

The Visitor

prayer concerns

A monthly Newsletter for St. John's Christian Church
Family and Friends

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Please Pray For:

- Kent & Shiela Short, and family, upon the death of Kent's mother, Pauline Short, who died on May 27th, at the age of 98. Services were held at the Fairlawn Chapel on May 31st.
- Doris Rupp, who started in Rehab at Fairlawn on May 23 due to severe back pain
- Jean & Lenny Stamm, as Lenny was hospitalized in Toledo for two days the week of May 21st.
- Beverly Beaverson, who was released from Rupp Rehab on May 26th following a fall.
- Terry Tangeman, Back Bay Mission volunteer from NW Ohio, who was in a car accident in mid-May and remains hospitalized, unconscious and on a respirator. Pray for him and his wife, Jeanette.
- Lois Heer, who is in hospice care at Fairlawn, room #122.
- Mary Zimmerman, whose MRI results were clear, showing the tumor was all gone from near her brain. Praise the Lord!
- Leah Nafziger, daughter of Eric & Sarah, who had surgery on one of her fingers, inserting two pins in it, and who will need to take it easy for a few more weeks.
- Barb Sigg, who has returned home following a time at Rupp Rehab, following a fall at home.
- Morgan Ducey and Kyle Culbertson, who were married on May 18th in New Albany, Ohio. The Culbertson's are living in St. Louis. The ceremony was conducted by Pastor Adam Just.
- Savannah Gallant and Kyle Woolace, who were married on May 19th in the St. John's sanctuary, with Pastor Erich officiating. Kyle is the grandson of Larry & Melva Woolace.
- Director of Music, praying for God to lead the right person to us, and for us to recognize her/him.
- Worship Accompanists – pray that God leads interested pianists and organists to us!



Please continue to remember all of our brothers and sisters in the armed forces, praying for their safety.

Please consider sending these people cards letting them know that we continue to lift them up to God in prayer, that He will guide, comfort and sustain them through these times.

Home Bound/Care Facility Residents

Cards, phone calls and visits to our home bound would be a wonderful blessing:



Fairlawn Haven, 407 E. Lutz Rd., Archbold, 43502

Florence Augustine, Room #113
David Lightner, Room 138
Esther Rice, Room #116
Cathy Spiess, #153
Carolyn Walker, Room #399 (Memory Care Unit)
Maurice Schmucker, Room #172
Lois Heer, Room #122
Josephine Short, Room #120

Fairlawn Asst. Living, 500 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502

Jane Short, Room #208

Wyse Commons, 550 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502
Wayne & Susanne Spiess, Apt. #309

Independent Living, 600 Haven Dr., Archbold, 43502
Rosemarie Schmidt, Apt. #112
William and Donna Buehrer, Apt. #107

Fulton Manor, 723 S. Shoop Ave., Wauseon, 43567
Robert Kuntz, Room #225-2
Bernice Rice, Room #224-2
Pauline Zimmerman, Room #505
Joanne Spotts, Room #113

Northcrest, 240 Northcrest Dr., Napoleon, 43545
Irene Short, Room #100

Swanton Valley Center, 401 Airport Hwy., Swanton, 43558
Marlene Nofziger, Room #311B (Memory Support Unit)

pastor's letter

The city of Corinth was refounded in 44 BC by Julius Caesar as a Roman colony. Its location made it a valuable trade port, and the city soon began to thrive financially. Following the money came many people, and many vices as well, so that Corinth earned an infamous reputation (akin to Las Vegas today). Could the church of Jesus Christ take root in such a wild and immoral city? Yes, even as it took root in the life of the Apostle Paul, who describes himself as the worst of sinners: "But for this very reason I was shown mercy, so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display His perfect patience, as an example to those who would believe in Him for eternal life" (1 Timothy 1:16). If God could save Paul, who was hell-bent on destroying the church of Jesus Christ, then he can save anyone. Likewise, if the gospel could impact the Corinthians, then the gospel can impact anyone.

