

# Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 8-9, 2020



The season after the Epiphany brings texts before us that reveal Jesus to be the true Light and Savior of the world. What was revealed by the light of a star to the Magi regarding the child who was born “King of the Jews,” and what was demonstrated many years later in the Baptism of Jesus by John, now is made more complete. It also becomes clear that those who follow Jesus do so by the will of the Father and the power of the Spirit. This empowers His followers to do extraordinary things in keeping with Christ’s commands. This week’s *Gospel Reading* shows that those who are blessed as Jesus described in Mt 5:3–12 are also salt to season the earth and light to enlighten the world. The Sundays after today will spell out particular ways that is done. While faith is not visible to the human eye, what faith does can hardly be missed. The *Old Testament Reading* from Isaiah 58 makes clear that believers are not to be self-centered, but to be oriented to the needs of others. Israel would shine among and above the nations not by going through the motions of religion, but as they put into practice the mercy, compassion, and righteousness of God. Jesus expands on this point in this week’s portion of His Sermon on the Mount.

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*Equipping the family of God to joyfully and boldly make disciples of Christ as we*

**KNOW** Jesus and one another, **GROW** to be more like Him and

**SOW** His love in Word and deed.



# 6:00 p.m. Saturday Evening Blended Worship Service

Steve Bumgarner – Accompanist



**SAURDAY**  
*Worship*

## “Living as Light” - Isaiah 58:3-9a

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## WELCOME

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

## OPENING SONG

### “There’s Something About That Name”

Jesus Jesus Jesus - There's just something about that name

Master Savior Jesus - Like a fragrance after the rain

Jesus Jesus Jesus - Let all heaven and earth proclaim

Kings and kingdoms may all pass away but there's something about that name

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## INVOCATION

## OPENING SENTENCES

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Silence for reflection*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

[Bible readings found on pages 14-15 of this worship program]

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Isaiah 58:3-9a*

**EPISTLE READING:** *1 Corinthians 2:1-16*

**HOLY GOSPEL:** *Matthew 5:13-20*

## SERMON SONG

### “Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart - Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong - Let the poor say I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us and now let the weak say I am strong

Let the poor say I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us

Give thanks

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**SERMON MESSAGE: “Living as Light” - Isaiah 58:3-9a**

## **APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After Each Petition*

**P:** ... Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

## **LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **OFFERINGS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES**

“Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord.”

## **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

### **“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”**

How deep the Father's love for us - How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss - The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross - My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life - I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything - No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ - His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward - I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart - His wounds have paid my ransom

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# 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Traditional Worship Service

Kevin Vollrath – Organist

Divine Service Setting Three, LSB page 184



## “Living as Light” - Isaiah 58:3–9a

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in order to gain the approval of men, nor do we deny that living out God’s word is necessary for His people to fulfill their God-given calling. We are called to righteous living, but this righteousness must exceed that of the Pharisees, who observed the letter of the law, while completely missing the spirit of the law. We follow Christ not to appear pious and superior to others by “doing it right,” but to shine His light of love and reconciliation through our redeemed lives. The Law was fulfilled by Christ on Calvary, so now we are free to follow Christ - and by freely submitting to His leading in obedience we shine His light.

## WELCOME

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

## HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

LSB 904

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION - LSB Pg. 184

## BAPTISM OF *Hayden Charles Mullikin*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD - LSB Pg. 186

## SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

[Bible readings found on pages 14-15 of this worship program]

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Isaiah 58:3-9a*

**EPISTLE READING:** *1 Corinthians 2:1-16*

## ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB 190

**HOLY GOSPEL:** *Matthew 5:13-20*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Thy Strong Word”

LSB 578

**SERMON MESSAGE:** “Living as Light” - *Isaiah 58:3-9a*

## OFFERTORY

LSB 192

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## LORD’S PRAYER

LSB 196

## OFFERINGS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

“Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord.”

## BENEDICTION

LSB 202

## HYMN TO DEPART

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”

LSB 826

**11:00 a.m. Sunday Morning *Out Abounds* Contemporary Worship Service**  
**with the *Out Abounds* Praise Band**



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**Gathering Praise**

**Time of Greeting and The *Out Abounds* Grace-Away**

**† We Lift Our Hearts in Worship †**

**Time of Praise and Worship**

**“Mighty To Save”**

Everyone needs compassion - Love that's never failing - Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness - The kindness of a Savior - The hope of nations

Savior! He can move the mountains, my God is mighty to save!

