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



Jim Barron and Scott Reeb

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 Christ as Savior. We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word

Welcome to our Worship of God! Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

Please offer a prayer for yourself, those around you, and those leading worship.

Prelude

“This Is The Day”

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

The lighted candles symbolize God's presence, and Christ, the Light of the World.

Welcome and Announcements

Special Announcement: Stephen Ministry

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 139:17-18 (p. 618)

†Hymn of Praise – #21

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

†Prayer of Confession and Dedication

Psalm 139:23-24 (p. 619)

*Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.*

†Hymn of Consecration – #379

“Take My Life and Let it Be”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Special Music

Mike Meyer

“Sometimes it Takes a Mountain”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 9:1-27 (p. 1133,1134)

Sermon

“Learning Love from Paul's Example”

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Bless The Lord/It Is Well”

Second Offering – Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

Brent Winzeler

†Closing Hymn – #366

“I Surrender All”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #13

“Bless His Holy Name”

†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 outside of the chapel or 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. mornings and afternoons, and Mon./Wed./Fri. mornings and afternoons; and run from September through May. More info is available at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

Mother's Room / Diaper Changing Station / Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room near our sanctuary – 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 by our system for hearing aids with a “t” switch position.

This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Father, thank you for the blessings you've entrusted to our care. Help us to see your love in your gifts, and praise you for them; help us not put our love in the gifts themselves. In fact, Father, we pray that you enable us to be generous with the gifts you've trusted to us, that through them we might win others over to your amazing love. We COULD and we WILL sing of your love forever! Amen.

August Mission-A-Month

Back Bay Mission Trip

Our next experience is scheduled for October 6-13. You can go online to thebackbaymission.org to learn more about the mission itself.

A team of trip veterans will be leading all the aspects of the trip – leading devotions, guiding the worksite details, coordinating meals, travel and lodging arrangements, and hosting the group times of fellowship!

The sign-up sheet is posted – the target is to have up to 12 participants join in this experience – the work will most likely be finishing a new home construction project, painting, setting cabinets, laying tile and laminate flooring, and installing trim.

We are looking for a volunteer to transport an able-bodied, male senior citizen to the 10:30 worship service from Colony Meadows. If willing, please inquire further with Pastor Alex.

Faith Village and LOGOS volunteers needed.

As we continue to make plans for our children and youth ministries, we are in need of additional volunteers. For more information on any of the positions, please contact Kim M. Walker at 567-239-2021 or gkwalker@rtceexpress.net

Faith Village Shepherd – “Shepherd” a group of kindergarten through 3rd graders, or 4th through 6th graders, assisting the FV teacher as needed.

Faith Village Teacher – Prepare and teach the same lesson on two consecutive Sunday mornings, adjusting the lesson to fit the needs of the different grade levels.

LOGOS Table Parent – Table Parents show genuine interest in each child at their table; encourage the children to engage in family time conversation.

LOGOS Bible Study Assistant – Be present and assist the Bible Study Teacher with any necessary tasks.

LOGOS Preschool Classroom Assistant - Be present and assist the Bible Study Teacher with any necessary tasks.

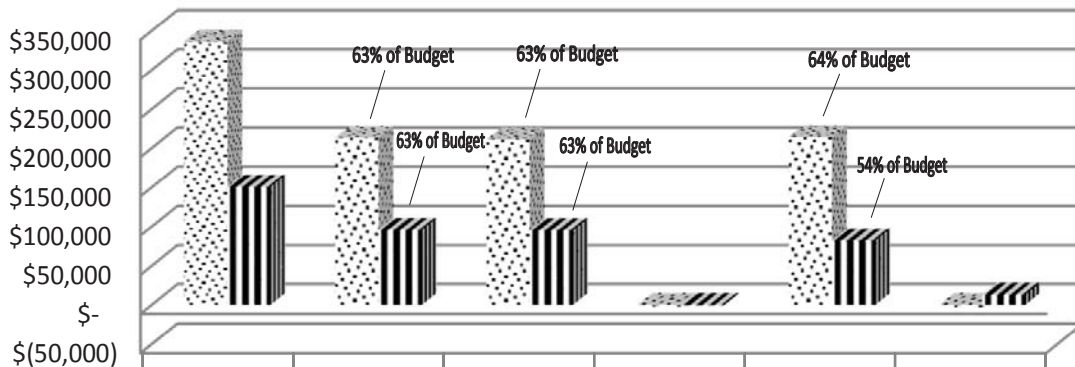
LOGOS Set Up of Tables and Chairs

LOGOS Attendance – Greet children as they arrive, direct them to the Parish Hall, and mark the attendance sheet.

