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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 and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer

Romans 5:7-8 (p. 1116)

Prelude

“Hymns of Majesty”

† Call to Worship – Psalm 98:1-3 (L–Leader; C–*Congregation*; A–All)

L: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

C: *The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.*

A: **He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

† (8:00) Hymn – #66

“To God Be the Glory”

† (10:30) Praise Songs

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

“How Great Is Our God”

† Unison Prayer of Confession: *Jesus, you taught us to pray: “Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.” But instead of forgiving those who have wronged us, we often hold grudges against them. Instead of loving our enemies as you have called us to do, we are slow to do any good to our enemies, and quick to look after our own interests. Forgive us for not forgiving others, and grant our hearts freedom from the prison of bitterness. We believe, O Lord, your commands are truly for our good. Amen.*

† Sung Response – #210, v. 1

“Jesus Paid It All”

† Greeting One Another in the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

v. 1, “Spirit Song”

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

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Avery Roth & Lynne Christman

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Special Music

Mark Schnitkey

“I Can Only Imagine”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:43-48 (p. 959)

Sermon

“Loving Our Enemies”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Invitation and Institution

Sharing the Elements

Communion Blessing

† Closing Hymn – #74

“Majesty”

† 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](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 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:**

Jesus, we are so grateful for your forgiveness. It has completely transformed our lives. Now, Jesus, we pray, enable us to be your ambassadors, extending our forgiveness to those who wrong us, and extending to them the Good News of your great forgiveness as well. Let all our enemies come to know you as Lord and Savior and be welcomed with us into your glorious, loving, joyful family! Amen.

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

- All adults and older youth who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune
- Grape juice is served in the trays of the cup
- Communicants will be invited to come forward in groups at 8:00AM service; 10:30AM service communicants will be served in their pews

**Discovery**® is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions (suggestion donation \$6 ea.). You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

July 17 - Go Boldly .....	Acts 5:12-16
July 18 - Transformation .....	Acts 5:17-32
July 19 - Following the Spirit .....	Acts 5:33-42
July 20 - Banking our Priorities .....	Acts 6:1-7
July 21 - Facing Opposition .....	Acts 6:8-15
July 22 - God With Us .....	Acts 7:1-16
July 23 - Desperate .....	Psalm 70

**Book Bag Bash Sunday, August 6th** – The 2017 Book Bag Bash will be held from 4PM to 6PM. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for cookie donations and for volunteers needed to help that Sunday afternoon. The Evangelism Committee is asking for financial donations only this year. Just mark checks or envelopes with "BBB" – \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100 . . . any and all donations will be greatly appreciated!

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

*We provide these lesson summaries to help parents talk with their children about the faith!*

**Pre-K Class:** The whole month of July we will be learning about the Ten Commandments! Ask us which one we talked about this week!

**Faith Builders:** This week's lesson focus was on "Fish Stories" of the Bible, specifically reading Luke 5:1-11 and the calling of the first disciples. Why did Jesus say they would be "fishers of men?"

**Confirmation:** Sometimes we talk about life on earth as if it is about relationships rather than possessions, and then we talk about heaven as if it is about the possessions we're rewarded for not being concerned with possessions while on earth. Take a minute to read 1 Thess. 2:17-20 and note how Paul is talking about the Thessalonians. They are his joy now and his reward later. Heaven is going to be a place where we see even more clearly that people > possessions.

**Senior High Sunday School:** We talked about "real" and "fake" worship and how we can tell the difference according to various passages in Scripture that contrast these two types of worship. What does "real" worship look like? How can you offer "real" worship to God this week?

