

The Visitor

prayer concerns

Please Pray For:

- Let us lift up in prayer the family of Jeremy Neuenschwander, who entered into eternal life on March 27th. His final hours were peaceful, and as his mother, Toni, expressed it, "Jeremy is now dancing in heaven."
- The family of Doris Hull, who entered into eternal life on February 28th at the age of 97.
- Ryan Christman has started to receive the crohn's medication and has returned to work full time.
- Vern & Mary Lou Nemire as they cope with multiple health situations.
- Cathy and Richard Spiess as Cathy's health continues to slowly weaken.
- Sue Grieser, as she continues to go through the regimen of treatments for the cancer.
- Please continue to remember all our brothers and sisters in the armed forces, praying for their safety

Serving from our church are:

PFC Bostelman, Brenden (Army) (Afghanistan)
(Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
PRG 6-3 APO, AE 09354

AB Shane & Taylor Pitts (Air Force)
(Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
5525-C Washington Ct SW
Bolling AFB, DC 20032

Kyle Ducey (Navy) - (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
(Stationed at Fort Gordon, GA)
4050 Brownstone Dr., Apt. 919
Evans, GA 30809

Cpt. Jared R. Kuntz (Army) (Guam)
(Son of Keith & Kelli)
P.O. Box 291221, Yigo, GU 96929

Eric Magg (Coast Guard)
(Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)
1114 Jackson Street
Ketchikan, AK 99901-5771

Donny Richardson (Marines)
(Son of Shannon & Yesi)
Stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC

David Richardson (Marines)
(Son of Shannon & Yesi)
Stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC

Joshua Richardson (Marines)
(Son of Shannon & Yesi)
Stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC

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

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Steven Schink (Coast Guard)

(Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer)
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AJ Short (Marines) (Japan)
(Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)

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Killeen, TX 76549

Kollin Woolace (Marines) (Camp Lejeune, NC)
(Grandson of Larry & Melva)
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Please consider sending cards to these people 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.

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

Florence Augustine, Room #177

David Lightner, Room #138

Esther Rice, Room #116

Cathy Spiess, #153

Josephine Short, Room #112

Paul Sigg, Room #178

Nancy Ries, Room #158

Carolyn Walker, Room #399 (Memory Care Unit)

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Wayne & Susanne Spiess, Apt. #309

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Rosemarie Schmidt, Apt. #112

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

Genesis Health Care, 1104 Wesley Ave., Bryan, 43506

Verlene Lovejoy , Room 203B

pastor's letter

In the 16th Century, it was widely assumed that the work that really mattered was the work of the priests, monks, and nuns. Other work was seen as somewhat of a necessary evil. In the Protestant Reformation, Martin Luther challenged this assumption, declaring that all work has intrinsic value.

If you were asked to cite the origin of work according to the Bible, what passage would you turn to? Perhaps the first that comes to mind for you is Genesis 3:17-19:

17 To Adam [God] said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it.’ Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. 18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

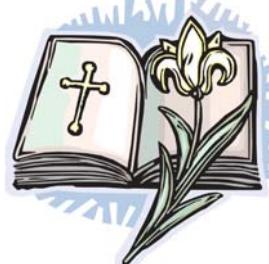
But this is not the origin of work in the Bible. Rather, in Genesis 1, we read of God creating the world out of nothing, and then bringing order to his creation by dividing sky and earth, and land and water. We even read in Genesis 2 that God planted the garden of Eden. And we read that on the seventh day, God rested from his labor of creating the earth. Maybe it surprises you, but the Bible depicts God as a worker: a Creator, a gardener, a farmer, a potter, a shepherd. And when Jesus came to the earth, he became a carpenter.

The Bible’s perspective on work is this: work is not a curse. It’s something that predates curses and sin. It’s something God willingly engages in...and even takes pleasure in, even as he looked at the work of his hands and said: “It is very good!”

I would even go so far as to say that to work is to reflect the divine. Why? Today, our perspective has been bent by our culture to say that the purpose of work is to make money or achieve prestige or enjoy ourselves. But what if, at the very heart of work, was a different purpose: to serve. (Jesus says: “The Son of Man has not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”) Even in Genesis 1, the work God engages in is not simply for his own pleasure. He fashions a world to be a beautiful, wonderful, amazing home... for us. And the work that we do is not for ourselves alone. Our work provides service to others. The farmer raises crops that feed not only himself, but his family, and then many others. The truck driver provides a service in transporting goods utilized by companies and individuals. The sales clerk, the waitress, the cook, the repair man, the mail man, they all provide a service. Society is built upon us all contributing our work to the service of others. And in this sense, every job, not just jobs in the ministry, are a calling from God. A calling to serve the good of others.

