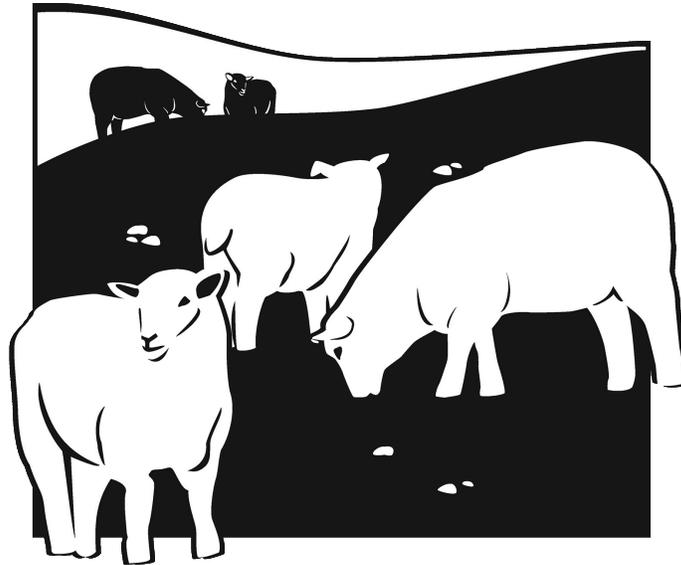


Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 11-12, 2020



The 6th Sunday after Pentecost puts forth the theme of the efficacy of the Word of God. In the Introit, Psalm 103 confesses that man's days are like grass; he flourishes for a while but then fades away. Not so the steadfast love of the Lord, which is from everlasting to everlasting. The Old Testament Reading builds on this theme as the prophet Isaiah proclaims that the Word of the Lord "shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it" (Is 55:11). The Gospel brings this theme to a climax in the parable of the sower (Mt 13:1-9, 18-23). So the hearer this day, while being made aware of his or her own frailty, will be invited to find confidence in the efficacy of the Word of God, by which the Lord assures all who have ears to hear that He will continue to accomplish His purposes through that which gives life, His very Word.

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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.



Worship Services
July 11-12, 2020
Kevin Vollrath – Organist

“That Which Does Give Life” - Isaiah 55:10-13

Plants in God's good earth respond to the showers He sends, producing plants for pasture and crops for harvest. In the psalm, David says it is as if “the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.” It is all natural, and so is our producing fruit for God as His Word works through us. That God works through us sinners is all grace; if we but hear the Word and let the Spirit give us understanding, a bountiful harvest will follow. Jesus likens it to seeds producing yields of up to a hundredfold. But we are no mere plants, as Paul points out in the Epistle. Because we have been adopted by our heavenly Father, we are brothers and sisters of Christ, the children of God, calling out to Him, “Abba! Father!” Our growth in faith is indeed by the grace of God, and to Him belongs all the credit for the bountiful harvest He reaps through us.

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

HYMN OF INVOCATION “God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

LSB 594 vs 1, 3, 4



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the



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INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Isaiah 55:11–12; Psalm 32:5; 124:8; Matthew 13:23; Romans 8:16*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: In the today's Epistle, Paul reminds us that "the Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." Let us therefore go to our gracious heavenly Father, confessing our sins.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: In the Old Testament Reading, God promises, "My word . . . shall not return to Me empty; it shall accomplish . . . and shall succeed."

C: But we do not trust You in all things. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, heavenly Father.

P: Then God tells us, "You shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace."

C: But we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. Hear us, free us, and lead us in paths pleasing to You, heavenly Father.

P: In the Gospel, our Lord explains that "the one who hears the word and understands it . . . bears fruit." By the grace of God, we believe and understand that Jesus, the Word of God in the flesh, succeeded in destroying death and rising victorious for us. For His sake, God forgives us and uses us to bear fruit for Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Word planted inside you produce a great harvest for our gracious Lord.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

PUBLIC AFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISM of Zachary Jacob Alton (11 a.m.)

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 55:10-13*

Just as the rain and snow nourish the earth, so the Word of the Lord nourishes His people with eternal life. God's people will go out rejoicing and in peace at the everlasting triumph of God's grace.

¹⁰"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall

come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:12-17

Paul celebrates the new life found in Christ Jesus. Through the saving work of Christ, we can live in accordance with the Spirit of God who does not condemn us, but sets us free from death.

