

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3-4, 2022



"Choose life!" our Old Testament Reading invites us (Deut 30:19). See what God has set before us! Understand the choices and the consequences! Don't be naive; don't be unaware. Lutherans may be uncomfortable with that formulation, for, of course, we who are by nature dead in our trespasses and sins cannot choose Christ or to accept the Gospel. Yet Jesus Himself, in our Gospel, calls the crowds to count the cost of following Him (Lk 14:28), look soberly at what's ahead and what it will take to bring this Christian life to completion, and then to participate actively in the faith by carrying their crosses. Paul writes our Epistle lesson to Philemon concerning Onesimus, once a runaway slave, that Philemon would receive him back in love, not as a slave but as a brother. For this, too, there is a cost (Philemon 18), but here, Paul gives Philemon a choice: "Though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you . . . that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord" (Philemon 8–9, 14). This is a little picture for each of us—that we would love one another this way, that we would see that the Father loves us this way in Christ. The Psalm shows the prosperity of the Christian life and the fruit of choosing what is good and forsaking wickedness. This choice is worked in the Christian by and through the Spirit; most certainly it is the Christian making the choice to the praise of Christ. The Father has poured His Spirit on us that we would desire life and, indeed, in Him, choose it.

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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**

**Divine Service Setting One - LSB pg. 151**

## **Dale Scheiderer – Organist**

## **“Choose Life!” - Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

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## **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

# WELCOME

# RINGING OF THE BELLS

## **HYMN OF INVOCATION**

## **“Lord, ‘Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee”**

LSB 573

## **CONFESS&ON AND ABSOLUTION - LSB 151**

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **INSTALLATION** of Val Moran

## SERVICE OF THE WORD - LSB 152

**KYRIE**

LSB 152

# THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 155

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

LSB 156

[Today's Bible readings found on pages 14-15 of this worship program]

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20

## **EPISTLE READING:** *Philemon 1-21*

## **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

LSB 156

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 14:25-35

**SERMON MESSAGE: “Choose Life!” - Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

# NICENE CREED

LSB 158

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

### 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 - LSB 160

### PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION [as found on page 16 of this worship program]

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	"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

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...loving the LORD your God,  
obeying him, and holding  
fast to him; for that  
means life to you and  
length of days...

Deuteronomy 30:20. NRSV

## **Sunday 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service**

**Steve Bumgarner – Accompanist**

**“Choose Life!” - Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

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### **Pre-Service Music**

#### **Invocation**

#### **Opening Song:**

##### **“He Is Able”**

He is able more than able  
To accomplish what concerns me today  
He is able more than able  
To handle anything that comes my way  
He is able more than able  
To do much more than I could ever dream  
He is able more than able  
To make me what He wants me to be

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### **Opening Prayer / Theme Introduction**

#### **Time of Confession and Forgiveness**

**Pastor:** *Lord, You laid before the Israelites both blessing and cursing- a path toward obedience and blessing or disobedience and curses. Lord, we want to choose the path of blessing, but we are plagued with sin.*

**People:** **Our sin leads to cursing and death, and we fail to obey. Forgive us, Lord- we need You.**

**Pastor:** *How desperately we need You! Just like the Israelites needed Your provision and Your discipline, so do we.*

**People:** **Father, You are rich in mercy and love. You are gracious in Your forgiveness and endless in Your grace. Forgive us of our waywardness, and lead us into righteousness. We desire Your hand of blessing, Lord.**

**Pastor:** *We offer thanksgiving and praise to the forgiver of our sins- Jesus Christ, Son of God, who is rich in mercy and grace!*

**People:** **Thank You, Lord. Amen.**

### **† We Hear God's Word †**

[Today's Bible readings found on pages 14-15 of this worship program]

**Old Testament Reading:** *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

**Epistle Reading:** *Philemon 1-21*

**Holy Gospel:** *Luke 14:25-35*

**Response Song:****"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing. Tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing call  
for songs of loudest praise! Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come. And I hope by Thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God.  
He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood!

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter,  
bind my wand'ring heart to Thee! Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

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**Message: "Choose Life!" - Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

**† We Respond to God's Word †****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.

**† We Pray †****Prayers of the Church****The 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 Celebrate the Lord's Supper †**

*Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.*

**We Prepare** [as found on page 16 of this worship program]

**Words of Institution**

**Music During Communion:****“Change My Heart Oh God”**

Change my heart oh God, make it ever true. Change my heart oh God, may I be like You!

