



# Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



ONE NATION UNDER GOD

*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word,  
preaching salvation through believing in Christ as our 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!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Isaiah 6:1-8

Prelude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

†Gathering Hymn

#588, “We Have Come into His House”

†Unison Prayer – *In every season, God of love and goodness, your steadfast love sustains us. You connect us together, inviting us to be a community of faith, calling us to remember that we live and breathe only by the power of your grace in our lives. As spring soon changes to summer, we are grateful for the longer hours of light and the warmer days to enjoy the outdoors. Our hearts are full of gratitude for all that your hand has so generously provided us. In these days of hope and promise, we look to the future with hope, opening ourselves to your Spirit at work in our lives. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.*

†Hymn of Praise and Adoration

“Shine Jesus, Shine”

Children’s Message

“The Triangle”

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

†Sermon Hymn

#206, “There Is a Redeemer”

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-17, Romans 8:12-17

Sermon

“What Questions Would You Ask?”

†Closing Hymn

#371, “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#569, v. 4 & refrain “Battle Hymn of the Republic”

†Postlude

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## Scripture Readings

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**Isaiah 6:1-8** In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

**John 3:1-17** Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." <sup>3</sup> In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." <sup>4</sup> "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at

my saying, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup> "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. <sup>10</sup> "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven-- the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

**Romans 8:12-17** Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation -- but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, <sup>14</sup> because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs -- heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

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## **Revised Plans for the Summer Mission Trip – We’re Staying Local**

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Annually scheduled for the second full week of June, this year’s mission experience is scheduled for June 14-18. Instead of lodging at Tower Hill Church Camp and working with LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity this summer, we’ll be working locally – on the Friendship House Build.

We’ve been exploring options for the week since LaPorte County is not building a home this year, primarily due to the extreme rise in the cost of building materials. One long time participant of the trips suggested we could work on the Friendship House this year, and we’re going to go with that suggestion.

So here are the details:

1. Project – The Friendship House – located at 118 S. Defiance Street
2. Days – Monday through Friday, June 14 thru 18
3. Daily Schedule
  - a. Arriving at the site no earlier than 8:30am
  - b. Starting time will be 9:00am
  - c. Morning devotion time will be around 10:30am
  - d. Lunch time will be around 12:00pm – served on site
  - e. Afternoon break time will be around 2:45pm
  - f. Work will end at 5:00pm
  - g. Dinner time will be around 5:30pm – served on site
  - h. Work will include shingling the roof, installing door and windows, siding, exterior trim, interior walls, insulating, hanging drywall, lawn seeding and landscaping, at least!
4. Working locally opens up the project to people who’d like to work just a day, or just an afternoon, etc., or to people who might want to provide a lunch or evening meal!

*Please let Pastor Erich know if you are interested in any aspect of #4 above so he can make plans for the week.*

## **Discovery Daily Devotional Guides**

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Discover Daily Devotional Guides are available in the hallway literature rack in the narthex (suggested donation \$6 each). You can also access the guide online at <https://scriptureunion.org/discovery/>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

May 30 – Trust His Timing.....	Psalm 102
May 31 – Transforming Timid.....	Acts 4:1-12
June 1 – Repentance and Trust.....	Acts 4:13-22
June 2 – Prayer Perspective.....	Acts 4:23-31
June 3 – Fellowship and Finance.....	Acts 4:32-37
June 4 – ‘Fear of Man’ Issues.....	Acts 5:1-11
June 5 – Famous For.....	Acts 5:12-16

## **GIF Gals**

The GIF Gals had their first outing on May 13 at the Das Essen Haus. Fifteen ladies were in attendance. There was good food, good conversation and lots of smiles and laughter.

The next get together will be Wednesday, June 16 @ 5:00. They will meet at Sullivan's Restaurant in Wauseon. If you would like to carpool, meet in the church parking lot at 4:30.

If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Hope to see you there for a fun evening together.

## **Lifting of Pandemic Protocols**

At their May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Consistory approved removing all pandemic protocols as of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and returning to our pre-pandemic practices of ministry. It was shared that we have been following the CDC guidelines throughout the pandemic, so it's natural that we follow their guidance on lifting the mask and social distancing protocols.

