

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5-6, 2020



The lessons for this Sunday provide a journey that moves us to the true nature of humility. As the Introit has us bow in praise of the Lord's "works," "thoughts," and "steadfast love," thus acknowledging our insignificance by comparison, the Collect declares us to be His "humble servants" who can accomplish "the things that are right" only by His "merciful guiding." The Old Testament Reading reminds us that we have every reason to fall down in humility in response to: the severity of our wickedness, the Lord declares to the prophet that his proclamation must include "O wicked one, you shall surely die" (Ezek 33:8). The Psalm and Gospel then define the root of that wickedness we are called to ponder. Our prideful arrogance is revealed when our actions are opposite that of humility. David recalls his impenitent error and vain attempts to preserve his dignity: "When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer" (Ps 32:3-4). The same ego-driven error that seeks no repentance is revealed in the Gospel lesson in the form of a question: "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" (Mt 18:1). But the psalm of David reflects on the humility that invokes a confession: "I acknowledged my sin to you and I did not cover my iniquity . . . and you forgave the iniquity of my sin" (Ps 32:5). And the absolution then enables the penitent to declare, "You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble" (Ps 32:7). This segues to the words of Jesus, who makes it abundantly clear, "Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:4). It all comes full circle when we recognize that the Humble One is the God-man, Jesus Christ, who bows to the cross and thus provides the safety to assume our penitent posture.

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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.*



Weekend Worship Services

September 5-6, 2020

Dale Scheiderer – Organist

“Family Chores” - Ezekiel 33:7-9

The list goes on: clean the table . . . take out the garbage . . . do your homework . . . For a parent of an adolescent, the litany of do-this and don't-do-that can go on and on. For an adolescent, the burdens can seem “overwhelming.” For a parent, having to hand out the “have-tos” is no fun either. A loving father or mother has lots of things we'd rather, that we want to, say. But sometimes the “have-tos” are a necessary part of parenting. Life has its shares of “want-tos” and “have-tos,” the things that we can't wait to do compared to the things that we must do. Today, we encounter God's calling to the prophet Ezekiel. If we're looking for a happy-go-lucky, exciting, upbeat message, we'll be disappointed. The message is anything but joyful. We encounter a predicament: this message sounds like a list of one unpleasant chore after another. Well, there are a lot of “have-tos” in Ezekiel's message, but there's a wonderful “can't-wait-to” as well. In our text, we see that The Father Has Appointed His Children to Some “Have-Tos” for His Gracious “Can't-Wait-To.”

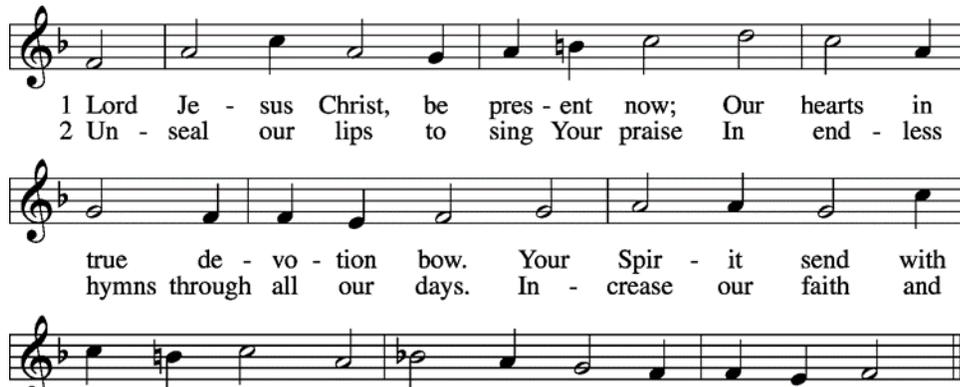
WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING HYMN

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

LSB 902 vs 1-2



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less
true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and
light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful

condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

COLLECT OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9

The role of the watchman is to listen to the Lord and warn the people. The watchmen bear much responsibility to keep a clear conscience before God and the people.

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 13:1-10

Christians have the responsibility to be subject to the governing authorities. We are to obey the laws, pay taxes, and give respect and honor where due. Above all, we are to love one another as God first loved us.

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 18:1-20*

With authority comes great responsibility like confronting brothers or sisters with their sin or setting up boundaries within a church per the examples given by Jesus. This is a profound responsibility especially when the community of believers represents God's presence and power in the world.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON MESSAGE: "Family Chores" - *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended

into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. 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.