The first we read of human work is in Genesis 2:15: “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” If God is a worker, why doesn’t he just do all the work himself? Surely he could do it better? Parents surely could do all the house chores better than their children, but they assign chores to the little ones to teach them to be responsible for their work and capable of being a service to others. In the same way, God delights to give us work, that we might have the same joy of service that he has known.

Your work matters. It matters to God, and it matters to many who rely upon your services. Your work is a partnership with God to promote the flourishing of human society.



Grace and Peace,

Alex

preschool corner

Spring is here! Isn't it?

We took down our winter bulletin boards, exchanged the snowflakes in the windows for butterflies, and put our ladybug tablecloth and iris centerpiece on our Dramatic Play table. We're optimistic!

At the beginning of March, we spent our second week talking about Community Helpers. The children loved learning about different jobs in our town, and about how those people help us and what tools they use. We had "St. John's Hair Salon/Barbershop" in our Dramatic Play area, and Ms. Kelly from the office was a frequent visitor! The children played with dump trucks, cement trucks, and bulldozers in the Sensory Table, which was filled with gravel. The younger classes made their own tool belts at the Art Table, while the older children completed posters about what they want to be when they grow up. The rest of the month was spent talking about spring and things that grow in the spring. The older children brainstormed signs of spring/things that happen in the spring for the chalkboard. We also talked about different parts of a flower. The older children counted bumblebees at the Math Table, while the younger group practiced their fine motor skills by cutting out tiny square pictures of frogs, turtles, and bees. All of the classes made flowers at the Art Table, and we investigated different types of seeds and bulbs at the Science Table. Each child planted their own seeds and we predicted what will happen, and talked about what we will need to do to help those seeds grow. The newness of spring reminds us of all that God has created in our world. He is a master artist, and shows us miracles of life daily. Think of all of

the things in nature that signify new life. Buds on trees, flowers bursting out of the ground, birds building nests, caterpillars, and butterflies, are all things that bring a sense of wonder to little children.



Sue MacDonald
Director/Teacher



Joan Wyse
Teacher Assistant



mission corner



**GROWING
HOPE
GLOBALLY**

April Mission-A-Month Growing Hope Globally

Formerly known as the Foods Resource Bank, the ministry has changed its name to Growing Hope Globally (GHG). The mission remains the same – to be able to alleviate world hunger by globally connecting local communities through agriculture. Growing Hope Globally is based on the following ideals:

- Most people who are food insecure are chronically so
- People have the capability to be food secure if given modest assistance with resources, training and organizations
- U.S. farmers and communities have the desire and the ability to support small holder farmers overseas
- Once again this year, the North West Ohio project includes three partnering churches – First Lutheran, Stryker; United Brethren, Stryker; and St. John's Christian Church. The growing project is located at the corner of Rt. 34 and County Road 22.27, Stryker.
- Donations given to Growing Hope Globally will provide for the on-going blessing on the local project. In 2018's, Bean Project, SJCC's support of \$2,432.36 was added to all other inputs and allowed the Northwest Ohio project to forward \$7,902.22 to FRB/GHG. Let us continue to engage in this world hunger ministry

Save the date for Black Swamp Benefit 2019!



One day only this year -
Saturday, June 15, 2019 at the Archbold High School!

All proceeds go equally to Sunshine Communities and Mennonite Central Committee - MCC - so join us for a day of fun, fellowship and giving back to two great organizations.

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Plans are set for another week of serving with the LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Michigan City, IN. Participants will head to Tower Hill Church Camp on Sunday afternoon, June 9th, spend Monday through Friday framing a new home, and return to Archbold late afternoon on June 14th.

Breakfasts and dinners are enjoyed in the camp dining hall – Pastor Erich's never eaten a bad meal there! Lunches are provided by churches and local restaurants at the work site. The relaxing evenings are spent enjoying friendly fellowship, a possible 10 to 15 minute walk to the beach along Lake Michigan, some Corn Hole games and who knows what else! Typically the group enjoys some evening meals at local restaurants! People of all skill levels are invited to join in the week – Habitat for Humanity provides able supervision. Cost of the experience is \$125 and assistance is always available.

Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission

May 19th is the next time we'll send a group of folks to lead the evening chapel service and provide the evening meal. Volunteers usually gather at 3pm on Sunday afternoon to car pool to the mission, do final prep for the meal and service, lead the 30 minute service, then serve the meal, and enjoy sitting and eating with the men and women who come to the mission. The group should return to the church between 7:30pm and 8:00pm. Talk with Pastor Erich or Ann Grime if you're interested in helping!

