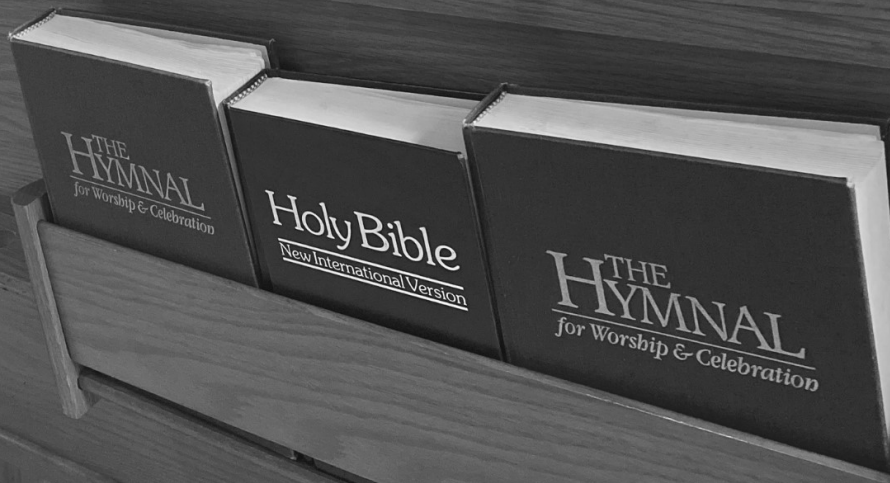


March 23, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

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 in the second floor room labelled "Artisan's Tent." 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!

Third Sunday of Lent

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.” (Psalm 100:4)

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

“To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship.” (Inscribed on the Bells)

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Scripture Reading (L: Leader; **P: People**)

Luke 1:68-69, 74-75 (p. 1014)

L: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people.

P: He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

L: To rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear

P: In holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

Prayer of Invocation

Prelude

"Praise Medley"

“A time of centering our thoughts on our worship of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit”

† Hymns of Praise

#81, “What a Wonderful Savior!”

#513, “O, How He Loves You and Me”

† The Gloria Patri (#623)

Children’s Message

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

Special Music

Mike McRobbie

“Watch the Lamb”

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:8-12, 26-31 (p. 1045)

† Sermon Hymn

#175, “Hallelujah, What a Savior!”

Sermon

“Silence and Sorrow”

Prayer of Dedication and the Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"El Shaddai"

Second Offering – Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

† Closing Hymn

#512, “My Savior’s Love”

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song

#529, v. 2, “O, How I Love Jesus”

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:68-69, 74-75 Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people. ⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; ⁷⁴ to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

Luke 23:8-12 When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform some miracle. ⁹ He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. ¹² That day Herod and Pilate became friends -- before this they had been enemies.

Luke 23:26-31 As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸ Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰ Then ""they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!"" ³¹ For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Mar 24 Don't Be a Turncoat-----Galatians 1:1-10
Mar 25 Called by God-----Galatians 1:11-24
Mar 26 Check It Out-----Galatians 2:1-10
Mar 27 A Time To Speak-----Galatians 2:11-21
Mar 28 Faith, Not Works-----Galatians 3:1-14
Mar 29 Promise or Law?-----Galatians 3:15-22
Mar 30 Where God Touches the Earth-----Psalm 132

SERMON NOTES - "SILENCE AND SORROW"

The Characters Involved

- ◆ Herod – King of the Jews, of Galilee
- ◆ Jesus
- ◆ Chief Priests and Teachers of the Law
- ◆ Soldiers – Jewish guards of the Temple
- ◆ Pilate – Roman Governor of Judea
- ◆ Simon from Cyrene – a civilian passing by
- ◆ People (crowd)
- ◆ Daughters of Jerusalem – followers, stricken with grief

Interactions/Reactions

- ◆ Herod, hoped to see Jesus perform a miracle – entertainment
- ◆ Jesus, remained silent
- ◆ Chief Priests and Teachers of the Law, heatedly accusing
- ◆ Herod and his soldiers, ridiculed and mocked Jesus
- ◆ Herod and Pilate, from enemies to friends (“strange bedfellows – an unlikely or unusual combination or alliance of people”)
- ◆ Daughters of Jerusalem, weeping, but Jesus said not to, not to weep or pity him

Lessons to Consider

1. Worldly expectations
2. Silence speaks volumes
3. Unlikely friendships
4. The fate of Jerusalem, end of the age

BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF MARCH 20, 2025

- ◆ New Restrooms, Custodian Room, Elevator Shaft, Preschool Room
 - ◇ Metals studs are in place for the walls between the restrooms, which will serve as a pipe chase, and the metal studs are in place for the sink plumbing. Lots of work was done this past week by the plumbers and electricians in these areas.
 - ◇ The in-floor radiant heat lines to the second floor were cut off so supply and return lines could be removed in the tunnels to make room for new pipe runs.
 - ◇ The elevator shaft was backfilled and the area prepared for concrete repair.
 - ◇ Masons are scheduled to be on site soon to fill in former doorways and prepare new doorways.
- ◆ New Electric Service
 - ◇ Toledo Edison set the new pole on Wednesday and Creighton Electric has the directional bore from that pole towards the building scheduled for the first week of April.