PREFACE

LSB 208

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

LSB 902 vs 3-4

3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O ho - ly,
4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly
ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed
that blest place We then shall see You face to face.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

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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.

THERE ARE PLENTY OF SEATS AVAILABLE AT THE SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE & 11 A.M SERVICE.

- 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, or to avoid leaving your vehicle you can drive under the portico (Marie Pfarr Room side), stop and roll down your window to receive communion.

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 in Thanksgiving for 60 years blessed by God's love and care to **Marvin & Janis Nicol**.

Chancel Flowers: The chancel flowers are given in memory of the homegoing of the greatest Grandma on this side of heaven, **Lucia A.E. Nicol**, by Joe and Amy (Nicol) Wagner.

Chancel Flowers: Happy birthday Mom, and Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad. In loving memory from **Vivi, Denny and family**.

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S SEPTEMBER 6-13, 2020

We continue to review events based on Covid-19 health protocol.

TODAY 09/06	8:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service/Communion 9:30 am Sunday School (see article for details) 11:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service with "Live" Streaming/Communion
MONDAY	Labor Day/ Office & School Closed
TUESDAY	6:30 pm Ladies Aid Quilting
THURSDAY	11:30 am Ladies Aid Quilting 12:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting 5:15 pm Home Volleyball Game vs. Cypress 6:00 pm Home Soccer Game vs. Oakstone
SATURDAY	8:00 am Home Volleyball Game vs. Hilliard Memorial 6:00 pm Sanctuary Worship Service
SUNDAY 09/13	8:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service 9:30 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School (see list of classes for details) 9:45 am Youth Catechism Class/Mrs. Bowsher & Mrs. Monroe's Classrooms 11:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service with "Live" Streaming

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 - 10:30 am

Toddlers through 6th Grade—Church Basement: **Starting Sunday, September 13**. Separated by age group.

7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class—Mrs. Bowsher & Mrs. Monroe's Classrooms: **Starting Sunday, September 13**. Time: 9:45 - 10:45 am

High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"—Youth House

Women's Bible Study—School Loft: **Starting Sunday, September 13**.

Adult Bible Study—Cafeteria: Topic, "The Intersection of Church & State." Sunday, September 13, 20, & 27. The study examines the dynamic give-and-take relationship that has marked the crossroads of church and state in this country. Though roadblocks are frequent where church and state meet, there is still tremendous potential for significant work to be done when they work together.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: Please refer to the updated Sunday School listing as some classes start to regroup. Time: 9:30 am

Children's Classes: 3 year old through 6th grade will meet at the playground. Starting September 13 we will start meeting in the church basement, and be separated by age group. This will help streamline the cleaning process.

Women's Bible Study Class is regrouping in the school loft starting September 13. Bring yourself and a friend – hope to see you there!

Cafeteria Adult Bible Study Class starts back on September 13. Studying the topic, "The Intersection of Church & State."

7th & 8th Grade Catechism: Starts in-classroom sessions on September 13. Time: 9:45 - 10:45 am.

Sunday School In the Woods will take place September 20th behind the Heritage House. High Schoolers will be helping. The theme is "God Never Leaves."

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.

September 12-13, 2020

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Epistle Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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



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

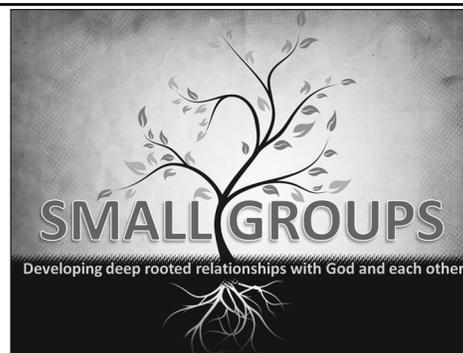
NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

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

Shari Marsh: 937-645-0715

Warren Wulff: 937-935-5760

Kim Zacharias: 937-537-1946

John Junkans: 937-243-1536

Marie Leng: 614-483-3024

Kevin Vollrath: 937-707-5440

Jay Van Gordon: 937-645-0468



Ruthann and Ned Rausch would like to thank everyone for their birthday cards, especially Pastor Jack with his special coin, the Sunday School class and all. It was truly appreciated. Bless you all!