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Jesus shared the Parable of the Sower and the Soils describing the conditions of the listeners' hearts from being hardened, never taking root, choked out, or prepared to receive the Gospel producing an abundant harvest. How we experience God can depend upon the condition of our hearts.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CATECHISM

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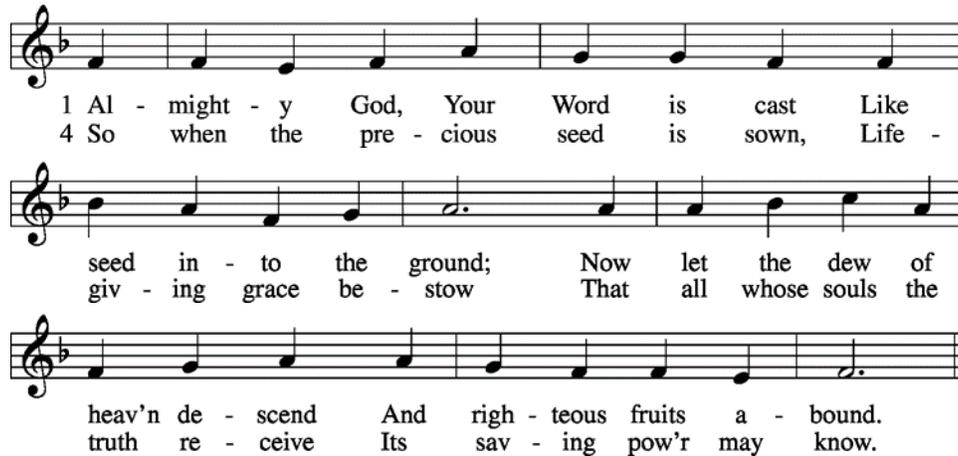
I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all

believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

SERMON HYMN

“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”

LSB 577 vs 1, 4



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -
seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the
heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
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SERMON MESSAGE: “That Which does Give Life” - Isaiah 55:10-13

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

“On What Has Now Been Sown”

LSB 921



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,
The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -
in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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NOTES AND NEWS



Church Sanctuary Worship Service Guidelines



St. John's has reopened its doors for worship services. Special guidelines will be followed to help assure the safety of everyone attending church, but we know the coronavirus is still active among us. We know that God desires us all to be together in worship again, but we are also sure He wants us to use good judgement in protecting our health.

- We encourage elderly, at-risk, and symptomatic people to continue worshipping from home (the “live-streaming” service on Face Book, will continue).
“At risk” conditions include: 65 years or older, chronic lung disease, moderate/severe asthma, serious heart conditions, compromised immune systems, severe obesity, diabetes, chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis and liver disease.
- Wearing face masks inside the church/sanctuary is **STRONGLY** recommended. If you don't have one, masks are available throughout the church, along with hand sanitizing stations. Pastor will wear a mask, except when preaching God's Word.
- Services will be held at 6:00 pm on Saturdays, and 8:30 am & 11:00 am on Sundays. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each service and secured during the services.
- To comply with 6' social distancing guidelines, seating will be limited to every third pew (2 pews in between). Family groups and individuals will be separated by 6' in each pew. Services will be limited to approximately 75 attendees. Overflow will be asked to listen to the service on FM 92.1 in their cars.
- Ushers and Elders will assist with entry and dismissal to maintain social distancing. Do not sit in the taped off pews and follow the Ushers/Elders directions. We will be seating front to back upon entry and dismissing from back to front.
- Ushers (wearing gloves & masks) will hand out bulletins with the service liturgy and hymns (please take these home; they can't be reused). Hymnals, Bibles and attendance books have been removed from the pews.
- Offerings are collected at the sanctuary doorways while exiting the service. Exit the church promptly upon dismissal as the sanctuary, hallways, restrooms **MUST** be sanitized before the next service. Please socialize outside the church.

These guidelines are based on current Federal, State and County Health requirements and the recommendations of the LCMS to provide for your well-being. Although, we are taking steps to reduce the spread of Covid-19 or other infectious agents, the ultimate responsibility for preventative measures belongs to whomever comes to join us at St. Johns'. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging time.

Additional Worship Service Information:

- All 3 services are traditional worship services.
- You can listen to the worship services on the radio if you chose to come and worship in the parking lot. You won't see Pastor Jack, but you can hear him by tuning into the FM Transmitter Frequency of 92.1 FM.
- The Live Streaming Worship Service is at 11:00 am.