The schedule of work for Phase One – New Restrooms and Elevator:

- ◆ The work on the new restrooms is behind schedule and we haven't heard of a new schedule yet.
- ◆ The elevator shaft and elevator installation will be worked on through August

The schedule of work for Phase Two – Sanctuary

- ◆ April 21st – Sanctuary pew removal
- ◆ April 27th - final worship services in the sanctuary until late July
- ◆ April 28th - Sanctuary asbestos removal
- ◆ Sanctuary work to be completed by July 28th

BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT UPDATED MARCH 20, 2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report - YTD

2025 Operating Budget	\$437,965.00
Total Donations	\$ 88,244.89
Total Expenses	\$ 75,956.22
Net Operating Income	\$ 12,288.67

Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Mission Budget	\$173,000.00
Total Donations	\$ 40,518.88
Total Disbursements	\$ 31,313.10
Net Mission Balance	\$ 9,205.78

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

2025 Project Budget		\$2,757,000.00
Building Fund Balance with EGR	\$2,060,327.78	
Buehrer Fund Current	\$ 3,743.75	
Building Funds with F&M Bank	\$ 116,199.03	
Expenses to Date	\$ 430,112.34	
	<i>(a transfer included in error on 3/13)</i>	
Total		<u>\$2,610,382.90</u>
Funds to be Raised to Meet Budget		\$ 146,617.10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Becoming a Member of SJCC** - Introduction and Orientation Sessions - SJCC invites people interested in becoming a member of the congregation to gather with Pastor Erich to explore the faith beliefs, history and ministries of the church, as well as the expectations of membership at SJCC. Sessions include three group gatherings and an individual gathering with each person, couple or family. Anyone interested in attending a gathering is asked to email Pastor Erich (pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org) and he will work to schedule future sessions.
- ◆ **Donut Fellowship** - The Fellowship Committee invites you to share in their Donut Fellowship **TODAY, March 23rd**, 9:00AM to 9:30AM, featuring donuts, coffee and juice!
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - How many of you can remember way back when you were a little girl going to bed, and being wished a “good night and sweet dreams”. Well this month that wish is going to come true as the GIF Gals are going to lunch at “SWEET DREAMS” Ice Cream shop in Napoleon, on **March 27th, 11:30AM**. Come and make your dreams come true! Signup sheet on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **Man Camp Sign Up!** - Join us for the MANLIEST WEEKEND OF YOUR YEAR including biblical teaching, paintball, hatchet throwing, zipline & high ropes, basketball, grill your own steak, trap shooting, archery and mountain biking! **March 28-30th**. Signup sheet on the wandering bulletin board. Call/text Bruce Wooley, 419-572-6678, with any questions.
- ◆ **Women's Retreat 2025** - Join us for an encouraging weekend at Miracle Camp, located in Lawton, Michigan. It is a beautiful place to step away from your routine and spend time with God. Enjoy worshiping with other women, Biblical teachings, great food and a variety of activities. We will be staying at the (hotel style) Lodge the weekend of **April 11-13th**. The cost is \$210 and includes meals Saturday through Sunday morning and snacks. There will be a sign-up sheet outside of the office. For more information talk with Sarah Kinsman or Carrie Wooley.
- ◆ **Pettisville Man Cave Ministries** - Master Teague III & Kamryn Babb at the Archbold Evan Church on **Sunday, April 13th, 6:30PM**. Doors open at 5:45PM. Free for men of all ages.
- ◆ **College Scholarship Application** - St. John's Christian Church offers College Scholarship's each year to active members who are either attending or planning to attend college in the coming year. The scholarship is available to all full-time traditional and non-traditional college students. The application can be found under the “Resources” tab on the church website (www.stjohnsarchbold.org), with **all components of the application due by April 15th**. If you have any questions, please contact Jocelyn Walker at jwalker@stjohnsarchbold.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Lock-In Chaperones Needed** - In preparation for Jocelyn's upcoming maternity leave in mid-May, we are seeking 2-3 individuals willing to chaperone lock-ins for both JYF and SYF on **May 30th**. JYF's Late Night Lock-In will be held at The Outback Youth Center from 7PM to midnight. SYF's full night lock-in will be held at St. Martin's Lutheran Church from 7PM – 7AM, with chaperones needed from 1:00AM to 7:00AM. If you are interested or willing to help with either of these evenings, please contact Jocelyn. Thank you for helping us make these nights possible for our youth!
- ◆ **2025 Annual Yearbook** - Please contact the church office with any changes to your household information such as: Household Member Names, Mailing Address, Phone Numbers (Landline and Cell), and Email Addresses. Thank you!

