

# Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30-31, 2022



The selected verses from Ecclesiastes highlight the opening statement of the vanity of all things (1:2), the description of the Preacher's search for wisdom (1:12–14), and then focus on one particular topic, human labor (2:18–26). For this reason, the sermon focuses on the topic of human labor, seen not only through the eyes of Ecclesiastes but also through the grace of Christ. The main verses of the text offer a contrast between two ways of approaching labor. On the one hand, there are those who are burdened by daily labor because they approach it as a means of gathering and collecting wealth for themselves (2:18–21). To these people, labor is futile because the one who gathers has no control over what ultimately will happen with what has been gathered. As the Preacher says, "To the sinner [God] has given the business of gathering and collecting" (2:26). To the faithful, however, God has given a different way of life. For the one who is loved by God, there is nothing better than to "find enjoyment in his toil" or as the Hebrew text says, "to make his soul see good in his toil" (2:24a). The work of God, then, is to open our eyes to see good in our toil. While the daily labor performed by the righteous and unrighteous may be the same, the way in which they value it will be different. The fool seeks to gather and store up the things of this world (cf. Lk 12:13–21) only to be frustrated by the fact that one cannot ultimately control one's material possessions. By "the hand of God" (2:24a), the wise man finds joy in his labor, a joy given to him by 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.



## Saturday 6 p.m. & Sunday 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Services

**Dale Scheiderer – Organist**

### **“Joyful Work”** - Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

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### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

### **WELCOME**

### **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

### **HYMN OF INVOCATION**

**“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”**

*LSB 590*

### **INVOCATION**

### **REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

*Romans 6:4; Colossians 3:1–4*

P: In his Epistle to the Church in Rome, Paul wrote, “We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

And in today’s Epistle, Paul writes, “If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”

Let us therefore remember our Baptism.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing the washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

**C: We give thanks that according to Your boundless mercy, You have beheld us and have blessed us with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in us, which has been inherited from Adam, has been drowned and died. Grant that we be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, we could be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

(Sun. 9 am) **WORSHIP PRESENTATION** by the SJLC First Review, "Take Thou My Hand, O Father"

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: Do you renounce the devil, all his works, and all his ways?

**C: Yes, I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**C: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**C: Yes, I believe 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.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C: Yes, 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.**

P: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted us new birth in Holy Baptism and made us members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom.

**C: We humbly implore You that, as we are Your children, You would keep us in our baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure we may faithfully lead godly lives to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Peace † be with you.

**C: Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair

**C: but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace;**

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

[Today's Bible readings found on page 12 of this worship program]

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26*

**EPISTLE READING:** *Colossians 3:1-11*

### VERSE

*Colossians 3:23-24a*

P: Alleluia. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward.

**C: Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL:** *Luke 12:13-21*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”**

LSB 554

**SERMON MESSAGE:** **“Joyful Work”** - *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Remembering our Baptism does not necessarily mean recapturing the moment, for many of us were baptized as infants. But it does mean a willingness to follow our Lord each day. We sing “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” to guide our prayers to God.

**“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”**

LSB 685 st. 1

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure, through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure. Onward in His footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above, full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father’s bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

P: “One’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions” (Luke 12:15b). For all who are deceived by the world’s valuing property over people and power over service, that God would open their eyes that they serve Him above all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all who focus on themselves, trusting their own efforts rather than relying on the mercy and blessings of our heavenly Father, that God would move them to loving service for the people around them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the Church around the world, wherever the Gospel is proclaimed, calling people to follow our Lord as pilgrims treading toward the gracious and eternal promises of Christ, that God would protect and direct her, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”**

LSB 685 st. 2

Let us suffer here with Jesus and with patience bear our cross. Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss. Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy; All discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter. Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

P: “I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 2:18). For all who languish, working in joyless jobs, those who are underemployed or unemployed, and each person who awakens to another day of discomfort and pain, that God would provide strength, endurance, and solace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all who call out to God for relief from illness, pain, or difficult circumstances, [especially . . .], that God would hear their prayers and graciously answer them in His almighty wisdom and love, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the leaders of the nations, that God would guide them to provide decent food, clothing, and shelter for their citizens and protection both from enemies outside their borders and from lawlessness within, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

## “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

LSB 685 st. 3

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death, He will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath. Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin; And the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven. Jesus, here with You I die, there to live with You on high.