You are the potter, I am the clay! Mold me and make me, this is what I pray!

Change my heart oh God, make it ever true. Change my heart oh God, may I be like You!

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**† We Depart in Peace †****Benediction****Closing Song:****“Came to my Rescue”**

Be still and know that He is God! Be still and know that He is holy!

Be still oh restless soul of mine. Bow before the Prince of Peace!

Let the noise and clamor cease!

Be still and know that He is God! Be still and know that He is faithful!

Consider all that He has done, stand in awe and be amazed!

And know that He will never change. Be still.

**Chorus**

Be still and know that He is God!

Be still and know that He is God!

Be still and know that He is God!

Be still be speechless.

Be still and know that He is God! Be still and know He is our Father!

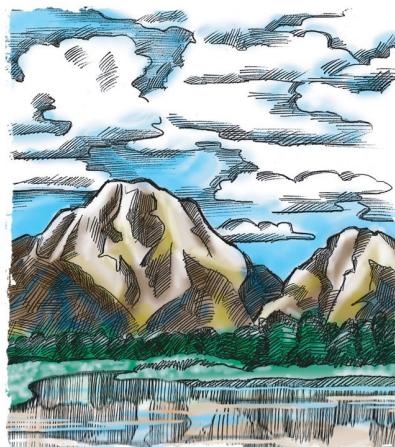
Come rest your head upon His breast, listen to the rhythm of His unfailing heart of love.

Beating for His little ones, calling each of us to come!

**Ending**

Be still be still

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“Be  
still,  
and  
know  
that  
I am  
God!”

Psalm 46:10, NRSV

# NOTES AND NEWS

## Ladies Saturday Morning Bible Study

The Saturday Morning Ladies Bible Study will be meeting again starting Sept. 10 at 7:30 am at the Heritage House. We will be doing a study by Melissa Spoelstra titled, **Isaiah**. In this 7-session study, Isaiah's words will reveal that you can trust God more than your own human effort or the counterfeits the world suggests. You won't be striving harder, but instead trusting more deeply the Faithful One who is so worthy of our utter dependence. In Him you'll find the comfort and peace you need to sustain you. The other meeting dates will be Sept. 24, Oct. 8 & 22, Nov. 5 & 19 and Dec. 3. The cost of a book will be \$21.99. If you need more information or would like to join us, contact Lois Vollrath at [lvollrath@yahoo.com](mailto:lvollrath@yahoo.com) or 937-243-2024 by Aug. 31.

## Associate Pastor Call Committee

The Call Committee has begun the process with the guidance of "Circuit Visitor" Pastor Brett Cornelius. The Committee is currently working on completing the Synod Supplied Evaluation Forms. The Committee plans to keep the congregation updated on our progress of the Call process. If you have any questions or comments regarding the call process, please feel free to discuss with any Elder or Lay Committee Members.



## Installation and Reception for Valerie Moran



Please join us **TODAY** Sunday, September 4th at the 9:00 service as we celebrate the installation of Valerie Moran.

After teaching at St. John's for the 2021-2022 school year, she has accepted a call for the 2nd grade position.

*We will have a reception and card shower after the 9:00 service in the gymnasium.  
Refreshments will be provided.*

## St. John's School Employment Opportunities

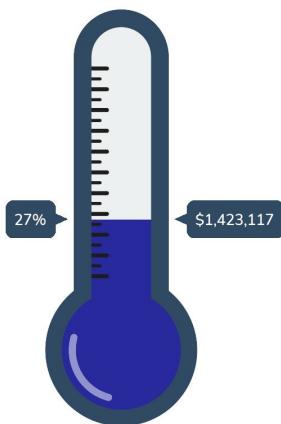
**Substitute Teachers:** If you love working with kids, and would like to earn a little extra money, this job is for you. Candidates must have a high school diploma.

**Teachers Aids:** In need of a part-time aid (morning only) in 4 yr. old Preschool.

Please email Principal Rich Rausch at [rrausch@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:rrausch@sjsmarysville.org) or call 937.240.3003 if you are interested, or you know someone who would qualify.