This month we will begin studying Paul's first letter to the believers in Corinth in our sermons. You can read a little about this church's origin in Acts 18, when Paul spent 18 months (Acts 18:11) preaching the gospel to unbelievers, planting this church, and discipling its new believers. While in Ephesus, Paul hears reports that the Corinthian Christians are living more like Corinthians than Christians. That is to say, their beliefs and relationships are being shaped more by their culture's values and what everyone else is saying and doing, than by their new identity in Christ and by their role in his family. Paul addresses various concerns he hears about in this letter, written between 53-55 AD. Although the specifics may change from culture to culture, Paul's message about our identity in Christ remains as relevant as ever.

In addition to joining us in this sermon series through Corinthians, this month I invite you to join in praying for the missions of our church. June is always a busy month for our church's outreach efforts, as we host VBS so that our children and our children's friends and other children from our community might hear and grow in the gospel; as we send our youth to serve a young church plant and aid in their witness to their neighborhood; and as we send a team to help build homes for families in need.

"Father, let the gospel take root in our hearts, and in the hearts of our children and youth. Yet faith blossom like a beautiful flower in us, bearing the fruit of love and good deeds. May we honor you in everything, and serve so that others might know the delight of your all-surpassing love. Bless the ministries of our church as they serve these causes. In Christ's name, amen."



congregational thank you's

On behalf of the Archbold Prom Committee, we would like to thank St. John's Christian Church for allowing us to use the Gaga ball game equipment for the Archbold Prom. It was a much used game during the after prom on Saturday, the 5th of May.

Thank you,
Tim Beck



I would like to thank my church family for all of the support and prayers throughout my confirmation. Thanks for the gifts and cards. I also want to thank Pastor Erich and Pastor Alex for teaching me more about God and having fun activities for confirmation class. I would also like to thank the JYF leaders for the t-shirt and making Wednesday nights fun and meaningful. Thanks again!

Love,
Bryce Beltz

congregational news

We would like to thank you all for the prayers, cards, visits, and thoughts during Mom's illness and passing. We would also like to thank Pastor Erich for his visits and comforting words and prayers. Mom was at peace and so are we knowing she is Heaven, healed and no longer ill and suffering. We are truly blessed to have just a wonderful family at St. John's. Blessings to you all.

-Dean, Brian, Chris, Regina Beck & Beth Beck Manausa.

preschool corner

Preschool is officially over for the summer, but we have lots of happy, fun memories to take with us! We made new friends, learned about God, and had special nights with parents and grandparents. Have a great summer and we can't wait to bring our cheerful smiles back in the fall!



The cap fits perfectly!



Enjoying the day with our Grandparents and getting ready for Graduation.



Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

mission corner



June Mission-A-Month

Outback Youth Center Mission

The Outback Youth Center Mission is to provide Archbold area youth (middle school thru high school) with a positive non-denominational Christian based atmosphere free of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, and other problems which face our youth today. While the Outback is located in Archbold, they have welcomed youth from all over Northwest Ohio. There are many calendar events throughout the year that provide youth with a message, fun games, activities and food. The Outback has partnered with area youth leaders and other ministries to keep the community involved with what the Outback is doing. You will be able to find The Outback Youth Center on Facebook and the web at www.theoutbackyouth.webs.com.

St. John's offers several experiences for people to deepen the depth of their Christian faith while sharing the love and light of Christ with others. Upcoming opportunities to engage in such efforts include:

- SYF Summer Mission Trip June 4 – 10
- Summer Mission Trip – June 10 – 15
- Book Bag Bash – August 5
- TGRM Chapel & Meal – September 9
- Cherry Street Mission Ministry Fall Banquet – September 27
- Back Bay Mission Trip – October 6 – 13
- TGRM Chapel & Meal – November 18
- Christmas Cheer Hospitality – December

Church Camp Scholarships - Funds are available to help with sending children and youth to a Christian church camp experience this summer. Monies from the Mission Fund are available to pay up to 50% of a week's camping fee. Parents should contact the church office for the camp scholarship form.

