

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11-12, 2021



At the very times when strength and courage are needed most, rather than displaying a boastful, self-reliant attitude, the believer's mouth opens and its tongue properly confesses an utter dependence on God, whose face shines upon His servants: "My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies" (Introit). The mouths of believers will "call on Him as long as [they] live," praying for deliverance from the fear of suffering under the crosses of this life (Psalm, 116:2). Confident of what is to come in the resurrection, they will be delivered from all tearful sorrows, "stumbling," and even death itself (116:8-9; cf Epistle, James 3:2). Christ preserves His Church in safety and governs her by His goodness (Collect)—for instance, when He calls well-prepared pastors and teachers who are able to proclaim the Word of God and instruct the flock in its meaning and application for the faith that grasps His forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a result, the saints who fear the Lord in this faith, despite a multitude of afflictions, really "lack nothing" (Gradual). Christ, in Isaiah's third Servant Song, is the deliverer of such divine gifts, the teacher par excellence who determinedly persisted on His journey to and through death on a cross, in unwavering faithful reliance on His Father and the promise of vindication in the resurrection, despite extreme adversity and intense suffering at the hands of those whom He was sent to save (Old Testament Reading). The good teacher Jesus miraculously demonstrates His authoritative power over the demonic forces of darkness that would otherwise take control of every human tongue and render them useless against the highest purpose for which the Creator made them—that is, for the praise and glory of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. "All things are possible for the one who believes" in the promise of the Word who is Christ (Gospel, Mk 9:23). Prayer is a powerful, living actualization of such belief.

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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

Kevin Vollrath – Organist

## “Words for the Weary” - Isaiah 50:4-10

When told of someone's troubles, despite our empathy, we often shrug our shoulders and ask in futility, “What can I do?” Words alone seem empty and meaningless. But are they really? Stop and think of a time when you were encouraged by the words of a friend or some other person. The author recalls a time when he was greatly encouraged by the words of a Mayo Clinic doctor who said, “After all of the tests, we cannot find anything seriously wrong with you.” That really lightened my load. Better than the words of any fellow human are the words of our sovereign Lord. His words are powerful. They are “words for the weary.”

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME

### RINGING OF THE BELLS

### OPENING HYMN

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

LSB 528

### INVOCATION

### OPENING SENTENCES

P: I called on the name of the LORD:

**C: O LORD, I believe. Help my unbelief!**

P: The LORD has dealt bountifully with us.

**C: The LORD has opened our ears.**

P: The LORD has delivered us from death.

**C: He wipes away tears from all faces.**

P: He rescues our feet from stumbling

**C: and restores our tongues to proclaim His good news.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Despite all of God's actions on our behalf, we still struggle with sin in our lives. Our tongues still curse. Our feet still stumble. Our ears still listen to lies and vicious gossip. But our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him for restoration, renewal, and forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

P: Heavenly Father,

**C: we have sinned against You and our neighbors in what we have said and what we have left unsaid. We have neglected opportunities to love our neighbors. We have stumbled and fallen again and again. We ask that You restore us, renew us, and forgive us on account of Jesus. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in His boundless love sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our forgiveness and eternal life. Because of Jesus, we are restored, body and soul.

Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We are renewed and restored. Amen.**

Confession  
Absolution

## INTROIT

Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,\*  
all you who wait | for the LORD!  
But I trust in you, | O LORD;\*  
I say, "You | are my God."  
My times are | in your hand;\*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!  
Make your face shine on your | servant;\*  
save me in your | steadfast love!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- |  
ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,\*  
all you who wait | for the LORD!

## SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Isaiah 50:4-10*

***In the face of persecution and pain, the Messiah endured the worst in submission to the Lord.  
Steadfastly and courageously, He obeyed, and we must do the same.***

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. <sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. <sup>10</sup>Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING:** *James 3:1-12*

***The tongue is a powerful tool used to either build up or destroy.  
James heeds us to use our tongues to praise the Lord God.***

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup>Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has

been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE

Mark 9:23b

Alleluia. All things are possible for one who believes. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:14-29

**Jesus casted out a demon that had been tormenting a boy for years. The disciples were unsuccessful due to a lack of prayer and fasting according to Jesus. So is there a magical formula in prayer and fasting that leads to miracles? No. When we fast and pray, we express our total dependence on God drawing us nearer to Him and aligning us with His will.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

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

<sup>14</sup>When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. <sup>16</sup>And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" <sup>17</sup>And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup>And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." <sup>19</sup>And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." <sup>20</sup>And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup>And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. <sup>22</sup>And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." <sup>23</sup>And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." <sup>24</sup>Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" <sup>25</sup>And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." <sup>26</sup>And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." <sup>27</sup>But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. <sup>28</sup>And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>29</sup>And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"**

LSB 849

**SERMON MESSAGE: "Words for the Weary" - Isaiah 50:4-10**

## 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**

**PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE**

**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.

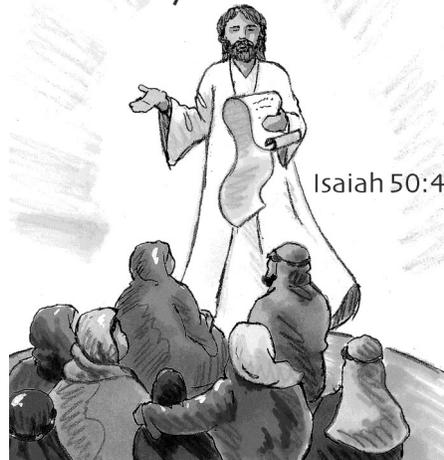
**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**“Take My Life and Let It Be”**

*LSB 783*

The Lord GOD has  
given me the tongue  
of a teacher, that I may  
know how to sustain  
the weary with the word.



# NOTES AND NEWS

## Church Sanctuary Worship Service Guidelines

The Board of Elders has approved the following guidelines to reopen the sanctuary in response to the governor's announcement:

- **Mask wearing will be optional and will no longer be required**, but will still be available for those choosing to use them.
- Gloves will no longer be required for the ushers.
- Every pew will be available for seating.
- The Plexiglass shields will no longer be used.
- Communion will return to normal, with the exception that the Common Cup will not be used at this time, and everyone will be asked to return to their pew until the service is concluded.
- Those wishing to receive communion in their cars may continue to do so.
- Attendance Cards will be placed back into the pews at a later date.
- Contemporary Service will return at a later date.
- The Offering Boxes will still be used until further notice.
- Hand sanitizer will still be available.

### Additional Worship Service Information:

- By Radio - You can join our worship service by tuning to WQTT1270 AM and 96.7 FM at 8:00 a.m. airtime.
- 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 a.m. for our "live streaming" service, or after on Sundays at: <https://www.facebook.com/jack.heino>

## Updated eGiving Options

Our options for electronic giving have expanded and are easier to use than ever! St. John's eGiving provider, Vanco, has upgraded their systems to be more informative and user friendly. Electronic giving is a safe, convenient, and flexible way to give. It's also a great source of reliable income for St. John's Church & School. Check it out and see what option(s) might work for you.

### Three Ways to eGive:

1. **Online** – use this Vanco Online link <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YWR4/home> directly or find it under Giving on the St. John's Church website. Allows you to set up either a one time or recurring tithe/donation to the General Fund and/or other programs of your choice.
2. **Mobile Phone** – Vanco Mobile has replaced GivePlus Mobile. You can download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method, and complete the donation.  
**Please download Vanco Mobile by September 30. Vanco will be retiring GivePlus Mobile after this date.**
3. **Text** – we are in the process of adding this option and will share those instructions with the congregation when it is available.

Already using eGiving and have recurring gifting set up? – no worries that will all remain the same, as will your login and password. However, any edits you want to make to your current eGiving will have to be made on the new system – and - if you want to access your existing account on any mobile device, you will need to download the new Vanco Mobile app mentioned above.

If you have questions or need assistance with any of our new electronic giving options, please contact the Church Business Administrator, Tonya Rees, at 937-644-5540 ext. 3115, or email at [trees@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:trees@sjsmarysville.org).