## WEEK OF JULY 16TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service - Sacrament of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Faith Builders - Kindergarten through 6th Grade (Chapel)
	9:15AM	Women's Sunday School Class (Upstairs Classroom)
	10:30AM	Worship Service - Sacrament of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	1:00PM	Depart for Bair Lake Bible Camp (Participating Confirmands)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	1:00PM	Worship Planning (Nursery)
	2:00PM	Pastors Meeting (Pastor Erich's Office)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tues	6:30AM	Women's Summer Small Group (Carol Ann's Cafe)
		Review First 3 Chapters of Connecting with Friends More Purposefully
	9:15AM	Bible Study - Acts 5 (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - St. Peter's Catholic Church Hosting (Parish Hall)
Wed	7:00PM	Back Bay Mission Trips - Informational Presentation (Chapel)
	7:00PM	SYF Photo Scavenger Hunt (Meet in Youth Room)
Sat	12:30PM	Bair Lake Bible Camp Ends
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
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	9:15AM	Faith Builders - Kindergarten through 6th Grade (Chapel)
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	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**Next Sunday - July 23 - Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

Sermon - "We Are Called by God to Serve" by Pastor Erich Christman; Scripture - John 13:1-17

## **Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:**

- † Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for deepening relationship with one of their neighbors and others; for opportunities to result in deeper conversations. Praise God that their return to the island has seen the start of new relationships!
- † Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Michigan – pray for discernment and resources as Reliant prepares for the next year of ministry, that they would discern God's plans for their ministries and be able to staff those ministries to create relationships with students.
- † Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru – pray for accelerated connections with new partners, who will send them to campus this fall; for day to day courageous and vision driven steps of faith, praising God for all he has provided so far in their preparations to serve.
- † Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray as we make more connections with university students, for four who have shown interest in being baptized, for Brazil as the political situation is a mess, that they'll be bold sharing the Gospel and gracious in presenting and representing it, and for Tony to find relief from suffering with a pinched nerve in his neck/back.
- † Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – continual prayers for the events and conversations they engage in to create relationships, for support of their ministry, for new housing and school.
- † China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for the family who moved from North Carolina to China in June as they assume some of the responsibilities of gathering and sharing information and reaching out to Chinese families who have children with brittle bones disease. Pray for Cheryl, making a second trip to China this summer, sometime before school starts.
- † Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at The Ohio State Univ. – pray for students, that they will invest in knowing Jesus deeper; for Whitney as she continues to learn the balance of working for two non-profits; for others to join their team; pray for victims and survivors of sex-trafficking.
- † Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – after serving for two years in Brazil, they are transitioning back to campus ministry, so pray for their getting settled in, their support raising and their start up with directing partnership ministries with Brazil and on campus.
- † Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – pray for their evangelism efforts in starting a devotional time with their Dominican construction workers, a crew of 27 who do not know Christ; pray for the two students whose fathers have died in the past six weeks; praise God for the completion of their multi-use building, which on Friday's will hold their chapel service each Friday.
- † India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray for the U.S. college students participating in the experiential summer course, that they'll gain a greater understanding of world health issues and a deepening of faith in Christ.
- † Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – praise the Lord for this oasis of life and faith in a region of struggle; pray for the continued resources to house, feed, teach and disciple each child; pray for the home's staff as they tend to the many day to day needs.
- † Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Toledo – pray for discernment and resources as Reliant prepares for the next year of ministry, that they would discern God's plans for their ministries and be able to staff those ministries to create relationships with students.

# *July Mission-A-Month – Shepherd's Circle*

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of July 10, 2017 - \$484,689.67

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

- Sharon VonDeylen, recovering from surgery at Parkview Medical Center in Fort Wayne.
- Bob and Connie Bostelman, as both are dealing with health issues.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, doing very well in his cancer 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.
- Kyle Stuckey, stationed at Fort Bennington, Georgia for boot camp and basic training.
- Kollin Woolace, stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.
- All our home bound and care center residents.

## **Today's Worship Servants**

Acolytes	(8:00) Braden Eichler	(10:30) Emily Walker
Ushers	(Head) Greg Walker	
	(8:00) John Graber & Kevin Neuenschwander	
	(10:30) Brad & Susie Enderle, Jack & Barb Stover	
Greeters	(10:30) Nancy Ries, Kent & Shiela Short, Phyllis Swietzer	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Ryan & Jill Holdgreve	(July 23) Gregg & Annika Johnson
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Tom Hines	
Worship Leader	(Both) Jan Lindsay	
Song Leader	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Accompanist	(Both) Deb Schnitkey	

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