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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! Sixteenth 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

Isaiah 55:1-9 (p. 733)

Prelude

"I Stand in Awe"

†Call to Worship

L: The woman at the well asked of Jesus, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty!

P: In Christ, we come, seeking the "spring of water welling up to eternal life."

L: We pour forth our praise, Lord, for quenching our thirst with your grace and mercy.

P: Yes, Lord, we come to sing and even shout your praises! For you alone are worthy, you alone fill our every thirst and hunger, through the pouring forth of your love. Amen!

†Hymn of Praise – #52, vs. 1,2,3,6

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

Chancel Choir

"Come, Sing Songs of Joy"

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-22 (p. 1134, 1135)

Sermon

Dr. Michael Thomson

"Using the Bible in Times of Temptation"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"More Love, More Power"

†The Doxology and Unison Prayer of Dedication – ***God, we do not desire to pile up earthly riches. Our desire is to share the resources with which you have blessed us. With gratitude, we make this offering to honor you. Praying in the name of your son, Jesus. Amen.***

†Closing Hymn – #213

"Because He Lives"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #213, refrain

"Because He Lives"

†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:

Lord and Redeemer, O how powerful and true are your scriptures! I cannot understand how the Israelites continued to do evil in your eyes. How could they? Over and over and over. How? Why? (Pause) Yet, who am I? Haven't I done the same at times? Thank you, O God, for your faithfulness! Thank you for providing a way out of the evil, away from temptation, through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Renew me, fill me with grace, that I would be even more steadfast in my devotion to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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



The Altar Flowers are in honor of Wayne & Susanne Spiess's
70th Wedding Anniversary.



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.

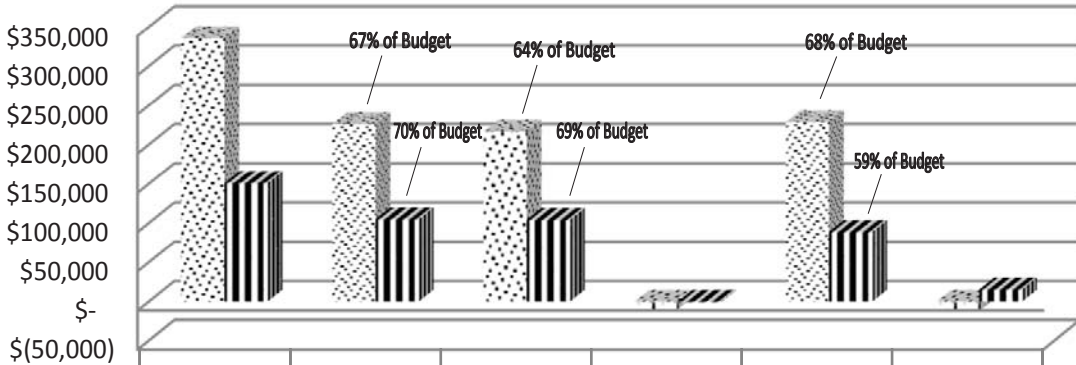
LOGOS Set Up of Tables and Chairs

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.

2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of Sept. 5, 2018



	2018 Budget	2018 Budget % of year (35/52 wks)	2018 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2018 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$336,000	\$226,153.85	\$216,639.00	64%	\$228,632.00	59%
Missions	\$150,800	\$104,954.00	\$104,284	69%	\$88,892	72%

WEEK OF September 9th 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	Life Planning Mentor Orientation
	3:30PM	TGRM Chapel & Meal
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	4:00PM	Laundry Buddy Ministry
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Hosted by Central Mennonite Church)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	9:00AM	Bible Study at West Haven
	6:00PM	JYF
	7:00PM	Life Planning
	7:00PM	LOGOS Adult Meeting
Fri	6:00PM	Armstrong & Tanner Wedding Rehearsal
Sat	8:00AM	Devotion in Motion
	3:00PM	Armstrong & Tanner Wedding
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Young Adult Ministries @ Young's

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 10 - Love With God's Help	Romans 15:1-6
September 11 - Unmerited Acceptance.....	Romans 15:7-13
September 12 - Turning On the Light.....	Romans 15:14-22
September 13 - A Hope Deferred.....	Romans 15:23-33
September 14 - Sending Greetings.....	Romans 16:1-16
September 15 - And Another Thing	Romans 16:17-27
September 16 - And, For, But.....	Psalm 119:153-176

Next Sunday – September 16

Sermon – “Use Your Freedom to the Glory of God” by Pastor Alex Young
Scripture – 1 Corinthians 10:23-1-11

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 back in the office tomorrow and he, along with Kelly Stahl and the Elders will be coordinating responses to pastoral care situations, in communication with 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

Let's Talk About It

SHSS: Our lesson comes from Genesis 3:1-7;14-21; narrowing in on sin's corruption of all creation. We see sin being described as rebellion and defiance toward God.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

St. John's is on the look out for people who desire to come alongside and support others in a more intentional way. The Stephen Ministry program trains compassionate individuals to help others who are encountering loss, grief, relationship challenges and a myriad of things that can throw our lives into a tailspin. Stephen Ministers are not counselors. They are not "know-it-alls." They are not individuals who try to fix everyone's troubles. They simply provide love, care and support when we need it most. A Stephen Minister is a caring individual who can help us navigate our present situation. Perhaps you feel God nudging you to use your skills to support someone who is going through a tough time. If you would like more information, talk to one of our Stephen Ministry Leadership team members – 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:

- ✠ 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:

- Bob DeVries, hospitalized at St. Luke's following a heart attack Sunday evening. He is in stable condition.
- Pastor Erich, day to day improvement, with zero back and leg pain, but dealing with nerve recovery; most likely will not be back into the office for half days until 9/24.
- 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.
- School staff, teachers and students as the 2018-2019 school year gets underway.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Bryce Beltz	(10:30) Cameron Yoder
Ushers	(Head) Greg Walker	
	(8:00) Linda Heer, Jean Stamm	
	(10:30) Duane & Linda Hayes, Paul & Joan Lovejoy	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Tammy Nofziger	(Sept. 16) Jay & Karla Pursel
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Worship Leader	(Both) Linda Heer	
Children's Moment	(Both) Nancy Rupp	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Speaker	(Both) Dr. Michael Thomson, President of NWSCC	

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