Sacrament of the Holy Communion: We will be offering the Sacrament of the Holy Communion on the first and third weekends of each month. This will be given in the Marie Pfarr Room as you leave and only individual cups will be offered. If you wish not to receive the Sacrament you may exit out the front doors or wait in line and exit from the Marie Pfarr Room. Please follow social distancing and hand sanitizer is available. If you choose to attend worship from the parking lot instead of the sanctuary as soon as the church has emptied you will be invited to come in and receive communion at that time.

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 call the church office at 937-644-5549.

The Lutheran Hour is on the radio Sunday mornings at **7:00am on WLW (700 AM)**. Log on to 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 to the glory of God and in celebration of the graduation of our **St. John's eighth graders**. May God continue to guide and bless them, and may His many blessings fill their lives with joy as they continue their studies at their respective high schools this fall.



Welcome to Rocky Railway!!! Where Jesus Power pulls us Through!

We are so excited to be offering
2 styles of VBS this summer!

#1 - Virtual VBS using a take-home kit

#2 - 100% outdoor In-person VBS the week of July 13th (M/W/F) from 6-8pm (rain dates of Tues./Thurs).

In person VBS will be for potty-trained 3 yr. olds - upcoming 6th graders. Teens older than 6th grade are the best kind of volunteer!

Below are the registration form links for this years VBS. There are also paper copies in the office lobby. We welcome walk-ins as always.

VBS Virtual Registration- <https://forms.gle/AkLFdXBapjXTjBXSA>

VBS In-Person Registration- <https://forms.gle/Z8cAxKls96jv6eNz8>

VBS Volunteer Registration- <https://forms.gle/EBCpetyXDzhJVz1N9>

This is a **GREAT** year to invite friends and neighbors to VBS - if you decide to do it virtually and want to include your neighborhood kids in a 'backyard' version - please register for as many virtual kits as you need! This is also another great year to invite friends to join us in person! VBS is designed to be an outreach into the community - it is fun and free!

Because we have to keep our groups to a max of 9 kids, the biggest area we will need help this year is our '**crew leader**' job in-person. It's an important role where you get to interact closely with kids and their parents, and show them Jesus' love in a very hands-on way. Will you consider helping us in this way? As always, we will be offering crew leader training the Sunday night before, July 12 at 6pm.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Amanda
at VBS@sismarysville.org or 937-243-7471.

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.

July 19th

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 44:6-8

Epistle Reading:

Romans 8:18-27

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Altar Flower Opportunities

They can be ordered from a florist, or bouquets can be made from personal flower gardens. Contact Charlotte Blumenschein at 937-644-4111 or 937-537-0607 to reserve a date. Chancel flowers are available any weekend.

Elders Survey

The Elders survey results presented at the June 28th voters meeting is now available on the church website. Additional hard copies will also be available at the July 19th voters meeting.

Weekly Church Attendance - 6 pm Saturday, 8:30 & 11 am Sunday: 7/04-7/05

Church Sanctuary: 101 Parking Lot: 12

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY AT ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Board of Elders and the Stewardship Committee is Encouraging, Promoting, and Enhancing Small Group Bible Study for our Church Body.

We feel small groups:

1. Can improve discipleship.
2. Can be a ministry for each other within the small group.
3. Can be a ministry for people in need in our congregation and our community.
4. Can provide good fellowship.
5. Can make new and lasting friends.
6. Can bind people together so you look forward to your next meeting.
7. Can even have fun at gathering.
8. Finally, Can be very beneficial for our congregation.



Jesus encouraged His people to support one another when He said, "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12).

The **First Action** we are asking is for people to come forward and volunteer to become a leader for a Small Group. Types of groups could be flexible: Examples - Men's, Women's, Couples, Young Adults, Teenagers, etc.

Anyone interested in serving as a Small Group Leader is welcome to contact one of the following people on the Stewardship Committee. The Stewardship Committee will help to organize small groups.

Paul Nicol: 937-594-0710

Warren Wulff: 937-935-5760

John Junkans: 937-243-1536

Kevin Vollrath: 937-707-5440

Shari Marsh: 937-645-0715

Kim Zacharias: 937-537-1946

Marie Leng: 614-483-3024

Jay Van Gordon: 937-645-0468



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Some Sunday School Classes are meeting!
We would love to have you join us!

