

# Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

## September 26-27, 2020



The first wave of Judah's exile to Babylon began around 606 BC, with more, including King Jehoiachin, being deported around 597. Ezekiel 18 records what the prophet preached to those exiles probably around 592 BC. Jerusalem's final fall is yet to come in 587 when many of the rest of the Judahites will be exiled. This Sunday calls us to take a good, hard look at ourselves. Jesus answering a question with a question in the Gospel challenges the Jewish leaders to assess their earlier reaction to John the Baptist's call to repentance. Ezekiel's questions in the Old Testament Reading indict Judah for blaming God and excusing their sins. Always, in fact, "good and upright is the Lord" (Ps 25:8), and when we do humble ourselves and repent, He is always eager to bind up our wounds (Introit).

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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 26-27, 2020

Kevin Vollrath – Organist

Guest Pastor for Saturday Evening Service – Ohio District President Kevin Wilson

## “God’s Good Pleasures” - Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

With the dear one we love, with the people we see every day, we know what makes them happy. We figure out what pleases them. What gives God pleasure? What makes God happy? Joyful worship. Obedience. Prayer. Faith. Love. All these are parts of the larger answer God gives to that question through the prophet Ezekiel. But did you hear that delightful last sentence in today's Old Testament Reading? “I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live”.

### WELCOME

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### OPENING HYMN

### “O God, My Faithful God”

LSB 696 vs 1-3



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing  
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;  
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in  
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless  
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.  
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.  
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.

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### INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 25:6-7; 147:6

P: The Lord lifts up the humble;

C: He casts the wicked to the ground.

P: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love

C: for they have been from of old.

P: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C: according to Your steadfast love, remember me, for the sake of Your goodness,  
O Lord!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

## + Service of the Word +

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32*

***Repent and live was Ezekiel's message to the people. Repentance leads to life, but stubbornness and evil make their path in death.***

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>"What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? <sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . . <sup>25</sup>"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>26</sup>When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life.

<sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

<sup>30</sup>"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### EPISTLE READING: *Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18*

***Having the same mindset as Jesus does in our relationships is grounds for unity within the body of Christ. Jesus humbled Himself on the cross for our sake and salvation. We are not to grumble and complain about anything, but we are to rejoice and be glad until Jesus returns one day.***

<sup>1</sup>If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only

to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .<sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-27**

***The chief priests doubted Jesus' authority as supreme. Jesus explained a parable of two sons whose words and actions contradicted one another and compared this story to John the Baptist whom the chief priests also doubted, revealing where their hearts really were.***

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON MESSAGE: (6:00 pm) "A Timely Word" - Philippians 2:1-4**

*Ohio District President,  
Pastor Kevin Wilson*

*(8:30 & 11:00 am) "God's Good Pleasure" - Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32*

### **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

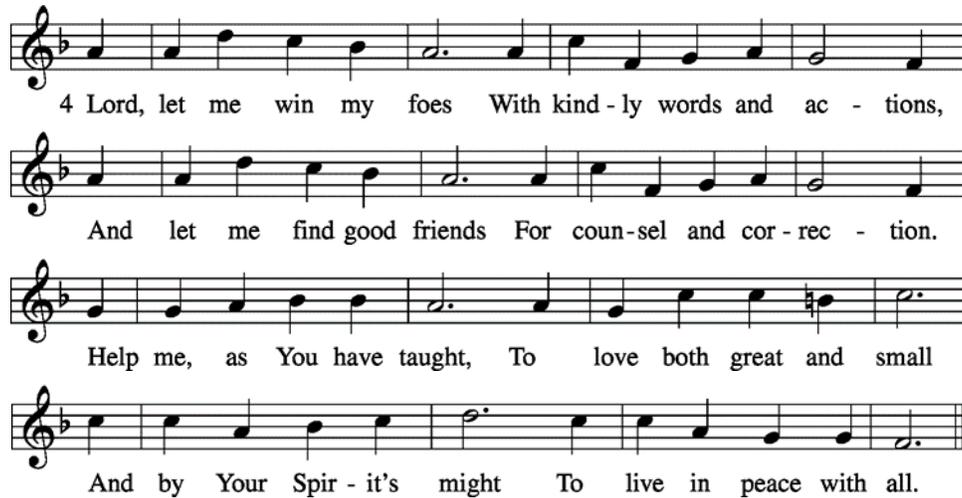
“Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord.

## BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN

### “O God, My Faithful God”

LSB 696 vs 4-6

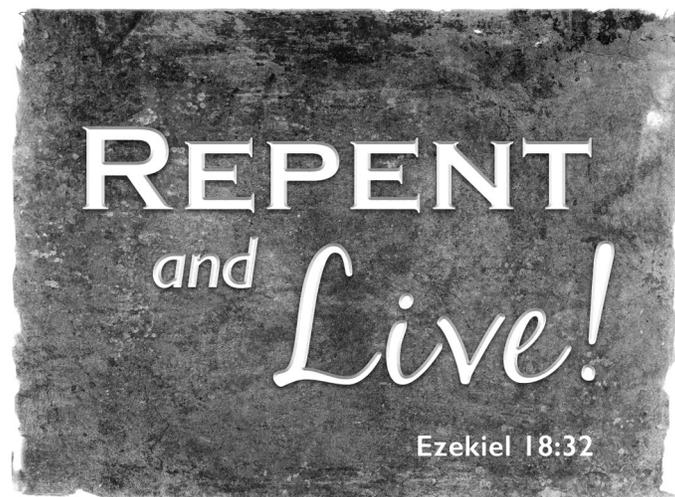


4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,  
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.  
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small  
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

- 5 Let me depart this life confiding in my Savior; By grace receive my soul that it may live forever; And let my body have a quiet resting place Within a Christian grave; And let it sleep in peace.
- 6 And on that final day when all the dead are waking, stretch out Your mighty hand, my deathly slumber breaking. Then let me hear Your voice, redeem this earthly frame, and bid me to rejoice with those who love Your name.

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# NOTES AND NEWS

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

- We encourage elderly, at-risk, and symptomatic people to continue worshipping from home (the "live streaming" service on Face Book continues).  
"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 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 for our "live streaming" service, or after on Sundays at: <https://www.facebook.com/jack.heino>

**Sacrament of the Holy Communion:** We are 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.

**THERE ARE PLENTY OF SEATS AVAILABLE AT THE  
6:00 PM SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE & 11 A.M SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE.**

## 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](http://www.lhm.org) for more information and channels. Jim Vandre, LHM Ambassador.

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

**Altar Flowers:** The altar flowers are to the Glory of God and in celebration of **Kris and Angie Vollrath's** 22nd wedding anniversary on September 26th.

### THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S      SEPT. 27- OCT. 4, 2020

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

<b>TODAY</b>	8:30 am	Sanctuary Worship Service
09/27	9:30 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/Youth & Children Sunday School
	9:45 am	Youth Catechism Class/Classrooms
	11:00 am	Sanctuary Worship & "Live Streaming"
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
<b>TUESDAY</b>	11:30 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	12:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10:30 am	<b>SJS Home Volleyball Game vs. Shekinah</b>
	6:00 pm	Sanctuary Worship Service/Communion: <b>LWML Weekend</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>LWML Weekend</b>
10/04	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 & "Live Streaming"/Communion

### ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 - 10:30 am

**3 Years through 6th Grade**—Church Basement: Separated by age group.

**7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class**—Mrs. Bowsher & Mrs. Monroe's Classrooms: **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" continues through September. 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.

If you have questions, please contact Sunday School Superintendent, Lisa Arnold at 937-205-1802 or [arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com](mailto:arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com).



### Altar Flower Opportunities

Only **FOUR** dates remaining for the altar:

**October 11, November 1, November 15 and November 29**

Flowers can be purchased from a florist, a garden center, or made from personal flower gardens.

Please contact Charlotte Blumenschein at 937-644-4111 or 937-537-0607 to reserve a date.

**Chancel flowers are available any weekend.**

### 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.

**October 4, 2020**

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 5:1-7

**Epistle Reading:** Philippians 3:4b-14

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-46

**Unavailable Church Parking Lot Spaces:** Starting Monday, September 28, the first row of parking spaces along the west side the church (Kandel Road side) will be blocked off due to work being done on the church chimney. This will take approximately 3 weeks. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you - **The Board of Properties**

### Congregational Tithe

**First Quarter Mission**

**Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2020-21**

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



## NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



### It's Time to Collect the 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.

**Collection of mites will be September 20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>.** If you come to church, bring your mites and leave them in the marked container. You can also mail your check to the church office (made out to St. John's with a note that the donation is for the LWML Mites). If you need someone to come to your home and pick them up, you can email Dee Junkans at [junkans@hotmail.com](mailto:junkans@hotmail.com) or leave a phone message at 740-666-5700, or call Kim Zacharias at 937-537-1946. Ladies Aid officers will contact you to make arrangements.

**See page 12 of the N&N for Information on Mission Grant 2020-2022 Recipients**

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!  
AND SO IS THE...

## ...Hope Center Christmas Store

Call us to schedule your appointment  
for Christmas Gifts Assistance at 937-303-4209



### It's YOUR Ministry!

Stephen Ministry is **YOUR** ministry. It is an important way we at St. John's care for one another. If you are going through a difficult time, consider having a Stephen Minister. If you know someone else who is facing difficulties, suggest that he or she request Stephen Ministry. Make use of it. Stephen Ministry belongs to you! If you would like more information on our Stephen Ministry, contact Doug Doellinger at 937-644-0576 or Linda Kosakowski at 614-506-6179.