## 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. We ask if you are a visitor, or a worship scholarship participant (SJ School), to please fill out the **blue card** located in the pew rack in front of you. Then drop the card in the offering box as you leave worship. If you would like to know more about our ministry, please call the church office at 937-644-5540.

**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 **8:00am** on local channel **WQTT (1270 AM & 98.7 FM)**.

**Altar Flowers:** Flowers on the altar are in celebration of **Ron and Eileen Vollrath's** 57th Wedding Anniversary on September 12th. We praise God for their continued example and love. Kevin and Melissa Vollrath and Family, Kris and Angie Vollrath and Family, and Keith and Kristy Vollrath and Family

### THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S SEPTEMBER 12 - 19, 2021

<b>TODAY</b>	9:00 am	Sanctuary Worship Service
09/12	10:00 am	<b>CANCELLED TODAY:</b> Sunday School Classes to join Growing Roots Info Session
	10:00 am	<b>Growing Roots Info Session/Gym</b>
	11:00 am	Sanctuary Worship Service & "Live Streaming"
	12:00 pm	<b>Growing Roots Info Session/Gym</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	5:00 pm	<b>SJ Volleyball &amp; Soccer @ Home vs. Cypress</b>
	6:30 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
<b>TUESDAY</b>	11:30 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
	7:00 pm	<b>Board of Admin. Meeting/Heritage House</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	12:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
	6:30 pm	<b>Hand Bell Choir Practice/Sanctuary</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:00 pm	Sanctuary Worship Service/Communion
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 am	Sanctuary Worship Service/Communion
09/19	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am	<b>"Sunday School in the Woods"</b>
	10:00 am	<b>Youth Catechism/School Modulars</b>
	11:00 am	Sanctuary Worship Service/Communion & "Live Streaming"



### ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 - 11:00 am

**3 Years-Kindergarten**—Church Basement

**1st-6th Grades**—Meet in the School Library area, then break out into classrooms.

**7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class**—Begins September 19, 2021 in Mrs. Susie Miller & Mrs. Jayme Allen's Modular Classrooms.

**High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"**—Youth House

**Women's Bible Study**—School Loft: Starts back up on September 19, 2021.

**Adult Bible Study**—School Cafeteria

**ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL BE CANCELLED ON SEPTEMBER 12 TO ALLOW PARTICIPATION IN THE GROWING ROOTS EXPANSION CAMPAIGN INFORMATION SESSION.**

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

### Weekly Church Attendance

**6:00 p.m. Saturday, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday**  
9/4 & 9/5: 188

### Congregational Tithes First Quarter Mission Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2021-22

Ohio District LCMS - 50%; Food Pantries, Operation Christmas Child, Clothes Closet - 10% each; Personal Needs Pantry, St. John's VBS, New Path Pregnancy Resource Center, Emergency Assistance Program - 5% each.



### 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 18-19, 2021**

**Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

**Epistle: James 3:13-4:10**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

**Sunday School in the Woods:** Join us on Sunday, Sept. 19th, following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service. We are meeting behind the Heritage House. All ages welcome!

## NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



### ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR DATES

Available dates for altar flowers through the remainder of the year are as follows:

September 19

October 10

November 14

October 3

November 7

November 28

**All of the December altar flower dates are filled.** Chancel flowers are available almost every weekend. Please call Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111 to reserve any special dates for flowers in church.

***The Flower Committee thanks you for your continued support.***



### Sept. 11: Growing Roots Inform Event

**Childcare** - LYF will be providing childcare following the 6pm worship service for the Growing Roots information sessions. We will meet in the cafeteria at 7pm to play with, and watch any children whose parents are in attendance at the information session.

### Sept. 12: Growing Roots Inform Event Childcare -

LYF will be providing childcare following the 9am and 11am worship service for the Growing Roots information sessions. We will meet in the cafeteria at 10am and again at 12pm to play with, and watch any children whose parents are in attendance at the information session.

### SJS Rewards Rebate Program

Did you know that simply by shopping at Kroger, St. John's can earn money. All you have to do is go to the following website and link your Kroger Plus card. This does not take away from your personal rewards or gas points. Thank you for supporting St. John's!