He is mighty to save!

Forever! Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave!

Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures, fill my life again!

I give my life to follow everything I believe in, now I surrender!

Savior! He can move the mountains, my God is mighty to save!

He is mighty to save!

Forever! Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave!

Jesus conquered the grave!

Shine your light and let the whole world see!

We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus!

Shine your light and let the whole world see!

We're singing for the glory of the risen King!

Savior! He can move the mountains, my God is mighty to save!

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**Invocation**

**Opening Prayer**

## Time of Confession and Forgiveness

### Response Song

#### “From The Inside Out”

A thousand times I've failed still Your mercy remains  
And should I stumble again still I'm caught in Your grace  
Everlasting - Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending - Your glory goes beyond all fame

In my heart in my soul - Lord I give You control  
Consume me from the inside out Lord  
Let justice and praise - Become my embrace  
To love You from the inside out

Your will above all else - My purpose remains  
The art of losing myself in bringing You praise  
Everlasting - Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending - Your glory goes beyond all fame

In my heart in my soul - Lord I give You control  
Consume me from the inside out Lord  
Let justice and praise - Become my embrace  
To love You from the inside out

Everlasting - Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending - Your glory goes beyond all fame  
And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise  
From the inside out - Lord my soul cries out

In my heart in my soul - Lord I give You control  
Consume me from the inside out Lord  
Let justice and praise - Become my embrace  
To love You from the inside out

Everlasting - Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending - Your glory goes beyond all fame  
And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise  
From the inside out - Lord my soul cries out

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### † We Hear God's Word †

[Bible readings found on pages 14-15 of this worship program]

**Old Testament Reading:** *Isaiah 58:3-9a*

**Epistle Reading:** *1 Corinthians 2:1-16*

**Holy Gospel:** *Matthew 5:13-20*

**Sermon Message:** “Living as Light” - *Isaiah 58:3-9a*

### † We Respond to God's Word †

**Affirmation of Faith**

### † We Pray †

**Prayers**

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Offerings of Our Time, Talents & Treasures

"Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord.

† We Depart in Peace †

## Benediction

## Closing Song

### "Come People Of The Risen King"

Come people of the Risen King who delight to bring Him praise  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace  
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him  
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart one voice O Church of Christ rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night  
Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight  
For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease  
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart one voice O Church of Christ rejoice!

Come young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith  
Come those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace  
Over all the world His people sing! Shore to shore we hear them call!  
The truth that cries through ev'ry age our God is all in all

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart one voice O Church of Christ rejoice!  
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you  
are the  
LIGHT  
of the  
WORLD.  
-MATTHEW 5:14

# NOTES AND NEWS



## Lenten Worship Schedule

**Ash Wednesday:** *February 26, 4:00 & 7:00 pm/Communion & Distribution of Ashes*

**Midweek Lenten Services:** *March 4, 11, 18, 25, & April 1, 4:00 & 7:00 pm*

**Lenten Suppers:** *5:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria*



H O L Y · W E E K

## Holy Week Worship Schedule

**Palm Sunday:** *April 5*

- Youth Confirmation Reception, 8:00 am, Gym
- Youth Confirmation Worship Service, 9:00 am
- Out Abounds Contemporary Worship, 11:00 am/Communion

**Maundy Thursday:** *April 9, 4:00 & 7:00 pm/Communion*

**Good Friday:** *April 10, Tenebrae Service: "Service of Darkness", 7:00 pm*

**Holy Saturday:** *April 11, 6:00 pm/Communion*

**Easter Sunday:** *April 12, 9:00 am Traditional & 11:00 am Out Abounds Contemporary Worship Services/Communion*

***No Sunday School Classes, but please attend:***

10:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt for All Ages up to 6th Grade  
(Meet on the softball field)

10:15 am - Our Family Easter Breakfast hosted by the Cafeteria Bible Study Group

**Please join us here at St. John's for our upcoming Lenten Worship Services, Lenten Suppers and Holy Week & Easter Worship Services!**

**SJS Board of Christian Education Scholarships:** The Church and School wish to partner with you and your family if you desire your child to attend St. John's. We are blessed to have the school as a huge mission of our ministry. Did you know that you have the opportunity to do this through BOCE Scholarships (*Worship, Engagement, and Multi-Child*), Private Funded Scholarship, Tuition Assistance, and the Ohio Department of Education (*Ed Choice and Ed Choice Expansion*)? Please contact the school office or Mr. Rausch if you have any questions at:

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## St. John's Youth . . .

