

April 21, 2024 | 8:00am & 10:30am

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ



Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

*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! We are so glad you are here.

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 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 to fill out a quick survey 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!



Nursery Care/Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations



Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30AM service for children ages four months through preschool across from the church office. Parents can register children for Nursery Care online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery or by scanning the QR code to the left before checking into the nursery for the first time. 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!



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

Please offer a prayer for yourself, those around you, and those leading worship.

Ring of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

The lighted candles symbolize God's presence and Christ, the Light of the World.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

"He is Exalted"

A time to prepare for worship, focusing on the Lord, whom we've come to worship.

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

2 Corinthians 4:13-15 (p. 1144)

†Opening Hymns of Praise

#1, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
#477, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

(10:30) Junior Choir

"God is Great"

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Living for Jesus"

†The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 3:1-9 (p. 1179)

†Sermon Hymn

#487, "Peace, Perfect Peace"

Sermon

"Fruit of the Spirit – Self-Control"

Special Music

Scott Reeb

"I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#294, v. 2, "Set My Soul Afire"

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Corinthians 4:13-15 It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak,¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence.¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

2 Timothy 3:1-9 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good,⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God --⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.⁶ They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires,⁷ always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.⁸ Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth -- men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected.⁹ But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord, we pray for the ministry of our congregation. We thank you for your guiding hand throughout our history, a history of blessing in many ways. Today we pray for discernment through your Spirit's presence, that all of us would seek your will for our church, for our community, for ourselves. We pray for your will to be accomplished, especially praying for your wisdom as we prepare for the upcoming congregational meeting. May the Light of the World, Jesus Christ himself, light our path unto you. Amen.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs	
Acolytes	(8:00) Harrison Rohrs	(10:30) Jace Bernath
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ollie MacDonald	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Brooke & Emily Hines	<i>(4/28) Karen Walker & Molly Rutledge</i>
8:00 Usher	Shawn Stuckey	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Tom & Laura Johnson, Adam Swisher, Toby Walker	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **GIF Gals Supper at Tap Culture** - The GIF Gals will meet and eat at Tap Culture Coffee on Thursday, April 25th at 5:30PM. There will be a Barista so everyone can choose a drink and a meal will be served. We will also have a special presentation from one of our mission partners. The cost is \$15 per person so please sign up on the bulletin board by today.
- ◆ **Connections Sunday School Class** - Many people have a tough time believing that God still speaks. We've learned from Scripture that God spoke to His people in ancient times and in mysterious ways, but how do we hear His voice now? The truth is God still communicates with His people, but He often speaks in a whisper – not to make it difficult to hear Him, but to draw us close. The Connections Sunday school class invites you to participate in a four-week study series titled “Whispers,” starting April 28th in the chapel during the Sunday school hour.
- ◆ **LOGOS, Confirmation, JYF Final Night** - This upcoming Wednesday, April 24th will be the final night for Logos, Confirmation, and JYF for the program year. Logos should wear their t-shirts. Registration information for 2024-2025 will be open in mid-summer and will be emailed to families. Thank you for a fun program year!
- ◆ **Coffee & Donut Fellowship** - The Fellowship Committee invites everyone to grab a donut and cup of coffee after 8:00AM service and before Sunday school starts on Sunday, April 28th!
- ◆ **Baseball Faith & Family Night with the Mud Hens** - Ticket deadline for the Mud Hens game is May 5th! Join us on Sunday, June 30th for Faith & Family Night with the Toledo Mud Hens! There will be events for all ages before and after the 4:05PM game. Our group tickets gain admission to a faith-based event in the ballpark prior to the game. Additionally, there will be an inflatable park in Hensville before the game and a base run for the kids after the game is over. There's a sign up sheet on the bulletin board or contact the church office.
- ◆ **Next Sunday: Presentation Sunday** - We will welcome our 8th grade Confirmation Class next Sunday, April 28th during our 10:30AM service of worship. They will each share their presentations during service. Please be in prayer for these youth members as they finalize their presentations this week.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

- ◆ **Shalom Counseling and Mediation Center Golf Scramble** - Shalom's 20th Annual Golf Scramble is open for registration! Proceeds for this event assist many individuals, children and couples who are struggling in their marriages, family, and interpersonal relationships. By participating, you can join us in our mission to make mental health a monumental part of NW Ohio! Register here: <https://www.shalomworks.org/golf-scramble-2023>
- ◆ **Robert Rogers Event** - On Thursday, April 25th at 6:30PM, Robert Rogers will be presenting at St. Peter Catholic Church. This is a free event and open to the community.

