

April 9, 2023 | Easter Sunday | 7:00am

# ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ



*He is Risen!*

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

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*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.*

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# Alleluia! He is Risen!

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## Guests and Visitors

Welcome to SJCC on this glorious Easter morning! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Risen Lord together! We hope you feel God's love in a refreshing way. Please let one of our ushers know you're new (*they may have already noticed your new face!*) so they can give you a welcome bag filled with helpful information about our church. We also invite you fill out a quick online form so we can get to know you a little better - simply scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera while you're waiting for worship to start!



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

Nursery Care is offered during the 10:30AM service and we are always looking for new volunteers to help with this ministry! People interested in helping can contact the church office. We also have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary for nursing mothers and/or mothers with young infants and toddlers. Diaper changing stations are located in both the Mother's Room and the Nursery. An usher will gladly direct you if needed!

**Children's Busy Bags** are located in the sanctuary narthex for children ages one-year to third grade. Bags are marked by age (**Pink** = Ages 1-2; **Green** = Ages 3-5; **Yellow** = Grades K-3). Please be sure to return bags at the end of our service today. If you would like to mark a bag specifically for your child(ren) each week, please contact the church office.

## Give & Take Board

Do you need a little peace in your day? Confidence? What about self-control? Are you in need of a spiritual pick-me-up? Could you use a quick bit of kindness after a long week? Or do you have these things to spare? Then stop by the Give and Take Board outside of the Preschool Room! Give what you can and take what you need - you just might feel or fill someone's heart with the love of God and make their week brighter!

**Large Print Bulletins** are available at a table in the sanctuary narthex.

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

Let's Connect!



## EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

*The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." Matthew 28:5-6*

The Easter Prelude

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

*Draping the Cross in Celebration of the Easter Resurrection*

†Easter Proclamation

L: Praise the Lord! Christ is risen!

**P: *He is risen indeed!***

L: For us the stone has been rolled away.

**P: *Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

L: Christ has been raised from death to new life.

**A: *Christ is risen indeed!***

†Easter Hymn

#216, "Christ Arose"

†Call to Worship

L: No matter how often the dawn heralds the day's beginning with light and color, we always welcome the sense of newness that morning gives.

**P: *Thanks be to God! Christ is risen!***

L: And no matter how many times we hear the Easter story proclaimed in gospel and song, we always welcome the assurance of newness that Christ's resurrection gives.

**P: *Christ is risen! Thanks be to God!***

L: By our Creator's design, the predictable transition from night to dawn is a matter of course.

**P: *Hosanna in the highest! Hallelujah!***

L: Through our Creator's power, the wondrous transition from death to life is a matter of grace.

**A: *Thanks be to God! Christ is risen!***

†The Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

†Easter Hymn

#217, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Children's Message

Reading of the Easter Story

Luke 24:13-35

Easter Hymn

#227, "He Lives"

Easter Meditation

"The Emmaus Realization"

†Easter Hymn

#226, "The Day of Resurrection"

†Spoken Benediction

†Exit Offering

†Postlude

"My Redeemer Lives"

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Luke 24:13-35** <sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." <sup>25</sup> He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. <sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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Mighty Lord God, Alleluia! The stone was rolled away, the tomb was empty! Alleluia! Jesus Christ is alive, just as he said he would be. Alive today! Not just an historical record, but Jesus is with us now, our Lord's love and forgiveness reigns! I praise you, God, for the miracle of resurrection, for the hope Christ offers to all who believe. Thank you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for your mercy and grace and counsel. I pray for your strength to fill me; that I would be more faithful in my devotion and honoring of Jesus Christ, my Lord. In his name, Amen.

# EASTER FLOWERS

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**GIVEN BY:**

Marilyn Baron.....

**IN HONOR OF:**

Everyone

**GIVEN BY:**

Erich & Lynne Christman .....

Brad & Susie Enderle .....

Ann Grime.....

Dale & Ann Grime.....

James Grime .....

Mary Ellen Johnson .....

Rod & Joyce Kinsman .....

Gloria Lauber .....

Jon & Jan Lindsay.....

Todd & Jill Nafziger.....

Betsy Redd.....

Doug & Nancy Rupp .....

Linda Rutledge.....

The Rutledge Family .....

Judy Sears & Family.....

Richard Spiess.....

Sue Steiner.....

David & Crissi Stuckey .....

Shawn & Jenna Stuckey.....

Allie & Evelyn Walker .....

Corey & Jocelyn Walker.....

Dave & Karen Walker .....

Greg & Kim Walker .....

