



THE VISITOR

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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for...

- ◆ Our newly elected officers, including Joyce Kinsman, Jill Nafziger, Nancy Rupp, Darlene Steiner, and Kenny Walker, as well as returning officers.
- ◆ Steve Walker, who will have ankle surgery on Friday, 2/3.
- ◆ Lynne Christman, who had her final chemo treatment on 1/30. She is in the process of having two scans taken and then will meet with the oncologist and the surgeon in mid-February to determine next steps. Lynne and Erich are thankful for the prayers and support offered in this time.
- ◆ Stacy Rutledge, who is recovering from knee surgery on 1/30.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, who had scans on 1/27 revealing the current spot in her spine is stable and being managed by the oral chemo.
- ◆ Pauline Merillat, mother of Roger Merillat, who is undergoing assessments and rehab after a fall earlier in the month.
- ◆ David and Mary Augustine, as David spent some time at Toledo Hospital earlier in January for pneumonia and is now home recovering.
- ◆ Cathy Nofziger, whose mother, Shirley Huber, passed away on 1/10.
- ◆ Joan Grieser, who is home recovering from knee surgery on 1/10.
- ◆ Bev Beaverson, who has some health concerns.
- ◆ Rosemarie Schmidt, who continues to recover from her recent fall. She is having difficulty hearing, but enjoys receiving cards in large print!
- ◆ Renee Liechty, who was at Rupp Rehab for physical therapy following leg surgery.
- ◆ Solomon and Lisa Welch, as Solomon has been seriously ill the past number of weeks, being hospitalized for awhile.
- ◆ Phyllis Miller, who continues in hospice care at Fairlawn.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, as she continues in treatment to address her chronic headaches.

Prayers for protection and for the increase of peace worldwide:

- ◆ PFC Brenden Bostelman, Deployed, Jordan (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Destin, FL (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, Suffolk, VA (Navy) (Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Newton Falls, OH while at Kent State (OANG) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, South Korea (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law to Nan Neill)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)



Please consider sending cards to these individuals letting them know that we continue to lift them up to God in prayer; and that He will guide, comfort, and sustain them through these times:

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

Dean Beck, Room #154A

Josephine Short, Room #405

Donna Buehrer, Room #402

Rosemarie Schmidt, Room #159

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Velma Overmier, Room #501-1

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Verlene Lovejoy, Room #203B

Genacross, 1032 S. Perry St., Napoleon, 43545

Audrey Smith, Room #403

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Shirley Wyse, Room #214

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Mike Meyer, Room #130

PASTOR'S COLUMN

At a busy dental office, one patient was always late. Once when the patient was called to confirm an appointment, he said, "I'll be about 15 minutes late. That won't be a problem, will it?" "No," he was told, "We just won't have time to give you an anesthetic." The patient arrived early!

A newspaper editor was heard telling his best cartoonist that he was the second greatest cartoonist in the world. A reporter standing nearby, his curiosity aroused, asked the editor who was the first greatest cartoonist. "I don't know," the editor replied, "but it keeps him on his toes."

Motivation. Inspiration. Stimulus. Impetus. Incentive. Why do we do what we do? How was a sense of duty or obedience or willingness developed within you? How do you develop that in others?

Here are two lessons that left a mark on me. I never toilet-papered a house. Why? When I was in confirmation in the 8th grade, some of my classmates decided tp-ing the minister's house on the Saturday before Palm Sunday was a fun thing to do. I didn't know anything about it until my family arrived at church on Sunday morning, as the minister lived in the parsonage right across from the church. And I didn't know who did it, until Rev. Lopeman came into the confirmation room that Sunday morning. Whether we were involved in the tp-ing or not, we all had to go across the street and clean it up. His anger was incentive enough never to tp a house!

