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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!
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Labor Day Weekend**

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

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

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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 91:9-16 (p. 589-590)

Prelude

†Hymn of Praise – #51 (Brown)

“God Will Take Care of You”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Ministry of Prayer

Prayer Hymn – #433

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

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

Special Music

Andrew Rohrs

“I Saw God Today”

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-6 (p. 56)

Sermon

“She Said Apple”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn – #262

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #610

“Go Now and Live for the Savior”

†Postlude

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:

Lord, I acknowledge that there are many, many references to angels in the Bible. I get their presence with the shepherds at the birth of Jesus. I understand the angel sharing with Mary, and with Joseph, and with Zechariah, to name a few. Yet, I must confess, as you know, that I too often doubt the existence of angels in my own life. In this time of prayer, I renew my focus on you, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart, that I would see you, in the many and varied ways you reveal yourself. I thank you for testimonies about angels, for they help me to consider your presence and truth even more. Thank you, Lord. Amen.

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!

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@rteceexpress.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.

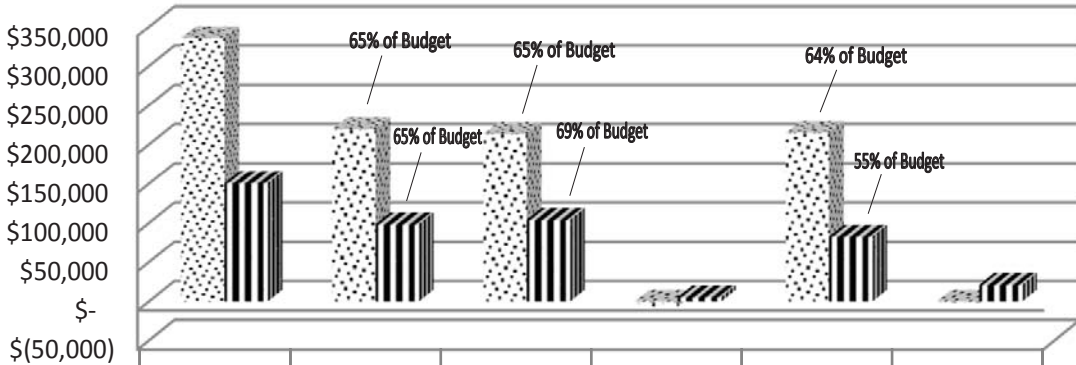
LOGOS Set Up of Tables and Chairs

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 31, 2018



	2018 Budget	2018 Budget % of year (34/52 wks)	2018 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2018 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$336,000	\$219,692.31	\$213,639.00	\$(6,053)	\$215,105.00	\$(1,466)
Missions	\$150,800	\$98,600.00	\$104,284	\$5,684	\$82,831	\$21,453

WEEK OF September 2nd 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.		Labor Day - Office Closed
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Capital Campaign Committee (Fireside Room)
Thurs	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Fri	6:30PM	Dexter Sierra & Ashley Kelley Wedding Rehearsal
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	8:00AM	Devotion in Motion
	1:00PM	Dexter Sierra & Ashley Kelley Wedding
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:45AM	Life Planning Mentor Orientation
	3:30PM	TGRM Chapel & Meal

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:

September 3 - I Am Not My Own.....	Romans 12:1-8
September 4 - Sincere Love	Romans 12:9-21
September 5 - What Do I Owe?.....	Romans 13:1-7
September 6 - The Law of Love.....	Romans 13:8-14
September 7 - Love in Your Head.....	Romans 14:1-12
September 8 - Love in Your Actions	Romans 14:13-23
September 9 - Hope in God	Psalm 119:129-152

Next Sunday – September 9

Sermon – “Using the Bible in Time of Temptation” by Dr. Michael Thomson
Scripture – 1 Corinthians 10:1-22

IYF Building Campaign **Total Receipts** as of August 31, 2018 - \$612,318.01
IYF Building Campaign **Total Balance** as of August 31, 2018 - \$688,800.16

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 is 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 September 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 is still planning to be available for pastoral care emergencies when Pastor Alex is out of town.

