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



SYF Easter Morning

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! First Sunday after Easter

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer

Deuteronomy 4:39-40 (p. 176)

Prelude

Emma Nafziger

“Your Grace is Enough”

†Call to Worship

Leader: On the cross we see God’s justice and love meet.

People: Jesus, thank you for dying for us that our sins might be forgiven!

All: Jesus, thank you for rising again that we too might have hope of new life!

†(8:00) Hymn of Praise #297

“I Love to Tell the Story”

(8:00) Reception of New Members

Opening Sentences and Scripture Reading

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed (inside back cover, red hymnal)

Vows of Membership

Congregational Response: *As you join the membership of this congregation, we promise you our friendship and prayers as we share in 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 our Risen Lord. Welcome to our fellowship!*

(8:00) Hymn Response #287

“Our God Has Made Us One”

†(10:30) Praise Songs

“Jesus Messiah”

“Let the Praises Ring”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Hymn of Preparation #275

“How Firm a Foundation”

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13 (1178-1179)

Sermon

“A Savior Worthy of Our Faithfulness”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“More Than Wonderful”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn #516

“He’s Everything to Me”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song #282

“The Family of God”

†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.

Getting to Know St. John's:

People interested in learning about St. John's Christian Church are invited to gather in Pastor Erich's office on April 15th, from 9:15am to 10:15am. Conversations will be about the beliefs, ministries and history of the congregation.

St. John's Christian Preschool

A learning, Christian ministry geared for children 3-5 years of age. Four sessions offered: Tues./Thurs. mornings and afternoons, and Mon./Wed./Fri. mornings and afternoons; and run from September through 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:

Congregational Prayer – God, we profess to worship you in church, but with the challenges of our daily lives and the pressure of others, we're often tempted to let convenience and peer acceptance shape how we live, instead of faithfulness to you. May we be inspired to live for you by the Father's love for us, Jesus' example before us, and the Spirit's power within us. Amen.

Archbold Fish Pantry Fundraiser: If you like to eat chicken, or are interested in supporting the Fish Pantry, see Pastor Alex today to buy BBQ chicken from Brookview. The pre-purchased chicken will be available for pickup at the Fish Pantry (1309 S. Defiance Street) on Friday, April 20th from 3:30-6:00pm

April Mission-A-Month – Foods Resource Bank

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

Faith Village: We began a unit today entitled "Self-Control". The story is about Daniel and his friends and is found in Daniel 1:1-16. What did the king want Daniel to eat? What did God want Daniel to eat? What did Daniel do?

LOGOS:

Preschool/Kindergarten: This week we focused on Elijah and the Widow in 1 Kings 17:8-16. After listening to the bible story, we tried to understand how the widow might have felt, and just how strong her faith was. We finished up the night with some games in the Parish Hall and a snack. It was a great first week back.

Second Grade: In LOGOS this week, the second grade talked about how Jesus commissioned his followers and what that means. They also worked on memorizing Matthew 28:19-20.

Third Grade: We learned about King Saul in 1 Samuel 8-15 and how he did what he wanted and disobeyed God, then made excuses about it. We discussed how we should always obey God, as he knows what is best for us.

SYF: This past week, we walked the halls of Pettisville School, praying for it to be a place of safety and inclusion and learning and love for students, teachers, and administrators. Next week Life Planning will be helping out with various projects around the church.

SHSS: This month (4/8-4/29), Rachel Kinsman will be leading her last unit as one of our Senior High Sunday School teachers. She's been serving in this role for several years, and we're grateful for her dedication in serving our students and helping them grow in their faith. This month, we'll be discussing "Life After High School" and we have several guests joining the class to lend their perspective and share their experiences of navigating the transitions of college, work, dormitories and apartments while following Jesus in new stages of life.

NEW Sunday Morning Opportunity: "Connections"

Looking for a way to plug in during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15) on Sunday mornings? Today, we started a new fellowship time called "Connections" in the Parish Hall. The plan is to cover different discussion topics each week, so that volunteers for Faith Village can plug in whenever they're not serving our children's ministries. Plan to check it out, whether you're interested in growing in your faith, connecting with others, or even if you're just interested in free food!



"Are you ready to be rescued by Jesus?"