From The Family of Leila Hill . . . We wish to express our sincerest gratitude for the concern shown to us by members of St. John's, individually, as well as collectively, since the loss of our dear Dutchie. The sustaining prayers, compassionate thoughts and encouragement, graciously offered in so many ways are deeply appreciated. Special regard is extended to Pastor Heino for his inspirational support, and to Dale Scheiderer for his consoling music. Our sentiments seem well characterized in the following verse which was used to express our gratitude for kindnesses received upon the death of Dutchie's sister, Bernice in 1996:

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
if so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
that anyone could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
we thank you so much whatever the part.

Sincerely - **Lloyd Baker, Carol & Gary Hehemann & Family**

'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



Fall Cycle of GriefShare begins September 17, 2020

The 13-week fall cycle of GriefShare will begin **in-person** on **Thursday evenings** (Sept. 17-Dec. 17) from **6:00-8:00 PM** at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 7960 State Route 38, Milford Center, OH 43045. **Please note the change of location from Plain City to St. Paul in Chuckery.** Look us up at: www.stpaulchuckery.church.

GriefShare is a Bible-based seminar and support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. Each GriefShare session includes a video seminar, small group discussion, and workbook study. There is a \$15 suggested donation, which covers the cost of the workbook. To register, please call or text Deaconess Janet Nicol at **614-561-7411**.

Due to the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, we ask that you wear a mask (if medically possible) during the GriefShare sessions. Please stay home if you are sick or have any symptoms. Class will take place in the Church Sanctuary, where proper seating distance and cleanliness is maintained. Feel free to invite your family and/or friends, who are also grieving, to attend with you. Everyone is welcome!

2020-2021 Youth Catechism Class



St. John's Catechism Class

The first Catechism in-classroom session will be held on Sunday, **September 13**, from **9:45 to 10:45 a.m.** Classes will be held in two of our larger school classrooms (Mrs. Monroe's and Mrs. Bowsher's) to allow for social distancing.

As we follow St. John's School protocol; we will conduct health checks prior to entering the classrooms, the practice of social distancing will be followed, and please wear masks as they are required.

We realize things will be different in this new year, but we will work together so we can gather together in a safe way, as we learn more about God's Word.

We look forward to seeing this year's 7th and 8th graders, along with the attendance of their supportive parents, as we start this new faith journey together.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office.

LYF News...

- **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 lauraezeiler@gmail.com or 913-549-0057.
- **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 Church Attendance - 6 pm Saturday, 8:30 & 11 am Sunday: 8/29-8/30

Church Sanctuary: 217

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



Greetings from LEAP!

We wanted to give you an update that due to the pandemic and current safety guidelines, the **LEAP** Annual Benefit Gala has been cancelled for 2020. We thank you for being part of our online giving campaign in July, as well as your support in so many ways. **LEAP** continues to meet monthly, with our next meeting on Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 pm at the Youth House. We are always looking for people to get involved. If you don't want to commit to the monthly meetings but have some ideas for **LEAP**, join us Saturday, September 19 for our annual strategic planning meeting. We will start with breakfast at 8:00 am. This will be held at 333 South Main Street/Vandre Professional Plaza.

Questions? Email: leapstjohns@gmail.com

SJS Lunchroom Administrator/Head Cook and Asst. Cook Needed

These positions will be accountable to the Principal and Board of Christian Education. They will work as a team members 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 candidates will also maintain credentials for food service in conjunction with federal and state requirements.

Please send a letter of interest to Mr. Rausch.



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

Soar on Wings God has Made for You

Golden Eagles

“Rules for Being Human”

When we're born, we don't come with an owner's manual. If you think about it, life is pretty much lived by trial and error, and sometimes you learn the rules the hard way! Maybe you're familiar with the original "Ten Rules for Being Human", a thought-provoking piece by Cherie Carter-Scott, written with the hope of helping us navigate through the human condition with grace and ease. To sum it up, the list essentially explains that in life, no one is given a handbook.

I've kept a copy on my desk for years. I always appreciated the humor and the thought that it is up to us to seek out and recognize our opportunities to grow and evolve as human beings. But the one thing it seemed to leave out was a BIG thing to me! How GOD fits into the game, because I couldn't imagine navigating the playing field without Him! As I did some research, however, I was happy to find there is a Christian Version, re-written a few years back by Dr. Bruce Atkinson. He gives credit to Dr. Carter-Scott and the fact that her work subsequently appeared in the national bestseller, "Chicken Soup for the Soul", and offers his own version. So, "if life is a game, these are the rules..."

