

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12-13, 2020



Our Lord forgives all our iniquity, heals all our diseases, redeems our lives from the pit, and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us for our iniquities, but removes our transgressions from us as far as the east is from the west (Psalm). Such bountiful forgiveness led Joseph to recognize that he was not in the place of God to judge or condemn his brothers and thus he readily forgave their sins (Old Testament Reading). The bountiful forgiveness we receive from God through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus, leads us to forgive and be gracious to our fellow Christian not merely seven times but seventy times seven—that is, countless times in our life together. Yes, our Lord God wills and calls us to have mercy on our fellow servants just as He has had mercy on us (Gospel). Since our Lord Jesus Christ has died and lived again, we all, including our brothers and sisters in Christ, belong to Him (Epistle).

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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 12-13, 2020

Kevin Vollrath – Organist

“Forgiving Those Who Hurt You” - Genesis 50:15-21

Sometimes, it's very difficult to forgive someone who's hurt you badly. We're tempted to respond with avoidance, hate, or revenge. A co-worker takes credit for your work and puts you in a bad light with your boss. Later, that same co-worker struggles hopelessly with a project due tomorrow. What do you do? A fellow student bullies you mercilessly. Later, he's accused of cheating on a test, but you know he's completely innocent. What do you do? Your sister talks your aging mother into giving her a precious family heirloom that she promised you many years ago, and then she sells it. Now your sister needs help with groceries for her family. What do you do? The music director asks you to sing a solo for a Christmas Eve service. After you've practiced the music for weeks, she asks her grandson to sing the song instead. Months later, with only a week's notice, the music director asks you to sing several solos for Easter because her grandson has just backed out. What do you do? Forgiving others who've hurt or offended you badly is an unnatural response to unbelievers, and it's often difficult for Christians. The world tells us, “Don't get mad; get even!” Yet THE GENESIS NARRATIVE OF JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS HELPS US UNDERSTAND WHY AND HOW WE CAN FORGIVE THOSE WHO HAVE HURT US, even intentionally.

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING HYMN

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

LSB 851 vs 1-2

1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmd by
count - less as length the sand To the un - thank - ful
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.

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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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

P: Let us confess our sins to God, confident of His grace and forgiveness to all who are penitent.

C: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

COLLECT OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Genesis 50:15-21*

Joseph forgave his brothers even though the harm done to Joseph by them was extensive. He did not hold a grudge or accept their offer to make them his slaves. Instead, Joseph displayed the kindness of Father God and extended them mercy and grace.

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: *Romans 14:1-12*

God is the judge over us all. We are not to judge one another over eating, drinking, or lifestyles. Instead, we are to live fully for God and be accountable to Him for our actions.

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as

better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

Forgiveness is like canceling a debt that is owed to you. In this parable, the wicked servant was given mercy, yet failed to show mercy to others. We are commanded to forgive one another just as Christ Jesus forgave us.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON MESSAGE: "Forgiving Those Who Hurt You" - Genesis 50:15-21

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

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

LSB 851 vs 3-4

3 Won - drous hon - or, You have giv - en To our
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your

hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the

sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.

Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to

deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of

poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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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: The altar flowers are given in thanksgiving to God and in celebration of **Ron and Eileen Vollrath's** 56th wedding anniversary on September 12th.

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S SEPTEMBER 13-20, 2020

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

TODAY 09/13	8:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
	9:30 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/Youth & Children Sunday School (see article for details)
	9:45 am Youth Catechism Class/Mrs. Bowsher & Mrs. Monroe's Classrooms
	11:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service with "Live" Streaming
	2:00 pm LYF Family Canoe/Kayak Outing
MONDAY	6:30 pm Ladies Aid Quilting
TUESDAY	11:30 am Ladies Aid Quilting
	6:30 pm LEAP Meeting/Youth House
WEDNESDAY	5:15 pm Home VBall Game vs. Marysville
THURSDAY	12:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting
SATURDAY	6:00 pm Sanctuary Worship Service/Communion
SUNDAY 09/20	8:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service/Communion
	9:30 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/Youth & Children Sunday School
	9:45 am Youth Catechism Class/Classrooms
	11:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service with "Live" Streaming/Communion
	1:30 pm Golden Eagles Music Event/Heritage House

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 - 10:30 am

3 Years through 6th Grade—Church Basement: **Starts today, Sunday, September 13.** Separated by age group.

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

High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"—Youth House

Women's Bible Study—School Loft: Start-up postponed until October. **Will join the Cafeteria Bible Study through September.**

Adult Bible Study—Cafeteria: Topic, "The Intersection of Church & State." **Starts today, Sunday, September 13, and then the 20th & 27th.** 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: Starting today, September 13, 3 year old through 6th grade will meet in the church basement, and be separated by age group. This will help streamline the cleaning process.

Women's Bible Study Class (school loft) start-up is postponed until October. We will join the Cafeteria Bible Study thru Sept.

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

7th & 8th Grade Catechism: Starts in-classroom sessions today, 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."