When on summer staff at camp, maybe in my third or fourth summer, one of the maintenance staff members did something wrong with the John Deere tractor that resulted in a bent arm of the three-point hitch on the rear of the tractor. The camp manager asked each of us individually if we knew anything about it, and no one fessed up. He took off the damaged bent part, replaced it with a new one, then mounted the bent arm on a piece of wood, wrote the cost of repair on the wood, and hung that over the entrance door to the maintenance building. The camp manager wasn't upset about the bent arm, but he certainly fumed about no one telling him the truth. That lesson left a mark on me to admit my mistakes. (Eventually, the person responsible fessed up, but that bent arm stayed in place for many years as a reminder to be honest)

When it comes to our faith in Christ, I put forth these two verses in thinking about motivation:

1. In John 14:15 Jesus tells his disciples, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."
2. Ephesians 4:1-2: As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

In our love of Jesus, we are to give maximum effort to obey what he has commanded. In our love and obedience of Jesus, we are to live a life worthy of our calling. Our motivation is love. To honor Christ's love for us, as he died on the cross for our sins and arose from the grave for our eternal salvation, we are to love God and love our neighbors.

When we love, it does not mean we love sinful behavior, or accept sinful behavior. In ourselves, or others. To love someone means we love the person, we care about the person and we befriend the person. That is what Christ did, as Paul writes in Romans 5:6: "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly." In his love for us, Christ died for us. Jesus Christ loves everyone. In his love, Jesus calls us to obey his commands. Jesus said to the woman, "Then neither do I condemn you. Go now and leave your life of sin." (John 8:11)

To love is our calling, to love with grace, to love with thankfulness to Christ. Let us love one another in our obedience to Christ.

Humbly,

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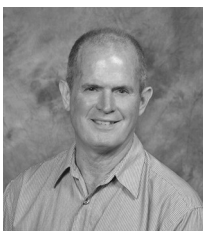
CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & THANK YOU'S

Dear Church Family,

We want to thank you for the many things you do to support us all year long by providing transportation, feeding us, keeping our meeting room clean, helping us with special events, planning, providing tech support, waiting on us while we play in the gym, praying for us, and most recently with our poinsettia fundraiser. We appreciate you!

- JYF (Zander J., Jesse M., Jude R., Jace B., Ethan K., Harrison R., Ali Genter, Tucker J., Camryn S., Molly R., Madison B., Courtney S., Klaire K., Ella Y., Brie Grime, & Aubree H.

Jim Grieser celebrated
70 blessed years of
life on January 23rd.
Happy Birthday, Jim!



On Sunday, January 15th during the 10:30AM service of worship, we welcomed four new members into the St. John's congregation! Pictured left to right are Shawn Stuckey, Jenna Stuckey, Jane Pearl Buckenmeyer with Dean, and Buffy Riley.



CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

LifeWise Academy

LifeWise Academy is a Bible-based, character-focused released time religious instruction (RTRI) program. RTRI is a legal program by which religious education is accessible to public school students during the school day allowing them to leave school (with parental permission) to attend off-site classes which are both academic and religious in nature. In order to adhere to relevant laws and policies, the program is 1) privately funded, 2) held off school property, and 3) includes only students with parental permission.

An Archbold LifeWise Steering Committee met with the Archbold Superintendent and Elementary Principle in mid-December and shared a packet of information with them. Following that meeting, the Steering Committee is awaiting action from the Archbold School Board of Education for approval of an RTRI policy and approval of starting a LifeWise program beginning with the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

If approval is given for a local LifeWise program, then the Steering Committee will coordinate naming a local program director and forming a local leadership team.

Interest in this program can be registered on line at lifewiseacademy.org.

Giving Statements

Giving statements for the 2022 tax year were released in January. If you have not received your statement either via email or USPS, please check your junk folder (if you have an email on file) then contact Jocelyn in the church office as soon as possible.

MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Toledo Walleye Hockey Game - March 5th

Come to the Huntington Center to share your faith with other Toledo Walleye fans on Sunday, March 5th! Before the game there will be a pregame session led by Toledo Walleye players and coaches as they discuss their faith and experiences as pro athletes. Puck drops at 5:15PM and there will be free open skate after the game (\$5 skate rental). If you're interested in attending, please sign up on the bulletin board or let Jocelyn know by February 5th. Tickets are \$17 each, which includes the pregame session, game ticket, and open skate. Checks or cash can be turned into the church office (memo line to read "Walleye Game"). Transportation details forthcoming dependent upon the final group size. We hope you'll join us!

Super Bowl Subs

Super Bowl Subs are back! Orders will be taken through February 8th. Sandwich options include: Italian, Ham, Turkey, or Chicken Salad, all with Toppings, Chips and Cookie. Free will donation to support senior high school youth activities. Orders can be placed on Sunday mornings after our services of worship at the bulletin board or through the church office. Subs will be available for pickup on Super Bowl Sunday, February 12th. Thanks for your support!

Sanctuary Sound System

Torrence Sound Equipment Company installed the new sound board and accessories at the end of January. It took a year for them to receive all of the necessary parts! The present system has been working at half capacity, so this is much needed! With the system upgrade, it's a great time for new tech training - we could use a few more techs to help with Sunday morning services, wedding, funerals and special events! If you're interested at all, please contact the church office. We'll have group training in the coming weeks.

Third Thursday Luncheon - February 16th @ 11:30AM For Senior Citizens Any and All!

These monthly luncheons, which begin at 11:30AM, feature three blessings – food, fellowship and faith. Each month there is a meal provided for all who attend, so good food and fellowship are enjoyed! Pastor Erich then provides a faith activity – it could be in the form of a game, a video lesson or a Bible study. The luncheons typically end no later than 12:45PM.

Fellowship Card Game Night

Saturday, February 11th at 6:13PM

Bring your favorite card game to play and a snack to share. Drinks will be provided. Come and go as able – play – watch - laugh!

GIF Gals

Winter in northwest Ohio can sometimes be long and boring. Between the weather and life, a person can feel alone. Not for our GIF Gals! On Sunday, January 22nd, a few of the Gals gathered after Church services in the Chapel for lunch and movie.

Judy Grime and Gloria Lauber furnished pizza, dessert, drinks, and the best homemade caramel corn. Add good fellowship to that. Soon it was time to find a comfortable place to watch the movie, "We Bought a Zoo." Mixed this all together and it made a very enjoyable afternoon. We all left in good spirits, anticipating our afternoon naps!

The GIF Gals will be meeting once again on Thursday, February 16th starting with the Senior Luncheon in the Chapel at 11:30AM followed by a "Galentine's Day" program hosted by Jocelyn Walker in the Fireside Room. We will be ditching the grey winter weather and "Growing In Faith" together by painting planters and propagating some indoor plants! A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up by Wednesday, February 8th so Jocelyn can order supplies. Cost will be \$10 to cover plant cuttings and supplies. We hope to see you there!

MINISTRY HAPPENINGS (CONT.)

Save the Date! Stellar VBS Coming this Summer!

VBS has been scheduled for June 4-8th! Be sure to keep an eye on future visitors as well as our Facebook page for more information in the coming months!

CONSTITUTION SPOTLIGHT

SECTION III - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Article 1.

The officers of this congregation shall be a Pastor (s), President, 6 Elders, 9 Deacons/Deaconesses, Congregational Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary, whose general standard of duty shall be the Word of God and this Constitution of St. John's Christian Church.

Article 2.

It shall be the duty of the Pastor(s) to administer the rites and sacraments, to conduct the public worship, to preach the Gospel, to be sensitive and responsive to the needs of individuals, and in conjunction with the Elders to have jurisdiction in matters of Christian discipline.

Article 3.