<https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

**Box Tops** has switched to a completely digital collection program. This does require you to download the Box Tops app on your smart phone. Once in the app choose St. John's Lutheran as your school of choice then take a picture from the app of your receipt after grocery trips. If you order groceries online and only receive digital receipts, please download the app and choose St. John's. Then forward your email with your digital receipt to [receipts@boxtops4education.com](mailto:receipts@boxtops4education.com).

For questions on this process, please email [cea@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:cea@sjsmarysville.org)

### 2021-2022 Youth Catechism Class

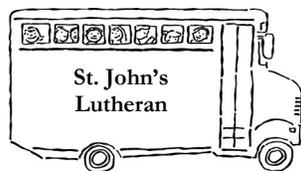


The first in-room class begins **Sunday, September 19 (note date change)** from **10-11 a.m.** and will be held in the school modular (Mrs. Susie Miller's & Mrs. Jayme Allen's classrooms). We welcome all new 7th grade students to attend. We look forward to seeing this year's 7th and 8th graders, along with the attendance of their supportive parents, as we start this new faith journey together.

St. John's Catechism Class

### NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

If so, please call the church office at 937-644-5540 and arrangements will be made for someone to pick you up in the Church Bus.



The 4<sup>th</sup> week session is titled, "**The Journey of Grief – Part 2.**" This session helps you understand why it's important to put effort into your healing, how the events surrounding your loved one's death affect your grief, and the best ways to deal with your loved one's belongings. If you are grieving the death of a loved one, you are welcome to join us for any of the in-person sessions held on Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at **St. Paul Lutheran Church, 7960 SR 38, Milford Center**. To register, please visit [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) or text Deaconess Janet Nicol at **614-561-7411**. Due to the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, we ask that you please stay home if you are sick or have any symptoms. Class will take place in the Gathering Room, where proper seating distance and cleanliness is being maintained. If you wish to wear a mask, please feel free to do so.

**Weekly Notes & News Deadline:** 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, mailing to the church office or emailing them to [rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org), by **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, AT NOON. Thank you!**

## MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



**Monday, September 20, 2021  
at St. Paul Chuckery**

Have you heard about the newest member of the Marysville Police Force? Her name is "Mercy" and she is a six-month old Labrador Retriever in training to serve our community as a Therapy Dog. "Mercy" makes her home with the family of Police Officer Amy Findlay, a 20 year veteran of the force, who is currently assigned as a School Resource Officer at Marysville Early College High School.



While "Mercy" has already begun her schooling, she will undergo much more extensive training after she turns one. Her mission will be to help officers calm individuals in distress and assist in de-escalating difficult situations. Officer Findlay reports that she has already been very helpful in helping students over-whelmed with the beginning of school.

"Mercy" and Officer Findlay will be our special guests on Monday, September 20th as we gather at St. Paul Chuckery. Join us at 12:00 noon for a tour of Chuckery's new meeting space, followed by lunch, and the opportunity to meet Officer Findlay and Mercy and learn more about this exciting new program! For those who would prefer not to drive to Chuckery on your own, we'll be taking the church bus and car pooling from the church parking lot. In order to prepare enough food for everyone, please rsvp to Carol or Jeff Reinhard at 614-560-5085, or to Annie Scheiderer at 937-707-0606.

### **Concordia Seminary Co-Op Event**

Once again this year, The Golden Eagles look forward to continuing our mission of supporting the students and families of Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. As the cost of living continues to rise along with tuition, it can be a significant financial challenge for those who have chosen to make the ministry their life's work. The past several years we have partnered with St. Paul Chuckery, as well as our own St. John's Lutheran School and community.

The Co-Op at Concordia supports the families by offering food items, along with necessities such as diapers, cleaning products and other necessities, which they earn in exchange for work hours at various places on campus. The Co-Op also occasionally provides gift cards, which give the young families the opportunity to enjoy lunch or an evening out together.