## Gearing Up for the New School Year!

**GOAL: \$5,200,000**



Committed Amount

as of 8.5.22

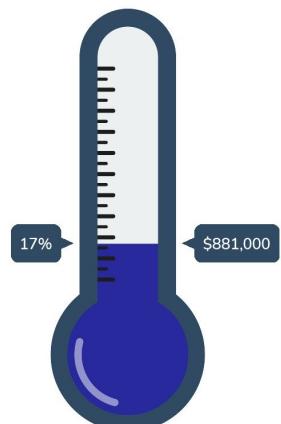
As we gear up for the new school year, we also near the start of year 2 of the Growing Roots Campaign. A fundraising dinner theater is scheduled and should be a great night together, and continue to raise funds for the campaign. Just a reminder with fall around the corner that the "Building with Bounty" campaign at Heritage is still active where grain can be directly donated to the campaign. Over 250 families have contributed \$881,500 with a total of \$1,423,117 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**



In Hand Amount

as of 8.5.22



## 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 given in memory of the birthdays of **Anna Gruenbaum and Edna Logelin**, mothers of Don & Lois Gruenbaum, by the Gruenbaum family.

**Chancel Flowers:** Flowers have been placed in the chancel in honor of **Mrs. Val Moran's** installation as a called teacher at St. John's School & Church.

<b>THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S</b>		<b>SEPTEMBER 4-11, 2022</b>
<b>TODAY</b> 09/04/22	9:00 am	Sanctuary Worship Service/Communion & "Live Streaming": <b>Installation of Teacher Valerie Moran</b>
	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am	<b>Installation Reception for Valerie/Gym</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service/Communion
<b>TUESDAY</b>		<b>Labor Day: School &amp; Offices Closed</b>
		<b>Oberammergau, Germany Trip: 9/6-9/19</b>
	11:30 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		Ladies Aid Craft Times: 10:00 am-12:00 pm & 5:00-7:00 pm/Youth House
<b>THURSDAY</b>	12:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
<b>FRIDAY</b>	1:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
<b>SATURDAY</b>	7:30 am	<b>Ladies Morning Bible Study/Heritage House</b>
	6:00 pm	Sanctuary Worship Service
<b>SUNDAY</b> 09/11/22	9:00 am	Sanctuary Worship Service & "Live Streaming"
	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>2022-23 Youth Catechism: 1st Session/School Modulars</b>
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service

### **ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10:00 - 11:00 am**  
(Fall-Winter-Early Spring Schedule)  
**3 Years-Kindergarten**—Church Basement  
**1st-5th Grades**—Meet together in the gym with Teacher Mark Moran, and then move to school classrooms.  
**6th Grade**—Mrs. Ashley Monroe's Classroom  
**7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class—2022-23**  
classes will start 9/11 in Mrs. Susie Miller & Mrs. Jayme Allen's Modular Classrooms.  
**High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"**—Youth House: **We welcome all incoming High School Freshman.**  
**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. **CANCELLED TODAY - PLEASE JOIN VAL'S INSTALLATION RECEPTION.**  
**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)

**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**  
8/27 & 8/28: 280

**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.  
**September 10-11, 2022**  
**Old Testament Reading:** Ezekiel 34:11-24  
**Epistle Reading:** 1 Timothy 1:5-17  
**Holy Gospel Reading:** Luke 15:1-10

## NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

### Golden Eagles



#### Concordia Theological Seminary Ingathering

St. John's Golden Eagles, Church, School, and Thrivent are sponsoring an ingathering for Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The ingathering is the month September with delivery to the Seminary in October. Items will be placed in the student Co-op. Students volunteer service time for the privilege of shopping for Co-op items at no charge. The Co-op relies solely on generous donations. Items may be placed inside St. John's trailer in the church parking lot or on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Requested items are: laundry products, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, diapers, wipes, tampons, body wash, shaving cream, shampoo, and Gluten Free (make sure expiration date is 2023 or later. See display for suggested Gluten Free items). Gift Cards are also appreciated (Wal-Mart, Meijer, Kroger, Target, Applebee's, Culver's, Longhorn Steakhouse, Visa, and MasterCard). Gift Cards are distributed at Christmas.