**TODAY, 2/9:** Snow tubing at Mad River Mountain; bring \$5 and meet at R.J. and Laura's house (19085 West Darby Road, Marysville) at 4pm. We will car pool out together and tube until 7ish.

**2/24:** Devotions and Games, Youth House, 6pm



## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

**Welcome to St. John's.** Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray that you will encounter Christ, the Living Word, and in a new way experience His mercy and grace today. If you are a guest or visitor we hope we have the chance to say hello. If you would like to know more about our ministry, please speak with the person next to you, to the pastor, call the church office, or indicate when you sign the attendance form. **Sign in, please!** We ask all worshipers to sign in the attendance directory in order to let us know of your presence with us enabling us to take better care of you.

**The Church Nursery:** Parents are welcome to take children to the nursery and stay with them during any part of the worship services.

**The Lutheran Hour** is on the radio Sunday mornings at **7:00am on WLW (700 AM)**. Log on to [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) for more information and channels. Jim Vandre, LHM Ambassador.

**St. John's Radio Program** airs Sunday mornings at **8:30am** on local channel **WQTT (1270 AM & 98.7 FM)**.

**Altar Flowers:** The altar flowers are in celebration of **Phil and Lorene Eley's** 29th wedding anniversary today, February 9.

### THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S      FEBRUARY 9-16, 2020

<b>TODAY</b>	9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
02/09/20	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am	Youth Catechism Class
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>LYF Outing: Tubing at Mad River</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
	6:30 pm	Stephen Ministers Meeting/Heritage House
	8:00 pm	Adult Volleyball Open Gym
<b>TUESDAY</b>	11:30 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	Board of Admin. Meeting/Heritage House
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>CEA - Donuts with Dudes</b>
	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>ACES/Heritage House</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	12:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
	8:00 pm	Dartball
<b>FRIDAY</b>		<b>No School/Teacher In-Service Day</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:00 pm	Blended Worship Service/Communion
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service/Communion
02/16/20	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am	Youth Catechism Class
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service/Communion

### ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 11:00 am

**Toddlers**—School Preschool Room

**3's - Kindergarten**—Church Basement

**1st - 6th Grades**—Gathering together in the school open common area (near the school library) and split into classes from there.

**7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class**—School Modulars

**High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"**—Youth House

**Women's Bible Study**—School Loft

**Adult Bible Study**—Cafeteria: **New Topic, "We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms."** Politics and politicians -- there's seemingly no way to escape them. Though government and those who govern are often criticized by press and citizen alike, it is through government that God works His designs in this world. Join host Dr. Dale Meyer as he surveys government in history, the character of the United States as a nation, and the Christian's role as a citizen of any country.

**Adult Bible Study**—Heritage House: Topic, "Bridges - Christians Connecting with Muslims."

**Adult Bible Study**—Heritage House: **Week Study -**

**Mon:** Phil 3 **Tues:** Phil 4

**Wed:** 1 Tim 1 **Thurs:** 1 Tim 2

**Friday:** No School



### 2020 Altar Flower Calendar

You have lots of great opportunities to honor or remember a loved one, or celebrate an occasion by placing flowers on the altar. Please stop by the Marie Pfarr Room where the flower binder is located, and sign up for your special date or dates today!

## NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

### 2020 Church Board of Administration

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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL CEA PRESENTS

# DONUTS WITH Samples

Special Guest Could Be a Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, Friend, etc...

**Wednesday, Feb. 12th**  
 starting PreK-8th grade at 7:30am - 8:45am

K-8th grade: Chapel starting at 8:15am / Dudes welcome to join Chapel

serving Krispy Kreme donuts with also gluten-free options  
 coffee, orange juice, & water will be provided

To Honor Dads And All The Wonderful Guys in Our Lives!

please cut along line, and return to the front office with paid amount / return slip by Mon. Feb. 10th

<p><small>name:</small></p> <p>_____ dozen of glazed donuts</p> <p>_____ dozen of chocolate dipped glazed donuts</p>	<p><small>This is a free event - but if you would like to order donuts to take home with you, please feel free to - profits help the St. John's CEA for future events &amp; supplies for the school! each dozen is \$10.00 per box</small></p>
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**Weekly Worship Bible Readings:** For those of you who would like to study the Word ahead of the next weekends worship services, we are listing here in the N&N the Bible readings that Pastor Jack will be using.