STEPHEN MINISTRY:

The life of following Christ is not just about “me, me, me.” The gospels challenge us to repeatedly devote our lives to living for others. Jesus equates serving others with serving God. All too often our lives become consumed by our own plans, our own schedules. When we focus entirely on “ME,” we often miss out on opportunities to make room for others. Love in action is not just for the people closest to us, but also for people who are marginalized, hurt, in need. When we care for others, we are actually showing our love for Jesus. Stephen Ministry is one way of reaching out to others, making a difference, drawing people closer to God. Whenever you see a man in sorrow and trouble, the way to look at it is, not to blame him and inquire how he came there, but to say, “Here is an opening for God’s almighty love. Here is an occasion for the display of the grace and goodness of the Lord.” If you are interested in reaching out to some of God’s family, consider Stephen Ministry. For more information, contact one of the Stephen Ministry Leaders – Pastor Alex, Jim or Betsy Redd or Nancy Rupp.

***September Mission-A-Month
Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission***

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- ✠ Cheryl Wyse: I will be traveling to China on 8/23-9/10. Please pray for traveling safety, and that my children at home will be safe and continue their daily routine.
- ✠ Tom & Megan Langsdorf: We hope that everyone at St. John's is growing in love and grace and we will certainly lift up Pastor Erich! Megan has had back problems in the past, so we know how difficult that situation can be. We pray for a full recovery in the name of Jesus! As for us, we have been through quite the storms lately and could use some prayer: Our team is much smaller now (only 4 adults) and that is a bit discouraging, as it limits our circle of influence. Plus, we are all feeling drained. Pray for our spirits to be refreshed and restored. Please extend our love and blessings to everyone at St. John's!
- ✠ Kyle Chase: Thank you for your prayers. Early September, over 40,000 students including about 7000 freshmen will descend upon Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan campus. Pray that I myself and our staff might preach the gospel boldly as we should and that many lost ones might be won to the grace & truth of Jesus Christ. Please pray for me and my wife Melissa and our boys (Jaden - 9 years old and Brennan - 6 years old) and for our provision. We have close to a \$2000/month shortfall in our support, which means I don't receive a full paycheck some months. So grateful for your generosity and support! P.S. I hope to see you all in November.
- ✠ Delaney Nofziger: I have a huge heart of gratitude as my transition here has been SO SMOOTH. Please pray that I find physical and spiritual rest in the newness of teaching, that I may find community within the American teachers I live with and the Hondurans that I meet, and for my students, that every day they may find and meet Jesus in the many aspects of the school day. Thanks for the prayers!
- ✠ Tony and Leila Frank: We continue to pray for Pastor Erich's recovery from surgery and hope that the surgery was successful. Please pray for Leila and her family as her father passed away late August. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to present the Gospel to many of Leila's family members during this time. We praise the Lord for a good start of the second semester at the Bible College (Tony has 12 students in class this semester). Pray as the students study and apply what they are learning.
- ✠ Ravi and Shobha Arole: We will surely keep Pastor Erich and his family in our thoughts and prayers. Please pray for those we encounter to understand the love of our Savior and enter into discipleship; and that God our Father's care will be known to people through our words and actions. [Other requests from the Aroles include: good health, financial breakthroughs, and rain for their drought prone area]. We continue to pray for all of you and the endeavors you all undertake.
- ✠ Jason and Becky Suon: We are planning a big outreach at the end of September with a drama presentation and an invitation to give their lives to Jesus. Pray that we will have a good turnout, and most importantly, that people will decide to follow Jesus! Becky is busy working with 60 brand new 3 year olds. You can pray for these kids that they would feel the love of Christ and a foundation to their faith would be laid. Construction is going well! Pray for safety as we work and also opportunities to talk about Jesus with our workers. For the family, you can pray for wisdom as we raise our kids. They are also adjusting to school and of course some struggles in that as well. Thank you very much for your prayers and your support of us. And we are praying for Pastor Erich!

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Pastor Erich's back surgery on August 22 went well and he has noticed some back pain relief, but he has returned to the hospital to recover from a fever.
- Ryan Christman, recovering from abdominal infection.
- Jack Spotts, released from UTMC.
- Bob DeVries, released from Bryan Hospital, recovering and returning to normal routines.
- Lois Heer, who is in hospice care at Fairlawn, room #122.
- 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) Cahle Roth	(10:30) Emily Walker
Ushers	(Head) Greg Walker	
	(8:00) Linda Heer, Jean Stamm	
	(10:30) Duane & Linda Hayes, Paul & Joan Lovejoy	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Jan Martinez	(Sept. 9) Tammy Nofziger
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(Both) Brian Roth	
Song Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs	
Worship Leader	(Both) Tammy Nofziger	
Children's Moment	(Both) Deb Kauffman	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Speaker	(Both) Jeff Rutledge	

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