P: “Apart from [God] who can eat or who can have enjoyment?” (Ecclesiastes 2:25). For all who do not know Christ’s resurrection, but see the grave as the end of life, that the Holy Spirit would grant them faith to trust in our Lord’s victory, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P For health care workers, first responders, and all who minister to people nearing the end of this mortal life, that God would sustain them in their ministry and use them as His instruments for Jesus’ sake, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For ourselves, that we look beyond the grave in our daily living, anticipating our entry into heaven and living in the light of God’s love, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

LSB 685 st. 4

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead that to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head. We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be in Your presence constantly, living there with You forever. Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me.

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## 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.”

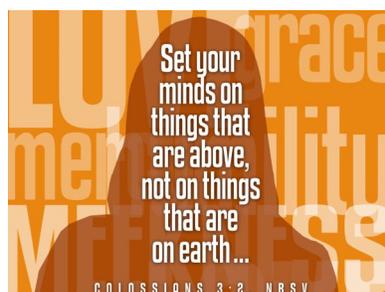
## BENEDICTION

## HYMN TO DEPART

## “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

LSB 922

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# Sunday 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

**Mark Moran – Accompanist**

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## **Pre-Service Music**

## **Invocation**

**Opening Song:** “Fairest”

## **Opening Prayer / Theme Introduction**

**Worship Song:** “He Leadeth me”

## **Time of Confession and Forgiveness**

*Pastor: Father, thank You for forgiving us. Help us to remember, Holy Spirit, that You have so much more for us than we can see with these earthly eyes. Help us to focus our attention on You. In Jesus’ name...*

**People: Amen.**

## **† We Hear God’s Word †**

[Today’s Bible readings found on page 12 of this worship program]

**Old Testament Reading:** *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-26*

**Epistle Reading:** *Colossians 3:1-11*

**Holy Gospel:** *Luke 12:13-21*

**Response Song:** “Be thou My Vision”

**Message:** “Joyful Work” - *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26*

## **† We Respond to God’s Word †**

## **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.**

## † We Pray †

### Prayers

#### 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.

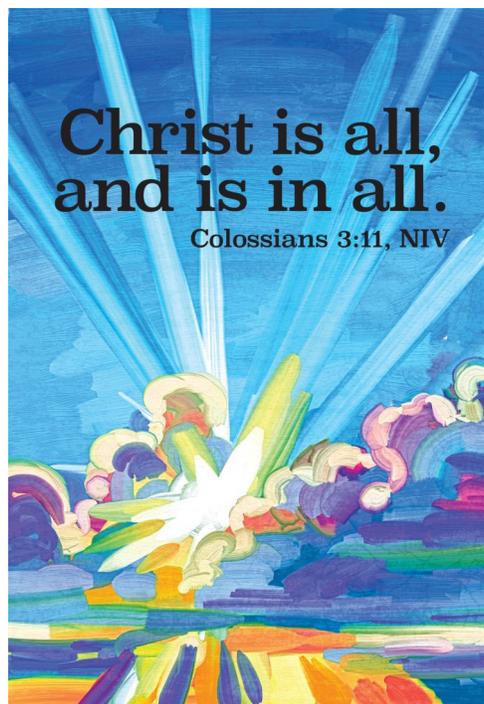
#### Offerings of Our Time, Talents & Treasures

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

## † We Depart in Peace †

### Benediction

**Closing Song:** “The Love of God”



# NOTES AND NEWS

## Church Sanctuary Worship Service Guidelines

The Board of Elders has approved our return to pre-pandemic sanctuary worship guidelines with the following additional notes:

- Masks will be optional, and still available in the Marie Pfarr Room if desired.
- Ushers are no longer required to wear masks and gloves.
- Pastor and Elders are no longer required to wear mask and gloves while communing the congregation.
- We are offering The Common Cup.
- Those wishing to receive communion in their cars may continue to do so.
- Offering Plate: The passing of the collection plate during the 6:00 pm and 9:00 am Traditional worship services has returned. The collection boxes will continue to be used at the 11:00 am Contemporary worship service.