**Let's support future church workers and fill Don's trailer!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE WOODS**  
JOIN US FOR  
**BIBLE STORY · CRAFT · SNACK**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH**  
10 AM BY THE SOCCER FIELD  
BRING A BLANKET TO SIT ON  
WE WILL ENJOY A BIBLE STORY LED BY THE HIGH SCHOOLERS, WORSHIP  
SONGS, CRAFTS AND FUN. ALL AGES WELCOME!  
PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO STAY WITH YOUR CHILDREN  
.....  
PLEASE EMAIL ARNOLDLISA50@YAHOO.COM WITH QUESTIONS

### Golden Eagles



#### St. John's School & Golden Eagles Partnership for Concordia!

As you have been reading in the Notes & News these past few weeks, we are excited to once again help "Fill Don's Trailer" with food, personal needs items and gift cards for our Seminarians at Concordia Fort Wayne. This effort will be energized through your help and the special mission focus of our St. John's School students, staff and families.

In our continuing efforts to support "inter-generational" experiences within our Senior Ministry and our school, we have arranged a field trip experience for both groups on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH**. Details are still being finalized, but we plan to leave St. John's early morning and travel by motor coach to Concordia High School in Fort Wayne, arriving in time for their student led Chapel Service, followed by a tour of their beautiful high school. After lunch at the school, we will travel a short distance to Concordia Seminary to visit the Food Co-Op and learn more about how our gifts may make a difference in the lives of our Seminarians and their families.

Following our time at the Seminary, we have made arrangements to visit the beautiful Fort Wayne Zoo. The zoo is filled with thousands of animals and educational exhibits which promise to be interesting to our youth and adults alike. We will have a dinner break on our way home and plan to return to St. John's by approximately 7:00 pm. We will have full details and pricing soon.

We invite our Golden Eagles to consider signing up to share this day with our St. John's students - to learn more about them and our mission to support Concordia. Limited seating so call soon. Contact Jeff or Carol Reinhard at 614-560-5085.

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**



## MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



### LWML NEWS...

The delegates at the **Ohio District Convention** approved the \$95,000 mission grant goal for the 2022-2024 biennium which would fund 9 mission grants. A motion came from the floor to fund the 4 other unfunded mission grants from the unrestricted net asset fund. The motion passed unanimously. All 13 mission grants will be funded for the 2022-2024. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

The **Fall 2022 ODE** is available on the [lwmlohio.org](http://lwmlohio.org) by clicking on the ODE link on the left hand side of the screen or by clicking on the resources tab and clicking the ODE.

**Save the date:** The Central Zone LWML Fall Fellowship will be held on October 1st at Zion Lutheran Church in Columbus. More information will be provided closer to the event.

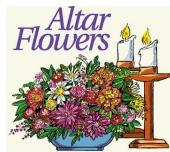
### ALTAR FLOWER AVAILABLE DATES

These few remaining dates are available for altar flowers through the end of the year:

October 2	November 13
October 9	November 27

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.***



**SAT. 10.1.22**  
Doors open @ 5:30PM  
Dinner service begins @ 6:00PM  
St. John's Gymnasium entrance  
12809 St. Rt. 736  
Marysville, OH 43040

**Dinner Theater**  
**"FISH EYES"**  
PRESENTED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT  
WITH TED & COMPANY THEATERWORKS

**EVENT DETAILS**  
The evening will consist of a plated dinner, intermission and dessert during a 2-act stage production. Through unique and fresh perspectives on the scriptures, Christian theatre seeks to glorify and proclaim He who is truly center stage, leading to inspiration, celebration and transformation.

**RSVP** BY SEPTEMBER 15TH  
Scan the QR code or visit [www.sjsmarysville.org](http://www.sjsmarysville.org)

For more information on the evening, please email [growingroots@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:growingroots@sjsmarysville.org) or call 937-644-5540

**COME ONE, COME ALL**  
Admission is \$20  
Open to the public  
Appropriate for Middle-School Ages & up  
Additional opportunities to give & support St. John's Growing Roots Building Campaign (including a Silent Auction)

**LIVE**  
Fish Eyes is the humorous, heartwarming and poignant story of the disciples Peter and Andrew, who drop their nets and follow Jesus on a journey filled with joy, laughter, pain, confusion and wonderment. Come along with them as they walk with Jesus and witness his miracles, experience his love and struggle to understand His teachings. These very flawed, very funny and very lovable brothers will take you through the Gospel from the moment they were called to the glorious moment the risen Christ returned to them.