**February 16 - Old Testament:** Deut. 30:15-20, **Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, **Gospel:** Matthew 5:21-37

**Mobile Version of Online Giving:** St. John's offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give by credit or debit card anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's Quick Response (QR) code reader! You may also go to [stjohnsmarysville.org](http://stjohnsmarysville.org) and click on the "Electronic Giving" button and follow the easy directions.



**Worship attendance for 02/01 and 02/02: 355**

### Congregational Tithe Third Quarter Mission Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2019-20



Ohio District LCMS - 50%,  
 Youth Mission Outreach - 10%,  
 Hearts for Jesus - 10%,  
 Food for the Poor - 10%, LAMP - 10%,  
 Kingdom Investment International - 10%

**'NOTES & NEWS' Items - Weekly Schedule:** Please submit articles and announcements to Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary, by calling directly at 937-240-3004, dropping off articles to the office or emailing them to [rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org), by **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, AT NOON. Thank you.**

**Assisted Hearing Devices:**

Please speak to an usher to use one of these devices. If you would like to purchase one of your own, or contribute to the purchase of additional units, please see Pastor Jack.



# MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

## Elder SMP Survey

Annually the Board of Elders reviews and updates their portion of the Strategic Ministry Plan (SMP). The goal is to (A) follow the mission and ministry plan set forth by the congregation, (B) set goals to strategically prioritize and promote the mission and ministries most important to the St. John's "Know, Grow, and Sow" mission statement. The elders have chosen to first focus on creating a comprehensive survey to better understand the needs of our congregation.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey. There are three ways to reach the survey. You can simply scan the enclosed QR code and fill out the survey on your phone or tablet, or you can type this link into your browser <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/eldersmp>, or you can pick up a hard copy after one of the church services.



Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill out the survey. **Board of Elders**

## ACES



ACES will be playing Wednesday, February 12 at the Heritage House. We will be playing every Wednesday this winter. We start at 1:30.

Cost is \$1.00.

**Please join us and bring a friend.**

## UNION COUNTY NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR FIRST FUNDRAISER...

It's been just over three years since the pilot for Union County Neighbor to Neighbor launched at St. John's. Since that time, members of St. John's have actively served as volunteers, board members, and have been served as members of



Union County Neighbor to Neighbor. For anyone not familiar, UCN2N is a volunteer driven, membership based non-profit that helps Union County residents stay in their own homes with help from volunteers. It's neighbors helping neighbors. In total, more than 1,300 volunteer services have been provided for neighbors since we began.

Why not be a sweetheart and join Neighbor to Neighbor for our first ever Valentines Bowling Fundraiser on February 13th.

Make it a date night, come alone, bring a friend or family member. We are all neighbors on the 13th.

Don't want to bowl, but want to enjoy Cookin' with Kibby fabulous Italian food? There's a ticket for that too!

Tickets can be purchased at our fabulous partner Richwood Bank (Marysville location), stop in while tickets last! Thanks neighbor!

## Lifelong Learners Lectures

Proudly Presents

### "Understanding Millennials"

Thursday, February 20, 2020 @2:00 p.m.

Bluebird Retirement Community,  
145 Coleman's Crossing Blvd., Marysville Ohio



**Speaker Bio:** Jason Stanford has served as the Development Services Manager for the Union County-Marysville Economic Development Partnership since 2008. His primary areas of expertise include lead generation, business retention and expansion, downtown revitalization, economic and market analysis, and community outreach/marketing. Prior to this position, he served as the Assistant Director of the Belmont County, Ohio Department of Development.

*As the catalyst for the largest social and cultural evolution America has ever seen, the Millennials are a crucial generation to understand. The enormity, complexity, and innovation of this generation has changed the way our nation conducts business and builds communities. Mr. Stanford will offer an insightful look at the generation "America loves to hate" and uncover how millennials and their quirks, likes, and dislikes are transforming our way of life.*

The Lifelong Learners Lecture Series is free and open to the public of all ages.

