ST AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Youth Breakfast (Parish Hall)
	9:15AM	Faith & Fellowship – Faith Discussion w/Pastor Erich (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)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
Tues	7:30AM	Mental Health Awareness Seminar (Parish Hall)
	9:15AM	Bible Study – Ephesians 2 (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	9:00AM	West Haven Bible Study (Fairlawn)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
Fri	9:30AM	Private Party Set Up (Parish Hall)
	5:00PM	Private Party (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
Sat	10:00AM	High School Girls Bible Study (Youth Room)
	11:00AM	Private Party Set Up (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	1:00PM	Private Party (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Faith & Fellowship – Faith Discussion w/Pastor Erich (Parish Hall)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Women's Sunday School Class (Upstairs Classroom)
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### **Next Sunday – May 28 - Memorial Day Weekend / Graduate Recognition**

Sermon – “Seasons of Faith” by Pastor Erich Christman; Scriptures – Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

**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 22 - “Our Father” .....	Ephesians 1:15-23
May 23 - Real Life .....	Ephesians 2:1-10
May 24 - Two Become One .....	Ephesians 2:11-22
May 25 - Cosmic Impact .....	Ephesians 3:1-13
May 26 - A Great, Big God .....	Ephesians 3:14-21
May 27 - “Peace Be With You” .....	Ephesians 4:1-16
May 28 - Thirsting for God.....	Psalm 63

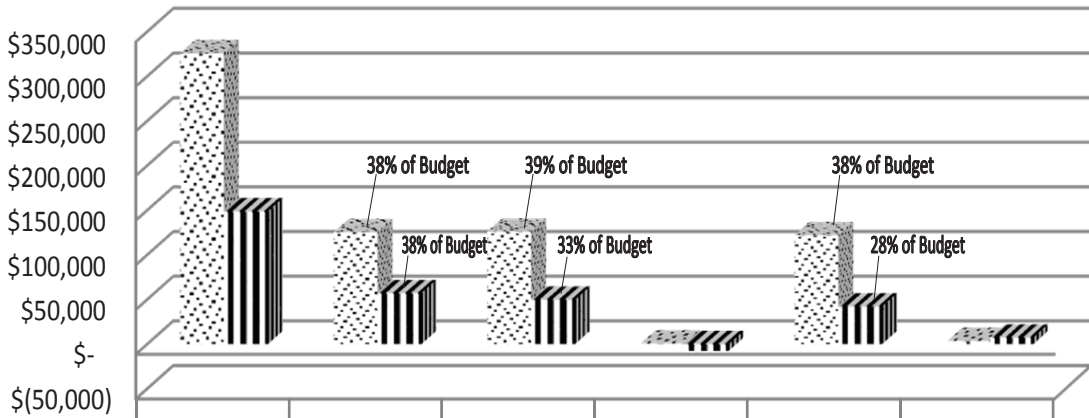
**SYF Mission Trip June 18-23** – We’re still looking for the use of a van for the SYF Mission Trip in June. The team will be traveling to West Virginia, approximately 900 miles round trip. If you’re willingly to lend your vehicle for the week, please talk with Pastor Alex.

**Community-wide Burger Bash Today at Ruibley Park Pavilion** – Enjoy a burger with friends and neighbors from 11AM – 1PM and be part of an ongoing mission project that annually sends over \$25,000 from this community to our Foods Resource Bank partners working to provide irrigation systems to stabilize nomadic farmers in rural Africa. A free will offering will be taken.

**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.

**Women’s Small Group** – What do you crave? We invite the women of our church family to explore this question as we embark on an 8 week study of the book *Craving Connection - 30 Challenges for Real Life Engagement*. This book is authored by writers from the in(courage) community, an online community of women whose goal is to bring women into deeper community with Christ and with each other. The first gathering will be during the Sunday School hour on June 11th in the Harmony Harbor classroom (located upstairs). At that time, we will decide on subsequent meeting days/times for the summer. The goal will be to find a weekly, early morning meeting time. Please indicate your interest by signing up on the bulletin board across from the church office. This will help us know how many books to order. Please feel free to contact Tammy Nofziger (*tammark88@gmail.com*) or Jan Lindsay (*jblind@rtexpress.net*) if questions or you can’t attend June 11th.

### 2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of May 15, 2017



	2017 Budget	2017 Budget % of year 20/52 wks)	2017 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2017 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$325,850	\$125,327	\$126,066	\$739	\$122,216	\$3,850
Missions	\$148,800	\$57,231	\$49,692	\$(7,539)	\$42,230	\$7,461

## **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.

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

## **Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:**

- Cristina Avina, daughter of Ken and Shirley Nafziger, who continues to battle cancer.
- 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**

Acolyte	Hailey Wooley
Ushers	(Head) Greg Walker
	Brad & Susie Enderle, Curt & Kay Stamm
Greeters	Tim & Sue Grieser, Brad & Aimee Roth
Nursery Staff	Chris & Amy Baden (May 28) Justin & Carrie Yoder
Sound Tech	James Grime
Video Tech	Dean Sauder
Computer Tech	Kelly Ducey
Worship Leader	Jan Lindsay
Song Leader	Deb Schnitkey
Praise Band	Chris Baden, Lynne Christman, Norm & Ann Fether, Sarah Nafziger, Todd Nafziger, Deb Schnitkey
Accompanist	Lynne Christman
Children's Message	JoAnn Short

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