Children's Classes: 3 year old through 6th grade will meet at the playground. The children will be kept in groups of ten or less. We have **changed the start time** from 10:00 a.m. to **9:30 a.m.**

High School: 7 & 8th graders are invited until catechism begins again. They will meet on the Youth House porch.

Heritage House Young Adult Bible Study Class is cancelled indefinitely.

Cafeteria Adult Bible Study Class is taking the summer off, and will look to resume the week after Labor Day.

If you have questions,
please contact Sunday School Superintendent,
**Lisa Arnold at 937-205-1802 or
arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com.**

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S July 12-19, 2020

We are reviewing events on a week to week basis.

- 07/12:** 8:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School (see article for details)
11:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service &
Live Streaming Worship Service
6:00 pm LYF at Zeiler's Home
- 07/13:** **6-8 pm Week of July 13: VBS (M/W/F) 100%**
outdoor in-person (see article for details)
- 07/18:** 6:00 pm Sanctuary Worship Service/Comm.
- 07/19:** 8:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service/Comm.
9:30 am Sunday School (see article for details)
11:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service/Comm. &
Live Streaming Worship Service
1:30 pm Quarterly Voter's Meeting/Gym

**Congregational Tithe
First Quarter Mission
Opportunities of Fiscal
Year 2020-21**



Ohio District LCMS - 50% & Food Pantries - 50%

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

MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



HOPE in times of uncertainty.

The world's response to this pandemic has been quite diverse! Let's face it... it hasn't gone away like we hoped it would! We are still facing travel bans, cancelled events, and uncertainty. It can make us anxious, critical, thoughtful, fearful, even angry! It has disrupted our daily lives, made us cancel our plans, kept us from our friends and loved ones, and even cost some of us our livelihood!

For now, it appears that the virus is here to stay, and may get worse before it gets better. Are we nervous? Of course! But how we respond to this crisis matters. Whether you realize it or not, your actions communicate a message. The question to ask yourself is, ***"What kind of message do I want to send?"*** As a church, we have an opportunity to be the light in a darkening world and to literally love your neighbor as yourself. What does that look like? Here are four ways to model Jesus in the coming weeks:

COMFORT: During this outbreak, many people are anxious and afraid. Instead of judging or rebuking them for their fear, let's try reassuring them of who God is and how much He loves them! Jesus, the one who is our peace, offered compassion, love, comfort and encouragement to those who needed it most.

LOVE: Whether you realize it or not, there are many immunocompromised people who are relying on you to be responsible. And not just the elderly... many young people and families are at risk too and are counting on us to do our part. Loving others sometimes requires personal sacrifice and adjusting our own routine for the benefit of another. Social distancing, rigorous hand washing, staying home when sick and offering help to those in need are examples of how we can love others during this time.

RECONNECT: Cancellations may be frustrating and inconvenient, but they also can be a blessing! Social restrictions may end up creating the time we need for rest, reflection and reconnection. This pandemic doesn't have to be all doom and gloom! Make this a time you concentrate on yourself! If you are home more often, take the time to create some new memories as a family... watch old movies, read, pray, call a friend, send a card, take an online class! The possibilities are endless.

OFFER HOPE: Hope and grace are what set Christianity apart from all other religions. In the Gospel, there is always movement from darkness to light. In the midst of suffering, our God is a delivering God! He is a healing God! He is a God of the impossible, one who always brings life out of death! He is a faith-building, awe-inspiring, soul-reviving God who resurrects hope from despair and joy from hardship! Our God is with us, even in this! And more than anything, that is all we really need!

Excerpts from "Four Way to offer Hope in Times of Uncertainty" by Radhel Boulos.

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PANDEMIC MEMORIES: Hopefully you have received the "Pandemic Letter" and have had the opportunity to share your own experiences. Please keep it moving! We'll be anxious to read your stories about coping during the crisis!

We continue to think of you all and pray for your safety and well-being. As soon as it is deemed safe for us to reconnect, you can be sure we will be doing just that. In the meantime, be safe and well.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Quarterly Voter's Assembly Meeting: Quarterly Voters' Meeting is being held on **Sunday, July 19 at 1:30 PM** in the gym. We are following our sanctuary guidelines in the gymnasium: social distancing between chairs, recommended use of masks, and hand sanitizing stations at the doors.