**Weekly Church Attendance - 6 pm Saturday, 8:30 & 11 am Sunday: 9/19-9/20**

**Church Sanctuary: 183**



## MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



### 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](http://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!

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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](mailto:treasurer@sjsmarysville.org) or 614-296-0091 or

Joy Ballard at [joyballard@gmail.com](mailto:joyballard@gmail.com) or 937-644-4344



**'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](mailto:rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org), by **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, AT NOON. Thank you.**

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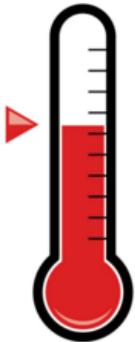


### A Beautiful Afternoon... Filling our Hearts with Hope!

Thank you to all who attended our Concert of Faith and Hope last Sunday afternoon. Steve Bumgarner shared not only his music, but his genuine heart and love for Jesus! We were blessed to have Steve lead us in a worshipful concert as the Fall temperatures and sunshine added to our time of fellowship together. For many of us, it was the first time that we enjoyed a chance to be with one another in over six months! It was wonderful to see friends' faces (even though they were masked) and have some moments to re-connect as a Forever Family.

Our special thanks to Steve and Kathy for sharing their gifts of music and worship. Thanks also to Pastor for his opening prayer, and to Dave Dilley and Wade Branstiter, who recorded the event to be shared with our friends residing at our community's care facilities.

### Our Concordia Mission Continues!



We appreciate your continued support of our pledge to financially contribute to the Food Co-op at Fort Wayne. We give praise to God for the wonderful example set by Don Werling and the challenge he set on our hearts to support the Seminary several years ago. The connections we have made with the Seminarians, their families and the staff at Fort Wayne has blessed us in so many ways! Their gratitude is so obvious each time we visit and they are always so appreciative of any assistance that we are able to provide as they prepare to enter God's ministry among us!

Last year we were able to share this unique experience with our St. John's students, and the love and connections shared in that cross-generational adventure is something we will long remember! Our hope is to be able to make that a regular event. The Covid situation has affected everyone, including several means of support they usually receive. Our collection will continue for the next several weeks as we look to meeting our goal of \$2,000. We are closing in on it! Watch our progress on the collection box in the narthex. We ask for your continued prayers toward this ministry!

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

### LYF News



**LYF Outing at The Maize at Little Darby Creek:** LYF is heading to the corn maze and haunted house on October 16th! We will head out to The Maize at Little Darby Creek for our evening of fall fun. We'll meet at 5:30pm at the Maize. We will work our way through the corn maze, enjoy some of the farm activities there (barrel cow train anyone?!), and then end the night with the 'field of fright'. Please let Laura Zeiler know by October 15th if your youth is attending, as we need to purchase our tickets online in advance. It'll be \$5 per youth to attend, and as always, friends are welcome to join too! If any youth need a ride to the Maize, please also reach out to Laura as we can easily pick youth up on our way out. We hope to see you there!

**Now is the time to register for the Ohio District Mini-Gathering!** Join LYF as we head to Living Word Lutheran in Galena on **Saturday, November 21st** for a day of fellowship and fun! Keynote speaker for the event is Micah Parker, with music from the Scally Brothers Band. We will also enjoy community building as well as Bible study and breakout sessions. We'll leave from the church at noon-sharp and arrive back around 9pm that evening (dinner is included). **Deadline to register is October 23rd**, to [lauraezeiler@gmail.com](mailto:lauraezeiler@gmail.com). Cost for each youth to attend is \$20. Eligible youth are those in 7th-12th grade. If any parents or adults would like to attend, they are welcome, too! We hope to see you there!

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### HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2021 - NOVEMBER 4th-14th

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land will forever change you and how you read the Scriptures. Each place brings to light many stories of Scripture. This is your homeland, your spiritual homeland. This Holy Land trip includes the best of the Christian guides in Israel. Pastor Jon Vollrath will serve as one of the hosts. Also, Lutheran Hour emeritus speaker, Pastor Ken Klaus, is an organizer, teacher, and devotional leader for the trip. If you ever wanted to go to the Holy Land in your life time, here is your grand opportunity. Just contact Pastor Jon Vollrath for more information. Sites include: The Sea of Galilee (and all the sites), Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Caesarea-By-The-Sea, Mount Carmel, Meggido, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Herodium, Bethany, the Dead Sea, Qumran, and Masada. If you've never been to the Holy Land, it truly is an experience that enriches one's teaching and preaching of God's Word. The organizer, Ken Klaus, started these trips to encourage pastors to go and to possibly bring their own members one day. It is just that rewarding.