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April, 2018

Every Child Deserves Hope

We are Kajiado Children's Home. A place far away, easy to ignore, and perhaps never think about? But then someone does. Someone who sees that behind the veneer of the unknown is something that looks strangely familiar. Someone who sees these children. Sees it in their eyes, and on their faces, and in their potential. What they see is hope through a deep love for Jesus Christ.

We are thankful to St Johns Church for your support of Kajiado Children's Home. Your gift to repair the greenhouse cover and in support of the home is very much appreciated. Every child deserves to find their hope through Jesus Christ as their Savior. Every child matters, despite their geographical location, situation and lack of ability to help themselves. We are about more than just helping a child have food, although that is essential. This effort is about more than just helping a few kids survive. It is taking the whole "it takes a village to raise a child" thing seriously, and commands that we all find our village to bring hope to our children, to make sure that they are fully alive, that they thrive. And working together, we bring our hope and our faith and join ours with theirs in Kajiado.

We can't save all the children. Or can we? Your help provides children with love and spiritual development in an environment that provides education and medical care. As one of our sponsors recently shared after participating in a mission trip there:

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"I knew that by going there, I would experience life in a third world country. What I did not know was how I would experience God through all of the children in Kajiado's Children's Home. I did not realize that I would see such genuine kindness, love, compassion for one another, and true happiness in an orphanage. I didn't think it could be possible for children who have lost both of their parents to a horrible disease to actually find themselves in such a beautiful situation – to not only embrace it but appreciate and love it."

Kajiado Children's Home – a place where the love of St John's Church is known and appreciated. Thank you for your continued love and support. It is crucial to the continued success of meeting the needs of these children and raising a generation who share their love of God with others. Are you ready to experience the love of God on a very special level, through the faith of a child? For a personal relationship through sponsorship and/or visiting the home with a mission team in 2019? For more information or a copy of our annual report, please contact us at hope4kajiado@gmail.com or visit our website at www.hope4kajiado.org.

Summer Mission Trip

As of printing time for this issue of the Visitor, nine people have signed up for this annual trip to Sawyer, Michigan and Michigan City, Indiana. The word from LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity is that the group will frame the exterior and interior walls of the home, and depending upon how that goes, they could set the roof trusses! The group will leave the afternoon of Sunday, June 10th for Tower Hill Church Camp, work Monday through Friday, and return to Archbold on the afternoon of Friday, June 15th.

Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- World Team, (The Franks) for our gift of \$2000.00.
- CRU (The Waanders & The McMahans), for our gift of \$1040.
- Altlink, (The Langsdorfs) for our gift of \$1090.
- Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$120.00.
- Reliant, (David Hench, Whitney Varnau, Kyle Chase & Matt & MaryLynn Pardi) for our gift of \$2000.00.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$70.00.
- Mighty in the Land, for our gift of \$75.00.



“Imagine Your Faith Building” Pocket Change Challenge
From Memorial Day to Labor Day
How much change can be turned in?

What happens to your pocket change?

- 1) It gets lost in the cushions of your easy chair.
- 2) It ends up on the pavement when you get out of your car.
- 3) You give it to your kids/grandkids for their sweet tooth.
- 4) **It goes in the coin bank for the Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign!**

Imagine if every household of our congregation committed to throwing their pocket change into a coin bank at the end of every day, for 90 days! Get your Coin Cup today!

