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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



Donna & William Buehrer

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 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! Seventeenth 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.

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 116:12-19 (p. 605)

Prelude

“Rejoice and Sing”

†Hymn of Praise – Brown Hymnal , #1

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Bible Presentation to Third Graders

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

Chancel Choir (10:30)

“Let All Creation Glorify the Lord”

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 11:2-16 (p. 1135, 1136)

Sermon

“Gender Distinctions”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Be Still My Soul”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn – Red Hymnal, #42

“Seek Ye First”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – Red Hymnal, #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 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, even as we address you in this manner, we recognize your authority over us. We pray, enable us to entrust our lives fully to your care. Enable your peace to fill us. Enable our joy in You to be a testimony to others of the goodness of your commands. Let this whole world be filled with your goodness and love. Amen.

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



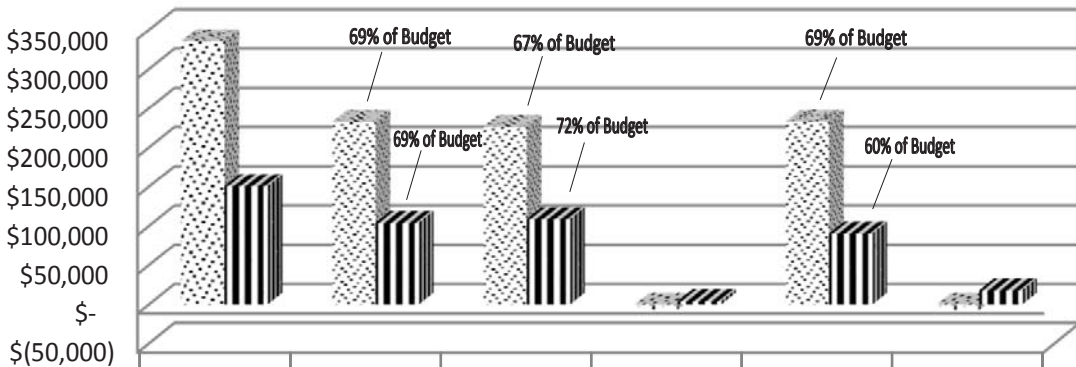
**The bulletins are sponsored in honor of
William Buehrer's 91st birthday by his wife, Donna.**



Sermon Notes

Sermon – “Gender Distinctions”
 Scripture – 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of Sept. 10, 2018



| | 2018 Budget | 2018 Budget % of year (36/52 wks) | 2018 YTD Receipts | Receipts Comp to YTD Budget | YTD Expenses | 2018 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses |
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| Operating | \$336,000 | \$232,615.38 | \$226,575.00 | 67% | \$233,205.00 | 60% |
| Missions | \$150,800 | \$104,400.00 | \$108,958 | 72% | \$90,618 | 60% |

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of September 10, 2018 - \$613,575.01

WEEK OF September 16th AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

- Sun 8:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) - Blanket Sunday
9:15AM Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
9:15AM Stephen Ministry Meeting (Chapel)
10:30AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
6:00PM Young Adult Ministry (The Young's)
- Mon 11:00AM Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
6:15PM Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
7:00PM Consistory (Fireside Room)
- Tues 9:15AM Bible Study (Fireside Room)
5:00PM Community Meal (SJCC Meal Team)
7:00PM Discernment Committee (Fireside Room)
7:00PM Preschool Committee (Chapel)
- Wed 5:50PM LOGOS
6:00PM JYF
7:00PM SYF
7:30PM Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- Sun 8:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:15AM Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
10:30AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:45AM **Special Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)**

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 17 - Wisdom From God..... James 1:1-11
September 18 - A Wise Perspective..... James 1:12-18
September 19 - Lived-Out Wisdom James 1:19-27
September 20 - Wise Mercy James 2:1-13
September 21 - Wise Walking..... James 2:14-26
September 22 - Wise Talking James 3:1-12
September 23 - Seeking Peace in a Time of War Psalm 120

Next Sunday – September 23

Sermon – “The Lord's Supper” by Pastor Alex Young
Scripture – 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

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 30. 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 starting September 24. The following week the plan is that Pastor Erich will return to full days in the office, then the week of October 8 he will be fully back to ministry.

Let's Talk About It

SHSS: Our lesson comes from Genesis 6:5-9,17-22; 9:1,12-15, knowing that God judges sin and provides salvation to those who trust Him. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, God has shown His graciousness to us by giving us atonement and forgiveness of our sins.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

We all go through tough times in life...times that are turbulent and unsettling. In the midst of these challenging seasons, it can be extremely helpful to have someone come alongside us to give understanding and encouragement – to provide stability, hope, and Biblical principles to help us through the storm. A Stephen Minister is able to provide: a listening ear, a supportive perspective, and God's Word to help others through the challenges of life. We all need help from time to time and that's when a Stephen Minister steps in. To learn how to become a Stephen Minister contact one of our Stephen Ministry Team Leaders: Pastor Alex, Jim or Betsy Redd or Nancy Rupp.

YFC

YFC is looking for several volunteers to help out with their middle school ministry at the Outback, Tuesday nights from 6-8:30pm (starting September 18). They want volunteers from St. John's Christian Church so that when unchurched students decide to follow Christ, they can have a natural connection with a local church, where they can connect with other students and help them grow in their faith outside of YFC. Will you consider helping with this middle school ministry? If you're a middle schooler, perhaps you want to consider attending this fun night and bring your friends from school to learn more about Jesus! Adults, there are various ways to get involved, not only helping with games and lessons on Tuesdays, but also occasionally helping with meal preparations, or even food donations. If you're interested in the ministry but can't make it Tuesdays, YFC is also looking for a person to coordinate the meal donors and servers each week. See Pastor Alex if you're interested in learning more about this local ministry.

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- ✠ 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:

- Maurice Schmucker, recovering from pneumonia at FCHC.
- Bob DeVries, slowly recovering at St. Luke's Hospital.
- Pastor Erich, recovering at home after having back surgery.
- Ryan Christman, recovering from an abdominal infection.
- 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.

Today's Worship Servants

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| Acolytes | (8:00) | Gavin Walker | (10:30) | Blake Grime |
| Ushers | (Head) | Greg Walker | | |
| | (8:00) | Linda Heer, Jean Stamm | | |
| | (10:30) | Duane & Linda Hayes, Paul & Joan Lovejoy | | |
| Nursery Staff | (10:30) | JoAnn Short | (Sept. 23) | Jay & Karla Pursel |
| Sound Tech | (8:00) | Angie Neuenschwander | (10:30) | James Grime |
| Video Tech | (Both) | Dean Sauder | | |
| Easy Worship Tech | (Both) | Tom Hines | | |
| Song Leader | (Both) | Mike Meyer | | |
| Worship Leader | (Both) | Brad Roth | | |
| Accompanist | (Both) | Lynne Christman | | |

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