Mission Experiences

- May 17 – TGRM – Chapel and Meal
- June 9-14 – Summer Mission Trip with LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity
- June 16-22 – SYF Mission Trip
- September 8 – TGRM – Chapel and Meal
- October 5-12 – Back Bay Mission Trip, Biloxi, Mississippi

Thank You Notes From Mission Partners & Friends:

- Back Bay Mission, for our gift of \$155.
- Pioneers (The Doriots), for our gift of \$100.
- Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$125.50.
- Sparrow's Nest, for our gift of \$125.50.
- Crossroad, for our gift of \$245.

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Missionary Contact/Prayer Request Information:



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ministry happenings

Events/Activities

Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County, Ohio

Plans are well underway for the next home to be built by the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate. The build provides plenty of opportunity for people to get involved in helping a family with a hand up. Pastor Erich, as chair of the HFH Construction Committee, is helping to coordinate many facets of the project. The floor plan has been chosen, material estimates are being received, and contractors and volunteers are being recruited!

As part of the fundraising for the project, a playhouse is being built which will be raffled off at the end of May. The playhouse will be built on April 5th & 6th at the ACE parking lot in Wauseon.

A groundbreaking ceremony will be held on the build site, in Wauseon, in mid-April, with foundation work to begin in early May. People interested in helping with hospitality, construction, clean up and site work may contact Pastor Erich for further details or visit the Habitat website at <https://habitat-fco.org/>



Third Thursday Luncheons

On April 18 (Maundy Thursday), Pastor Erich invites retirees, senior citizens and people not working that day, to gather for a light luncheon, fellowship and devotional. The luncheon will begin at 11:30am with a time of welcome and fellowship, with lunch to be served at 11:45am. The first such luncheon in March was well received and they were surprised how tasty the soup was that Pastor Erich prepared. Come on out and enjoy some friendly Christian fellowship.

Men's Ministry

This month, Men's Prayer Breakfast is on April 13 at 7:40AM. This is a time of food, fellowship, and sharing. In addition to praying for the joys and concerns lifted up by the men present, Bruce Wooley generously provides his deliciously cooked breakfasts. Come to discuss, and consider bringing a verse of your own to share how the Lord has been encouraging you or challenging you lately.

ministry happenings

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Stephen Ministry

CRISIS CAN TURN YOUR WORLD UPSIDE DOWN. When an event shakes up your life, you can either let it hurt you or help you. If you would like help in turning a life crisis into an opportunity for growth and faith, a STEPHEN MINISTER is ready to help you. A Stephen Minister is: a trained lay volunteer, a good listener, trained in confidentiality, ready to offer God's love through a Christian caring relationship on a one-to-one basis. To turn your world back right-side up, contact Pastor Alex regarding finding a Stephen Minister who will walk beside you on your journey .



Man Camp

I heard from Bruce that in all his years of going to Man Camp, this was possibly the best ever! We took a group of 12 guys from our church (including a few friends). Everyone came back in one piece...although the church bus did come back missing a mirror...and a few guys came back sporting some bruises from paint ball injuries. The snowy woods and icy lake made for a scenic retreat. The food was bountiful and delicious. Best of all, speaker Tom Harmon, served up story after story, and Scripture after Scripture, and even challenge after challenge. After each of his four talks, we spent time together as a small group discussing what we heard and how it impacted us. The main encouragement was to "finish well" as we fight the good fight of the faith, living our lives full of love for God, our families, and others. Tom was a fitting speaker on this topic, as this weekend was his last speaking engagement at Miracle Camp after 25 years speaking at various retreats for the camp. He held up Job as an example of a man who loved God and his family, and who persevered in hard times. 5

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**Thursday April 4 & Friday April 5 -
Founder's Hall in Archbold**

Thursday, April 4

Preview Night and Dinner
4:30PM - 7:30PM

Dinner, Music, Auction preview, Purchase baked goods, Shop the Ten Thousand Villages booth, Participate in a silent auction and More

Friday, April 5

4:00PM - 7:00PM

Free Will Donation Dinner, Chinese Raffle, Silent Auction and Box Sale

5:00PM - 8:00PM

Live Auction - Quilts, Sports items & tickets, Toys, Art, Gift cards and Much more

There is a sign-up sheet for pie donations on the bulletin board outside of the office.

**Sharing Life Together:
CPC Spring Benefit 2019**

Join us in celebrating at our annual benefit!



Tuesday, April 23
Archbold High School,
Archbold
5:30 appetizers & dessert
reception
7:00pm program begins

Please join us for a night of engaging speakers, stories, and a live ultrasound! You will hear stories of God's redeeming grace and mercy and why we are pro-life.