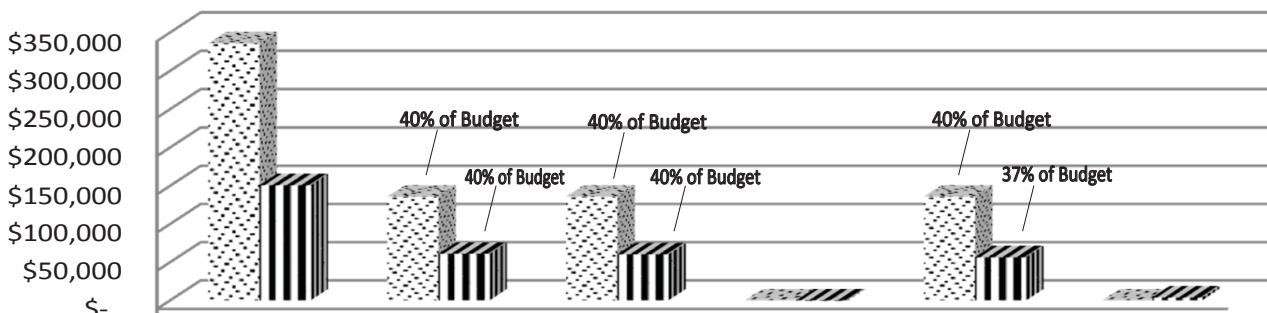


There are 97 days between Memorial Day and Labor Day. There are 272 Giving Units in the Congregation. The numbers add up like this:

Households	\$0.25/Day	\$0.50/Day	\$1/Day	\$1.50/Day	\$2/Day
50	\$1,212.50	\$2,425.00	\$4,850.00	\$7,275.00	\$9,700.00
100	\$2,425.00	\$4,850.00	\$9,700.00	\$14,550.00	\$19,400.00
150	\$3,637.50	\$7,275.00	\$14,550.00	\$21,825.00	\$29,100.00
200	\$4,850.00	\$9,700.00	\$19,400.00	\$29,100.00	\$38,800.00
250	\$6,062.50	\$12,125.00	\$24,250.00	\$36,375.00	\$48,500.00

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2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of May 29, 2018



	2018 Budget	2018 Budget % of year (21/52 wks)	2018 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2018 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$336,000	\$135,692.31	\$135,813	\$121	\$135,717	\$96
Missions	\$150,800	\$60,900	\$60,314	\$(586)	\$56,465	\$3,849

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of May 29, 2018 - \$598,055.01

Missionary Contact/Prayer Request Information:



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ministry happenings

Christian Education

Mid-Week Youth Ministries:

SHSS: Thank you again to Rachel Kinsman and Dave and Paige Miller for their faithful service as our teachers! During the summer months, Pastor Alex and new volunteers Ryan and Devin Bernath will be working together to plan our Sunday School for the fall. In the meantime, we'd encourage youth to attend the new "Connection" group in the gym, which fellowships over breakfast, discusses how our faith shapes our lives in view of current events and other topics of faith. The "Connections" group is designed also for fostering new relationships amongst our church family, so come and get to know more of the people of our church.

SYF

SYF and Life Planning are taking a break for the summer and will resume in August. Be praying for our team traveling to Chicago for our youth mission trip!

SYF Mission Trip

On Monday, June 4, a team of 12 will be setting out from our church on a mission trip to Chicago. The team will be assisting a young church plant (Living Hope Church) with light construction projects around the church, and holding a special outreach event for local youth. The team will also be helping the church prepare for its upcoming six week summer program for kids, by organizing materials, general cleaning, and by going through the neighborhood and sharing about this opportunity. In addition to serving, the team will also be learning about the history of Chicago, and issues of race and justice, and mercy and grace. The team will return on Sunday, June 10. Please be in prayer for our team, for our safety and unity, growth and ministry. Participants include: Ryan Christman, Darby Stevens, Alex Young, and students Devin Beltz, Emily Hines, Leah Miller, Joshua Richardson, David Richardson, Yohanna Richardson, Callie Rohrs, Kylie Sauder, and Kelsey Wyse.



Shipwrecked VBS is coming June 17-21st from 6:00-8:30pm! There is still time to register online @ www.stjohnsarchbold.org or on our Facebook page.

ministry happenings

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Events/Activities:

The Women's Sunday School Class is a very lively discussion group with gals from the ages of 18 to 80! All women are welcome to the group which will meet in the Preschool Classroom for the summer. June 3rd we will begin a biblical study and discussion of "A Voice in the Wind" by Francine Rivers. If you would like further information, feel free to call Jan Martinez at 419-799-1457.

Short Term Volunteer Opportunities at St. John's

Here are five ways people could really help the church staff in getting some annual items taken care of in the next month or two – if you are interested, contact Pastor Erich and he'll be glad to explain and show what he has in mind!