“RULES FOR BEING HUMAN - FOR CHRISTIANS”

Rule 1: YOU WILL RECEIVE A BODY. You may like it or dislike it, but it will be yours for the entire period. It is both a holy gift and also a responsibility. Your body is vulnerable and will wear out eventually. Try not to speed this up. "I praise You, Lord, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." (Psalm 138:14)

Rule 2: YOU WILL LEARN LESSONS. You are enrolled in a full-time informal "school of hard knocks" called Life. Each day in this school you will have the opportunity to learn lessons. You may like the lessons or think them irrelevant and stupid. They are, however, necessary for your development... in Christ. "And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." (Romans 5:2b-4)

Rule 3: THERE ARE NO MISTAKES, ONLY LESSONS. Growth is a process of trial-and-error and experimentation. The so-called "failed" experiments are as much a part of the process as the experiment that ultimately "works." Likewise, easier is rarely better in the long run. "Endure hardships as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?" (Hebrews 12:5b)

Rule 4: A LESSON IS REPEATED UNTIL IT IS LEARNED. A lesson will be presented to you in various forms until you have learned it, then you can go on to the next lesson. You will know you've learned a lesson when your actions change. There is no part of life that does not contain its lessons. If you are alive, there are more lessons to be learned; it is the nature and purpose of life. "He knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold." (Job 12:10)

Rule 5: "THERE" IS NO BETTER THAN "HERE". Nothing leads to happiness. When your "there" has become "here", you will simply obtain another "there" that will again look better than "here". You might as well accept your "here" and make the best of it. God has placed you where you need to be in order to get the best lessons. "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." (Romans 8:18)

Rule 6: OTHERS ARE SIMPLY MIRRORS OF YOU. You cannot love or hate something about another person unless it reflects to you something you love or hate about yourself. How we treat others reveals how we expect to be treated. This is particularly true of Christians - we are all one in Christ.

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“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” (Matthew 7:1-2)

Rule 7: WHAT YOU MAKE OF YOUR LIFE IS UP TO YOU. You have all the tools you need; you must decide how to use them. God has a wonderful plan for your life and will enable you to discover this plan and live it out. You do have choices however, so choose wisely. “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11.)

Rule 8: YOUR ANSWERS LIE INSIDE YOU. Discover your heart’s desire - look and listen within, and learn to trust your Creator. Given your limitations and abilities, who do you want to be? Who does God want you to be? You must move in this direction, however slowly. “The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say “Here it is,” because the kingdom of God is within you.” (Luke 17:21)

Rule 9: FINALLY, YOU WILL TEND TO FORGET ALL OF THIS AS YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE. So try very hard to remember it. “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2)

Concordia Food Drive

The Golden Eagles Senior Ministry is asking for your assistance as we continue our yearly commitment to support the Concordia Fort Wayne Seminary Food Co-Op. This vital mission helps ease the financial burden of Seminarians and their families by providing access to food, paper products and cleaning supplies. Due to Coronavirus restrictions, we are not able to collect food items as in past years. Instead, your gifts of VISA, MASTER CARD, KROGER’S or MEIJER’S gift cards will be used by the Co-Op staff to purchase the items they need. You may also give a gift of cash or check, made payable to St. John’s. Just be sure to designate your gift to the “Seminary Food Drive.” A special offering box has been placed in the narthex. See Mary Mayer, or Jeff or Carol Reinhard for further details.

Free Face Masks!

A variety of free face masks are available on the counter in the Marie Pfarr Room. They come in small, medium, large and extra-large, with the small and medium sizes appropriate for most students. They are free. If you feel so moved, however, a small donation to the Seminary Food Drive would be warmly welcomed.

A Concert of Hope and Faith - Sunday, September 20th

Join us on Sunday afternoon, September 20th at 1:30 pm for a free outdoor concert featuring our own Steve Bumgarner offering songs of hope and faith! Social distancing measures will be in place, and masks will be encouraged as a consideration to others. Watch for further details!

To God be the Glory!

The Ladies’ Aid is Alive and Well...

As many of you know the Ladies’ Aid Christmas Bazaar was cancelled for this year; yet another casualty of COVID-19. But we praise God that we are here and able to worship together both in person and via technology!

Because the Bazaar is our only fundraiser, our ability to give money to other St. John’s groups and missions at levels in past years has been severely diminished. We appreciate your understanding and sensitivity to our position.