The congregational President shall preside at all congregational meetings and Consistory meetings. The president shall be empowered to appoint committees in consultation with the Pastor(s). One of the elders will be designated as the Vice President, and in the absence of the President, shall perform the duties and be vested with the authority of the President. The Congregational Secretary will record the minutes of all meetings of the Consistory. The Congregational Secretary will record the minutes of all meetings of the congregation and shall perform such additional clerical functions as may be requested from time to time by the Consistory.

MISSION CORNER

Mission-a-Month: Archbold FISH Pantry

It is the goal of the Archbold FISH Food Pantry to assist low-income families on a short-term basis, particularly those in a crisis situation, and to share God's grace. All of the households served have an Archbold mailing address, live in the Archbold school district, or attend a church which supports the Archbold FISH Pantry. FISH Pantry also help families with rent, utility payments, or prescriptions. They are completely reliant on the donations from generous people in our community and churches.

This month, you can help support the mission of the Archbold FISH pantry with donated goods or financial contributions (indicate with "MAM" on Line 11 of your offering envelopes). Donated items can be placed in the white mission box in the Chapel Narthex. Monetary donations allow the pantry to purchase needed items in bulk. Thank you for your support in offering help and hope to those in need!



Summer Mission Trip – June 26th-30th

Dates have been set to volunteer with the LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity affiliate based in Michigan City, Indiana. The plan is to drive up Monday morning to spend five days working on a new home build. We won't know at what stage of construction the home will be until early June. The group will work until lunchtime on Friday and then return back to Archbold. Lodging will most likely be in one or two area Airbnb places (that worked well last year). The week has always turned out to be a very good week of work, fellowship and food! A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

MISSION THANK YOU'S

Dear Siblings in the Faith,

I recently received your generous January gift to my Reliant Missionary Account, and I feel so grateful for this sacrifice of your faith. I am blessed by our partnership.

As I begin a new year, with your help, I am fully supported in my pastoral work on campus in Ann Arbor. I feel freshly emboldened to preach the gospel and have been taking what I learned through my time in Egypt, Jordan, and Israel and have been applying it to the way that I teach. I am learning a lot from the way that the Bible and Jesus Himself use pictures to speak to the hearts of people.

Likewise, I'm investing a lot in Daniel (a sophomore) and Raegan (a junior) as young leaders who are going out to share the gospel with fellow students this week and next. Daniel and I are meeting with a Freshman (Danny) on Thursday evening. Please pray for us! Your faithful prayers and generosity are leading to real life change among young people, and I feel so thrilled to be teamed up with you.

Grace and Gratitude,
 Kyle Chase



Dear Friends,

We have begun to receive photos and videos of the drought food relief campaign. We are providing food for 200 families this month affected in the poorest areas of Kajiado County. We appreciate your prayers and support. We could not do this important work without your help.

We also have 26 new children who came into Kajiado Children's Home after Christmas to begin school in January. We have identified sponsors for five of them so far, and are looking for sponsors for the other 21. Please keep our efforts to find sponsors in your prayers. If you'd like to sponsor one of these children, please contact your church office or hope4kajiado@gmail.com

Thank you,
 Gaye List, Kajiado Children's Home

Dear St. John's Christian Church,

Thank you for your generous donation to the Kyle Zanker Honorarium fund. Those who know Kyle know what an impact she's had on the generations of children who have spent time on our campus. Without her enthusiasm for our mission, her fierce dedication to the kids, or her unrelenting devotion and support she has shown to her colleagues, I can safely say Crossroad would not be what it is today.

For over 27 years, Kyle has led our development team through both the good times and challenging. She is responsible for raising over \$20 million throughout her time here, allowing us to help and care for children who are dealing with issues of trauma, abuse, and neglect. Those funds helped employees earn a living, facilities to be upgraded (or built from the ground up) and most importantly, provide an atmosphere where these children can heal, learn, and grow.