MISSION-A-MONTH - FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

This two-story home is designed to provide shelter and a fresh start in life for one or two individuals or family units until they are able to become self-sufficient. The Friendship House is endorsed by the Archbold Area Ministerial Association and is coordinated by a volunteer board.

A year long search for a house mom or a house couple continues to come up empty, but the board is still searching! The person(s) in this important role would interact with house guests and coordinate evening meals, with the guests helping with cooking and cleanup. The house parent(s) would be at the house from supper time until morning, with flexibility to enjoy area evening activities. Guests sleep in upstairs bedrooms and relax in the first floor living room and dining area. The house parent(s) would stay in a first floor room – a large bedroom, with room for a seating area, and a private bath.

Interested in learning more? Know someone that might be interested? Please contact Pastor Erich.

This is the month that we ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry that strives to care for those in need of a place to stay and have a fresh start in life. You can give to the Friendship House by marking Line 8 of your offering envelope or by selecting "Friendship House" in the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

VBS Opportunity for Grades 6 - 12

St. John's is offering a new leadership experience this year for youth in Grades 6 - 12! The VBS Trailblazer Program allows middle and high school youth to develop leadership abilities in the church while working alongside our experienced adult volunteers. Trailblazers will play a critical role in this year's True North VBS program, giving younger children the ability to see our love for Jesus Christ through all generations of our faith community. Additionally, this program benefits teens wishing to build their resumes and skill sets early on.

Trailblazers can volunteer for anywhere from one to all five nights of VBS and are needed for the following areas: Preschool Assistants, Snack Room Assistants, Outdoor Recreation, Craft Time, Song Leading, Bible Study Assistant, Grade Rotation Assistants. Applications for the Trailblazer Program are due by May 1, 2025 and are open to all St. John's youth!

Apply at <https://stjohnschristianchurch.breezechms.com/form/TrailblazerApp>

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Lynne Christman
Song Leader	Roger Zimmerman
Worship Leader	Kim S. Walker
Acolytes	(10:30) Claire Bowers
Easy Worship	Kelly Ducey
Sound Tech	(8:00) Jenna Stuckey (10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman
Nursery	(10:30) Brooke Lerma & Emily Hines
Usher	(8:00) Shawn Stuckey
Head Usher	Greg Walker
Ushers	(10:30) Jay Riley, Avery Roth, Steve Walker, Justin Yoder

WEEK OF MARCH 23RD AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

- Sun Third Sunday of Lent
8:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
8:30AM Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
9:00AM Donut Fellowship (Gym)
9:15AM Faith Village/Sunday School
10:30AM Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
6:00PM Seekers (Kuntz's)
- Mon 1:00PM Succession Team (Fireside Room)
4:00PM VBS Director's Meeting
- Tue 9:15AM Bible Study (Fireside Room)
10:30AM Staff Meeting (Part-time Staff Office)
5:00PM Community Meal (Lockport Mennonite)
7:00PM 4-H Country Side Clovers (Gym)
- Wed 6:00PM LOGOS (Gym)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
7:00PM JYF (Fireside Room)/SYF (Youth Room)
7:00PM Evening Lent Service (Chapel)
8:00PM Adult Choir (Sanctuary)
- Thur 11:30AM GIF Gals (Sweet Dreams Ice Cream & Café)
- Sat 8:00AM Gym/Kitchen Reserved until 5:00PM
- Sun Fourth Sunday of Lent
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)



SAVE THE DATE!
TRUE NORTH VBS IS COMING TO SJCC JUNE 8TH – 12TH!

Get ready for the summer VBS experience that points kids to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust! Early registration is now open online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/vbs.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger & Kay, had a biopsy performed this past week, praying its negative for cancer.
- ◆ Josie Grieser, daughter of Craig, diagnosed with MS and receiving treatments.
- ◆ Todd & Ruthann Buehrer, brother of Ben, as he continues through chemo treatments.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as he continues through treatment.

Care Center Residents...

- ◆ Linda Hayes, 500 Haven Drive., Apt. 104, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Charlene LaFountaine, 500 Haven Drive, Apt. 108, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Mike Meyer, Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St., Room 130, Bryan, 43506
- ◆ Dencel Miller, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 166, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Josephine Short, 407 E. Lutz Road, Room 152B, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Alice Tedrow, 600 Haven Drive, Apt. 111, Archbold, 43502

Missions/Missionaries...

- ◆ M. – pray for a new ministry with a youth girls club; pray in March for the culture's time of fasting, praying for people to earnestly seek God; pray for building good relationships with school teachers; pray for her ongoing language learning.
- ◆ Eliot Nofziger (YFC) – pray for 7th & 8th grade students forming small groups in Archbold, students mental health, for the Holy Spirit's wisdom in guiding leaders in loving difficult youth, for Eliot as he steps into an added role – development director.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ 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)

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