Shipwrecked VBS is coming June 17-21st from 6:00-8:30pm! Mark your calendars! Online registration begins today! We would love for you to join in on the "God rescuing FUN!" Please be in prayer about helping out with VBS this year. A sign up sheet is posted outside of the Chapel. We need you! It takes a village to make a VBS strong and powerful! Please see Sarah Nafziger, Amy Baden, Mindy Gruenhagen or Carrie Nofziger, if interested.

WEEK OF April 15th AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Young Adults (Dan Stuckey's)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	4:00PM	Budget & Stewardship (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	Brazil Orientation (Pastor Erich's Office)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	11:00AM	Fairlawn Worship (Pastor Erich, Elaine and Kelly Leading)
	4:00PM	Laundry Buddy Ministry
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Zion Mennonite Church)
Wed	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	9:00AM	Bible Study at West Haven
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal - Mother Goose Night
	6:45PM	Hand Chimes (Choir Room); Hand Bells (Chancel)
	6:45PM	JYF (Fireside)
	7:00PM	SYF Remix (Youth Room)
Thurs	7:00PM	Life Planning (Chapel)
	7:30PM	Presentation Practice
	6:30PM	Preschool Dad's Night - MWF AM (Preschool Room/Chapel)
	7:00PM	Evangelism Committee (Fireside Room)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
	8:00AM	Mindful Movement (Parish Hall)
	4:14PM	Pastor Alex's & Jenny's Wedding
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Next Sunday – April 15th

Sermon – “Using the Right Measure” by Pastor Erich Christman

Discovery Daily Devotional Guides – The Apr/May/June Discovery Daily Bible Guides are available in the literature rack outside the Associate Pastor's office (suggested donation \$ each). You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20ReadingDiscovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

April 9 - A Sign to Remember	Exodus 12:1-13
April 10 - Pass It On	Exodus 12:14-30
April 11 - Time For a Clean-Up	Exodus 12:31-42
April 12 - Obedient Hearts	Exodus 12:43-51
April 13 - Festival Time!	Exodus 13:1-16
April 14 - Guided by God	Exodus 13:17-22
April 15 - Forgiven, Redeemed	Psalm 103

COVERING OUR SCHOOLS IN PRAYER

With faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; nothing will be impossible for you.’ (Mt. 17:20)

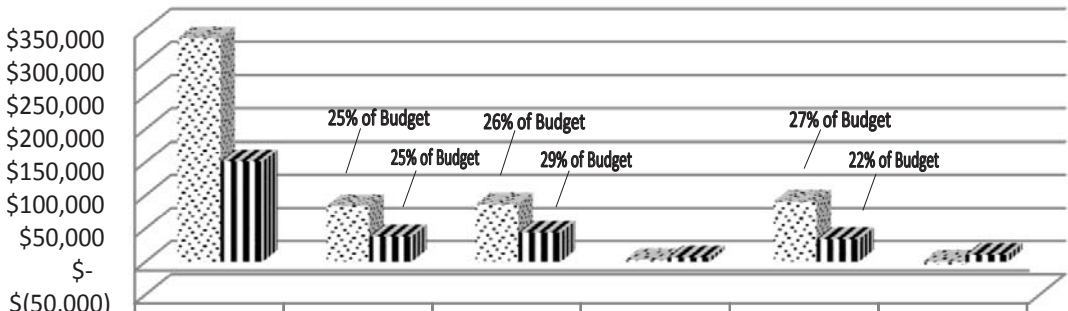
Community members have gathered for times of prayer at area schools – to date prayer walks have been held at Archbold, Hilltop, Pettisville and Stryker. Efforts are underway to schedule prayer walks at Bryan, Delta, Evergreen, Tinora, Wauseon and other four county districts. The plan is to cover our schools with prayer to end the hurt and brokenness that culminates into verbal, emotional and physical violence.

Beyond these prayer walks, everyone is encouraged to be in prayer for our schools each and every day. Monthly prayer walks at local districts are also being considered.

Threats of violence and acts of violence on and in our schools is a mountain that needs to be moved. Area pastors are calling on people of faith to pray with the purpose of moving this mountain.

- Pray for students, teachers, and staff for safety as well as compassion for one another.
- Pray for people of faith to engage their neighbors and end the loneliness and isolation that ends in hurt and brokenness.
- Pray to “Move this mountain of violence, open our eyes and open our hearts for the hurting.”
- Pray to send “laborers to help us with the harvest,” for helpers to help us with the broken and hurting young people in our midst.