Throughout our 140 years in operation, there have been so many who have dedicated their professional lives towards caring for children in our area. It is by no means rare to find amongst that group caring and thoughtful individuals who are committed to being advocates for those who need it most. What is rare, however, is to find someone who has a heart as big, standards as high, and is as universally liked as Kyle Zanker. With your gift, you are continuing the legacy she began. The fact that you're willing to stand alongside us in defense of these children earns you our eternal gratitude.

Thank you,
 David Mullins
 President & CEO, Crossroad Child & Family Services



Dear St. John's Christian Church,

Thank you for your gift. What you do to help the Friendship House is truly amazing and greatly appreciated. May your ministry be blessed as you continue to bless us.

Sincerely,
 The Friendship House

Main Office—Ph. 419-446-2545
Custodian—Ph.419-551-1105

Website: www.stjohnsarchbold.org
Sunday Worship 8:00AM and 10:30AM

MISSION THANK YOU'S (CONT.)

Dear St. John's Christian Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$4,862.99 for the Children's Christmas Celebration Fund. This is AMAZING. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to getting to know your amazing congregation.

With Gratitude,

Beth McCord

Chief Development Officer, Crossroads



Dear St. John's Christian Church,

In 2022, Freedom International continued to invest on a consistent, daily basis in over 450 students. In August, we started offering our first high school classes as our 8th graders were promoted to 9th grade. Regarding construction, a fourth apartment building shell was completed, and we continued to work on our 72-room school building. We also finished some projects: an addition to our playground area, a permanent sound system in the multi-use, and sidewalks in the courtyard area inside the school. We have enjoyed seeing these little changes make an incredible difference.

Thank you for your commitment to support what the Lord is doing in the Dominican Republic.

Christ has set us free!

Scott Mitchener, President



Additional thank you's from...

- ◆ M.N., for our gift of \$1,000
- ◆ Jon & Rachel Doriot, for our gift of \$450
- ◆ Cherry Street Mission, for our gift of \$1,640
- ◆ The Friendship House, for our gift of \$730
- ◆ CWS, for our gift of \$90 towards hurricane relief
- ◆ Fulton County Christmas Cheer, for our gift of \$2,896.65
- ◆ Youth for Christ, for our gift of \$100
- ◆ Matt & Paige Waanders, for our gift of \$150
- ◆ Kyle Chase, for our gift of \$1035
- ◆ Matt & MaryLynn Pardi, for our gift of \$1036.28
- ◆ Kajiado Children's Home, for our gift of \$5,900

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CONSISTORY

Upcoming Special Congregational Meeting

The Consistory is preparing for a special congregational meeting in order to fill a vacancy in the office of elder. Norm Fether resigned as an elder effective at the December Consistory meeting.

Per the church constitution, Section IV, Article 6.A.2: When a vacancy occurs in the office of Deacon (ess) or Elder for a term of 18 months or more the Consistory shall nominate and publish, not less than two weeks in advance, two names for each office to present for election at a special congregational meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor with prior consent of the nominee.

Since there are two years remaining for this vacancy, the Consistory is in the process of seeking two nominees. Once those two names have been finalized, they will be shared with the congregation and two weeks later, on a Sunday morning, a congregational meeting will be held. That meeting will be called to order following the 8:00AM service, then recessed, and then the meeting will be reconvened following the 10:30AM service.