**IN MEMORY OF:**

Parents

Parents

Bernice Rice

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Parents & Grandparents

Father, James Schmucker

Jim Redd

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Tim Rutledge

Gary Sears

Cathy Spiess & Parents

Loved Ones

Phyllis Stuckey

Loved Ones

Ali Held Herman

Loved One

Grandpa & Grandma Mike, Phyllis Miller, & Joyce Warner

Roger & Karen Roth



*Flowers are labeled and may be picked up from the base of the cross following 10:30 a.m. service.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **Special Congregational Meeting on April 30th** - In continuing to follow through on the work of the 2018 Vision Committee, the Consistory has called a special congregational meeting for the purpose of considering a new staff position, that of a Director/Minister of Youth and Young Adults. Information about the proposed position – job description, compensation package and search process are available at a table in the Sanctuary narthex. There will be a special schedule for that morning:
  - 9:00AM Sunday School, Faith Village and Confirmation
  - 10:00AM Worship Service
  - 11:10AM Congregational Meeting
- ◆ **Mission Presentation: Eliot Nofziger, YFC/The Outback** - On Sunday, April 30th, Eliot will be present to share about Youth for Christ and The Outback ministry. Come and learn how YFC continues to impact the lives of youth through the sharing of the Gospel. There will be a time for asking Eliot questions, too. The presentation will be held either in the sanctuary or the chapel, beginning at 9am on April 30th.
- ◆ **Lenten Jesse Tree** - Don't forget to visit the Lenten Jesse Tree, which is on display in the Sanctuary narthex through the end of the day! Donations will help support the Aroles and Back Bay Mission. It's simple: pick an offering denomination card from the tree's branches and drop your donation into the Tree's offering box!
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School 2023** - VBS Registration is now open! See the included insert for registration information or visit [www.stjohnsarchbold.org/vbs](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org/vbs).

## EASTER BREAKFAST AND CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT

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Join us in the Parish Hall following this morning's service of worship for a joyous Easter breakfast provided by the St. John's Life Planning Team. At 8:45AM, children are invited to gather in the Chapel for the start of the annual Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by St. John's JYF!

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	Lynne Christman
Song Leader	Ryan Volkman
Worship Leader	Roger Zimmerman
Acolyte	Courtney Stuckey
Easy Worship	Kelly Ducey
Sound Tech	James Grime
Usher	Shawn Stuckey

## WEEK OF APRIL 10TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Sun	7:00AM	Sunrise Service (Sanctuary)
	8:00AM	Easter Breakfast provided by Life Planning (Parish Hall)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	8:45AM	Easter Egg Hunt hosted by JYF (Chapel)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Confirmation/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Easter Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	<i>Pastor Erich will be out of the office the week of April 10th - 16th</i>	
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - St. Peter Catholic Church (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	Second Year Confirmation (Parlor)
	6:45PM	LOGOS/JYF
	7:00PM	Life Planning (Work Night)
Sat	1:15PM	Sanctuary Reserved
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Confirmation/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)

## APRIL MISSION-A-MONTH: GROWING HOPE GLOBALLY (GHG)

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Growing Hope Globally started when Stryker, Ohio farmers, Vernon and Carol Sloan, met with a handful of Christian organizations that fund and run international food security programs and decided to use the proceeds from crops raised and sold in the U.S. to fund agricultural development programs overseas. That seed of an idea has blossomed into a network of community Growing Projects in more than 20 states.

The local growing project is located on the NE corner of St. Rt. 34 and County Road 2275 in Williams County and is a joint effort between First Lutheran Church in Stryker, Stryker United Brethren Church, and St. John's Christian Church. The 2022 growing project raised \$12,811.41 that was sent on to GHG to help people find lasting solutions to hunger. All donations collected during the month of April will go towards the 2023 growing project. You can give to GHG by writing "MAM" or "GHG" on Line 11 of your offering envelope.

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ John Beck and family, upon the death of John's mother, Laura Jane Beck, age 91. She entered eternal life on April 4th. Services will be on April 22 at North Clinton Church.
- ◆ Tracy Warren, as he continues to recover from recent ankle surgery.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who is waiting on an appointment at Cleveland Clinic, as another fracture has been detected in the opposite leg, making six fractures in two years.
- ◆ Carol DeVries, as she continues to recover from some back issues.
- ◆ Larry and Melva Woolace, and their son, Monte, as they continue to go through cancer treatments for Larry and Monte, and health concerns for Melva.
- ◆ Janet Franks, as she continues to recover from recent shoulder surgery.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, as she continues in therapy.
- ◆ Bev Beaverson, who lives in Fulton Suites in Wauseon, and has some health concerns.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Deployed, Jordan (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Destin, FL (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Newton Falls, OH, attending 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) (Husband of Taylor)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

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