

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25-26, 2020



In all three lessons for this day, our comfort and salvation is certain. In all instances, however, we receive a warning that drives us ever again to God's sure promises given to us in Christ. The Old Testament Reading, our text, brings a reminder of the faithfulness and steadfast love of God toward His people (Deut 7:9), which the Psalm also recalls. The Lord will defend and protect His people from evil so that they themselves will not engage in unrighteous deeds. The psalmist, though, ends his word of hope with a warning: those who depart to crooked ways will be sent away with the evildoers (Ps 125:5). The same kind of warning appears immediately following our text as cut in the lectionary: the Lord will repay those who hate Him to their face (Deut 7:10). The promise of salvation is accompanied by the warning that our faith and trust must remain in the Lord, a warning we must take seriously. How shall we keep ourselves from wandering away from God? The Epistle points us to the Gospel that answers our need: the God who has called us by the Gospel will also bring us to glory. Nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom 8:28–39). In the four parables of today's Gospel, Jesus likewise speaks of the kingdom as a hidden treasure or a precious pearl, for which one would gladly and without thought or effort sell all that one has in order to possess it. In the next parable, God Himself casts a net in the world, catching all sorts of fish, and thus catching all sorts of people by the proclamation of the kingdom (Mt 13:47–50). Only at the end will the angels separate the wicked from the righteous, the unbelievers from believers.

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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 25-26, 2020

Dale Scheiderer – Organist

“Unfettered Love” - Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Pentecost season is often called the Time of the Church. During this time we give special attention to how we live out our faith as God’s people. But for this to happen, we must live in our faith, that is, in Christ. For all that we are is nothing but what God has made us in Jesus. We are “chosen ones”, not self-made ones. From all eternity, before we could have done anything to make ourselves God’s people, He “foreknew” and “predestined” us to be His. Then, through the Means of Grace, He “called” us so that we are now partakers of Jesus Christ and through Him share in the love of God and the fullness of all divine grace and gifts. We are to Him a “treasure hidden in a field” or a “pearl of great value,” worth all He has. His name, His glory, His righteousness, and all that He is has become ours, because in love He has taken to Himself all our sin and guilt. All this—that we are God’s precious people and how we became so—is the message of our text from Deuteronomy.

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

LSB 743 vs 1, 2, 6



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,
2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish
Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.
hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in. Those who love the Father, though the storms may gather, still have peace within. Yea, whate'er I here must bear, Thou art still my purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure! Public domain

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Do good, O Lord, to those who hold fast to Your name

C: and to those upright in heart.

P: But those who turn aside to their crooked ways,

C: the Lord will lead away with evildoers.

Silence for self-examination.

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

C: O Lord, have mercy upon us poor, miserable sinners. We have offended You in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned against our neighbor. Spare us, O God, who confess our sins to You and who hide not our faults from Your eyes. Restore the penitent and forgive us all our sins according to the promise of Your mercy revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. As He suffered and died to cover our sins, cover us with His righteousness, and grant us grace that today and every day we live upright, sober, and godly lives to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior, you have been made children of God in Baptism and live because of His mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

LSB 152

A: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

The Lord called His people His treasured possession. The Kingdom of God is like a treasure we find when we seek God who is faithful to a thousand generations.

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you

and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:28-39

From before creation, God's plan has always been good for those who believe in Christ. He doesn't promise earthly comfort, but rather closer fellowship to God through Christ, a Spirit led fruitful life, and eternal glorification. Christians, then, are more than conquerors because God turns everything into good.

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52

The Kingdom of Heaven was described by Jesus in parables that appealed to the many different members of His audiences. Some were farmers, fishermen, bakers, and merchants. In this week's Gospel passage, we are encouraged to seek the Kingdom of God like we would seek a precious treasure.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON MESSAGE: “Unfettered Love” - Deuteronomy 7:6-9

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

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

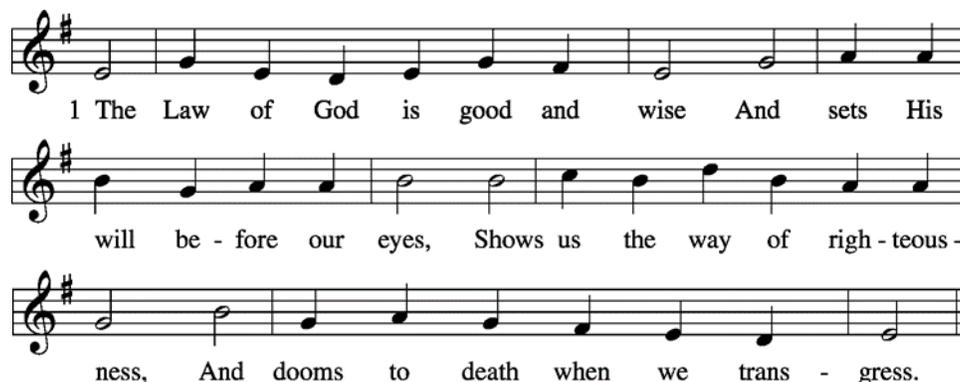
“Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“The Law of God Is Good and Wise”

LSB 579 vs 5-6



1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His
will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of righ - teous -
ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.