Stop the Bleed Training
Monday evening, 6:30pm, April 15th

Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign and call-to-action. Stop the Bleed is intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. Staff members of the Trauma Department at The University of Toledo Medical Center will be leading this training time. This training is for anyone, and we are specifically encouraging ministry leadership, teachers, and congregational leaders to attend. The purpose is to train people so they're ready to respond if they come upon a car accident, work place accident, gun or knife injury, etc. A sign-up sheet is posted so can make sure we have enough room for everyone!

Archbold High School is proud to announce the 9th Annual

Senior Citizens Luncheon

Friday, April 26, 11:30am
Archbold High School Gymnasium

The event is free and open to any senior citizen living in the Archbold Area Local School District.

The students, staff and administration of Archbold High School recognize the important role that senior citizens play in our schools. Their support is vital in creating an environment that helps our students grow and mature into the next generation of community leaders. To show our appreciation for their support, we invite them to this luncheon.

To attend, please contact Andrea Oyer to make your reservation: email aoyer@archboldschools.org or by phone 419-445-5579 ext. 1205.

All reservations must be received by 12PM on Monday, April 22.

ministry happenings

Christian Education

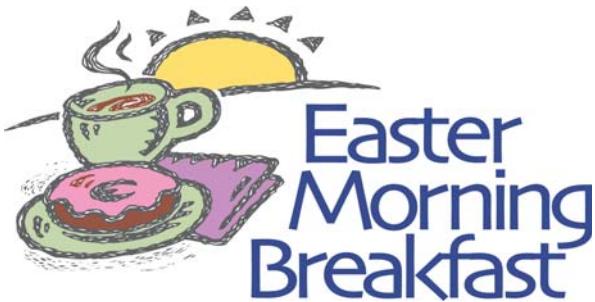
Mid-Week Youth Ministries:

Friday Morning Bible Study: The high school girls are meeting together for breakfast and Bible study every Friday morning. For more information, connect with Leah Miller.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Pastor Alex is helping with a Bible study from 7:15-8am at the Archbold Middle School, open to all middle schoolers.

SYF: Although the deadline has past for the SYF mission trip, talk with Pastor Alex if you're still interested in going on the trip (6/16-22). We may also have vehicles going for half the week to allow those with sports commitments to still participate...just talk with Pastor Alex for more information.

On April 21, SYF will be sponsoring the Easter Breakfast fundraiser to raise funds for the mission trip and youth ministry expenses.