LOGOS Table Decorations – Provide simple decorations for each LOGOS table to go with the weekly theme.

LOGOS Alternate Worship Skill Leader – This is for the kids who do not attend St. John’s on Sunday mornings, and takes the place of Hand Bells/Chimes. This could be a Reader’s Theater, Speaker’s Choir, a Drama, or creating bulletin covers or making worship banners.

2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of August 19, 2018



	2018 Budget	2018 Budget % of year (33/52 wks)	2018 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2018 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$336,000	\$213,230.77	\$210,994.00	\$(2,237)	\$214,270.00	\$(3,276)
Missions	\$150,800	\$95,700.00	\$95,205	\$(495)	\$82,174	\$13,031

WEEK OF August 26th 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)
	6:00PM	Preschool Orientation (Preschool Room/Chapel)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	4:00PM	Laundry Buddy Ministry
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Hosted by Lockport Mennonite Church)
Wed	7:00PM	SYF Kickoff at Yoder's
Thurs	6:00PM	Preschool Orientation (Preschool Room/Chapel)
Sat	8:00AM	Devotion in Motion
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
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Discovery Daily Devotional Guides – The July/Aug/Sept Discovery Daily Bible Guides are available in the literature rack outside the Associate Pastor's office (suggested donation \$6 each). You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading%20Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

August 27 - Spiritual Adultery Hosea 1:1-2:1
August 28 - Second Chances Hosea 2:2-2-23
August 29 - True Repentance Hosea 3:1-5
August 30 - Mercy, Not Sacrifice..... Hosea 6:1-7:2
August 31 - The Lion's Roar Hosea 11:1-11
September 1 - Welcome Home..... Hosea 14:1-9
September 2 - Unfailing Hope..... Psalm 119:113-128

Next Sunday – September 2

Sermon – “She Said Apple” by Jeff Rutledge
Scripture – Exodus 3:1-6



IYF Building Campaign **Total Receipts** as of August 19, 2018 - \$610,585.01
IYF Building Campaign **Total Balance** as of August 19, 2018 - \$688,800.10

St. Martin's Lutheran Church is coordinating a coat ministry - collecting new or gently used coats for all ages from now until October. Coats may be dropped off in the “coat” collection box outside of the chapel.

Pastoral Coverage

Pastor Erich will be on medical leave through Sunday, September 16th. During the week of September 17th, Pastor Erich is to begin physical therapy, and the plan is that he will be back in his office for half days that week. The following week the plan is that Pastor Erich will return to full days in the office, then the week of October 1st he will be fully back to ministry. Pastor Erich will be kept informed of any care needs and he will be available for Pastor Alex and Kelly Stahl as needed.

Pastor Alex will be on vacation from August 31st through 9th. During that time, Kelly Stahl and the Elders will be coordinating responses to pastoral care situations, in communication with Pastor Alex and Pastor Erich, as needed. The Elders and their contact numbers are:

Betsy Ducey – 419-376-5294

Ann Fether – 419-205-0026

Joyce Kinsman – 419-583-6503

Gloria Lauber – 419-966-6488

Jeff Rutledge – 419-405-1166

Greg Walker – 567-239-2103

Pastor Erich should be walking around the first or second day after his surgery, and he should be discharged from the hospital by August 29th, so he will be available for pastoral care emergencies when Pastor Alex is out of town.

Since there will be two Sundays in which both pastors will be unavailable, special plans have been made for September 2nd and 9th. On the 2nd, Jeff Rutledge will give the morning message, and on the 9th, Dr. Michael Thomson, the President of Northwest State Community College will give the message. The worship leader, song leader, children's moment leader, the accompanist, 8am ushers and the head usher will cover all necessary aspects of worship those two mornings.

Stephen Ministry is all about sharing God's love one on one with someone who is hurting. Mother Teresa once said, "It's not about doing great things, it's about doing things with great love." Each of us have times when we get "stuck" in the issues of life, when we hurt, when we don't have answers, when we don't know where to turn. A Stephen Minister is simply someone who can share our burden; they don't have answers, they simply listen. Through the relationship, the care-receiver is empowered to move forward, to see that hope does exist. God is the cure-giver and the Stephen Minister is the care-giver.