***If I feel that there is any safety concern for participants, I can cancel the trip up to ninety days of departure with full refunds issued.***

The cost is \$4285 from Chicago. The price might increase if another airport is used. The cost includes hotel, fees for sites, breakfasts, suppers, and travel to, from, and while in Israel. And I cannot emphasize enough that the quality of the experience is largely due to the quality of the guides. Many feel jilted when they finally go and have Islamic guides who promote their own worldview of sites or aren't educated. Trans World Travel ensures the guides are faithful Christians and the best of the best. And I'll be honest, ten days isn't a lot to see everything. You'll find yourself wanting to go back to see more and more. This isn't my first time to Israel. If you are like me, you'll find yourself wanting to go back and see more. You'll want to walk on Jericho, walk through Hezekiah's water tunnel, drink the sweet water from Elisha's spring, stand on the Mount of Precipice one thousand feet above the Jezreel plain, see where David slew Goliath, see Abraham's tomb in Hebron (which is one of the few well preserved buildings of Herod), see Beth Shemesh in the Soreq valley where Samson also had many of his life stories, see death's gate at Caeserea Phillipi, draw water from Jacob's well that's 100 feet deep, etc. This trip can get you started on the basic and most popular sites, but you'll always want to see more and more.

On a side note, I praise our Lord for the strides He has made with the International Friendship Center ministry in Columbus. Thanks so much! I praise Him for you. Contact Pastor Jon Vollrath at 507-272-3104 or email [pastorjonvollrath@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorjonvollrath@yahoo.com)



The 3<sup>rd</sup> week session is titled, "**The Journey of Grief – Part 1.**" This session features helpful goals one can

set on your journey of grief, how to deal with those who try to rush you through grief, and how long the journey of grief typically lasts. If you are grieving the death of a loved one, you are welcome to join us for any of the in-person sessions being held on Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in our **NEW location at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 7960 State Route 38, Milford Center, OH 43045.** 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.

**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](http://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](mailto:jheino@stjohnsmarysville.org). He will send you an invite with a password to get full benefit:

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Library/>

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### Information on the Mission Grant Recipients from 2020-2022

1. Ohio District Seminary Students to receive \$15,000.00. The purpose of this grant is to help alleviate the financial hardships of seminary students, who are chosen by the LCMS Ohio District Student Aid Committee.
2. Students Preparing to be Full Time Church Workers to receive \$10,000.00. The purpose of this grant will be to assist the LCMS Ohio District students with the increasing costs of their Christian education pursuits, which includes tuition, books and other education supplies.
3. Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne Food Co-op to receive \$10,000.00. The purpose of this grant is to help supply seminarian families between 80% and 90% of their food and household needs each month at no cost to the student.
4. POBLO Missionary Couple in Central Ohio to receive \$10,000.00. The purpose of this grant is to support a missionary couple placed in a community that has many immigrants and refugees, who will hear from this couple the message of hope and salvation through Jesus Christ for the first time in their lives.
5. Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries to receive \$10,000.00. The purpose of this grant is to extend the ministry of the Word by providing pastoral counseling; needs evaluations for military veterans, contractors, and their family members; and assist veterans and their family members in identifying local/national community resources available to them to provide for their long-term care needs through social service agencies, therapists, VA assistance, church resources, etc.
6. Orphan Grain Train, Ohio Division to receive \$7,500.00. The purpose of this grant is to further its ministry that began in 1992. The money will be used to assist the Ohio Division of the Orphan Grain Train in helping provide hands on Christian humanitarian aid. The Orphan Grain Train collects, packs, and ships donated clothing, household items, school supplies, personal hygiene items, blankets and religious material for humanitarian aid each year. A large portion of this monetary resource is for transportation costs (fuel).
7. Braille Workers-Bringing Christ's Light to Those Living in Darkness to receive \$10,000.00. The World Health Organization estimates there are approximately 253 million people in the world, including children, who are moderately to severely visually impaired or blind, with 95% of them unchurched. There are over 3,000 volunteers throughout the U.S. who are dedicated to sharing the Gospel with the people who are blind or visually impaired and assist in the production of over 200,000 volumes of material annually. They produce thousands of volumes of Bibles in English, Spanish, Kiswahili and Amharic Braille.
8. Lutheran Family Services of Haiti to receive \$10,000.00. The purpose of this grant it to freely provide a loving place for Haitian orphaned children and elderly to get their basic needs met, along with medical and daily spiritual care.
9. Worship Anew to receive \$5,000.00. This grant seeks to expand the sharing of Christ's love through television ministry in Ohio and the rest of the world.
10. I Was a Stranger: Lutheran Books for Immigrants to receive \$7,500.00. For nearly 30 years, they have extended the ministry of the Word by translating and publishing Lutheran books that help explain the Bible, including Luther's Small Catechism, A Child's Garden of Bible Stories, devotions and more.

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