Consistory Meeting Minutes Highlights December 19, 2022

- ◆ Personnel Committee (Jan Lindsay/Laura Johnson) Pastor Erich and Pastor Ryan were dismissed. Laura presented personnel committee recommendations. Motion to accept, Motion Carried Unanimously
- ◆ Fellowship Committee (Jon Lindsay) Children's advent event (25 kids), Senior Citizen event (50 attendees), In January, possible game night being planned, committee will be looking for 3 or more people for next year.
- ◆ Mission Committee (Crissi Stuckey) Paige, Darlene, and Roger will be continuing on the committee. LifeWise Academy has been added to the mission fund recipients, Budget is being increased by about \$6000 for next year. Motion to accept budget, Motion Carried Unanimously
- ◆ Property Committee (Bruce Wooley) Dave Walker & Richard Spiess are continuing on the committee.
- ◆ Spiritual Council (Erich Christman) Elder Vacancy – Norm Fether has resigned from his position. Per the Church Constitution: "When a vacancy occurs in the office of Deacon(ess) or Elder for a term of 18 months or more the Consistory shall nominate and publish, not less than two weeks in advance, two names for each office to present for election at a special congregational meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor with prior consent of the nominee. If the vacancy is for less than 18 months, the Consistory will fill the vacancy for the unexpired term." This elder vacancy will be addressed at the January Consistory meeting.
- ◆ Pastor's Report (Erich Christman)
 - ◇ LifeWise Academy – LifeWise will hopefully be on one of the January agendas for the Archbold school board meeting. Archbold Evan has a room that would be a great fit for this. LifeWise will need a shuttle bus if this is approved. Our bus is licensed to be able to be a shuttle bus so that is an option that may be pursued if this program is approved. There will be annual fund raising that the volunteer committee will lead.
 - ◇ Youth Ministry Leadership – Director/Minister of Youth and Young Adults job description was passed out to the group. Includes position summary, responsibilities, qualifications, preliminary financial requirements, and action steps. It's important for us to prepare and invest in the future...revitalization. This is not a topic for the annual meeting. This is just the beginning of future discussions to begin exploration. Target would be for discussion and action decisions for the February meeting.
 - ◇ EA Cohort – NCD Assessment – 30 suggested participant names were handed out. Pastor Erich will be communicating and scheduling the event with these individuals.
 - ◇ Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County, Ohio – Consistory must approve any outside staff member paid position. There is a PT Construction/Project Manager position available.

Pastor Erich would like to apply. This work is typically on Friday and Saturday, Erich's days off. He managed these projects as a volunteer in 2016 and 2019. Motion to accept, motion was approved, with Ryan Christman abstaining.

- ♦ Pastor of Music and Worship Report Ryan Volkman – The last 6 months have been a time of learning the congregation. Several music worship groups are growing. Pastor Ryan has been participating in the Logos worship skills. He has also been mentoring musical youth.

Report from the Congregational Annual Meeting held on Sunday, January 15, 2023

1. Call to Order – Linda Heer, Cong. President
 - a. 128 members present...quorum established.
2. Report from Building Committee – Jeff Rutledge
 - a. Kick-off meeting was held in April of 2022.
 - b. The group's purpose is to work with the most recent Facility Committee recommendations that were approved by the congregation to address restrooms, accessibility, and worship.
 - c. The group has done the following:
 - i. Created an RFP (Request for Proposal) to define scope, review history and review building goals of the project.
 - ii. Held in person meetings with 3 of the 7 architects that were sent an RFP..
 - iii. Evaluated each architectural firm.
 - iv. Unanimously selected to work with Beilharz Architects (Defiance, OH)
 - d. The team will be having more discussions with the architect in the coming weeks.
 - e. Thank you to the congregation for your capital campaign giving and to the committee for their time, efforts, and wisdom.
3. 2022 Financial Reports (Pages 8-21) – Linda Heer Annual Reports were approved, with the following questions/answers:
 - a. Will 2022 average attendance be shown in the updated reports? Response: This number was inadvertently omitted and will be in the next version of the Visitor. Later, it was reported the average attendance to be 165 (which does not include online participation).
 - b. What is the budgeted cost for the architect? Response: It is built into the 1.6 million for building fund. Later, Jeff reported this amount to be \$114,000.
 - c. Why are the Imagine Your Faith Building incoming amounts not all being deposited into the EGR account? Response: Decision was to change this approach due to down turn of the market and upcoming work with the architects.
4. Personnel Committee – Laura Johnson, Chairperson
 - a. Staff members were dismissed for this portion of the meeting. Laura provided salary recommendations for the following: 1) Non-pastoral staff: Administrative Assistant, Custodian, Cleaning Service, Accompanist, Treasurer, LOGOS, Security; 2) Senior Pastor, 3) Pastor of Music and Worship. Recommendations were approved.
5. Second Mile Fund Disbursement Update – the downturn of the market throughout 2022 impacted the plan for these disbursements, which were held off until the market recovers.
6. 2023 Proposed Budget (Page 22-24) – the 2023 Operating Budget and 2023 Mission Budget were approved.
7. Results of the Election were:

President: Linda Heer
Congregational Secretary: Lynne Roth
Elders: Joyce Kinsman, Jill Nafziger
Deacon/Deaconess: Nancy Rupp, Darlene Steiner, Kenny Walker

COMMITTEES

Committee Members

A couple of our church committees are in search of one or two more people to serve. Serving on a committee is a blessed way to serve the Lord by sharing in the ministry of the church, and is a great way to meet people of the congregation. If you are interested in learning more, please talk with Pastor Erich or one of the committee chairpersons:

Evangelism Committee – Stacy Rutledge

Fellowship Committee – Steve Walker

Building Committee Update

Representatives of the Building Committee met with three members of the Beilharz Architects (B|A) staff on January 20th. B|A shared floor plan renderings of the project and reviewed their thoughts on restrooms, elevator, sanctuary and heating/cooling of the building. Their interior designer had a chance to walk through the areas of the building and ask questions.

Following that meeting, the representatives of SJCC will review what they learned, and B|A will be putting a project budget together for the Building Committee.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

First Quarter Sermon Series Discussion Times

The worship listing in each month's Visitor provides the belief topics and scripture passages for each Sunday's sermons. In addition to the teaching sermons, a small group time of discussion is held each Wednesday at 6:00PM in the Parlor.

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| Feb 5th | Sermon: "The Church - The Body of Christ"
Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31
Belief Topic: The Church is the body of Christ on earth - the community of believers throughout the world |
| Feb 12th | Sermon: "Humans - Created in the Image of God"
Scripture Reading: Colossians 2
Belief Topic: Human Beings were created by God to walk in fellowship with Him. All (except Jesus) have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and must rely on God's grace and forgiveness. |
| Feb 19th | Sermon: "God Created - Male and Female"
Scripture Readings: Matthew 19:4-6 (Genesis 1:27 & 2:24), Genesis 2:7-9 and 21-25, Mark 10:6 (them)
Belief Topic: God created the human race male and female and that all conduct with the intent to adopt a gender other than one's birth gender is immoral and therefore sin. |
| Feb 26th | Sermon: "Salvation is by God Alone"
Scripture Readings: Acts 2:38-41, 8:9-13, 10:44-48
Belief Topic: Salvation is by God alone through Jesus Christ. |

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30a Moms in Prayer 5:50p LOGOS 6:00p Sermon Discussion 6:45p JYF 7:00p SYF 7:30p Chancel Choir	2 11:00a Staff Meeting 3:00p Gym Reserved 5:00p Gym Reserved	3	4
5 6:00p Seekers	6 5:00p Gym Reserved 7:00p Gym Reserved	7 9:15a Bible Study 3:00p Gym Reserved 4:00p Budget & Stewardship 5:00p Community Meal 7:00p Mission Committee	8 8:30a Moms in Prayer 5:50p LOGOS 6:00p Sermon Discussion 6:45p JYF 7:00p Life Planning	9 11:00a Staff Meeting 3:00p Gym Reserved 5:00p Gym Reserved	10	11 7:40a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:13p Card Game Night
12	13 5:00p Gym Reserved 7:00p Praise Team 7:00p Gym Reserved	14 9:15a Bible Study 3:00p Gym Reserved 5:00p Community Meal 7:00p Property Committee	15 8:30a Moms in Prayer 5:50p LOGOS 6:00p Sermon Discussion 6:45p JYF 7:00p SYF 7:30p Chancel Choir	16 11:30a Senior Luncheon/GIF Gals 3:00p Gym Reserved 5:00p Gym Reserved 6:00p Girl Scouts	17	18 11:00a Gym Reserved
19 6:00p Seekers	20 5:00p Gym Reserved 6:15p Spiritual Council 7:00p Gym Reserved 7:30p Consistory	21 9:15a Bible Study 3:00p Gym Reserved 5:00p Community Meal	22 8:30a Moms in Prayer 7:00p Ash Wednesday Worship	23 11:00a Staff Meeting 3:00p Gym Reserved 5:00p Gym Reserved	24	25
26	27 5:00p Gym Reserved 7:00p Praise Team 7:00p Gym Reserved	28 9:15a Bible Study 3:00p Gym Reserved 5:00p Community Meal				