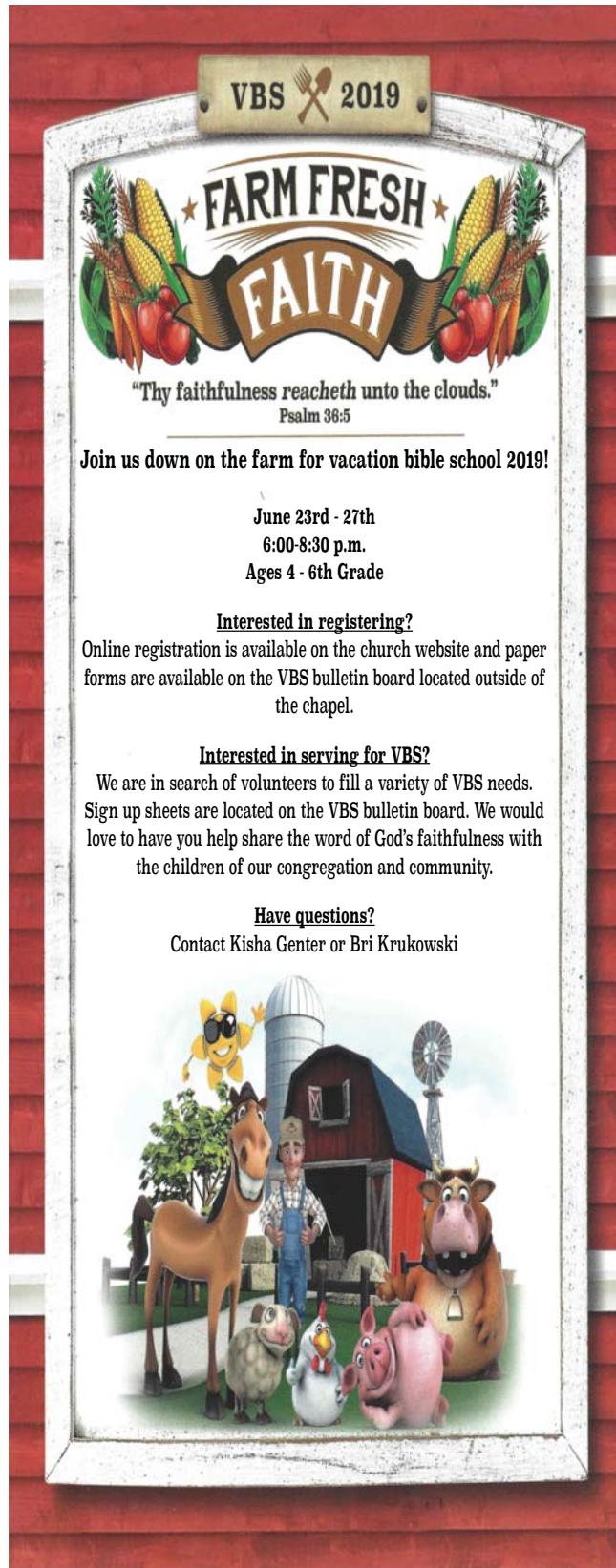


small groups

The Seekers will be meeting on April 14th and April 28th at 6pm at the home of Keith & Kelli Kuntz, 733 W. Leggett St, Wauseon, and will be studying Ezekiel 38 & 39.

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April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Stephen Min. Training 7:30PM Praise Band Reh.	2 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 5:00PM Com. Meal 7:00PM Capital Camp. Com 7:00PM Discernment Team	3 8:30AM Moms In Prayer 10:00AM AAMA 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM Lenten Service 7:00PM SYF 8:00PM Chancel Choir Reh.	4 6:30PM Preschool Dad's Night (M,W,F am) 7:00PM Mission Com. .	5	6
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14 12:00PM Private Party Parish Hall 6:00PM Couple's Small Group 6:00PM Seeker's (Kuntz's)	15 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:15PM Spiritual Council 6:30PM Stop the Bleed Presentation 7:30PM Consistory 7:30PM 8th Grade Conf.	16 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 6:30PM Stephen Ministry 7:00PM Discernment Team 7:00PM Preschool Board	17 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh. 7:30PM Confirmands	18 Maundy Thursday 8:30AM Lunch Gathering 5:30PM Soup & Supper 7:00PM Maundy Thursday Worship 8:00PM Chancel Choir Reh	19 Good Friday 7:00PM Good Friday Service	20
21 Easter Sunday 6:15AM SYF prepares Easter Breakfast 7:00AM Sunrise Service 8:00AM Easter Breakfast 8:45AM Easter Egg Hunt 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Easter Worship	22 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Stephen Min. Training	23 9:15AM Bible Study 10:30AM Pastors Meeting 4:00PM Laundry Buddy 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion) 7:00PM Evangelism Com.	24 8:30AM Moms in Prayer 9:00AM W. Haven Bible St. 5:50PM LOGOS/JYF 7:00PM SYF 7:30PM Chancel Choir Reh. 7:30PM Confirmands	25	26	27
28 Presentation Sunday 6:00PM Seeker's (Kuntz's)	29 11:00AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Stephen Min. 7:00PM Confirmation 7:30PM Praise Band Reh	30 9:15AM Bible Study 5:00PM Community Meal (Zion)	8:00 & 10:30AM Worship 9:15AM SS/Faith Village 9:15AM Confirmation	Mission-A-Month— Foods Resource Bank Elder of the Month— Gloria Lauber		

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Eric Buckenmeyer, Dencel Miller
- 6 Bryce Beltz
- 7 Norma Fish, Cameron Ruffer
- 8 Jude Rutledge
- 9 William Baden
- 10 Tom & Peg Hines, Charlie Nofziger
- 11 Mike Overmier
- 13 James Grime
- 15 Keith Kern
- 16 Kreighton Sims
- 17 Dean Sauder

- 18 Ryan & Chelsi Smith, Dale VonDeylen
- 19 Marvin Fish, Dale Flint, Vern Nemire
- 21 Kendal Pursel, Kylie Lantz, Finn Yoder
- 22 Bill & Kathy Bostelman, Susanne Spiess, Hailey Wooley
- 23 Crystal Beck, Mark & Jodi Beltz, JD Holdgreve
- 24 Kenley Lantz, Jessica Lindsay, Karla Pursel
- 26 Renee Liechty
- 27 Matt & Kim Hines
- 28 Bill Metz, Dale Grime, Vond Hall
- 29 Kim Hines

✿ Please let us know if we do not have your special day correct. Thank you.

worship

Lenten Services – 7:00pm in the Chapel – 3rd and 10th Deeper conversations regarding mental health

April 7th

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Scriptures – John 4:21-24, Romans 8:5-8, Philippians 4:2-9
 Sermon – “It’s Not About Self Control” – Pastor Alex
 10:30am – Praise Band
 10:30am – Chancel Choir – “He’s Been There Too”