- **Confirmation Pictures** – we are looking for one or two people to help us organize past pictures of our confirmation classes – sorting pictures, inserting in frames, researching names, adding name labels to each picture, etc. The intent is to create a display of all these pictures. Interested?
- **Storage Room Organization** – two people are needed to help organize the storage room off of the Fireside Room. Tasks include finishing the work of organizing historical records in five filing cabinets, which was begun by Darby Stevens over her winter break from college; sorting through historical books and memorabilia; moving our medical equipment available for use to the storage building, and organizing the kitchen supplies. Interested?
- **Attic Organization** – two people to work at finalizing the storage of our Christmas decorations – getting our evergreens under plastic, labeling boxes, etc. Interested?
- **Storage Building Organization** – folks to work with Pastor Erich to clear out unneeded items, build some special shelving for sound equipment, seasonal equipment, etc. A couple of Saturdays or a few evenings in the warmer months. Interested?
- **Organizing Pictures Saved on Computers** – sitting at a computer, opening up unnamed pictures, identifying pictures, and naming/renaming them; as well as organizing the extensive library of our digital photos. Interested?

small groups

Young Adult Ministry

We've rescheduled our photo scavenger hunt for June 10th. Additionally, at 6pm on June 24th (at Dan Stuckey's house) we are kicking off a new series on "Adulting" for this group of singles, ages 18-30. We'll be talking about navigating life as young adult Christians, talking about jobs and careers, and single-ness and dating, and faith and following God.

Connections

Looking for a new way to connect? Connections is a new time for folks to connect with each other and with God during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15) on Sunday mornings in the gym. Enjoy various breakfast foods, get to know others from our church, and participate in casual conversations about faith and life.

Men's Ministry

Prayer Breakfast

This month's prayer breakfast is on Saturday, June 9 at 7:40am. After eating together, we'll discuss a brief devotion on Galatians 6:9 ("And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up"), and spend time in prayer for each other and our church.

Stephen Ministry

Pastor Alex, and Jim and Betsy Redd have been approved by our church leadership to serve as our "Stephen Leaders". They will attend a weeklong training event in early August and will bring back what they've learned to equip volunteers in our church to serve as "Stephen Ministers". After 50 hours of training, Stephen Ministers will be paired with one "care receiver" (a person going through a hard time (job/financial challenges, family/relational issues, health or spiritual difficulties)). Stephen Ministers will meet with their care receivers an hour each week, to embody Christ's love by being a listening and caring and consistent presence in their care receiver's life.

The Walk-In Assistance Fund enables our pastors to offer tangible support to those in our community who have hit hard times and turn to the church for help. One gentleman recently received financial support from St. John's and wanted to make sure our congregation was thanked for their generosity. Our pastors thank you too, because you enable us to minister not just in word, but in deed too!

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00 & 10:30AM Worship 9:15AM SS/Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation		Mission-A-Month— Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission (TGRM)	Elder of the Month— TBD		1	2 9:00AM Private Party (Parish Hall)
3 Alex on Vacation 11:45AM Summer Mis- sion Trip Mtg. 6:00PM Seekers (Short's Pond)	4 SYF Mission Trip 11:00AM Staff Meeting	5 SYF Mission Trip 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Capital Campaign	6 SYF Mission Trip	7 SYF Mission Trip 7:00PM Mission Comm.	8 SYF Mission Trip	9 SYF Mission Trip 7:40AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
10 SYF Mission Trip Summer Mission Trip 12:00PM Forerunners luncheon (Parish Hall) 6:00PM Young Adult Scavenger Hunt	11 Summer Mission Trip 11:00AM Staff Meeting	12 Summer Mission Trip 9:15AM Bible Study 4:00PM Laundry Buddy 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Property Comm.	13 Summer Mission Trip 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 7:00PM Life Planning	14 Flag Day Summer Mission Trip 7:00PM Evangelism Committee	15 Summer Mission Trip	16
17 Father's Day 6:00PM VBS	18 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:00PM VBS 6:15PM Spiritual Council 7:30PM Consistory	19 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 6:00PM VBS	20 6:00PM VBS 7:30PM Chancel Choir	21 Christman Reunion 6:00PM VBS	22 Christman Reun- ion	23 Christman Reun- ion
24 Christman Reunion 6:00PM Young Adult Ministry	25 Christman Reunion 11:00AM Staff Meeting	26 9:15AM Bible Study 4:00PM Laundry Buddy 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion)	27 9:00AM W. Haven Bible Study 7:30PM Chancel Choir	28	29	30