### 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>

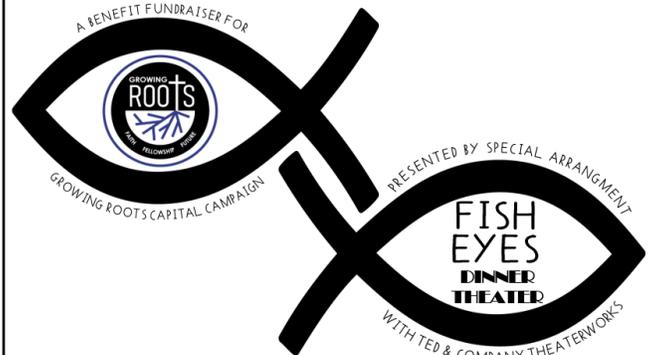
## A/V Ministry Opportunity

Are you interested in learning how to operate a sound board and serve God and the church through technical ministry? We will be holding a beginner level training session on Saturday morning, August 6 and 13.

For more information contact John Nicol. Email: [jnicol937@gmail.com](mailto:jnicol937@gmail.com)

## Save the Date!

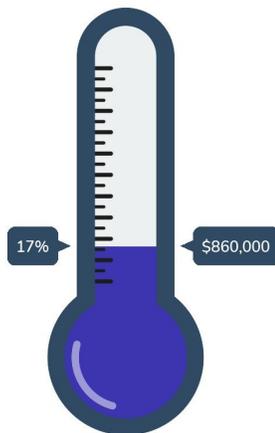
Growing Roots Benefit Dinner Theater  
Saturday, October 1st at 5:30 p.m.  
More details to come!



Many thanks to all who sent greetings and cards for my recent Birthday. Special thanks to Amanda Moore's Sunday School Class for the lovely cards they made. **Marilyn E. Rausch**

## School's Out For Summer!

GOAL: \$5,200,000



In Hand Amount  
as of 7.1.22

While School is out for summer, School Expansion certainly is not! The Building Committee gets closer to plans and costs and the Growing Roots campaign is exploring many fundraising and partnership opportunities. Just a reminder with wheat harvest coming that the "Building with Bounty" campaign at Heritage is still active where grain can be directly donated to the campaign. Over 250 families have contributed \$860,000 with a total of \$1,417,775 committed!

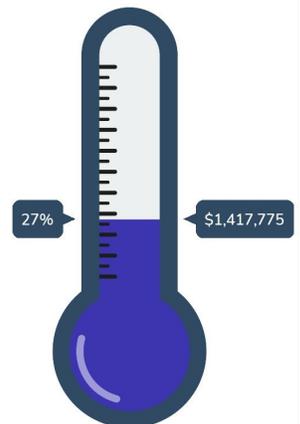
**All checks need to be made out to St. John's Church.**

Please place your contribution in an envelope and write, "Growing ROOTS" on the outside or place in a Growing ROOTS envelope from your packet.

Scan the QR to GIVE to GROWING ROOTS!



GOAL: \$5,200,000



Committed Amount  
as of 7.1.22

## 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:** The altar flowers are to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the many blessings He has provided to St. John's Lutheran Church and School, by the St. John's Ladies Aid.

### THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S JULY 31-AUGUST 7, 2022

<b>TODAY</b>	9:00 am	Sanctuary Worship Service & "Live Streaming"
07/31/22	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service
<b>TUESDAY</b>	11:30 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
	11:30 am	<b>Golden Eagles: Trumpet in the Land Trip</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		<b>Ladies Aid Craft Times: 10:00 am-12:00 pm &amp; 5:00-7:00 pm/Church Basement</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies Aid Meeting/Heritage House
<b>FRIDAY</b>	1:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
	4:00 pm	<b>LYF Back-to-School Camp Out: Alum Creek</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9:00 am	<b>A/V Training/Sanctuary</b>
	6:00 pm	Sanctuary Worship Service/Communion
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 am	Sanctuary Worship Service/Communion & "Live Streaming"
08/07/22	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service/Communion

### ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 11:00 am  
(Summer Schedule)

**3 Years-Kindergarten**—Church Basement

**1st-6th Grades**—Meet together in the gym, and then move to school classrooms.

**7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class**—Completed for this year. Welcome to join the High School Youth through summer.

**High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"**—Youth House: **TODAY - Joining the School Cafeteria Sunday School.**

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

**Adult Bible Study**—School Cafeteria: **Topic - "The Book of Acts: Eye Witness Series"** from Right Now Media Bible study series. **Led by Ed Hahn through July.**

**NOTE:** Elementary Sunday School Classes will be cancelled for **Labor Day.**

If you have questions, please contact the

Sunday School Superintendent,

Lisa Arnold at 937-205-1802 or [arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com](mailto:arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com)

### Food Trucks & Fellowship

**St. John's Parking Lot/Playground 5:00-7:00 pm on August 11**  
**Martiny's BBQ & Buckeye Shaved Ice. Bring Lawn Chairs & Friends.**

**Notes & News Deadline:** Please submit articles by no later than Tuesday at noon to Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary. Call 937-240-3004, mail to the church office, or email to [rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org).