April 14th

Palm Sunday

Palm Processional
 Scriptures – Psalm 118:19-29, Luke 19:28-44
 Sermon – “Entering In to Holy Week” – Pastor Erich
 10:30am – Chancel Choir – “King of Kings, Lord of Lords”

April 18th

5:30pm Maundy Thursday Soup & Sandwich Meal

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

Thirteen men of the congregation will present the dialogue and biblical readings from the Upper Room to the Cross, with the congregation joining in this service of hymns and The Sacrament of Holy Communion,
 Special Music - Sarah Nafziger & Jocelyn Walker “Lamb of God”

them

April 19th

7:00pm Good Friday Service

This annual observance of the day Jesus was crucified will be set in the atmosphere of the darkened and unadorned sanctuary, as the Service of Tenebrae (Service of Diminishing Lights) guides us through the events and meaning of Jesus’ death.

Scriptures – Isaiah 53, John 18:28-19:42

Sermon – “Tried, Crucified and Buried” – Pastor Erich

Special Music – Norm Fether – “King Without a Crown”

April 21st

Easter Sunday

7:00am Easter Sunrise Service

8:00am Easter Breakfast (Serving through 9:30am) offered by the SYF

8:45am Easter Egg Hunt offered by the JYF

9:15am Sunday school

10:30am Easter Morning Worship

Scriptures – 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18

Easter Message – “Christ, the First Fruits” – Pastor Erich

Chancel Choir – “Rejoice, All People on Earth Rejoice

Hand Bell Choir and Hand Chime Choir

Special Music – something’s in the works!



April 28th

Presentation Sunday

Our two second year confirmands, Carly Grime and Krayton Kern, will be planning and leading this service of worship!

Scripture – Philippians 1:3-11

Sermon – “Carrying It On to Completion” – Pastor Erich

10:30am – Chancel Choir – “Crossroads”

consistory/committees

Highlights of the March 18 Consistory

•*Budget & Stewardship Committee* – John Gruber – Investments with EGR have recovered well at this point.

•*Capital Campaign Committee* – Erich Christman – Jeff Rutledge, Doug Rupp and Jeremy Hurst have chosen to move to the Facility Committee, with Jeff being the chair. Pastor Erich submitted names of potential chairpersons for the Capital Campaign Committee, and with Consistory approval, he will follow up with those individuals. The committee needs four new members and would like to be able to seek volunteers for these positions. Motion to let Pastor Erich talk to the four individuals about chairing and also letting the Capital Campaign Committee seek volunteers for new members, by Judy Sears, 2nd the motion Todd Nafziger. Motion approved.

•*Evangelism Committee* – Judy Sears – They are happy to have Todd Nafziger as the new vice-chair. Jen Hurst and Jen Grime are working with Tara Meyer on the Book Bag Bash. They are in need of crosses being sprayed and Greg Walker has agreed to help with that. A poster contest will soon be held with the theme of “Why I Love St. John’s” with prizes to be given.

•*Mission Committee* – Erich Christman – The committee is working to set up a work day at Crossroads in Ft. Wayne. Cherry Street Mission Ministries suffered extensive roof damage during recent inclement weather. It will take \$500,000 to repair it and they are still in talks with the insurance company. Pastor Erich suggested the Consistory considers sending \$10,000 from the operating savings fund to help with the project. It was noted that the operating checking account has a balance of \$80,000 and up to \$40,000 could be transferred to EGR to the operating savings fund account. Motion to approve sending Cherry Street Mission Ministries \$10,000 from these operating funds for the roof project and transferring \$24,000 of these operating funds to EGR by Gloria Lauber, 2nd the motion Greg Walker. Motion approved.

•*Property Committee* – Tim Beck – Bell Tower will be painted at a later date. Fireside storage room door will be fixed soon after some carpentry work is done. Kurt Phillips will be working on a water line leak in the youth room storage room also checking on the gas supply in the kitchen. In order to do this, though, he and Matt Hines, need to get into the tunnel and right now, it has water in it, so this will be done when it's dry. There needs to be some maintenance on the basketball hoop. Bo Krukowski will be doing the trailer maintenance, Craig Grieser will be contracted for mowing and Phil Grieser for fertilizing and weed killer for the lawn. Creighton Electric will be looking at the light east of the sanctuary that keeps going on and off and should repair with a yellow light. The watering of the new plantings needs to be further discussed. The committee is working to schedule the boiler maintenance over the summer months. Air conditioning will be serviced by Kurt Phillips. A gap in the first stall door in the women's restroom will be taken care of.