After conversations with the Co-Op Administrator, this year we will be focusing our efforts on the following items:

**DIAPERS** - Any size from Newborn to Toddler Pull-Ups, along with baby wipes.

**LAUNDRY and CLEANING PRODUCTS** - Detergent, fabric softener, bleach, dish soap and anti-bacterial products - especially fragrance free items.

**GIFT CARDS** - Major restaurant chains such as: Applebee's, Chili's, Longhorn Steakhouse, Texas Roadhouse, Olive Garden, Cracker Barrel, Wendy's, McDonalds, Taco Bell, Subway, and Dominos Pizza, as well as major gas company gift cards. In addition, Walmart, Kroger, and

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## NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

Target cards are welcome, as the Co-Op can use those to purchase essentials when supplies become low.

**\*JUST A REMINDER** - As many gift cards now have a range of values from which you can select, be sure to note the amount on the card jacket, or tape the receipt showing the amount on the back of the card.

The success of this outreach has been made possibly only with the overwhelming support we receive each year from YOU! Your generosity and care for these Seminarians and their families has been truly inspiring! In the coming weeks you will see "Don's Trailer" in the parking lot as a reminder of the project he cared for so deeply. Collections areas will be set up in the Marie Pfarr Room as well as the School. For more information, you may contact Mary Mayer at 837-642-2181 or Annie Scheiderer at 937-707-0606.

### **Trumpet in the Land to be Rescheduled!**

It was a big disappointment to be rained out of the performance of Trumpet in the Land, but we thank you all for your patience and understanding. After speaking to many of our travelers, we plan to reschedule for next year, **so please be sure to put your "Rain Checks" in a safe place until then!**

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

### **LEAP Benefit Banquet**



LEAP is asking for your help! Our annual benefit banquet is Saturday, October 9th. We are looking for gift baskets and nice items that can be sold as a raffle item or at the silent auction. If you have donated a gift basket in the past to the Ox Roast or to LEAP and would be willing to do it again this year, we would very much appreciate it! If you are able to donate, please sign up in the Marie Pfarr Room at the LEAP table, email [leapstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:leapstjohns@gmail.com) or contact Nina Boerger at [9aboerger@gmail.com](mailto:9aboerger@gmail.com) or 937-642-7930. Thank you so much for partnering with us to support our school!



## FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION



**SEPTEMBER 16**

**11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM**

**3RD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church  
1033 W. 5th St., Marysville



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# We're Growing!

Growing Roots that is!

We are so excited to commence the expansion campaign for our school building and the opportunity it will provide to teach more children about Jesus's Love!

We want you to be a part of this exciting movement! To find out everything about this project and ask any questions you may have we want to invite you to 1 of our 3 informational sessions. Our church and school leaders will be there with lots of information and ready to answer any questions!

These sessions will take place in the gymnasium on:

- Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> immediately following 6 pm service
- Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> immediately following 9 am and 11 am services

Light Refreshments will be served. Childcare will be provided by our High School Youth.

We want you to leave these sessions feeling confident of what the expansion plan holds and ready to help many more children to KNOW, GROW, and SOW Jesus's Love!

Thank you for being a part of the future of St. John's Lutheran Church & School!



...rooted and built up in him strengthened in the faith as you were taught... (Colossians 2:7)



## Opportunities to Pray Together Daily

The Growing Roots campaign has inspired opportunities for us to focus daily on God in prayer. First, there is a prayer calendar, which is found in today's the worship folder. Please place this calendar in a place where you will see it daily. When you see the calendar, offer the brief prayer for that day.

The second opportunity is to pray for our congregation and community every day at 2:07 pm from today through November 7<sup>th</sup>. The time for prayer is inspired by the Growing Roots campaign Scripture verse Colossians **2:7**: **"...rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught..."** One way to participate in the **2:7** prayer is setting your smart phone calendar to remind you to pray daily at 2:07 pm.

It is possible to combine the opportunities. Set your phone reminder for 2:07 pm, then offer the petition for that day from the prayer calendar. Most importantly, this is an opportunity for all of us together to renew our focus on God. Secondly, it provides support for our shared effort in the Growing Roots campaign.