

Third Sunday in Lent

March 19-20, 2022



The Gospel lesson for today actually precedes last week's Gospel, Jesus lamenting over Jerusalem (Lk 13:31–35). In that lesson, Jesus faced confrontations over the message about repentance and perishing that He preached at the beginning of chapter 13, this week's Gospel. Then the Gospel assigned for next week will be the lost son parable (Lk 15:1–3, 11–32). There, Jesus will illustrate the rejoicing that comes from restoration. This week's hard words will often bring opposition, but their purpose is that sinners repent, be forgiven, and thus be restored. Taken together, the three readings for this Third Sunday in Lent carry a theme of putting fear into the hearts of sinners, that they repent and live righteous lives. The Old Testament Reading (Ezek 33:7–20) is a summary of the first half of Ezekiel's book, the prophet's duties as a watchman calling captive Judah to repentance. The captives have indeed recognized the consequences of their sin (33:10). Notice that "righteousness" here is not to be understood as right standing before God (imputed righteousness), but as the fruits of repentance, righteous behavior, "doing righteousness" (33:14, 16, 19), which, of course, results from faith that one has been declared righteous. In the Epistle (1 Cor 10:1–13), Paul recalls the history and lives of the people of Israel, who, despite the wonderful gifts of grace the Lord had poured out over and over again upon them, had rebelled and thought they knew better than their God. "Take heed," Paul writes (10:12). In other words, repent of trusting in yourself and show, in service and love to others, the great grace of God.

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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.



Welcome to Worship

Kevin Vollrath – Organist

“God’s Word with Teeth” - Ezekiel 33:7-20

How then shall we live? What a profound question for Christians to consider midway through Lent! The Lord has shown His mercy to us, forgiven our sins, and delivered us from death. Then what? What is the focus of our lives? The call of the Readings for this Sunday points us to the repentance that bears the good fruit of God's kingdom. Like trees that have failed to produce good fruit, the Lord has tended us with His Word, with the warning of the Law and the promise of the Gospel. But if the tree remains unfruitful, the tree will have to be cut down. It is a hard word to hear, but God remains merciful, and most of all, He seeks that we bear the good fruits of faith and repentance in our daily lives.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELLS

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

LSB 809

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 1:6; 5:4, 7, adapt.

P: The LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C: but the way of the wicked will perish.

P: You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with You.

C: Through the abundance of Your steadfast love, I will enter Your house.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

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

C: Almighty God, maker of all things and judge of all people, we poor sinners confess to You that we have turned away from You. We have not done the good You desire but have done the evil You forbid. We repent of all our sins of thought, word, and deed and pray for Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Turn our hearts away from sin and its temptation and grant us by the Holy Spirit to serve You with all our heart, mind, body, and soul. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

P: 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. To the impenitent and unbelieving I declare that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God will not forgive your sins and will visit your iniquity upon you until you turn from your sinful ways, come to repentance, and trust in the merits of Jesus Christ alone.

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.

C: Amen.

(Sat. 6 p.m.) **WORSHIP PRESENTATION** by SJLS 1st & 2nd Grades, led by Hannah Dietrich,

"My God is so Big"

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **WORSHIP PRESENTATION** by SJLS Chimes Choir, led by Taylor Case,
"Just as I Am" & "All Glory Laud and Honor"

(Sun. 11 a.m.) **WORSHIP PRESENTATION** by SJLS Middle School, led by Jayme Allen,
"The Lamb"

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Ezekiel 33:7-20*

The prophet Ezekiel warned the people of Israel to turn from their wicked ways. Their evil would bring on death, but righteousness would be found in the Lord God.

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. ¹⁰"And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? ¹²"And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live. ¹⁷"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: *1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

Many examples in Scripture give us instruction for godly living today. We've been warned through examples like idolatrous eating and drinking, sexual immorality, and testing Christ to not participate as these actions will lead to destruction and death.