•*Associate Pastors Report* – There were 12 men that went to Man Camp and it was a very encouraging weekend.

housekeeping

Archbold SuperValu (ASV) Receipts Collected:

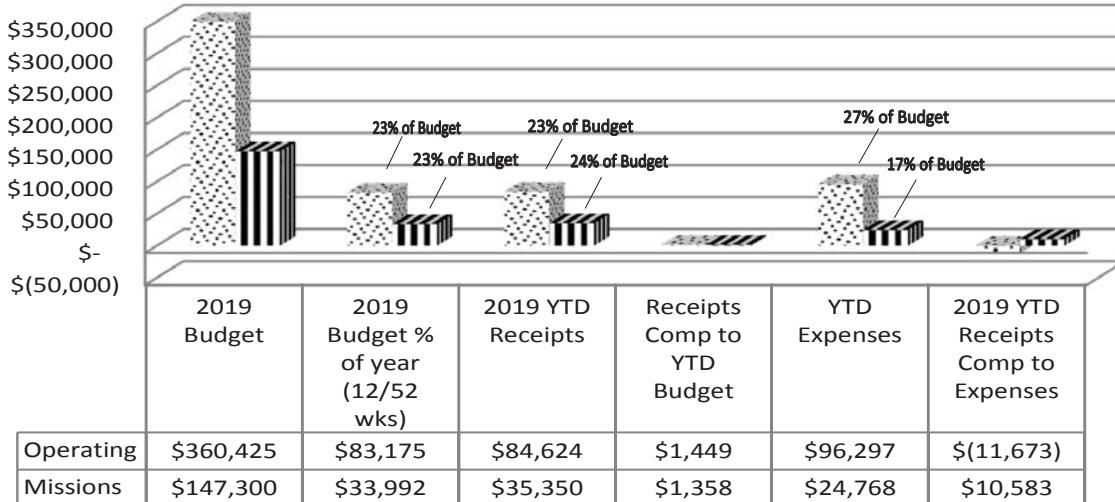
Are you aware we collect ASV receipts and turn them in to ASV periodically for a Each request for assistance is handled by our pastors. Turn in your receipts to the church office.

Lost and Found Items:

We have two locations for lost and found items – one is located inside the handicap entrance closest to the sanctuary. A large blue tub sits just inside the door under the coat rack and contains numerous items left at the church (coats, hats, gloves, coffee mugs, etc.). The other is in the kitchen on the southwest counter, where we place any items left in the kitchen or at meal functions in the parish hall (glass bowls, pans, utensils, etc.). Please check both spots to see if anything belongs to you. About every other month, items not claimed are either discarded or donated to Care-N-Share.

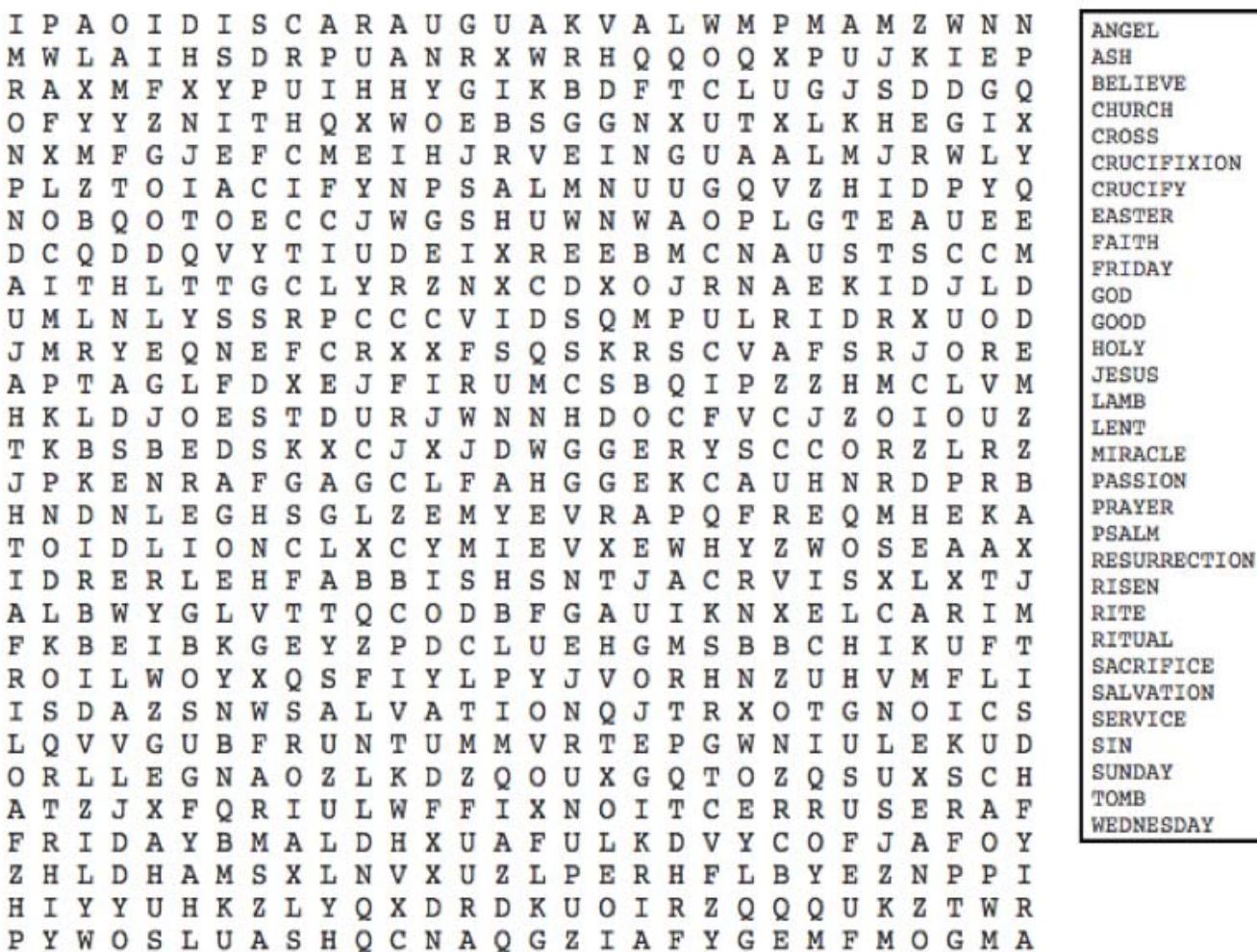
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2019 Operating & Missions Funds as of March 26