People who are fully vaccinated need not wear a mask any longer when in the church building.

As June 2<sup>nd</sup> is a Wednesday, when people arrive for worship on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, you'll be able to observe the following:

- Protocol signage will be removed
- Ropes and signs will be removed from the sanctuary pews
- Protocol slides will be removed from projected announcement slides
- Bibles, hymnals and pew cards will be returned to the pews
- The drinking fountains will be available for use
- Children will be invited forward to the chancel steps for the children's message
- Offering plates will be passed during the worship services
- Pastor Erich will walk down the center aisle after the spoken benediction and greet people leaving the sanctuary
- We will seek to have ushers in place for the 10:30 service, to greet people and hand out bulletins.

Returning to pre-pandemic practices of ministry includes no mask or social distancing requirements will be in place for all of our Christian Education, Fellowship and Committee ministries.

Everyone is asked to be understanding of people who will continue to wear masks, practice social distancing and refrain from handshakes and hugs. Parents may choose to have their children remain in the pew during the children's message. Groups serving refreshments and meals may choose to have single serve items or not, and food may be served in cafeteria, family or buffet style.

Hand sanitizers will remain in locations throughout the building and masks will be available for people who choose to wear one.

# Welcome!

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## Guests and Visitors

Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together. We hope you feel God's love in a new, refreshing way. You can learn more about our church by visiting the "New to SJCC" page on our website at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org/newtosjcc](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org/newtosjcc) or by picking up a copy of "Getting to Know St. John's Christian Church: Visitor Brochure" at the literature rack near the office.

## Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Station/Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary, currently limited to one family at a time. We kindly ask you to sanitize items after use (i.e. changing pad, toys, etc.) using the wipes provided as a respectful gesture to other families with small children in need of the room. Nursery care is offered during the 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children. A diaper changing station is located in the Nursery.

**Large Print and Children's Bulletins** are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex.

**Hearing Assistance** is provided by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.

## Week of May 30 at St. John's Christian Church

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Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School, Faith Village
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon		Memorial Day (Office Closed)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School, Faith Village & Confirmation
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers (@ the church)

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## Next Sunday, June 6, 2021

Scriptures – Psalm 138:1-3, Mark 4:1-12, 13-20

Sermon - "Understanding the Sower"

## **Congregational Prayer**

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Lord, I appreciate being reminded of the prophet Isaiah's call. As you cleansed Isaiah through the touch of the live coal, so you cleanse me through the cross of Jesus Christ. As we move past the rigors of the pandemic protocols, I pray Lord, that the church will be revived through the responding of your people. Send your Holy Spirit amongst us, that we would be stirred and convicted to serve as Isaiah served, willing to be sent, for we know of your glory, and desire to honor and glorify you. Amen.

## **Today's Worship Servants**

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Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Worship Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Children's Message	(Both) Matt Hines	
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grime	
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
Usher	(8:00) Nancy Rupp	(10:30) Greg Walker
Nursery	(5/30) Keith & Kelli Kuntz	(6/6) Bri & Bo Krukowski

## **Consistory Contact Information**

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## **Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:**

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### **Please pray for...**

- ◆ Jay Pursel's father, Rich, hospitalized due to covid and pneumonia, on a ventilator.
- ◆ Bryce Winzeler is in rehab at St. Charles Hospital recovering from lower back surgery.
- ◆ Kajiado Children's Home staff, Ruth continues to be hospitalized and Nelson has been released, but still recovering.
- ◆ Rev. Jim Barnes, National Minister of the EA, had surgery to remove one kidney.
- ◆ Finn Yoder, as the MRI revealed a small non-cancerous cyst in the pineal gland. He'll have another MRI in 3 to 6 weeks.
- ◆ Tracey Warren as radiation treatments are to start soon for the prostate cancer.

### **Those serving in the Armed Forces...**

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Fort Campbell, KY (Army) Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Washington, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kohl Collins, Ft. Myers, VA (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, Deployed, USS Iwo Jima (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO (Ohio Army Nat. Guard) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ Jared Kuntz, Washington, DC (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Eric Maag, Port Clinton, OH (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)
- ◆ Shayne & Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ David Richardson, Okinawa, Japan (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Joshua Richardson, Kaneohe, HI (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)



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