We are anxious to help where we can! We are still committed to mission work and fulfilling the Great Commission. Our plan is to return to pre-2020 levels of giving in the future. **God’s blessings to you all!**

Dave Anderson in Concert

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church is hosting Dave Anderson and Roger Walck in a praise and worship concert on Friday, September 11 at 7:00 pm. A love offering will be taken.

You are invited to attend at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 3924 Home Road in Powell, Ohio.

Any questions, please call
740-938-4248.

MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



It's time to gather up your mites!

The LWML Mite program is comprised of many individuals' contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. It is based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite: *Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything — all she had to live on"* (Mark 12:41–43).

When gathered together, mite contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program.

LWML Sunday is the first Sunday in October. In preparation, now is the time to gather your mites — look in your pockets, under the couch cushions, in the car, the laundry room, the bottom of your purse, your coin jar, the dish on your dresser. If you are not into collecting change, paper currency and checks (made out to St. John's with a note that the donation is for the LWML Mites) are also welcome! Men, women, and children are all invited to contribute. The Ladies Aid officers will be available to come and pick up your mite contributions the last week in September if you are not able to bring it to church or school.

Watch the Notes and News for more information.

Here's What People Are Saying about Stephen Ministry:

- I thank God every day for my Stephen Minister. I don't know how I could have made it through the past year without her!
- Before I had a Stephen Minister, I struggled with whether I even believed in God. Now I have seen God's love face-to-face through my Stephen Minister. It is life-changing!
- As a man, I found it difficult and awkward to reach out for help. But I'm glad I did. I probably could have made it alone, but it sure was a lot easier having a Stephen Minister to talk to.
- I felt guilty about being angry at God. But my Stephen Minister didn't think I was terrible. He was very patient and just listened and cared. He demonstrated Jesus' unconditional love and helped me to trust God again.
- The best thing about Stephen Ministry was it was so confidential. Nobody even knew I had a Stephen Minister.

If you encounter someone who is struggling with an on-going crisis, ask them if they would be interested in having you contact one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders on their behalf.

Or, if you would like more information on our Stephen Ministry, contact Doug Doellinger at 937-644-0576 or Linda Kosakowski at 614-506-6179.



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. **Chancel flowers are available any weekend.**

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.

Plain City Food Pantry

**Looking to have fun while giving back?
We would LOVE to have you volunteer here!**

We are here 4 days a week Monday-Wednesday-Friday 9am-11:30am Saturday 10am-Noon
Grab a friend or two or three and join us! Ages 7 & up with parent welcomed!
We offer groceries, toiletries, diapers, detergents, etc as well as clothing, shoes, small appliances and toys!

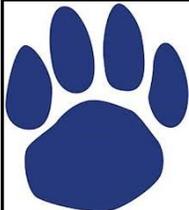


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Donations are needed



2020 SJS Athletics



Girls Volleyball A Team Roster

Mia Pagan
Cami Leng
Tori Schlueter
Emma Hamilton*
Avery Gallmeyer
Adalyn Jenkins Castle
Allie Boyd*
Sara Lynch
Hannah Boehm
Cara Leng

Girls Volleyball B Team Roster

Sara Sivko
Ava Wirick
Lily Smith
Megan Bowsher
Mary Beth Grimm
Kaitlyn White*
Clara Andrews
Alyssa Ball



The girls Team A advanced to 2-0 for the season. The Eighth graders on Team A/B were honored at last weeks game against New Hope. The eighth graders are Emma Hamilton, Allie Boyd, Kaitlyn White.

Soccer Team Roster

Drew Freudeman
Sara Lynch
Mac Rausch
Hallie Young
Matthew Kelley
Jackson Firestone
Noah Burns
Tori Schlueter

Lincoln Thrush
Brendan Routte
Abby Kohls
Sean Kohls
Peter Zink
Julie Zink
Logan Landry*

SJS Soccer team is 1-1 for the season.

* Eighth Graders

MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

Nominating Committee is looking to Fill Church & School Board Positions

The Nominating Committee, Christy Fisher: 740-816-4083, John Junkans: 937-243-1536, Lucas Rausch: 614-207-7061 and Kim Zacharias: 937-537-1946, are working to fill several positions for the coming year. The open positions needing to be filled are: Vice-Chairman (of the Congregation), three on the Board of Elders, two on the Board of Education, two on the Board of Properties. Below are brief descriptions of each position. If you are interested in learning more about one of these positions, please contact one of the names above for more information.