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 Adam Walker | 16 Jed & Jen Grime, Jon & Jan Lindsay, Sarah Nafziger |
| 2 Carly Grime | 17 Ralph & Bonnie Grieser, Rod & Pat Wyse |
| 3 Joan Grieser, Dale & Ann Grime, Kyle Walker | 18 Tom Hines, Eyan Krukowski, Kenny Nafziger, Chris Neuenschwander |
| 5 AJ Genter, Brian Roth, Cahle Roth, Jim & Mary Silcox | 19 Dave & Mary Augustine, Roger Beck, Duane & Linda Hayes, Ben Johnston |
| 6 Joe & Sheryl Short | 20 Ethan Krukowski, Brian & Lynne Roth |
| 9 Jeremy & Jen Hurst, Kim S. Walker | 21 Chris & Amy Baden, Lois Keith, Gary & Judy Sears |
| 10 Betsy Ducey, Sue MacDonald | 22 Kevin & Coral Melms, Reese Kleck, Delaney Nofziger, Carrie Wooley |
| 11 Keith Kuntz | 24 AJ Short |
| 12 Norm & Ann Fether, Paul & Barb Sigg, David & Crissi Stuckey | 26 Lucas & Lindy Lantz |
| 13 Arlene Grime, Doug & Nancy Rupp, Kyle & Jenna Storrer | 28 Maurice Schmucker, Dawn Smith |
| 14 Neil Buehrer, Nate & Tara Meyer, Paige Miller, Pauline Zimmerman | 29 Morgan Culbertson, Mike Evans, Tony & Sue MacDonald |
| 15 Ali Genter, Dan Light, Cherie Shepard, Ed Wyrick | 30 Larry & Mel Woolace, Dan & Jan Martinez |

worship



June 3rd Scriptures – Colossians 1, Psalm 146
Sermon – “Faith Towards Heaven” – Pastor Erich
Mission Moment – Eliot Nofziger, with Youth for Christ and The Outback
SYF Mission Trip Blessing
10:30am – The Chancel Choir will be singing three of their favorites!
“With God Nothing Is Impossible”
“More Precious / I Stand in Awe”
“He Never Failed Me Yet”

June 10th Scriptures – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, Isaiah 64:1-9
Sermon – “A Community Called by God” – Pastor Erich
Summer Mission Trip Blessing
Special Music

June 17th Father’s Day!
Scriptures – 1 Corinthians 1:10-17, Psalm 27:1, 4-9
Sermon – “A Call for Unity in the Community” – Pastor Erich
Special Music

June 24th Scriptures – 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 2:5, Psalm 19:7-11
Sermon – “The Foolishness of the Cross” – Pastor Alex
Special Music



Sponsoring Altar Flowers and Worship Bulletins – each Sunday people have an opportunity to sponsor either the Altar Flowers or the Worship Bulletins, or you can sponsor both! Sponsoring either the flowers or bulletins means: 1) you cover the \$20 cost of either item, 2) you may list in the bulletin why you are sponsoring either item (in honor or memory of someone), and 3) you can take the flowers home after the 10:30am service. To sponsor the flowers or bulletins, please contact the church office.

Evangelism Committee Survey

One of the purposes of this church and every church is evangelism, which is sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others. Our church's Evangelism Committee has developed the following survey that we might reflect and brainstorm together about how our church might better reach those outside the church, and better equip us inside the church to grow in our faith and to share the faith with others.

If you have internet access, we would encourage you to complete the survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K6KQ3VF>. If you don't have internet access, hard copies of this survey will be available in the Narthex for you to pick up and complete. The questions of the survey are printed below for your consideration. Thank you for your prayerful participation in this survey!