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

2020 St. John's Christmas Bazaar Canceled

It is with heavy heart that the 2020 St. John's Christmas Bazaar has been canceled. We were hoping by the time November rolled around this COVID19 situation would have eased up a bit. Many questions filled our minds, some are listed below. Those, along with many others brought us to this decision. We delayed as long as possible, eager for good news.

Taking all of that into consideration we looked at numerous other factors:

- How could we limit the number of shoppers and still be fair to vendors who are there to sell their creations?
- Is there a way to reduce the number of vendors to create space for distancing?
- Do we want to take the risk of bringing the virus into the school, potentially affecting 300+ children?
- How can we log all people in and out of the building to have contact information in case someone came into contact with an infected person?
- Is it fair to ask vendors to spend time and money creating inventory to allow us to wait until Fall to decide?
- Will the election and continued unrest cause us any disruption?

We spoke to the local Health Department. They have had no clear direction from the State concerning large gatherings in the months ahead. Currently it is capped at 300 for catered events. The Bazaar does not fall into that category, but more along the line of social gathering/commerce, so the limit is far less (with all people distancing). In a typical year, at any one time, there are approximately 300-350 people in the gym alone; add the kitchen, cafeteria, and Kids' Area the number far exceeds 400. Union County cases of COVID19 has remained relatively flat, but the State of Ohio has seen an increase in cases.

We are hoping to get back to normal next year, God willing. The canceled Christmas Bazaar will be added to the ever-growing list of cancelations in 2020. Our prayer is this virus will reach a place where it is controlled and soon be eradicated.

If you have any questions, please call me at 937-537-1946.
God's blessings - Kim Zacharias, Ladies' Aid President



LWML News...

The LWML Ohio District was cancelled due to COVID-19. The delegates did vote via mail. The delegates approved the 2020-2022 Mission Goal grant amount of \$95,000. This will fund 9 full grants and 1 partial grant. Please continue to collect your spare change for LWML. The list of Mission grants and the newly elected officers is available at lwmlohio.org

The LWML Ohio District is helping host the 2021 National LWML convention in Lexington, KY, June 24th-27th, 2021. Please consider volunteering to help at the convention. If you volunteer for at least 8 hours you will have a discounted registration. I have already signed up to be an usher at the convention. The newsletters for the convention are on the lwmlohio.org website.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Stephanie Petee at 614-588-4187 via phone or text.



Who Benefits from Stephen Ministry

Everybody benefits from Stephen Ministry. Those receiving care from Stephen Ministers benefit because they receive prayer and support throughout the crisis they face. Stephen Ministers benefit through the spiritual growth they experience from being involved in meaningful ministry. Pastor Jack benefits because caring ministry at St. John's is expanded, and fewer people will slip through the cracks. Most of all *you* benefit from the knowledge that special care is available to you should you need it. In addition, you now have a place where you can refer a friend, neighbor, coworker, relative, or anyone else you know who is going through a difficult time so that they can receive special care when they need it most. Stephen Ministry makes St. John's a much more caring place. If you would like more information on our Stephen Ministry, contact Doug Doellinger at 937-644-0576 or Linda Kosakowski at 614-506-6179.

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



LYF News...

LYF is planning to start meeting again in July! Our first LYF event will be **TODAY, July 12th** at R.J. & Laura's house (19085 West Darby Road, Marysville) at **6pm**. We will be meeting outside and having devotions and games outside around the bonfire (to ensure space for "physical distancing"). If you have a camping chair, feel free to bring it just to make sure we have enough seating. We will be starting a 4 part session of "The Road", developed by Group Mission Trips in lieu of our cancelled summer trip, where we will journey with Jesus and explore the scripture and story behind the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Our second LYF event will be **August 2nd at 6pm**, with the location TBD. All youth are welcome to attend and we hope to see you there!

Today, St. John's LYF was supposed to be on the road to Imperial, PA to serve their disabled, elderly, and impoverished populations for the week. Unfortunately, as with countless other events and trips during COVID-19, our mission trip was cancelled, along with all others summer trips through Group Mission Trips. It goes without saying that our group is disappointed, but understands that postponing our trip until next year is for everyone's benefit and safety. We ask that you join us in continuing to pray for the people of Imperial and those we hope to serve next summer, that they may still feel and come to know God's love and care throughout this trying time.

Envelope Contribution Statements

Mid-year statements will not be printed unless requested. If you would like your envelope statement printed and mailed, please notify Mary Mayer (937-642-2181). End of year 2020 contributions will be printed and distributed January 2021.