Vice-Chairman

The Vice-Chairman assists the Chairman with monthly Board of Administration Meetings and Quarterly Voters meetings. The Vice-Chair will preside over either meeting, in the Chairman's absence. The Vice-Chair serves on the Board of Finance and may be asked to serve on other committees at the request of the Chairman. This position can be either male or female.

Board of Elders

The Board of Elders is made up of ten men. On a rotating basis they assist the Pastor with conducting weekly worship services and distributing Holy Communion. Elders call on, phone, email and/or connect in some fashion with our members who are unable to attend services to support their spiritual welfare. The Elders meet the fourth Tuesday evening each month. They also have a couple Saturday morning workshops during the year. For more detailed information, please consult the Church Constitution and By-Laws found on the Church website.

Board of Properties

Our mission is to serve God and the members of St. John's in a Christ-like manner to the best of our abilities. All Board of Properties (BoP) members must attend monthly meetings. These meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month. Regular duties, depending on the time of year range from mowing the Church and School grounds to snow removal for weekend services, monitoring/performing regular maintenance issues, recognition of and handling potential problems, etc. Usually there are two 'workdays' per year to perform special projects. BoP members follow-up, communication, and monitor ongoing and assigned projects from monthly meetings. Members rotate representing the BoP on a variety of Church Boards. They are responsible for the budget and expenditures associated with the Church/School campus.

Board of Education

The Board of Christian Education (BoCE) is responsible for strategic vision, working closely with and supporting the Principal in operations of the school, JEC (Jaguar Education Center) and Preschool. The Principal reports directly to the BoCE. They are responsible for school policy, budget and hiring. The BoCE also oversees Sunday School and LEAP (Lutheran Education Advancement Partnership).

The BoCE meets the fourth Tuesday of each month for an average of three hours or so. The BoCE members are required to attend all Voters' meetings when possible. Throughout the month there are usually multiple emails related to school topics that need discussion. Depending on the time of year (tuition, budget, hiring, etc.) there could be additional meetings. According to the office a member holds within BoCE, there may be additional meetings required of that member.

Notes & News Publication: Printed Notes & News with Prayer list will continue to be made available for pick up in the front entryway of the school building, or you can refer to our church website at www.stjohnsmarysville.org.

Additional worship resources: *Ft. Wayne Seminary* - This is the source of the DVD's we make for our local senior living centers: <https://worshipanew.org/> *The Lutheran Hour* - Devotions and Small Group: <https://www.lutheranhour.org/> *RightNowMedia* - Like Netflix for Bible Studies and Christian videos. If you would like access to this site email Pastor Jack at jheino@stjohnsmarysville.org. He will send you an invite with a password to get full benefit: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Library/>

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

The following is a summary of what we believe and teach as Missouri Synod Lutheran Christians. Because we care for you, we ask that you carefully review the following statements:

1. I have been baptized into the name of the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:16-20*
2. I have been instructed concerning the meaning of Holy Communion, understand the importance of self-examination prior to coming to the Lord's Supper and have made my confirmation of faith. *1 Corinthians 11:27-29*
3. I confess that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness. I am sorry for my sins. *1 John 1:8-9*
4. I believe that Jesus Christ, God's Son, is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil. *Romans 3:21-24*
5. I believe that the body and blood of Jesus Christ are really present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, and I desire to receive Christ's body and blood, given and shed for my forgiveness. *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*
6. As far as I know, I am at peace with everyone. I harbor no hatred or vengeance in my heart. *Matthew 6:14-15*
7. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I desire and intend to lead a more Godly and Christ-like life, trusting in God's promises and obeying His commands. *Galatians 5:22-24*

If you unreservedly agree with the seven points above, you are invited to come to the Lord's Supper. If you do not agree with one or more of the seven points, please refrain from participating in Holy Communion lest you sin against the body and blood of the Lord. If you agree with the seven points above but are not a member of St. John's, we welcome you to the Lord's Table and invite you to give prayerful consideration to joining our partnership in the Gospel. You are encouraged to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing regarding any point(s) of disagreement and/or regarding the process of joining St. John's.

Gluten-Free Communion Wafers: A gluten-free communion wafer option is now available for those who are allergic. They are located in the brass cup in the middle of the communion plate.

Communion Wine: For those who have health related, or other issues with drinking alcohol, please take the purple individual communion cup. It contains all water with one drop of wine.