### Ladies Aid Requests for the Christmas Bazaar



Thanks again for your help this week with all the items you donated to the Ladies Aid table for the Christmas Bazaar! **We are in need of the following:**

Christmas clear bulb ornaments (glass or plastic), thick dowel rods, wooden pallets, artificial snow, poly-fil, Christmas greenery and florals, glue sticks, small sets of lights, old hymnals, 4x4 posts (3-4' or longer), 2x4 wood (minimum 18" long). Please leave the smaller items on the bench in the Marie Pfarr room and the wood items beside the brown barn behind the Youth House.

If you would like to help with craft making, please join us at the Youth House on Wednesdays: 10am-noon & 5-7 pm.  
**Thanks for your help!**

### Sunday School Teachers 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 937-205-1802 or [arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com](mailto:arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com).

## NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

### Oberammergau, Germany Trip is Happening!

After two years of anticipation, our pilgrimage to Oberammergau, Germany is finally happening! Our trip begins with departure from John Glenn International Airport on Tuesday, September 6, arriving in Zurich, Switzerland for our three day pre-trip. We will then travel to the village of Oberammergau to enjoy the historic presentation of the Passion Play which has been shared every ten years by the local town folks since 1633. (The 2020 performance was interrupted by COVID and rescheduled for the 2022 season). Our voyage continues with a scenic Rhine River Cruise where we'll take in the beautiful sights of the German countryside. We arrive home on Sunday, September 19. We ask for your prayers for the safety of the following passengers who will share our St. John's spirit and love with others we meet along the way.

Those traveling with us from St. John's & St. Paul Lutheran Church include: Phyllis Bouic (Chuckery), John & Angie Miller, Eugene Nicol, Dennis & Tammy Nicol, Neil & Marla Nicol, Dawn Petrovia, Rolly & Sue Rausch, Jeff & Carol Reinhard, Charles & Jennifer Renner, Anne Scheiderer (Chuckery), David & Zita Scheiderer, Gary & Carol Scheiderer, and Diane Strunkenburg. Also joining us are: Daniel & Donna Croy, David & Mary Fisher, Pete & Chris Geiger, Julien & Sandra Kiddie, Ike Reynolds, Patrick Reynolds, and Donna & John Vogelpohl.

## FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION



3rd Thurs every month

Next      Sep 15  
10:00 AM-12:15  
(Please do not park before 8:30)  
Our Lady of Lourdes  
1033 W. 5th St., Marysville



In partnership with Mid Ohio Foodbank

For more information contact St. Vincent DePaul at 614-582-8204

**October 8-9 Notes & News Info:** There will not be a Notes & News/Worship Program made available for the weekend of October 8-9, 2022 (only). Please submit articles for the October 1-2 Notes & News by no later than **MONDAY, SEPT. 26 AT NOON**. We will then return to the regular schedule of Tuesdays at noon. Pastor Jack will use the LSB pew hymnal for the worship liturgy at the 6 & 9 services, and PowerPoint at the 11 service. Please submit articles to Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary. Call 937-240-3004, mail to the church office, or email to [rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org).

### Marketing Mailer for Marysville

In a few weeks, we will be mailing out an invitation to visit St. John's Lutheran Church to several Marysville neighborhoods. The postcard also contains information about our school. This initial mailing of approximately 1,300 homes will focus on the areas close to the church and include: Adena Point, Links Village, Weaver Ridge, Walker Meadows, The Oaks, Timber Trails, Hickory Run, Ewing Meadows, and Greenwood Colony.

If you live in any of these neighborhoods, you may receive a card. There was no way to eliminate current members from this targeted mailing. If you do get a card, please pass it along to a friend. It would also be a good chance to speak to your neighbors about our church and encourage them to visit. Don't miss out on this opportunity to Mission to our community.

God's Blessings, Church Board of Elders

**CD Players Available:** If you are aware of anyone in need of a CD player to borrow to listen to the weekly sermon, the Ladies Aid has a few players available. If you are in need, or aware of someone who is in need of a one, contact Connie Priday at 937-645-5034, or [cspriday@gmail.com](mailto:cspriday@gmail.com).

### School Steam Table Available for Donation

We have replaced the steam table used in the lunch serving line. We are offering a donation for the old one for any interested church members. Please contact Rich Rausch at 937.240.3003 or [rrausch@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:rrausch@sjsmarysville.org)

ST. JOHN'S

# SHOE DRIVE

HELP US COLLECT

PARTNERING WITH FUND2ORG

SHOE COLLECTION

DATES: SEPT. 6-NOV. 4

CLEAN, GENTLY USED OR NEW - SIZE  
CHILD-ADULT... WE GET PAID BY THE  
WEIGHT SO CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS  
AND BRING US YOUR SHOES!



