

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! Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rally Sunday

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 139:13 -16 (p. 618) Prelude **Emma Nafziger** "Even If" **†**(8:00) Hymns of Praise – #1 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" +(10:30) Songs of Praise "Holy Is the Lord" "My Life Is In You" <sup>+</sup>Passing the Peace of Christ Children's Message Ministry of Prayer Prayer Hymn #410 "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" Unison Prayer of Confession - Father, I know that contentment with godliness is of great benefit. It brings about a lasting peace and a grateful heart that only you can give. Help me not to focus so much on the material possessions that I lose sight of that which is of vital importance. May the character of my soul and the fruit of my actions be of much greater importance than the perishable goods that capture my attention. I look to you for proper balance in the things you have blessed me with and the attitude in which I receive these good things from your hands. Amen. Words of Assurance – Psalm 103:8 –12 Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (p. 1133 "Love Builds Up" Sermon Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings "Jesus, You Are My Life" Offertory +The Doxology and Unison Prayer of Dedication - Generous God, accept these gifts as a means of bringing you glory and praise and as a way to draw others into this place. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen. **†**(8:00)Closing Hymn – #4 "How Great Thou Art" +(10:30)Closing Song "Come Alive (Dry Bones)" **†**Spoken Benediction **†**Benediction in Song – #4, refrain "How Great Thou Art" **†**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:

Read the words of Psalm 8 each day this week, using them as words of prayer to the Lord: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. He will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God his Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty -- he is the King of glory. Amen.

August Mission–A–Month Back Bay Mission Trip

#### 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@rtecexpress.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.

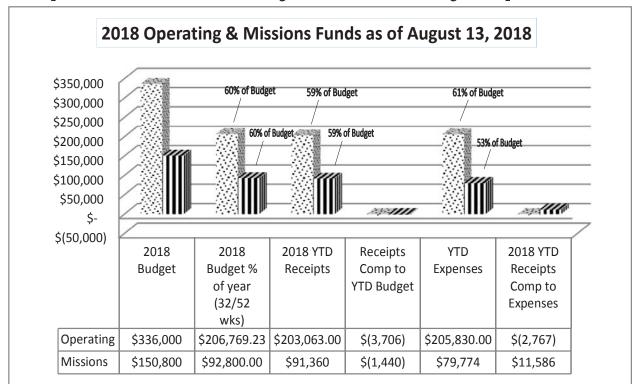
**LOGOS Preschool Classroom Assistant** - Be present and assist the Bible Study Teacher with any necessary tasks.

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.



# WEEK OF August 19th AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun		Rally Sunday
	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Rally Sunday Celebration (Sanctuary)
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Young Adult Ministry at "The Garage" (Archbold Evan Church)
Mon.	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Hosted by SJCC Team)
Wed	9:00AM	Bible Study at West Haven
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
Sat	8:00AM	Devotion in Motion
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (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%20 Reading Discovery. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

August 20 - Gladness and Glory	John 11:1-16
August 21 - Grief to Faith to Hope	John 11:17-27
August 22 - Resurrection Power	John 11:28-44
August 23 - Jesus Divides	John 11:45-57
August 24 - He's Worth It	John 12:1-11
August 25 - The King has Come	John 12:12-19
August 26 - I Love Your Word	Psalm 119:97-112

#### Next Sunday – August 26

Sermon – "Example of Renouncing Rights" by Alex Young Scripture – 1 Corinthians 9:1-27

### Pastoral News

Pastor Erich will be on medical leave from the date of his back surgery, August 22nd, 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.

We are blessed to have Pastor Alex on staff who will be shepherding the congregation during this time, and responding to the pastoral care needs of the congregation. Pastor Erich will be kept informed of any care needs and he will be available for Pastor Alex and Kelly Stahl as needed.

Prior to Pastor Erich's surgery being scheduled, Pastor Alex had already planned a time of vacation, with travel reservations being made. Pastor Alex will be gone 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 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.

### 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:

•Jeremy Neuenschwander, who had treatments at Cleveland Clinic on August 13th.

- •Lois Heer, who is in hospice care at Fairlawn, room #122.
- •Ryan Christman, pray for continued healing, as daily progesterone is being made.
- •Pastor Erich, whose back surgery is scheduled for August 22nd.
- •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

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Acolytes	(8:00)	Gavin Walker	(10:30) Emma Nafziger				
Ushers	(Head)	Mark Nofziger					
	(8:00)	Andrew, Lori & Harrison Rohrs					
	(10:30)	) Tyler Hurst, Emma Nafziger, Emily Walker & Hailey Wooley					
Nursery Staff	(10:30)	Bo & Bri Krukowski (	August 26) Lucas & Lindy Lantz				
Sound Tech	(8:00)	Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime				
Song/Worship Leader	(Both)	Ed Ruffer					
Children's Moment	(Both)	JoAnn Short					
Accompanist	(Both)	Lynne Christman					
Praise Band - Lynne Christman, Sarah Nafziger, Chris Baden, Norm & Ann Fether							

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