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate

the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

2 Peter 3:9b, c

[The Lord] is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus used the parable of the fig tree, representing Israel's last chance to repent before God's judgment. During a period of grace, Jesus will tend to the tree in hopes that it will bear fruit. If it doesn't, the tree will be cut down. This gracious and compassionate opportunity is extended for a year, but not infinitely.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." ⁶And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' ⁸And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON MESSAGE: "God's Word with Teeth" - Ezekiel 33:7-20

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of

the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P: ... Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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."

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION *[as found on page 6 of this worship program]*

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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.

PAX DOMINI

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

LSB 761

"May God Bestow on Us His Grace"

LSB 823

"To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

LSB 768

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

HYMN TO DEPART

"Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing"

LSB 691

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PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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

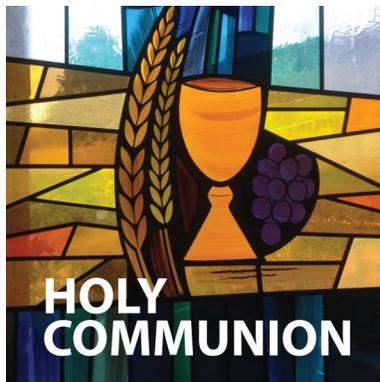
The following is a summary of what we believe and teach as Missouri Synod Lutheran Christians. Because we care for you, we ask that you carefully review the following statements:

1. I have been baptized into the name of the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:16-20*
2. I have been instructed concerning the meaning of Holy Communion, understand the importance of self-examination prior to coming to the Lord's Supper and have made my confirmation of faith. *1 Corinthians 11:27-29*
3. I confess that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness. I am sorry for my sins. *1 John 1:8-9*
4. I believe that Jesus Christ, God's Son, is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil. *Romans 3:21-24*
5. I believe that the body and blood of Jesus Christ are really present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, and I desire to receive Christ's body and blood, given and shed for my forgiveness. *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*
6. If possible, so far as it depends on me, I seek to live peaceably with all. *Romans 12:17-19*
7. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I desire and intend to lead a more Godly and Christ-like life, trusting in God's promises and obeying His commands. *Galatians 5:22-24*

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

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

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



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.
- Since the cold and flu season is approaching, Pastor Jack and the Elders will again be wearing gloves and masks while giving communion as an extra level of precaution. 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>

College Student Care Packages

Help us share God's love and blessings to our St. John's College students. The 7/8th grade catechism classes are collecting items to create and send College Care Packages. Please bring in your donations to the Marie Pfarr room through Sunday, March 27th. We want to package the boxes to be ready for Easter weekend so students can have their packages before finals week. Donations boxes are located in the Marie Pfarr room.



Donations needed:

1. Key Chains
2. Book marks
3. Pens, pencils, highlighters, post-it's
4. Single serving snack items: chips, crackers, pop-tarts, pretzels, cookies, candy, gum, granola bars, K-Cups, hot chocolate packets, Kleenex packets, beef jerky, oatmeal packets
5. Gift cards: \$5-\$10 cards to any fast food or grocery store.

We will use the prayer sheet as a reference, so if your student is not listed, and you would like them to receive a care package, please email Regina Bullerman with their information. Thank you for showing our college age members we are thinking about them and praying for them. Please contact Kelly Gallmeyer (purdue43221@yahoo.com) or Kristine Rausch with any questions.

We're Here to GROW ROOTS!

See how far we've come and how far we have to go - your thoughtful gift will help us to GROW! We ask that you please prayerfully consider a one time gift or ongoing commitment in support of the capital campaign to expand our ministry within our Church and School.

Scan the QR to GIVE to GROWING ROOTS!



EASTER LILIES



The Flower Committee is taking orders for lilies to decorate the church for Easter. Lilies can be ordered by completing the order form included in the Notes & News and dropping it along with payment in the box in the Marie Pfarr room.



