

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 27-28, 2024



The big question Epiphany-tide seeks to answer is, “Who is Jesus?” Thus far, the season has answered that Jesus is the light of the world gathering the nations, the beloved Son taking His stand with sinners, the Lamb of God taking sins away, and the master angler calling and apprenticing others to be fishers (underfishers?) of men. But knowing who Jesus is, is not one piece of knowledge among others. It is THE knowledge that transforms the knower. Otherwise expressed, as the light of the world, Jesus is the light in and by which we see everything else, especially the “brother for whom Christ died”. The psalmist singing thanks “in the company of the upright” contrasts sharply with the picture we get of the Corinthians, not-so-saintly saints whose rivalry and divisiveness have rendered congregational life far from delightful. After all, those caught up in keeping track of rights have precious little time for “the works of the Lord,” which are “studied by all who delight in them”. This is why Paul opens his letter with a study of Christ crucified for sinners—the ultimate work of the Lord—before turning to “the matters about which you wrote”. Without that study, that laser focus on Jesus, there is no hope of exorcising from not-so-saintly saints like the Corinthians (and us!) the demon of self-centered loveless-ness even more destructive of Christian community than the unclean spirit Jesus exorcised in the Gospel.

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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 4 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Services

Divine Service *Setting Three* – LSB pg. 184

Kevin Vollrath – Organist

“Knowledge Puffs Up, but Love Builds Up” - 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

In a world where there is nothing new under the sun, we still run to anything that appears to be new. When Jesus taught in the synagogue, the hearers heard a man speak with the authority of the author of the Scriptures. They were surprised and even more surprised when His Word was not simply theoretical but silenced an unclean spirit and relieved the man of this demon. In their amazement, they could not help but tell the story to any who would listen. Yet even as Jesus' fame spread, so did opposition to His teaching and preaching.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

HYMN OF INVOCATION **“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”**

LSB 849

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION – LSB pg. 184

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **WORSHIP PRESENTATION** by the SJLS Jaguar Singers, **“Everywhere I Go”**

by Natalie Sleeth
Elena Pfeiffer, Accompanist

SERVICE OF THE WORD – LSB pg. 186

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

EPISTLE READING: *1 Corinthians 8:1-13*

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 190

HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 1:21-28*

APOSTLES CREED

LSB 192

☩ 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

LSB 842

SERMON: **“Knowledge Puffs Up, but Love Builds Up” - 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

P 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.

C 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

LSB 202

CLOSING HYMN

"O God of God, O Light of Light"

LSB 810

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Sunday 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Jon Lutz, Rich Rausch & Charles Renner – Accompanists

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Pre-Service Music:

“God of Wonders”

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky,
The heavens are Your tabernacle; Glory to the Lord on high
God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy,
The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth - Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night.
God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy,
The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth - Lord of heaven and earth.

God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy,
The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth - Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth!
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth!
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The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy, holy, holy
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Welcome and Time of Greeting

Time of Praise and Worship:

“He is Lord”

He is Lord! He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Ev'ry knee shall bow! Ev'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

He is Love! He is Love! He has shown us by His life that He is Love!
All His people sing with one voice of joy that Jesus Christ is Love!

He is Life! He is Life! He has died to set us free and He is Life!
And He calls us all to live evermore, for Jesus Christ is Life!

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Invocation

Pastor: As we gather in this space, we invoke the presence of our Almighty God.

People: May His presence in our midst fill us with awe and reverence. May His presence inspire us to seek His wisdom, guidance, and deliverance.

Opening Prayer

Pastor: Pray with me. Heavenly Father, as we gather in Your presence today, we come with hearts filled with awe and reverence. We remember the authority and power displayed by Jesus when He taught in the synagogue. We ask for a similar revelation of Your authority in our lives. May this time of worship be an opportunity for us to draw nearer to You.

People: We seek Your healing, deliverance, and a deeper understanding of Your Word. In Jesus' name, amen.

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: In humility, let us confess our sins to the Lord. He is gracious and kind, forgiving completely.

People: Gracious and Merciful God, we confess the evils of our souls. We harbor laziness, doubts, fears, and other worldly distractions that cloud our faith and hinder Your authority in our lives. Forgive us, Lord. Loving Father, just as Jesus exercised His authority and cast out unclean spirits, we seek Your forgiveness and deliverance. We receive Your forgiveness and renewal. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

† We Hear God's Word †

(Today's Bible readings are found on page 12 of this worship program)

Old Testament Reading: *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 8:1-13*

Holy Gospel: *Mark 1:21-28*

Response Song:

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart.
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Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love as we sing, Holy Holy Holy.

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart.
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Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy holy holy I want to see You.

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy holy holy I want to see You.