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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:

Apr 21 Honest Worship ----- Psalm 89
Apr 22 Exemplary Leaders ----- Leviticus 21
Apr 23 Only the Best ----- Leviticus 22
Apr 24 Celebrating God's Goodness ----- Leviticus 23:1-22
Apr 25 Happy New Year! ----- Leviticus 23:23-44
Apr 26 Give Me Oil in My Lamp ----- Leviticus 24
Apr 27 Jubilee Year ----- Leviticus 25

WEEK OF APRIL 21ST AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	4:10PM	Budget & Stewardship Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - St. Martin's Lutheran Church (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Safety & Security Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room)/SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thu	5:30PM	GIF Gals (Tap Culture Coffee)
	7:00PM	Christian Education Committee (Fireside Room)
Fri	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Chapel)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:00AM	Coffee & Donut Fellowship (Parish Hall)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:45AM	Lunch with the Pastor (Fireside Room - See pg. 8)
	3:00PM	Grieser Piano Recital (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Seeker's (Wyrick's Home)

SUNDAY LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR: APRIL 28TH

If you are new to our church or been here awhile and want to know more about SJCC, you are invited to a lunch with Pastor Erich on Sunday, April 28th following the 10:30AM worship service. This will be a casual time of getting to know each other and sharing about the ministry and mission of SJCC. We will meet in the Fireside Room (behind the gym stage) or in the gym, depending on how many sign up. Please register at the bulletin board across from the church office or call the office at 419-446-2545.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

The Consistory has called for a special congregational meeting on Sunday, May 5th, for the purpose of acting upon the recommendation of calling Jocelyn Walker as the Director of Youth and Young Adults here at St. John's Christian Church.

It was with joy and thanksgiving that the Search Committee recommended Jocelyn as the candidate for this new, full-time staff position. Jocelyn was presented to the Search Committee by The Shephard Staff (TSS), which has continued to conduct a lengthy and thorough nationwide search. TSS conducted several interviews with Jocelyn and provided the committee with professional support throughout the search process. Jocelyn has provided an extensive plan of the vision she has for ministry with our youth and young adults that aligns with the faith, values, and hopes of the congregation.

A hard copy of a congregational meeting packet is available on a table in the narthex and digital copies were mailed out (please contact the church office if you did not receive one via email and would like one). The packet shares key information: Jocelyn's resume, an overview of Jocelyn from TSS, information about the search process and about Jocelyn as a candidate that TSS shared with the search committee, the position job description, and a draft of a call agreement for this position.

Please be in prayer for guidance, wisdom and discernment as we all prepare for May 5th. A 40% quorum of the church's membership is needed to act upon the recommendation. With a membership of 394 as of March 18, 2025, a 40% quorum is 158 people, so we hope that the congregation responds with their presence for this important step in our church's ministry.

The schedule on May 5th will be:

9:00AM Sunday school and Faith Village

10:00AM Worship

11:00AM Congregational Meeting

A Zoom link will be emailed within the next two weeks for those unable to attend in person.

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tony & Leila Frank Update

Tony & Leila Frank have recently ended their time of serving as missionaries with World Team. They shared that news with the mission committee on April 2nd, at which time Tony shared that he believed St. John's began supporting him in 1996 and a quick check of church records confirmed that starting time. So it has been a twenty-eight year relationship with Tony and the church, and we began supporting both Tony and Leila when they were married in 2003. Please keep Tony & Leila in your prayers as they go through this time of transition, with Tony looking for a new avenue of employment.

At this time, any funds designated on line 7 of your offering envelopes will go directly to the World Team's general fund.