Orders and payment can also be mailed to Charlotte Blumenschein, 20570 State Route 245, Marysville, Ohio 43040. The cost is \$9.25. Lilies will be available for pickup after either of the services on Easter Sunday. *Deadline is Sunday, April 10.*

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 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: Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of **Dale and Margaret Davisson's 15th** wedding anniversary on March 24th.

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S MARCH 20-26, 2022

TODAY 03/20/22	9:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service/Communion 10:00 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School 10:00 am Youth Catechism/School Modulares 11:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service/Communion & "Live Streaming"
MONDAY	National Lutheran Schools Week: 3/21-3/25 8:00 pm Adult Open Gym Volleyball
TUESDAY	11:30 am Ladies Aid Quilting 7:00 pm All Boards Meetings
WEDNESDAY	1:30 pm ACES/Youth House 4:00 pm Lenten Worship Service 5:00 pm Lenten Supper: Hosted by LYF/LEAP 5:30 pm Lenten Bible Study/Mrs. April Firestone's CR 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service
THURSDAY	12:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting
FRIDAY	1:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting
SATURDAY	7:30 am Ladies Morning Bible Study/Heritage House 6:00 pm Sanctuary Worship Service
SUNDAY 03/26/22	9:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service 10:00 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School 10:00 am Youth Catechism/School Modulares 11:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service & "Live Streaming"

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 11:00 am

3 Years-Kindergarten—Church Basement

1st-5th Grades—Meet in the gym together for singing time with Mr. Mark Moran, then break out into school classrooms.

6th Grade—Mrs. Ashley Monroe's Classroom.

7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class—Mrs. Susie Miller & Mrs. Jayme Allen's Modular Classrooms.

High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"—Youth House

Women's Bible Study—Mrs. Melissa Vollrath's Classroom (below the school loft): **Topic - "Esther"**

Adult Bible Study—School Cafeteria: **Topic - "The Book of John."**

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



Notes & News Deadline

Please submit articles to Regina Bullerman. Call 937-240-3004, drop them in the black lockbox outside the school office doors, mail to the church office, or email to rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org.

Weekly Church Attendance

6:00 pm Saturday and 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday

3/12 & 3/13: 223

Congregational Tithe Third Quarter Mission

Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2021-22



Ohio District LCMS - 50%;
Youth Mission Outreach, Hearts for Jesus, Food for the Poor,
Kingdom Investments International - 10% Each;
Ebenezer Church Mission Outreach and LAMP - 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.

March 26-27, 2022

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 12:1-6

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Holy Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

St. John's Families and Congregation Members: We have dates for our LEAP golf outing and LEAP benefit gala! Mark your calendars!!!

Benefit Gala: Friday, July 15th, 2022

LEAP Golf Outing at the Ridge: Saturday, July 16, 2022



We need your help!!! Can you join our planning team? Would you consider being part of the golf planning committee or on the banquet committee? You would be part of a larger group and working on a targeted item. This may include, decorating, ticket sales, gathering auction items, stuffing bags, setting up tables, marketing, etc. We would love to have you!! These planning teams will be starting around March. (These hours may be included as engagement hours.)

Please reach out to us, we'd be glad to hear from you!!! leapstjohns@gmail.com

MISSION: "Lutheran Education Advancement Partnership (LEAP) exists in Christ to educate and equip current and future St. John's students by engaging family, friends and alumni through the investment of charitable resources and spiritual guidance."



Calling all Crafters

The Ladies Aid is happy to report that the Christmas Bazaar will be back in November!

CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR

We will soon be sending application letters to our members. Two weeks after sending those letters, we will send application letters to area crafters. Please complete and return your application as soon as you receive it, to ensure a space is reserved for you. As always, spaces are filled first come, first served. If you have questions, please call Aileen Blyth at 614-873-6955 or Kim Zacharias at 937-537-1946.



ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR DATES

The following dates are available for altar flowers in April through July:

April 10	June 19	July 17
May 1	June 26	July 24
May 8	July 3	July 31
May 15	July 10	

Many dates are still available on the 2022 calendar. 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.