1. As our pastors strive to apply God's Word to your daily life, what topics would you benefit from hearing more about?
2. What additional topics or groups for Sunday School or small groups would you find beneficial?
3. What additional fellowship opportunities would you like to see implemented?
4. What ideas do you have for an outreach event to which you would be willing to invite your non-Christian friends, family members, neighbors, and co-workers?
5. How can we as members help visitors feel welcomed and regular attendees feel included in the life of our church family?
6. As our church strives to minister to our current members and also reach the next generation, how might we better reach and serve new young families?
7. What do you like best about St. John's?
8. How has St. John's supported you in the past?
9. Would you be willing to share (orally or in print) these and/or other stories of how this church family and your faith in God have added value (peace, hope, joy, love) to your life?

consistory/committees

Consistory Meeting Minute Highlights – May 21, 2018

Committee Reports:

- Capital Campaign Committee – Jeff Rutledge
Work on gathering demographics is still underway. Regarding the possibility of the redirection of funds (Loose Offerings received during worship, which currently has 50% designated towards the operating fund and 50% designated towards the mission fund), with the mission funds being redirected toward the Capital Campaign. Jeff Rutledge moved to keep the offerings the same and make no changes at this time; second to the motion by Betsy Ducey. Motion approved.
- Evangelism Committee – Gloria Lauber
Survey form has been completed and will soon be passed out to the congregation, surveying the congregation to see how we're doing. Some questions are: Are needs being met? What changes can be made to improve our services? The Book Bag Bash is scheduled for August 5th, cash donations will be accepted to be able to purchase certain school supplies designated for certain school ages.
- Farm Operations Committee – Eric Nafziger
The drainage tile project along the south side of Williams County Road C was started a few weeks ago. Cost of \$3,600 will be split with the township and SJCC. The tile will be on the church farm property. Jon Rupp has stepped down as chairman of the committee. A list of names for a new chairman was submitted. No one on the current committee wished to serve as the chairman. Approval of Consistory is necessary. Mark Nofziger moved we pursue the names listed for possible chairman, Gloria Lauber 2nd the motion. Motion approved. Mark will follow up on the list.
- Preschool Board – Ann Fether
Met on May 10th, enrollment is considerably down from this time last year. Currently 34 are enrolled, last year at this time 51 were registered. Advertisements are being made, including on Facebook.

Sue MacDonald has contacted other preschools to see how their enrollment is going. Graduation for the three day classes went well. Children had a great time. Positive comments about the Graduation.

- Mission Committee – Betsy Ducey
 - Altlink (Tom & Megan L) - \$1,000
 - Kyle Chase - \$500
 - Freedom International - \$500
 - Aroles (CRHP) - 2,000
 - Robert & Jenni McMahan - \$500
 - David Hench - \$500
 - Matt & Paige Waanders - \$500
 - Matt Pardi - \$500
 - Tony & Leila Frank - \$2,000
 - Whitney Varnau - \$500
 - Kajiado Children’s Home - \$1,000
 - Pioneers - \$1,000
 - College Scholarships - \$6,000
 - Total Disbursements: \$16,500.00**
- Property Committee – Dean Sauder

Meeting was held on May 8th. Bell tower issue is still being considered for cleaning and painting. Cost of fixing the bells in the bell tower is roughly \$16,000.00. Jeff Rutledge moved to table the bell project to continue researching options for further consideration, 2nd the motion Eric Nafziger. Motion tabled.

Landscaping plans have been pursued and pricing has been received. A walk through with Plants Plus is being scheduled to discuss new landscaping at a lower cost, with maintenance being key.

Bus – failed the highway state patrol inspection. Rear brakes have been fixed, a missing light has been fixed and rotten floor boards will be replaced in the near future. Alternative transportation is being looked into for the Youth Mission Trip.

A question was asked about moving a Sunday school class from an upstairs classroom to a downstairs location due to accessibility issues. Property committee will be investigating options for a possible elevator, or chair lift.