Mission-a-Month: Growing Hope Globally

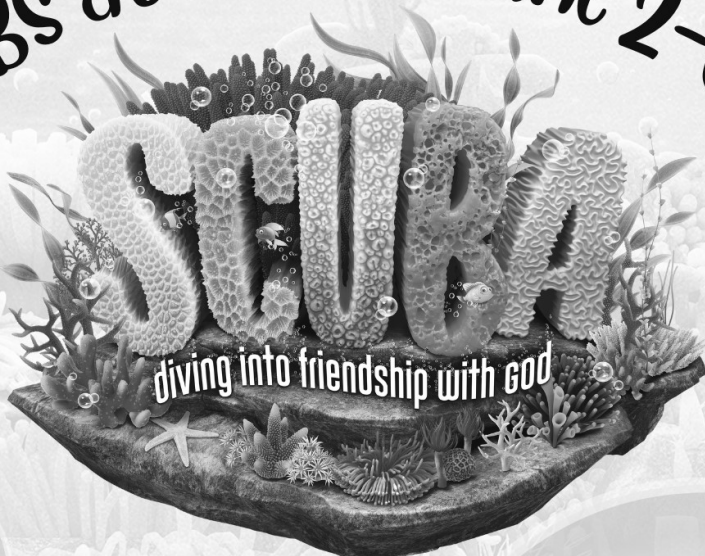
The local growing project that raises funds for GHG is located on the northeast corner of St. Rt. 34 and County Road 2275 in Williams County. The project is a joint effort between First Lutheran Church in Stryker, Stryker United Brethren Church and St. John's Christian Church. Landowners are Norma Fish and Larry & Shirley Stuckey. Project Managers are Rusty & Sue Goebel. Mission-A-Month donations in April will go towards the 2024 growing project. To give to Growing Hope Globally, select "Growing Hope Globally" in the "Give To" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature or simply write "MAM" on Line 11 of your offering envelope or on the memo line of your offering.



GHG Annual Burger Bash

You're invited to stop by the Rauhley Park Pavilion on May 5th from 11:00AM - 1:00PM for a burger lunch as the community again celebrates our ecumenical mission effort. Your free-will donation funds rural projects in third-world countries under the umbrella of Growing Hope Globally, our Mission-a-Month. Checks for the picnic can be made to our non-profit bookkeeping partner, the Pettisville FFA Alumni Assoc.

VBS at SJCC: June 2-6



Pre-K thru Sixth Graders are invited to a fin-tastic week of diving into friendship with God!

Early Registration Deadline:
Register by May 18th to guarantee a t-shirt!

Donations Needed!

Take a fish or scan the Amazon Gift List QR code at the VBS bulletin board. Thank you so much for your generosity and making VBS possible!

Scan to register



Dive Into Bedtime Stories!

Each year, children at VBS raise money to help other children in need.

This year, we've teamed with Villages in Partnership (VIP), an organization which strives to end the cycle of poverty in Malawi, Africa.

VIP works with local development experts in Malawi to implement programs designed to simultaneously address the inter-connected web of root causes of extreme poverty, including inadequate education.

Most children in the villages walk 1+ hours to school each day. When they return home in the evening, they complete essential housework for the family before being able to do their homework. But, in villages without electricity and candles considered a non-essential item, they have no way to read or complete their homework after dark.

Donations for Lanterns & Books

We will be collecting funds this year to purchase solar-powered lanterns and children's books, allowing the children in Malawi to finally read their own bedtime stories & continue their studies after dark.



Visit www.villagesinpartnership.org
to learn more about VIP's mission.
Scuba VBS at St. John's Christian Church
runs from June 2nd to 6th.
Get registered today online at
www.stjohnsarchbold.org



PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Sandy Miller, transferred to Promedica Bay Park Hospital, Oregon, Ohio, dealing with dialysis.
- ◆ Kasey Grime, who is home recovering from ACL surgery, in therapy.
- ◆ Regina Beck, underwent chemo treatment this past week at UTMC, returning to Rupp Rehab for further therapy.
- ◆ Ben & Sue Buehrer, as Ben continues through rehab therapy.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart continues through chemo treatments.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, recovering at home from surgery on her right leg.
- ◆ Larry, Mel, Monte Woolace – Monte will soon have his final chemo treatment, then awaits testing to see progress of the treatment.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ 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) (Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

GIDEON CARD MINISTRY

As a way of encouraging, caring and supporting people, there are Gideon cards available in the sanctuary narthex. Card themes include: Thinking of you...Praying for You...Sympathy...In Recognition. Each card enables the sender to donate towards Gideon Bible distributions, too. As the Gideon's say, Give a Card, Send the Word, Change a Life!

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