Ladies Aid News... The next meeting of the Ladies Aid will be on Thursday, April 7th at 1:30 pm. Our speaker at this meeting will be Detective Candice Gee of the Marysville Police Department. She will share current trends in the area as well as scams we need to be aware of. All ladies are welcome to attend. Our speaker March 2nd was Donald Boerger, one of the Marysville City Councilmen and an advocate of local historical preservation. He was quite enthusiastic and well received. He agreed to return and share more of his work on the need for preservation.

Singsations - Patriotic Concert Rehearsals

First Presbyterian Church 210 W. Fifth Street, Marysville



Join us as we prepare for a joint patriotic concert with the Gahanna Community Choir. Rehearsals are Mondays from 7-8:30pm starting April 4th. Our performances will be June 4th - 3pm at Vets and June 5th - 3pm at the Gahanna Lincoln HS in Gahanna, Ohio. We will have a spacing rehearsal then run through the show on June 4th at noon at Vets. Concert is the same day at 3pm. We will then travel to Gahanna on Sunday, June 5th for a spacing rehearsal around noon and a concert the same day at 3pm. Concert will be free to the public with donations accepted.

If you would like to participate, please email Susan Bunsold at sbunsold@yahoo.com or use this link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1187191538482169/?ref=newsfeed>

MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

Upcoming LYF Events



March 23rd: Lenten meal - We will plan to meet at 4pm in the cafeteria to set-up, serve, and clean-up after the meal.

April 3rd: Devotions and Games at the Youth House, 6pm - Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun, we'll start with a group devotional followed by snacks and games, we hope to see you there!

Church Mower for Sale

The Board of Properties will be offering the sale of a used Grasshopper 721D 72" Zero Turn front mount mower. If interested, you can place a bid with one of the members listed below. The highest bid will receive ownership after the Board of Properties gets the replacement mower at the church grounds. The mower will be serviced for spring mowing, and sold as is. Any questions about the mower, or to make arrangements to check it out, please contact Tim Shier at 937-243-0551 or Terry Nicol at 937-243-4332.

Church Service Recording Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help out with recording the 9:00 a.m. services every Sunday. These are the recordings that are distributed to nursing homes and delivered to our members who can no longer make it into the Church. Duties are recording the service, making copies on CDs and then dropping them off at the School Office.

If you would like to help out, please contact Michael Blumenschein at 614-403-6922 or mblumenschein@gmail.com

Contemporary Worship Services

We are eager to re-establish our Contemporary Services at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings as part of our multi-generational ministry, and request your assistance in order to start the services again as soon as possible. Based on congregational feedback, we would like to conduct our Contemporary Services in the school gymnasium and have many of the resources required already available such as an improved video screen and audio system. In absence of a praise band, we will start the song praise through pre-recorded videos and karaoke-style praise songs until we can establish song leaders and a praise band. We encourage everyone with a desire to participate in the praise band to come forward.

Additional volunteer opportunities are listed below:

1. Everyone with a desire to praise through song and lead or participate in a song/praise band.
2. Four personnel to run Audio/Visual during service (2 per weekend with training provided). This entails following the pre-loaded program on computer and ensuring the proper slides/videos/songs are running at the appropriate time during the service.
3. Four personnel to set up and take down chairs and tables (2 per weekend).
4. Four personnel to serve as Ushers/Greeters at outside doors (2 per weekend.)

Anyone feeling the calling to assist with this outreach opportunity please call or text:

Mike Priday: 937-243-2436

Jon Lutz: 937-707-0433

Thank you for considering this much asked for contemporary service. *The St. John's Elders*

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

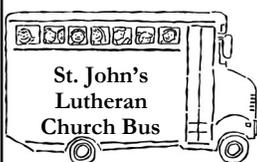
2022 YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS: Rite of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 5 at the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

2022 50TH CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARY: Class Recognition on Reformation Sunday, October 30 at the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service



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.