### Weekly Church Attendance

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

7/23 & 7/24: 227

### Congregational Tithe

#### First Quarter Mission

#### Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2022-23

Ohio District LCMS - 50%; Food Pantries,  
Operation Christmas Child, Clothes  
Closet, Personal Needs Pantry - 10% Each  
New Path Pregnancy Resource Ctr.;  
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.

**August 6-7, 2022**

**Old Testament Reading:** *Genesis 15:1-6*

**Epistle Reading:** *Hebrews 11:1-16*

**Holy Gospel Reading:** *Luke 12:22-34*

## NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

Soar on Wings God has Made for You

# Golden Eagles

## “TRUMPET IN THE LAND THIS WEEK - TUESDAY, AUGUST 2nd!

### THE EAGLES RETURN TO TRUMPET IN THE LAND!

Grab a late breakfast or early lunch and plan to arrive at St. John's about **11:30 am** Tuesday morning, as we plan to depart promptly at noon. As always, we'll have some snacks available, but to keep cost to a minimum, lunch is not included in this trip. Our first stop will be **THE ERNEST WARTHER MUSEUM** in Dover, Ohio, where we'll tour the museum dedicated to the artistry of this world-renowned carver, Ernest "Mooney" Warther. Next door, see the home Ernest shared with his family and the artistry of his wife Frieda: her button collection and spectacular flower gardens, now maintained by the third and fourth generations of their family.

Down a country road, our next stop is **BROAD RUN CORNER CHEESE HOUSE & BOUTIQUE**, for a unique shopping opportunity! For those who prefer to skip the shopping, **HANS' PLACE CAFE & SWISS HERITAGE WINERY** is right next door. Relax in the shade or enjoy a beverage in their beautiful gardens. We'll eat dinner here before making our way to the outdoor amphitheater where we **ALMOST** saw a performance of **TRUMPET IN THE LAND** last year! Remember to bring along your **RAIN CHECK TICKET!**

If you haven't turned your money in yet, that's ok... you can pay on Tuesday morning. **HOWEVER**, I do need your dinner choice **ASAP!** (If you need to review the menu choices, pick up a reservation form in the Marie Pfarr room and call me today if possible.) You might want to bring a jacket along in case it is cool down in the valley; also sun glasses, hat, comfortable walking shoes, etc. It will be late when we return to St. John's, so you are welcome to bring along a pillow or blanket to catch some **Zzzzz's** on the ride home! If you have any questions, call Jeff at 614-560-5085, or Carol at 614-579-9124.

### ATTENTION: OBERAMMERGAU TRAVELERS!

It's been a long time since we first made arrangements with Ike Reynolds to travel to Oberammergau, Germany and The Passion Play! Covid cancelled our plans and Ike has been working diligently ever since to give us the opportunity to finally make that trip! Several of you have asked, and we have been waiting for the airfare arrangements to be finalized. Now that those details are in hand, we have scheduled a meeting with Ike to review the trip and answer your questions. We will be meeting with Ike and his son and business partner, Pat, on Thursday, August 11th at 6:30. The meeting will tentatively be held in the School Gymnasium. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Jeff or Carol.

### TIME TO FILL “DON'S TRAILER!”

It's August already and that means it's almost time to begin our annual campaign to support our own Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Fort Wayne. Again this year, St. John's Church and School will partner with The Golden Eagles to help fill the pantry there as a way of showing our support for the seminarians and their families as they prepare to devote their lives to the service of God's word. In the coming weeks you will be invited to donate non-perishable food items and gift cards which will be delivered to the Seminary in October. Help us “Fill the Trailer” in honor of our good and faithful servants of the Lord, Don and Sharon Werling. Watch for more information on how you can be involved in this annual mission! **TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

### BIG NEWS... “THE TEXAS TENORS” ARE COMING TO OHIO!

Three time Emmy Award Winners, J.C. Fisher, Marcus Collins and John Hagen combine their unique voices and talents to create a powerful sound and stage presence that will quickly make you fans! They will perform their Christmas Special, “**Down in the Heart of Christmas!**” at the Arbogast Performing Arts Center in Troy Thursday evening, December 8th at 7:30 pm. We have purchased a block of tickets and will be taking reservations beginning today. We'll travel by motor coach, and our tentative plans include dinner at **The Harrison House Restaurant in Tipp City**, along with a fun shopping opportunity at the **Hotel Gallery** right across the street! Early reservations are strongly encouraged. Contact us soon to reserve your tickets!

## MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



### Back-to-School Campout with LYF!

Join us for a fun night of memories around the campfire as we get ready to kick-off a new school year with a LYF campout! We will be camping at Alum Creek State Park on Friday, August 5th. We will meet at the Youth House at 4pm to carpool over to the campground. Youth are welcome to come later as well, or on Saturday! Friday night will include making dinner on the campfire, a devotion, games and s'mores of course! Saturday we'll enjoy breakfast, more games, and a light lunch before packing up to head back around 1pm. Feel free to bring your own tent (or we have some roomy ones to spare!), as well as a sleeping bag, pillow, lawn chair, and clothes for overnight (and any additional camping gear you may have). It'll be a great weekend of fun and fellowship and we hope to see you happy campers there! Contact RJ or Laura Zeiler (913-549-0057 or [laurazeiler@gmail.com](mailto:laurazeiler@gmail.com)) to **RSVP before 8/5**, for site number, and with any questions.

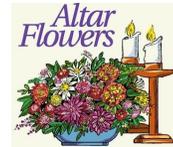
### ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR DATES

The following dates are available for altar flowers through the end of year:

September 4	November 13
September 18	November 27
October 2	December 4
October 9	

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.***



## Craft Workshops for Kids and Moms

HOSTED BY  
Saint John's Ladies Aid

Please join us in the church basement. Enter through the plain white basement door that faces the school — it will be open!

### Free Summer Fun and Friendship

This summer, we're offering various craft and art workshops for Moms and kids!! Escape the heat in our cool crafting room. Simple refreshments provided. Kids will create their own fun art to take home as well as design and create wonderful hand made items to sell at the Christmas Bazaar. This activity will develop a sense of stewardship with the kids as well as provide them a fun hang out time. Plus it's free!!

For More Information call or text 937-537-1946 or 614-352-1794

### List of Workshops

- Reindeer
- Snowman Hats
- Gnomes
- Angels and Ballerinas
- Origami and Paper Crafts
- Watercolor Painting

### Schedule

Each workshop lasts for two hours. Choose from the following schedules:

- Wednesdays throughout summer!
- 10am - Noon
- 5pm - 7pm

### Ladies Aid Requests for the Christmas Bazaar

*Thank you for your continued support of our Ladies Aid Bazaar crafting!*



Here is a list of items on our wish list: Clothes pins (snap and clip both), any kind of old hymnals, wooden boxes, Christmas greenery, Christmas bulbs (ornaments), dowel rods, Christmas lights, Christmas ribbon, fake fur, poly-fil, wooden beads, picture frames, artificial snow, white glitter, old glasses and sunglasses, and smooth sided coffee cans. Please place items on the pew in the Marie Pfarr Room.

We have finished making the stocking cap ornaments and started making Christmas trees.



### Secret Santa Gift Shop Donations Needed!

The bazaar is returning and we are preparing for the children's area. We are in need of good condition gift items including candles, trinkets, children's items such as games, small gifts and also very good condition stuffed animals for the animal walk! Please leave items in the labeled box in the Marie Pfarr Room.

Email [cea@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:cea@sjsmarysville.org)



### Sunday School Teachers Wanted!

**NEEDED** We could use a few more helping hands to be team teachers in the 1-5th grade Sunday School Classes. If you have any interest or questions about what this involves, please contact Lisa Arnold at [arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com](mailto:arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com) or 937-205-1802.

## TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

**Old Testament Reading:** *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26*

***King Solomon had everything he could ever imagine. While anything he desired rested at his fingertips, he concluded that everything in this life is meaningless without God.***

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. <sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading:** *Colossians 3:1-11*

***Nothing on this earth matters in comparison to God. When you give your life to follow Jesus, you begin working for eternal rewards, not earthly ones.***

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel:** *Luke 12:13-21*

***Jesus told the crowd a parable in response to two brothers wanting to divide an inheritance. In this parable, a large storehouse was full of an abundant harvest, but the owner lost his life, so what good did the storehouse do? When we store up treasures for ourselves here on this earth and not toward God, we forget that it is the Lord who gives, and it is the Lord who takes away.***

***Setting our minds and hearts on things that last for eternity is the way God would have us live.***

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

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

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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