**Lifelong Learners of Marysville, Ohio - Union County** is independently funded and hosted by key sponsors Brookdale Senior Living Solutions, Union County Senior Services and Bluebird Retirement Community. Questions? Email: [lmichalak@ucbdd.org](mailto:lmichalak@ucbdd.org) or call Avanelle Oberlin at 937-644-4750.



## NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

### Ladies A Wing & A Prayer Gathering

Cheryl Leeds will be hosting our next get together with a pizza and movie night at her house, Sunday, February 23rd, at 5:00 pm. Pizza will be provided. Ladies, please bring a beverage of your choice. All ladies of St. John's are welcome and we hope you'll bring a friend.

Cheryl's address is: 12945 Maple Ridge Rd.  
Milford Center

Please RSVP by Friday, February 21st to Dorinda (623-466-5511) or Cheryl (937-597-0581).

**A WING  
&  
A PRAYER**

### St. John's Girls and Boys Basketball Team's



Mark your calendars for February 21st.

The girls and boys basketball teams will have their last home game. This game is a play in game for the State Tournament in March.



We will also be recognizing our 8th graders that day. Please come out and support our athletes. **Go Jags!**

We need a few volunteers to help on February 21. We need help running the gate/concessions table and the scoreboard.

Contact Ashlee Wilson, Athletic Director, if you can help!



I would like to thank everyone for the phone calls and cards I received for my 80th birthday. Special thanks to the Sunday School Children for their beautiful hand-made cards. All were very much appreciated. May God's peace and love be with you all. **Janis Nicol**



### Who Are Stephen Ministers?

Stephen Ministers are members of St. John's who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide high-quality Christian support to individuals experiencing a crisis or challenge such as divorce, grief, loss of a job, hospitalization, relocation, or loneliness. Stephen Ministers are each assigned a care receiver and meet with that care receiver for about an hour a week. This caring relationship will last for as long as the care receiver needs it. If you would like more information on how to become a Stephen Minister or to receive care from one, please talk to Doug Doellinger 937-644-0576 or Linda Kosakowski 614-506-6179.

### 2020 Spring ODE'S

The Spring 2020 LWML ODE's are available on [www.lwmlOhio.org](http://www.lwmlOhio.org) by going to resources and clicking on The ODE. The information regarding the 2020 Ohio District Convention in Dayton, OH is in this ODE including the registration forms and housing form. You can also access the registration forms for the convention on [www.lwmlOhio.org](http://www.lwmlOhio.org) by going to events and clicking on District Convention 2020. Delegates and Alternates for the convention must send in their registration forms by March 31, 2020.

St. John's CEA presents:

# SHROVE PANCAKE DINNER

TUESDAY, FEB. 25TH

5:00PM - 6:30PM

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

presenting: Chris Cakes

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ALL YOU CAN EAT!

...Free Event...

per person/per plate

Dinner Includes:

all you can eat Pancakes, Sausage,  
Fresh Coffee, Orange Juice, & Water

enter through the main cafeteria gym doors during the event

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contact [cea@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:cea@sjsmarysville.org) with any questions or to sign up to volunteer for this event!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR SUPPLIES

## MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



### Loss of a Spouse Event

Are you grieving the death of a Spouse? Or do you know someone who is?

Find encouragement, comfort, and hope at a special **Loss of a Spouse** event being held on *Thursday, February 20, 2020 from 6-8pm* at the Plain City Presbyterian Church, 231 East Main St., Plain City, Ohio 43064.

**Loss of a Spouse** helps men and women grapple with the challenges of being widowed. The **FREE** seminar features an inspiring 35-minute video that's filled with moving stories, practical advice, and a variety of perspectives on spousal loss.

After the video, you'll have the opportunity to discuss what you learned with other widows and widowers. You'll discover that you're not alone in your grief and what you're going through is normal. Plus, you'll receive a booklet to take home with over 30 short readings on how to rebuild your life.

Please call or text Deaconess Janet Nicol at 614-561-7411 to register for this encouraging seminar.

### Washington DC Fundraiser

Come enjoy a night off from cooking and support the St. John's 7th and 8th grade Washington DC trip!