ACES is playing euchre at the Youth House on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$1.00. Please join us for an afternoon of cards, cookies, and drinks. We finish around 4:00 p.m.

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



Lenten Worship Service Schedule

Midweek Lenten Services: *March 23, 30, and April 6; 4:00 & 7:00 pm*

Midweek Bible Study: *Wednesdays, March 23-April 6, 5:30-6:30 pm* led by Pastor Kevin Wilson in Mrs. April Firestone's Classroom.

Midweek Lenten Suppers: *Wednesdays, March 23-April 6, 5:00-7:00 pm* in the School Cafeteria



Holy Week Worship Service Schedule April 10-16

Palm Sunday Services: *April 10*
9:00 & 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday Services: *April 14*
4:00 & 7:00 pm with Communion

Good Friday: *April 15, Tenebrae Service:*
"Service of Darkness", 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday Service: *April 16*
6:00 pm with Communion

Easter Sunday Services: *April 17*
9:00 & 11:00 am with Communion

No Sunday School Classes, but please attend:
10:00 am: Easter Egg Hunt for All Ages up to 6th Grade (Meet on the softball field)
10:15 am: Our Family Easter Breakfast hosted by the Cafeteria Bible Study Group

Please join us here at St. John's for our Lenten Worship Services, Lenten Suppers, Bible Study and Holy Week Services!

2022 Prayer Vigil

Our Prayer Vigil will be held again this year, **praying** in the church **Marie Pfarr Room** or in your own **home** (or, anywhere!), starting at 8:00 p.m. on Good Friday, April 15, and will go until Saturday 12:00 a.m. Midnight on April 16. Join me in thanking God for His many blessings and sharing our concerns with Him! Please consider taking an hour of time to pray, perhaps with your entire household, for our current situation, our nation, our church, our church family, our own family, those we know, or whatever the Lord lays on your heart.



We are using Signup Genius to reserve prayer times. Please enter the following link into your browser and it will direct you to the Signup Genius reservation calendar.

The signup link is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0544AAA623A3F85-stjohns1>

Prayer requests may be emailed to Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary, at rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org or call 937-240-3004.

Easter Egg Candy Donations for Easter Egg Hunt

We are accepting candy donations for the Sunday School Easter Egg hunt **until April 3rd.**



Please bring in individually wrapped candy (preferably nut free) and drop them into the box located in the Marie Pfarr room.

JOIN US on Wednesday, March 23rd, for our Lenten Supper hosted by our St. John's LYF/YMO and L.E.A.P. The menu consists of a Variety of Soups, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Salad, Dessert Bar, and Beverages. Come out and support our LYF/YMO with free will offerings going to our mission trip in June to Port Huron, MI, and join us for our Midweek Lenten Worship Services at 4:00 or 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

Thrivent Choice Dollars

All Choice Dollars must be directed by
March 31, 2022.

Depending on what product you have with Thrivent, you may have Choice Dollars available to you for **FREE**. Once a quarter, you may designate your Choice Dollars to St. John's. This is **no cost to you** and allows you to support the ministry at St. John's. Call **1-800-847-4836** and when prompted say Thrivent Choice and then **press 1**.

You can also go online at thrivent.com/thriventchoice. You will need to login with your username and password.

Thank you for choosing to support us with your Choice Dollars. Small amounts do add up. In 2021, you have donated \$4,951.00 of your Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John's Church.



GRIEF SHARE The 6th week session is titled, "Why?" This session answers many "Why" questions and encourages group members to share their feelings with God, to see how being honest with God is an expression of faith, and to learn what God has to say about these "why" questions.

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 State Route 38, Milford Center, OH 43045**. To register, please visit 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.

Worship Resources

Notes & News Publication: Printed copies of the Notes & News with Prayer list are available for pick up in the front entryway of the school building, literature racks in the Marie Pfarr Room, 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/>