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of March 26, 2018 - \$696,356.21

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April Daily Scriptures

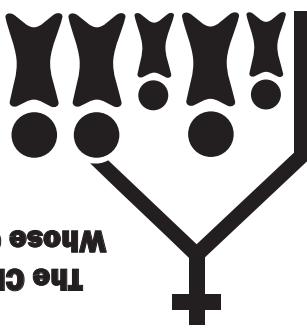
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| 1 Fragile Kingdom ----- | 1 Kings 1:1-27 | 16 Utter Despair ----- | Matthew 27:1-10 |
| 2 David Wakes In Time ----- | 1 Kings 1:28-53 | 17 Crowd Pleaser ----- | Matthew 27:11-26 |
| 3 Parting Priorities ----- | 1 Kings 2:1-12 | 18 Mockery and Derision ----- | Matthew 27:27-44 |
| 4 God-Given Wisdom ----- | 1 Kings 3:1-15 | 19 Death and Cosmic Drama ----- | Matthew 27:45-56 |
| 5 Wisdom Acid Test ----- | 1 Kings 3:16-28 | 20 Silent Saturday ----- | Matthew 27:57-66 |
| 6 Whole Life Wisdom ----- | 1 Kings 4:29-34 | 21 Resurrection Day! ----- | Matthew 28:1-20 |
| 7 Far and Near ----- | Psalm 148 | 22 A Promised Duty ----- | 1 Kings 5:1-18 |
| 8 Was it a Waste? ----- | Matthew 26:1-16 | 23 Promised Resting Place ----- | 1 Kings 8:1-21 |
| 9 Betrayal and Broken Bread ----- | Matthew 26:17-30 | 24 Is Your God Too Small? ----- | 1 Kings 8:22-30 |
| 10 Weaker Than You Think ----- | Matthew 26:31-35 | 25 The Promise of Prayer ----- | 1 Kings 8:46-61 |
| 11 Agony ----- | Matthew 26:36-46 | 26 The Promised Condition ----- | 1 Kings 9:1-19 |
| 12 Sealed With a Kiss ----- | Matthew 26:47-56 | 27 The Promised Climax ----- | 1 Kings 10:1-13,23-25 |
| 13 Where's the Justice? ----- | Matthew 26:57-68 | 28 Enjoying God ----- | Psalm 149 |
| 14 Fling Wide the Gates! ----- | Psalm 24 | 29 Don't Be a "Know-It-All!" ----- | 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 |
| 15 When Courage Fails ----- | Matthew 26:69-75 | 30 I've Got My Rights! ----- | 1 Corinthians 9:1-18 |

Holy Communion:
New Year (1/6), Ash Wednesday (3/6), Maundy Thursday (4/18),
Pentecost (5/19), Mid-Summer (7/14), World Wide Communion
(10/6), First Sunday of Advent (12/1)

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