YFC's "JV Weekend" at Camp Palmer

Youth For Christ is looking for some help with their upcoming JV Weekend (Friday, Sept. 28 at 5pm to Sunday, Sept. 30 at 1:30pm). In addition to having a great time at Camp Palmer, the purpose of this weekend is to share the gospel with students who didn't grow up in the church and don't know much about Christianity.

1. Middle School students: if you want to see your friends come to know Christ, this might be a great event to attend and invite a friend to go along with you.
2. High School students: YFC is still looking for 1-2 student leaders to help out with this weekend.
3. Adults: YFC is looking for 3 adults from St. John's Christian Church to serve as cabin leaders. If you're interested, talk with Pastor Alex!

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for peace and justice in the current political crisis, pray that they can be a light and speak truth; pray for Tom's health; pray for the team, as they have many decisions to make about the future and direction of the ministry.
- ✠ Akron – David Hench – U of Akron – pray for David & Blair who were married in July, that their beginning months of marriage and new year of ministry will be mutually blessed.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – University of Michigan – as a campus minister, pray for Kyle's training of students to share the gospel and walk by faith; pray for his preaching of the gospel at their Sunday services and leadership training conferences.
- ✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – pray that as they prepare for a new school year, their team leadership will be a blessing in the Thursday night events, Lifegroups, retreats and conferences and Sunday services.
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray for their ministry in the local church plant, Bible College and campus hangout; pray for Leila's parents – for their physical health and their salvation; pray for their preparations of an approaching time of furlough in the States.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray with them for all the details to come together for the September Disciple Making Movement Summit, praying that God draws just the right people to this event who are ready to put actions to the ideas.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House (AFLH) – pray for the continued efforts in caring for the special children entrusted into the care of AFLH; pray for Cheryl in her role as managing director, and for Hadassah Wang and John & Heidi Bison, house parents.
- ✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at Ohio State & She Has A Name (SHAN) – pray for her as a new year starts up, that her level of energy remains high as she leads in Reliant and SHAN, serving the Lord with joy, patience and love.
- ✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – pray that their discipleship ministries will be a strong blessing to incoming students, and that they continue to grow in wisdom as they reflect on their six weeks of ministry in Chicago this summer.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International – pray that their brief time in Ohio was a blessing, that their time with family and friends was refreshing; pray for their continual energy and devotion to the children and families of the school.
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP – pray for this faithful and blessed sister and brother team, that they sense the Spirit's presence as they manage all the many facets of the project.
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home - pray for new support of the home and for additional people to sponsor individual children.
- ✠ Thailand – Kinsey Smith – Grace International School in Chiang Mai – pray she settles in well with her house roommates, fellow teachers and her classroom students.
- ✠ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at U of Toledo – pray for him, as one of the two leadership pastors, as they get set for a new year of ministry, with both returning student leaders, returning student disciples, and new student enrollees.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Jack Spotts, patient at UTMC.
- Bob DeVries, released from Bryan Hospital last week.
- Ryan Christman, pray for continued improvement as he battles an infection.
- Pastor Erich, whose surgery went well and is starting his recovery.
- Brenden Bostelman, in Alaska (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Kyle Ducey, at Fort Gordon, Georgia (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, at Guam (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli).
- Eric Magg, at Ketchikan, Alaska (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Shayne & Taylor Pitts, at Bolling AFB, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- Donny Richardson, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Joshua Richardson, left for Marine boot camp on August 6th (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Steve Schink, at Port Angeles, WA (Coast Guard) (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer).
- AJ Short, at 29 Palms, California (Marines) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Kyle Stuckey, at Killeen, Texas (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kollin Woolace, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Grandson of Larry & Melva).
- All our home bound and care center residents.
- School staff, teachers and students as the 2018-2019 school year gets underway.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Kenny Walker	(10:30) Rayne Kinsman
Ushers	(Head) Mark Nofziger	
	(8:00) Andrew & Lori Rohrs	
	(10:30) Braden Eichler, Karsen Pursel, Emily Walker & Hailey Wooley	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Lucas & Lindy Lant	(Sept. 2) Jan Martinez
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grime	
Video Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Song Leader	(Both) Dan Light	
Worship Leader	(Both) JoAnn Short	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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