2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of April 2, 2018



	2018 Budget	2018 Budget % of year (13/52 wks)	2018 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2018 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$336,000	\$84,000.00	\$86,336	\$2,336	\$90,926	\$(4,590)
Missions	\$150,800	\$37,700	\$43,625	\$5,925	\$33,589	\$10,036

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of April 2, 2018 - \$589,368.69

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for their two newer team members, for a short-term worker, and the whole team as they plan for the upcoming months and years. Pray that those seeking would find, pray that being peacemakers will bring others to the truth.
- ✠ Akron – David Hench – Reliant at Akron U – pray for fruit to continue to come from recent student retreats, pray for the final \$425 to come in for his monthly goal, and for his fiancée, Blair, as she takes her nursing boards and moves to Akron.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at U of Michigan – continue to pray for their h20 church plant team at Western Michigan University, that it would thrive and grow in unity, and for upcoming spring break ministry experiences.
- ✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – pray for upcoming spring break experiences, for their small groups to go deeper into God’s Word, and for further support.
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray for Linda Heer, Mark Nofziger, Crissi Stuckey, Brenda Kaszer and Pastor Erich as they prepare for their time in late April to visit with Tony & Leila.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – Please pray for God to go before us in our new neighborhood, that we might encounter people of peace who are welcoming, willing to open their households, and ready to listen and pass it on. Pray for our kids to make fast friends in the area. Pray for openness in our Afghani friends’ hearts, to look into the Scriptures while we assist them in assimilating into life in the U.S. Pray for God’s provision of finances.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House (AFLH) – pray for their search for children who can benefit from their ministry and physical therapy, thanking God for the Bison’s, the new family serving as managers of the foster home.
- ✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at Ohio State & She Has A Name (SHAN) – pray for their efforts to plant an h2o church at Indiana University, and for the Night of Jubilee of prayer and worship in April, and for her mentoring of college students.
- ✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – pray for them as they continue to discover avenues of ministry as they disciple students and share the Gospel.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International – pray for God’s continual lead and provision as they befriend and disciple people living in poverty and a culture of superstitions; pray for them as they make plans for their first furlough back to the US in July.
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray that their staff continue to be led by the Spirit in their never ending efforts of caring for the villages they relate to.
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children’s Home – Catherine Kitonde, an alumni of KCH and past guest at SJCC, represented Kenya at a science forum in South Africa in December. She participated in discussing issues facing Africa’s transformative research, innovation, leadership and development, and the role of governments and international organizations. As a Kenya Award Fellow, she represented Kenya fully during discussions about the growth and development in Africa. Pray that God continues to guide KCH in their ministry as they transform the lives of orphans!
- ✠ Toledo – Reliant Mission at U of Toledo – pray for follow up efforts to their February retreats, that much fruit will come from their networking efforts.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Director of Music Ministry – search efforts to date have resulted in no prospects; please be praying for God to lead the right person to us, and for us to recognize the Lord's candidate.
- Worship Accompanists – a second round of advertising has resulted in no responses; please pray that God leads interested pianists and organists to us!
- Mary Zimmerman, who has finished her radiation treatments and now waits a few weeks until her MRI, to confirm the last of the tumor is gone.
- Pauline Short, in hospice care at Fairlawn, room #113.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Afghanistan (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in Guam (Son of Keith & Kelli).
- Eric Magg, stationed in Ketchikan, Alaska (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Donny Richardson, stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Steve Schink, at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer).
- AJ Short, stationed in Japan (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Kyle Stuckey, Killeen, Texas (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kollin Woolace, stationed in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Grandson of Larry & Melva).
- All our home bound and care center residents, and all our students.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00)	Braden Eichler	(10:30)	Carly Grime
Ushers	(Head)	Brad & Avery Roth		
	(8:00)	Brent Winzeler		
	(10:30)	Scott & JoAnn Short, Steve & Kim Walker		
Nursery Staff	(10:30)	Lucas & Lindy Lantz	(April 15)	Jan Martinez
Sound Tech	(8:00)	Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30)	James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30)	Dean Sauder		
Computer Tech	(Both)	Kelly Ducey		
Song Leader	(Both)	Ed Ruffer		
Worship Leader	(Both)	Ed Ruffer		
Children's Moment	(10:30)	Deb Kauffman		

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