AND DONATE

SHOE DONATION DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

LABELED BOXES/BINS IN THE...

MARIE PFARR ROOM,  
NEAR THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA DOOR,  
NEAR THE SCHOOL OFFICE

GOAL: 2,500 PAIRS OF SHOES!

## STUDENT SERVICE

OUR STUDENTS WILL BE INSPECTING,  
CLEANING, BINDING, BAGGING, AND  
COUNTING THE SHOES DURING OUR  
FUNDRAISER



SCAN HERE TO GIVE TO  
GROWING ROOTS TODAY!

HELP US TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR  
GROWING ROOTS BUILDING CAMPAIGN  
BY DONATING GENTLY,  
USED OR NEW SHOES

QUESTIONS:

937.644.5540

MVOLLRATH@SJSMARYSVILLE.ORG



I want to thank the church members for the all the birthday cards that I received, and well-wishes given, and thanks to Pastor Jack for his kind thoughts in the card he sent, and also the young Sunday school children for their cards. Thank you so much, it means so much!

Charles Davisson



The 3<sup>rd</sup> week session is titled, "The Journey of Grief – Part 1." This session features helpful goals one can set on your journey of grief, how to deal with those who try to rush you through grief, and how long the journey of grief typically lasts. If you are grieving the death of a loved one, you are welcome to join us for any of the in-person sessions being held on Thursday evenings from 6-8pm 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.

**NOTES & NEWS ITEMS**



Featured Movie:

FREE  
POPCORN &  
WATER

CONCESSIONS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

# SING 2

September 23rd

Come grab a spot, get your popcorn  
and pick up pizza beginning at 6:30

Movie will begin about 7:15

**BRING BLANKETS AND LAWNCHAIRS  
YOU CAN BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS AND DRINKS TOO!**

**Donatos Pizza is available to preorder \$15 a pizza**

**Please return pizza order by Sept 20th**

**Student Name**

Pepperoni

Cheese

Gluten Free

**Please send completed form and cash or check to St.  
John's CEA in envelope marked "CEA Movie Night" to  
your child's teacher or the school office.**



## TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

### Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

*The Lord laid out clear boundaries for the Israelites to obey. If they chose obedience, they would experience prosperity, life, and blessings. If they chose to disobey, they would face consequences leading to curses, death, and destruction.*

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading: Philemon 1-21

*Paul and Timothy urge Philemon to forgive his runaway slave, Onesimus, and to also welcome him back as fellow brother and worker in Christ. Forgiveness isn't easy, but it's necessary in order to love one another as we've been commanded.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, <sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. <sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will.

<sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. <sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.

<sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-35

*A builder knows to count the cost of his project before he begins so that he can complete the job thoroughly.*

*Being a disciple of Jesus comes with a cost- to give up one's own life for the sake of following  
Him as Jesus explained in this parable.*

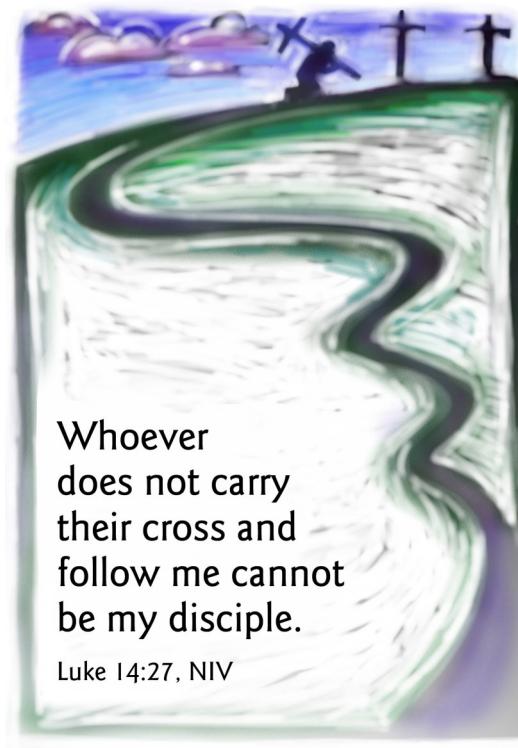
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. <sup>34</sup>"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.



## 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.