5 The Law is good; but since the fall its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die and has no pow’r to justify.

6 To Jesus we for refuge flee, who from the curse has set us free,
and humbly worship at His throne, saved by His grace through faith alone.

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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.

NEW INFORMATION: As a measured response to Union County moving into Red Level for the Coronavirus, St. John's will continue with our current services, however, masks will now be required in the sanctuary. All other guidelines will remain in effect. We will continue to monitor all Union County Board of Health updates for the well-being of our members.

- 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 **NOW REQUIRED**. 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)

- By Radio - You can join our 8:30 a.m. service by tuning to WQTT1270 AM and 96.7 FM.
- Join us in the parking lot by tuning your car radio to 92.1 FM at any of our sanctuary services.
- Join us on Facebook at 11:00 am or after on Sundays at: <https://www.facebook.com/jack.heino>

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: Altar flowers are given in loving memory of **Phyllis Marshall**, who went to her heavenly home July 23, 2010; by her family.

LYF News...

- **Sunday, August 2nd: Devotions and games** will be held at Kris & Angie Vollrath's house, 17880 Middleburg-Plain City Road, Marysville, at 6pm. We will play some games, enjoy devotions outside, and end the evening making blankets for our high school graduates in preparation for our first "Blessing of the Blankets" coming up.
- **Sunday, September 13th: LYF Family Canoe/Kayak Outing.** Bring the whole family along and join us for a fun afternoon on the Big Darby Creek! We will enjoy a 1-2 hour trip down the river. We'll meet at Trapper John's Canoe Livery in Grove City at 2pm. Canoe and kayak rentals are \$20 per person, and \$5 for kids ages 6-12. Our trip will include a float down the river followed by a shuttle ride back to the livery. If your youth and/or family would like to participate, please let Laura Zeiler know by September 2nd, as we need to make a reservation in advance. Additionally, if your youth would like to attend and parents are unable, let Laura know and we will arrange a carpool! Laura can be reached at laurazeiler@gmail.com or 913-549-0057.
- We are planning for a "mission trip at home" in August, helping a member of our congregation move! Date will be announced soon! We are planning for a full Saturday.
- Our 2021 mission trip is on the calendar! We have secured St. John's LYF spots to "return" to Imperial, PA., where our trip was to be this year. Dates are June 20-26th, 2021. Youth are eligible to attend if they will be entering high school in the fall of 2021 through high-school/college age.

More to come as we begin planning this fall and look forward to sharing the light of Christ with those we will serve!



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.

August 1-2

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 55:1-5

Epistle Reading:

Romans 9:1-13

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 14:13-21

Upcoming Leap Meeting...

LEAP will be having a strategic planning meeting on Saturday, August 8th. A light breakfast will start at 8:00 am with the planning session following at 8:30 am.



This is a great time to share ideas for **LEAP** and help come up with ideas and goals for the year ahead. We will meet at the Heritage House.

If you have any questions, please send us an email at leapstjohns@gmail.com

Weekly Church Attendance - 6 pm Saturday, 8:30 & 11 am Sunday: 7/18-7/19

Church Sanctuary: 99

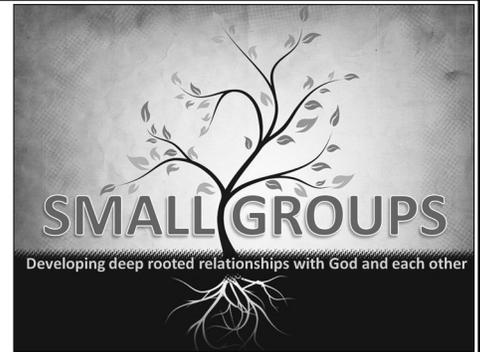
NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

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

Some Sunday School Classes are meeting!

Start time is 9:30 a.m. 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.

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



THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

JULY 26 - AUGUST 2, 2020

We are reviewing events on a week to week basis.

- 07/26:** 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
- 08/01:** 6:00 pm Sanctuary Worship Service/Comm.
- 08/02:** 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
6:00 pm LYF Gathering/Kris & Angie Vollrath's home

**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

To our Golden Eagles, friends and family:

I read an article recently that began, "Alongside the paralyzing fear of Covid 19, something else is bubbling up: **HOPE!**" That made me think about the meaning of **HOPE** and how it compares to **FAITH**... According to Wikipedia, **HOPE** is an optimistic state of mind; to have hope is to want an outcome that makes your life better in some way. By definition, **FAITH** is confidence or trust in something or someone not based on proof; believing in things unseen. Biblically speaking, **Faith** says whatever you are hoping for is here now. **Hope** says there is a chance of it happening sometime in the future.