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

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 19-20, 2020

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Epistle Reading: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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



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

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



The fall GriefShare program begins **in-person** classes on Thursday evenings (Sept. 17 – Dec. 17) from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in a **NEW** location at **St. Paul Lutheran Church, 7960 State Route 38, Milford Center, OH 43045**. Anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one is welcome to attend any of the GriefShare sessions. Each session is “self-contained,” so you do not have to attend in sequence.

The 1st session, titled "Is This Normal?" introduces participants to GriefShare and explains why their grief experience is harder than they imagined, why the intensity and duration of their emotions are normal and appropriate, and despite how they feel right now, there is reason for hope. 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.

2020-2021 Youth Catechism Class



St. John's Catechism Class

The first Catechism in-classroom session will be held **TODAY, 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...

- **TODAY - 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: 9/05-9/06

Church Sanctuary: 112

MORE 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

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



A Concert of Hope and Faith! Sunday, September 20th, 1:30 pm

It has been a long and trying journey since the Coronavirus changed our world drastically this spring! Soon after, social unrest led to violence and riots in the streets, and now we find ourselves in the midst of a divisive political campaign! These events have impacted daily life for millions of people around us and sometimes we struggle. God knows that we struggle, and He knows that we sometimes feel trapped and full of despair. We worry and question... will we ever emerge from this mess?

Christian speaker and author Max Lucado says it well. "Turbulent times will tempt you to forget God... Does God guarantee the absence of struggle and the abundance of strength? Not in this life. But He does pledge to reweave your pain for a higher purpose. Where we see a perfect mess; God sees a perfect chance to train, test and teach... Where we see Satan's trick's and ploys; God sees Satan tripped and foiled. With God's help we will get through this! God will use this mess for good!"

What words of encouragement! We need to trust God and believe that He will get us through this mess! HOPE and FAITH are more important than ever right now to keep us strong and open to God's plans for us. If your life could use a little HOPE and FAITH, please join us on Sunday, September 20th on the back lawn of the Heritage House where Steve Bumgarner will share his amazing musical ministry. We guarantee that Steve's contagious enthusiasm for the Lord and his love of sharing music with others will lift your spirits and bring joy back into your hearts! Steve believes in audience participation, so be prepared to sing along! Who knows, you may have a cameo appearance in the video we will be recording of this concert which we plan to share with our friends at the area assisted living communities!

The concert will begin at 1:30, so we invite you to arrive early to get comfortably seated before that time. Elders will be assisting with social distanced seating and face masks are encouraged as a consideration to others. Hand sanitizing stations will be provided and water will be provided. If you are able, we invite you to bring your lawn chairs to comfortably sit back and enjoy the afternoon. If you have extras, would you consider bringing them along to share? Volunteers will be on hand to help you carry chairs and find a place to sit. We will have extra chairs available as well. In case of inclement weather, arrangements have been made to move the concert into the gymnasium. If you have questions, please call Jeff or Carol Reinhard at 614-560-5085.

Concordia Food Drive: For the past several years, The Golden Eagles Senior Ministry has made it our pledge to help support the food co-op at Concordia Theological Seminary at Fort Wayne, Indiana. In the past, we have collected canned goods and staples to donate to the co-op to help ease the financial burden of seminarians as they prepare for the ministry. This year, however, due to the Covid restrictions, we are sending our gifts to them in the way of cash or gift cards and we need your help! The Co-Op has informed us that VISA or MASTERCARD gift cards, or ones from MEIJERS or KROGERS will enable them to shop and stock the shelves with the items that are needed most. We are accepting those gift cards, or you may donate in cash or check. Please make the checks payable to St. John's and note "Seminary Food Drive". A special box has been placed in the narthex near the general offering box for your donations. We appreciate the generosity you have shared in past years and pray that you will consider this important ministry. Hand-made Face Masks are still available in the Marie Pfarr room. If you would care to make a donation to the Concordia Food Drive, it would be warmly welcomed.

Pandemic Memories: Have you received the letter yet? It started around to our Golden Eagles members in June and provided an opportunity for you to share and remember your pandemic stories, whether they are laughable or lovable. We asked that you add your memories, cross of your name and mail it to the next name on the list. We hope to be able to share some stories when we are all able to be together again in worship and fellowship. We've lost track of it, so if you happen to find it in one of your in-boxes or stacks of mail, please add your stories and pass it on!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

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.**



Whatever You Did for the Least of These . . . You Did for Me . . .

In Matthew 25, Jesus says, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. . . ." We have many opportunities to respond to Jesus' great love by showing that love to others. Stephen Ministry is one way our congregation shows that love to people who have deep needs for care. You also have many opportunities to show Jesus' love during the week. As you encounter people this week, try asking yourself, "How can I show them Jesus today?" 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.



Thank you Pastor Jack for your prayer for my birthday. Thanks to the Sunday School classes that made the great cards. Thanks to my family and all of you that sent me cards, they made my day. It is so great to have so many church friends. May God bless all of you and God Bless America!
Dorothy McCarty



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 19-20 and 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.

'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.**

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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/>