**Der Dutchman**  
*Amish Kitchen Cooking*  
PLAIN CITY

The 7th & 8th grade will be holding a Der Dutchman Fundraising Event on Tuesday, February 18th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Der Dutchman (445 S Jefferson Ave, Plain City). The students will be hosting, serving, and bussing tables. **Please mention "St. John's" to sit in their section.**

The group will be receiving 15% of the meal bill as well as 100% of the tips. St. John's will also receive 15% of bakery & gift shop sales as long as you **mention "St. John's" when checking out.**



So grab some cinnamon rolls or donuts for breakfast, or a pie to share with friends! **The kids can't wait to serve you dinner on February 18th at the Plain City Der Dutchman!**

**Please join us!!!**

Soar on Wings God has Made for You



### GOLDEN EAGLE NEWS...

**IT'S HEART HEALTH MONTH!** On Friday, February 21st, at 2:00pm, your Golden Eagles will welcome Dr. Michael Donnally, Memorial Hospital Cardiologist, who will share information on heart and vascular disease, treatment options, and prevention. Following a short lecture, Dr. Donnally will answer questions and share tips for keeping your heart healthy! Refreshments will be provided. As it's almost Valentine's Day.....take care of your SWEET.....HEART! See you on the 21st at the Heritage House!



### "ON THE ROAD AGAIN!" "SPRINGTIME IN HOLLAND"... MICHIGAN THAT IS!

Join us for the ultimate Spring Time excursion... to Holland, Michigan, May 7 through 10th! View hundreds of thousands of tulips in full bloom, as well as parades, "Klomp Dancers", windmills, wooden shoes, a Delft factory, charming shops, entertainment and even a quilt show! Pick up an itinerary in the Marie Pfarr room to learn the complete details of this fun trip! Since Pastor Tom and Sharon Hackett live in Holland, we plan to attend worship at Zion Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 10th, where Pastor Tom will be serving as interim Pastor! What a great opportunity for a visit! For full details of the trip, please pick up a copy of the itinerary in the Marie Pfarr room. You will find a reservation form on the back of the itinerary and instructions on how to sign up! You won't want to miss this one!

For information, contact Jeff or Carol Reinhard at 614-560-5085 or Annie Scheiderer at 937-349-4470.

## Today's Bible Readings

### Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 58:3-9a*

***Through Isaiah God calls out the religious farce that His people had fallen into - where they played the part of righteous and observant followers of Yahweh, but in their interactions with their fellow man, showed themselves to cruel and harsh. Here, were too are reminded and warned to not fall into the same trap, thinking that religious observance will take the place of mercy and true humility that service and love require. When we follow God on this level, the level of true love that demands we take tight hold of His hand because it is beyond our natural ability, then the light He has bestowed on us will shine as it is meant to do - to the glory of God.***

<sup>3</sup>“Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it? Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? <sup>8</sup>Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 2:1-16*

***The wisdom of God's Holy Spirit will never be comprehended by conventional worldly wisdom. Indeed, we do not understand it ourselves because we are smarter or more spiritual, but because the Spirit of God dwells within us and reveals His truths to us by giving us the mind of Christ. Paul writes to the Corinthians of this paradox because they had become so obsessed with their current worldly manner of philosophical argument and polemic that they could not discern the truth of God that Paul was trying to teach them. We too must be careful not to rely on our own understanding, which is inevitably influenced by the world around us, but to look to God for Him to reveal His truth to us through His Word and Spirit.***

<sup>1</sup>And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. <sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him” —<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. <sup>14</sup>The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>The spiritual person

judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup>“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Holy Gospel:** *Matthew 5:13-20*

*Salt in a shaker and light under a basket have no real value - their value comes as they are put to their appointed use -as a preservative and seasoning, to provide illumination and clarity. As Christians we are meant to let our faith shine through how we live our lives. But, lest we think this is to draw attention to ourselves, we must remember that we do this to lead others to God - who is the Father of Lights. We do not perform “acts of righteousness” in order to gain the approval of men, nor do we deny that living out God’s word is necessary for His people to fulfill their God-given calling. We are called to righteous living, but this righteousness must exceed that of the Pharisees, who observed the letter of the law, while completely missing the spirit of the law. We follow Christ not to appear pious and superior to others by “doing it right,” but to shine His light of love and reconciliation through our redeemed lives. The Law was fulfilled by Christ on Calvary, so now we are free to follow Christ - and by freely submitting to His leading in obedience we shine His light.*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**People:** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. <sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.