As Lutherans we often refer to the three "solos" - Latin for "alone" as a summary of the **faith** that gives them **hope**:

1. **GRACE** alone - God loved the world though we do not deserve His love; He sent His Son to love the unlovable and save the ungodly.
2. **FAITH** alone - People don't "get" faith; God gives it as He gives us His promises.
3. **SCRIPTURE** alone - The Bible is the only source that shows God's will and the only basis for faith.

As Golden Eagles, we look forward to times of fellowship and also the opportunity of traveling together and exploring new places. Several years ago we began the tradition of carrying "faith" coins with us on our travels. Sharing these coins with people we meet along the way provides the perfect opening to begin the conversation about God's love for them. Often on the bus ride home, our folks relate the interactions they have had with strangers they have met and how the experience of sharing God's love has touched them. Those stories encourage others to reach out as well, and so the love of God is shared...

"**In Christ Alone**" is a popular modern Christian song written by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend which is often used in contemporary worship. The lyrics are powerful and uplifting and the melody is so soothing, it has become a favorite of mine. If you are familiar with the melody, sing it today. If it isn't familiar to you, I recommend that you Google it and listen. The first and fourth verses seem particularly fitting in today's circumstances.

"In Christ Alone"

"In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace. When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand."

"No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand."

We continue to pray for you all and look forward to the time we can come together again. In the meantime, stay safe and remember that our hope is found "**In Christ Alone!**"

Soar on Wings God has Made for You

Golden Eagles

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How Does Stephen Ministry Work?

When someone requests a Stephen Minister, Doug Doellinger 937-644-0576 or Linda Kosakowski 614-506-6179, or Stephen Leaders, will meet with that person, explain what Stephen Ministry is, and help determine whether Stephen Ministry is the kind of Care that person needs. They then match that person with one of our available Stephen Ministers. The Stephen Minister will then call that person and begin meeting with him or her for about an hour each week as long as the need is there. Everything a care receiver says to his or her Stephen Minister is kept confidential. The Stephen Minister doesn't try to solve problems; rather, he or she listens, cares, prays, and helps the care receiver find his or her path to healing and wholeness.

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.

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!



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 at treasurer@sjsmarysville.org or 614-296-0091 or Joy Ballard at joyballard@gmail.com or 937-644-4344

MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



A very humble thank you for all the prayers, good thoughts and acts of kindness expressed by the school staff, children and church members as I went through the loss of my mother, Martha. A special thank you to Pastor Jack, Rich Rausch, and Chris Ingram for their trips to Carey. My mom is with the Good Lord and free from the burdens of this world. It is all the little acts of kindness that add to a huge knowledge of being supported during times like this. Thank You!

Joe Wagner, Assistant Facilities Manager

Thank you for all the lovely cards and notes for my 95th birthday. Your prayers, thoughts and wishes are greatly appreciated. **Anita Beckel**

Dear St. John's Family, We've been blessed by so many with tangible love and support during Jim's cancer journey. The home visits, sing alongs, cards, and encouragement truly lifted our family during what could have been a very sad time. Rather, we were inspired and reminded that we are blessed to know that Jim is home with Jesus. The time we had with him will always be treasured and we appreciate how each of you were part of that time. Our celebration of Jim's life was yet one more gift with beautiful music shared by Dale Scheiderer and the St. John's Praise Band, readings and sentiments that seemed a perfect match for our Jimmy and of course a message from Pastor Jack that must have been scribed by the Holy Spirit. The Elders, Ladies Aid, Wing & A Prayer, and so many others helped in countless ways. We thank you for helping us carry Jim home.

Blessings Always, **Holly, Elizabeth & Matthew Novak**

Thanks to all who sent such lovely birthday cards and messages to me for my recent birthday.

God's Blessings to All, **Marilyn E. Rausch**



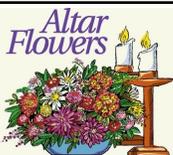
Thank you to Everyone who helped with the Rocky Railway VBS! In spite of a few hurdles, we reached about **100 kids** with in-person or virtual VBS this year, and we couldn't have done it without all your support. There were so many hot, sweaty volunteers who shared their time and energy, and it would not have been possible without them! Jesus's power really did pull us thru!

- If you want to return your **VBS staff shirt**, there will be a box in the office lobby to collect them.
- If you would like to **help follow up with families** and invite them to join us for worship, Sunday School, and day school, please email VBS@sjsmarysville.org. (This is an opportunity for engagement hours from home.)
- If you volunteered, or had children join us and have **ideas or suggestions** for next year, feel free to email those also!

To God be all the glory – He really made VBS possible this year.

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.



Altar Flowers... The following dates are available if anyone would like to place flowers on the altar. They can be ordered from a florist, purchased at a garden center, or bouquets can be made from personal flower gardens. September 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, October 3-4 and 10-11. Please contact Charlotte Blumenschein at 937-644-4111 or 937-537-0607 to reserve a date.

Chancel flowers are available any weekend.

