



Preschool Sunday School Class

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



Connections Class

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! Eighteenth 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.*

Prelude

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Romans 8:37–39 (p. 1119)

(10:30) Chancel Choir

"I Will Rejoice"

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us lift up our voices in worship!

Congregation: ***We lift our voices to worship our King!***

†Hymn of Praise – #8

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1 (p. 1135)

Sermon

"Use Your Freedom for the Glory of God"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision"

Second Offering – Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

John Beck

†The Doxology and Unison Prayer of Dedication

***Father, use our gifts and our lives, to bless others and glorify your name. Amen.***

†Closing Hymn – #43

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #31

"Great Is the Lord"

†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](http://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](http://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, grant that we might glorify your name this week as we worship you in public and in private; as we interact with family, friends, co-workers, customers, and others in a way that reflects the integrity and love of Jesus; even as we go about our eating and drinking, may we honor you, the giver of every good gift. In Jesus' name, amen.

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

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.



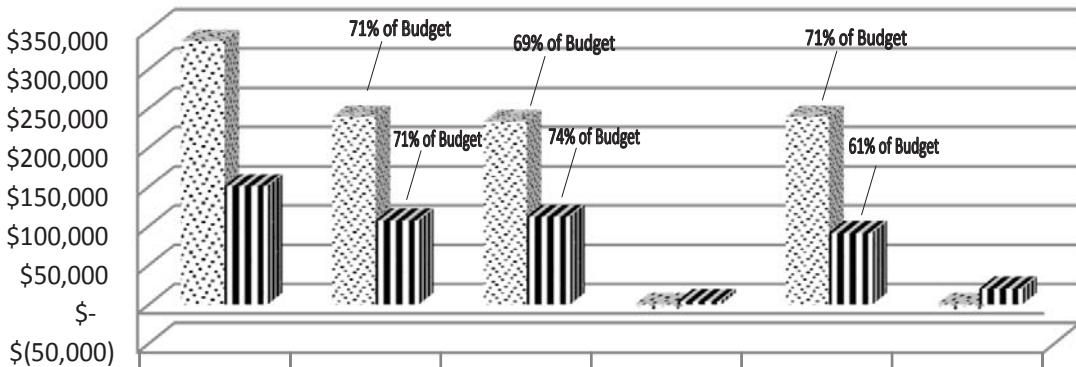
**Thank Offering Containers** – Thank Offering containers are available for pick up on a table in the sanctuary narthex. The suggestion is to save your loose change for the next several months in this coin container. This special offering is collected at the end of November and will be divided equally between The Sparrow's Nest and The Foods Resource Bank.

# Sermon Notes

Sermon – “Use Your Freedom for the Glory of God”

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

**2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of Sept. 17, 2018**



	2018 Budget	2018 Budget % of year (37/52 wks)	2018 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2018 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$336,000	\$239,076.92	\$233,116.00	\$(5,961)	\$239,186.00	\$(6,070)
Missions	\$150,800	\$107,300.00	\$112,125	\$4,825	\$91,736	\$20,389

**IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of September 17, 2018 - \$614,793.12.**

## **WEEK OF September 23rd AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:45AM	<b>Special Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)</b>
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	7:00PM	FISH Board Meeting (Fireside Room)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	4:00PM	Laundry Buddy Ministry
	5:00PM	Community Meal (St. Martin's Lutheran Church)
	7:00PM	Christian Education Meeting (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:00AM	Mom's in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	5:50PM	LOGOS/JYF (LOGOS theme - "Breakfast Club - wear your pajamas!")
	7:00PM	SYF
	7:30PM	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
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:

September 24 - Heavenly Wisdom .....	James 3:13-18
September 25 - Realistic Wisdom.....	James 4:1-12
September 26 - Wise Security .....	James 4:13-17
September 27 - Foolish Wealth .....	James 5:1-6
September 28 - Wise Waiting.....	James 5:7-12
September 29 - Wise Prayer.....	James 5:13-20
September 30 - Keeping Watch .....	Psalms 121

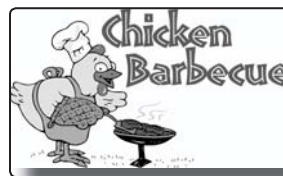
### **Next Sunday – September 30**

Sermon – “The Lord's Supper” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

**Adriel Foster Care is hosting an Open House** in their new office on Tuesday, September 25 from 2:00-6:00 PM. All are invited to come meet the leadership and staff and enjoy some refreshments. The office is located in the former Candy Cane Christmas Shop at 22897 US 20A, Archbold.

Next Sunday, September 30, please plan to join us  
for the  
**Chicken BBQ** following the 10:30am Service.



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

**Third Grade:** The 3rd grade learned that, "You've Got Mail"! The BIBLE is God's love letter to us. John 20:30, "These things are written that you would believe Jesus is the Christ."

**SHSS:** Our lesson comes from Genesis 11:1-9; focusing on how sin drives people to seek greatness for themselves instead of for God's glory. Do you take all the credit for your success or do you glorify God for it?

**LOGOS:** The theme for the upcoming Wednesday night LOGOS is "Breakfast Club Night." Wear your pajamas!

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

All good coaches will tell you that teamwork is important to win a game. All who serve as Stephen Ministers become part of a team that help people win life's toughest battles. Our victory parties are great. God may have a place for you on our caregiving team! To learn more about this exciting opportunity, contact one of our Stephen Ministry Leader team members: Pastor Alex, Jim or Betsy Redd or Nancy Rupp.

## **Darryl Strawberry, A Story of Redemption**

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT AND OPEN TO EVERYONE.** Darryl Strawberry is well known for his 17-year career in Major League Baseball especially with the New York Mets and New York Yankees. Darryl is described as a legend by many who have been dazzled by the dynamics of his game, the power he possessed at the plate and the story of redemption that continues to bring hope to so many lives. Today, Darryl's purpose and passion is serving the Lord Jesus Christ by speaking a message of hope and helping others transform their lives through the power of the gospel.

Books will be available for purchase. Mr. Strawberry will be available after the event to sign books.

Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
Founder's Hall at Sauder Village  
22611 State Route 2, Archbold, Ohio 43502

## **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. 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 Rupp Rehab.
- Bob DeVries, is talking again and expecting to be transferred to rehab in the near future.
- Anna Yoder and family, as her father, John Sagle, has entered into hospice care in Galion, Ohio.
- Pastor Erich, returning to work for half days this week, praying for strength and stamina!
- Ryan Christman, perseverance through this lengthy time of healing from the infection.
- Regina Beck and family, upon the death of her son, Justin, age 34. A memorial service was held yesterday at the family home.
- Kelly Stahl and family, as her mother, Carol Nafziger, has entered into hospice care.
- 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

Acolytes	(8:00) Tyler Wyse	(10:30) Krayton Kern
Ushers	(Head) Greg Walker	
	(8:00) Linda Heer, Jean Stamm	
	(10:30) Duane & Linda Hayes, Paul & Joan Lovejoy	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Jay & Karla Pursel	(Sept. 30) Bruce & Carrie Wooley
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(Both) Dean Saude	
Easy Worship Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) Mike Meyer	
Children's Moment	(Both) Deb Kauffman	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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