The Property Committee will be formalizing a proposal for several costly items that will be taken to the Congregation for consideration. Items include bell repairs, bell tower maintenance, landscaping, and possible chair lift/ elevator will all be considered at one time for approval by the Congregation.

- Pastor’s Report – Erich Christman
- Church Safety and Security Team – a team of 4-5 folks to address being a safer church. The committee would be putting together and monitoring the protocols of the safety and security aspects of SJCC. Betsy Ducey moved we form a Church safety and Security team, 2nd the motion Jeff Rutledge. Motion approved.
- Ten Year Plan of Ministry – Forming a discernment and planning team. 8-12 members will be considered from a variety of different age groups. Team will need to be approved by Consistory. A list of names were suggested as potential members for this team and given to Consistory. The ten year plan of ministry will bring more direction to all capital campaign projects. Jeff Rutledge moved to approve the planning process of compiling a team of members for the team with the help of both pastors, 2nd the motion, Judy Sears. Motion approved.
- Online Giving – F&M is ending their online giving service effective August 2018. Currently 7 members using online giving. American Church, ACI Online Giving, Church Teams, Giving Tools are being researched for future online giving options.
- Greg Walker and Pastor Erich made the decision to change all bread for communion to gluten free bread to be served during all future communion services.
- Rules and regulations are being considered for safety of the volunteer drivers of our church bus. Possible random drug testing may be involved for any volunteer driver of our bus, as well as having a CDL with a passenger endorsement.
- Associate Pastor’s Report – Alex Young
- Summer youth Mission trip – The bus is not up to current inspection to be utilized for transportation for the mission trip. Alternate options are being considered. 12 youth and adults are signed up to attend the mission trip.
- Stephen Ministry – JoAnn Short is unable to make the week long training times for a Stephen Leaders, so needs to wait until a future training time. Jim and Betsy Redd and Pastor Alex are still in place to be trained. We’re looking for one more person to consider being a Stephen Leader.

June Daily Scriptures

(From "Discovery" Daily Devotional)

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1 Ain't That A Shame -----	Joel 2:18-32	16 To Family And Servants -----	John 4:43-54
2 The Dawn Chorus -----	Joel 3:1-21	17 Goodness at the Heart-----	Psalm 111
3 Who Can Be Against Us? -----	Psalm 109	18 Sabbath Rest (-Oration)-----	John 5:1-15
4 Over Galilee -----	John 1:1-18	19 Good, Good Father -----	John 5:16-30
5 Over The River -----	John 1:19-28	20 How to Not Read the Bible-----	John 5:31-47
6 At A Public Gathering -----	John 1:29-34	21 More Than Enough-----	John 6:1-15
7 In Employment -----	John 1:35-42	22 God Aboard -----	John 6:16-24
8 Under the Fig Tree -----	John 1:43-51	23 Eat Yourself Fitter -----	John 6:25-40
9 At A Wedding Feast -----	John 2:1-11	24 Shine a Light -----	Psalm 112
10 The Mighty Scepter -----	Psalm 110	25 Food, Glorious Food!-----	John 6:41-59
11 In the Temple -----	John 2:12-25	26 I Want to Believe -----	John 6:60-71
12 In the Night-----	John 3:1-21	27 Different Drum -----	John 7:1-13
13 In Ministry-----	John 3:22-36	28 Teaching From Above-----	John 7:14-24
14 In Pagan Surroundings-----	John 4:1-26	29 Drink Deep -----	John 7:25-44
15 To An Entire Village -----	John 4:27-42	30 Be the Change-----	John 7:45-8:1

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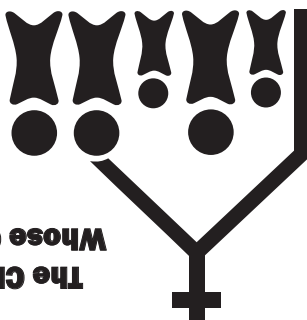
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Holy Communion:
 New Year (1/7), Ash Wednesday (2/14), Maundy Thursday (3/29),
 Pentecost (5/20), Mid-Summer (7/15), World Wide Communion
 (10/7), First Sunday of Advent (12/2)

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