Birthdays and Anniversaries



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| 1 John & Mary Beck | 16 Ryan Kinsman |
| 2 Bruce Wooley | 17 Donna Buehrer |
| 4 Riley Kleck, Nancy Lightner, Shirley Wyse | 18 Jared Kuntz, Andrew Wyse, Justin & Kelsey Pursel |
| 5 Dave Miller | 19 John Kauffman, Judy Overmier, Sue Steiner, Ella Yoder |
| 6 Rollin Nafziger | 20 Solomon & Lisa Welch |
| 8 Mary Zimmerman | 21 Blake Grime |
| 9 Karen Walker, Joel & Annie Foote | 24 Joe Short |
| 10 Patti Lirot | 25 Annie Foote |
| 11 Mindy Gruenhagen, Jen Lindsay | 26 Dawson King |
| 14 Sue Buehrer, Tucker Johnston, Keith & Kelli Kuntz | 27 Kenny Walker III |
| 15 Teresa Mann | |

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| <p>1 Being Color-Blind-----Numbers 12</p> <p>2 Giants and Grasshoppers -----Numbers 13</p> <p>3 Rebels Without Reason-----Numbers 14:1-25</p> <p>4 Pride and Punishment -----Numbers 14:26-45</p> <p>5 The Cover-Up -----Psalm 32</p> <p>6 The Seriousness of Sin -----Numbers 15:22-41</p> <p>7 Crossing the Line -----Numbers 16</p> <p>8 Elected Leadership-----Numbers 17</p> <p>9 Giving Generously -----Numbers 18</p> <p>10 Dealing with Dying-----Numbers 19</p> <p>11 Jesus Loves the Church -----Revelation 1:1-8</p> <p>12 Reasons to be Glad -----Psalm 33</p> <p>13 Lord of the Church-----Revelation 1:9-20</p> <p>14 Perseverance-----Revelation 2:1-7</p> <p>15 Faithfulness-----Revelation 2:8-11</p> | <p>16 Distinctiveness-----Revelation 2:12-17</p> <p>17 Service -----Revelation 2:18-29</p> <p>18 Revival! -----Revelation 3:1-6</p> <p>19 The Nearness of God-----Psalm 34</p> <p>20 Responsive-----Revelation 3:7-13</p> <p>21 Honesty-----Revelation 3:14-22</p> <p>22 Look Up-----Revelation 4</p> <p>23 The Heart of Worship-----Revelation 5</p> <p>24 How Long?-----Revelation 6</p> <p>25 Help from Heaven -----Revelation 7</p> <p>26 Real Prayer -----Psalm 35</p> <p>27 God's Prayer Store-----Revelation 8</p> <p>28 Judgement and Mercy-----Revelation 9</p> |
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Holy Communion:
New Year (1/8), Ash Wednesday (2/22), Maundy Thursday (4/6), Pentecost (5/28),
Mid-Summer (7/23), World Wide Communion (10/1), First Sunday of Advent (12/3)

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