GriefShare News... Dear St. John's Members, here at St. Paul Lutheran Chuckery, we host a GriefShare group which has been very well received. It is very crucial that we continue this ministry as it is so important for those in our surrounding community to have a safe place to learn about grief and share their grief stories in order to heal. Right now, only two of us have been facilitating the group for a few years and we are seeing the need to have more facilitators in order to keep ourselves from getting fatigued. We are asking if there are any individuals who would be interested in joining our team? We would be especially interested if any men out there would consider this awesome and important ministry, since the two of us are women. Although we welcome anyone, of course! Please call or text Deaconess Janet Nicol @614-561-7411 or email her at janet.nicol@stpaulchuckery.church to find out more information.



St. John's members, you're invited to be a part of our new photo directory! Our last directory was printed in 2016 and we are looking to update. As you look at our church today, you will see that we have new families, there have been weddings, and babies, and kids who are young adults now. We're changing, and a new photo directory will help us capture these changes.

Our new directory photography sessions will take place from 2-9pm on August 4th-7th, 10am-5pm on August 8th, and 2-9pm on August 25 & 26th. You can sign up for your family's photo session in a variety of ways:

- Online at www.tinyurl.com/SJCdirectory
- Call Lifetouch to schedule at 866-756-0281 (direct # for scheduling).
- At church before or after services starting Sunday, July 5th.

Each family that participates will receive a copy of our new completed directory, as well as a complimentary 8x10 photo from your session. Each photography session is 20 minutes long. If you have any questions, you can contact Laura Zeiler at lauraezeiler@gmail.com. Our directory won't be complete without all our members.

We hope to see you there!

MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

E-Giving

Electronic giving provides you the opportunity to give every week of the year after setting it up just one time. Leave that checkbook at home! E-giving also provides a stable income for the church. In fact E-giving is so common no one will even look at you funny when you don't drop into the plate!

E-Giving allows consistent tithing throughout the year since most of us do not attend 100% of the Sundays in the year. You can decrease your weekly tithe but increase your annual contributions just by simply starting E-giving and giving each week of the year!

Are you E-Giving only and no longer want to receive envelopes? Call Regina in the Church office and let her know. You may still drop a check or a generic envelope with your name on it for envelope credit.

Using an internet browser:

- Go to stjohnsmarysville.org
- On the top of the page click on the giving link
- From here choose the E-Giving provider - Vanco Solutions link
- Choose Create profile

Now you will be able to set up regular and one time donations.

Apps make life easier. With GivePlus Church, you can use your smartphone to give anytime, anywhere!

- Download the FREE app on your Apple or Android phone
- Make one-time or recurring donations using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account
- Log in or donate as a guest
- Securely and conveniently manage donations using Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password

To give through the app, search your phone's app store for "GivePlus Church".

When setting up E-Giving please note that using a checking account is free and there is a 3% credit card fee that you can choose to pick up or not.

Please feel free to contact Adam or Joy with any questions, concerns or problems!

Adam Smith treasurer@sjsmarysville.org or 614-296-0091

Joy Ballard joyrballard@gmail.com or 937-644-4344

A Trip to Israel 2021 – Mark Renner



Mark Renner of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and Pastor Jeff Sutherlin of Christ's Greenfield Lutheran Church are partnering together to lead a trip to Israel.

This is an opportunity to see the land that God called Joshua to lead the Israelite's into. And walk in the footsteps of Jesus and the Apostles. This trip will be a chance to better understand God's revelation through the Old Testament prophets and Jesus Christ in the context in which it happened.

This amazing trip will take place from April 29 – May 9th, 2021 through Isram Israel Travel Agency.

If you have an interest in this trip or would like to see the itinerary you may email, call or text Mark Renner at markjrenner87@gmail.com or 419-957-9511.

SJS Assistant Cook Needed

The Assistant Cook is accountable to the Principal and Board of Christian Education and works in conjunction with the Head Cook/ Lunch Room Administrator. They will work as a team member with all other personnel of the school and church. Relationships will be characterized by loyalty and cooperation in a common ministry for Jesus Christ. Candidates should be prepared to greet the parents, students, and staff, prep, wipe with bleach water, prep, and serve during the hot lunch program. Lifting of 30 lbs. or more in and out of the oven and in the store room is required. The candidate will also maintain credentials for food service in conjunction with federal and state requirements. Please send a letter of interest to Mr. Rausch.