Message: “Knowledge Puffs Up, but Love Builds Up” - 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

† 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 †

Prayer 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 Depart in Peace †

Benediction

Closing Song:

“This is Amazing Grace”

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness? Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?

The King of Glory the King above all kings!

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder? Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?

The King of Glory the King above all kings!

This is amazing grace this is unfailing love!

That You would take my place - That You would bear my cross!

You would lay down Your life that I would be set free!

Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me!

Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?

The King of Glory the King above all kings!

Who rules the nations with truth and justice? Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?

The King of Glory the King above all kings!

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain and worthy is the King who conquered the grave!

And worthy is the Lamb who was slain - Worthy is the King who conquers the grave!

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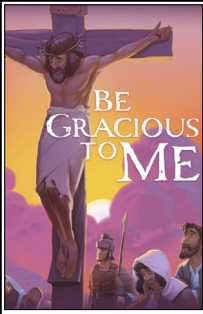
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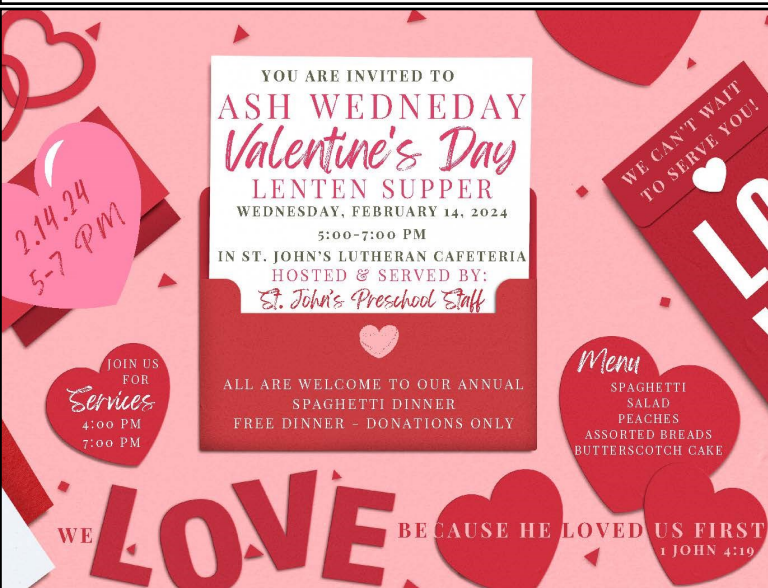
Midweek Lent Bible Study Series

***"Be Gracious to Me"* led by Pastor Jack**
Weekly for 5 Wednesdays: February 21 through March 20
6:30 pm at the Heritage House

Please stop in and enjoy a delicious Lenten Supper hosted by one of our St. John's Ministries in the school cafeteria, and then join us for our midweek Lenten Bible Study titled, *"Be Gracious to Me"*. This study centers around Psalm 41 where God's grace wells up and King David exults God, tracing the flow of divine grace from the source to its believers. He watches the current flow and spring forth in the lives of all believers through Baptism. Discover how Christ's sufferings are your sufferings, and more importantly, how David's words in Psalm 41 have become your reality through Christ. In the day of trouble, the Lord delivers you. The Lord protects you and keeps you alive. You are called blessed in the land.

If you would like to attend, you are welcome to use the Sign-Up Genius link provided below, or contact Regina Bullerman through **email:** rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org or **phone:** 937-240-3004.

Sign Up Genius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040845A8AA22A2FB6-47220213-lent>



Free Will Offerings given at the Ash Wednesday Lenten Supper will go towards our St. John's Preschool Program and Growing Roots Campaign.

St. John's Lutheran Church 2024 Lenten & Holy Week Worship Service Schedule and Activities



Lenten Worship Services

Ash Wednesday Services: February 14

4:00 & 7:00 pm with Communion and Distribution of Ashes

Ash Wednesday Supper: 5:00-7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria/Gym

Midweek Lenten Services: February 21 & 28; March 6, 13, and 20; 4:00 pm

Midweek Lenten Suppers: Wednesdays, February 21-March 20, 5:00-6:30 pm in the School Cafeteria/Gym

Midweek Lenten Bible Study: Wednesdays, February 21-March 20: *"Be Gracious to Me"*, weekly Bible study, led by Pastor Jack, 6:30 pm in the Heritage House.



Holy Week Worship Services March 24-March 30

Palm Sunday Services: March 24

9:00 am: 2024 Youth Rite of Confirmation - Sanctuary
11:00 am: Contemporary - Gym

Maundy Thursday Service: March 28

7:00 pm Worship & 1st Holy Communion for 2024 Youth Confirmants

Good Friday: March 29

Tenebrae Service: "Service of Darkness", 7:00 pm
Prayer Vigil: Starts at 8:00 pm - Marie Pfarr Room

Holy Saturday Service: March 30

6:00 pm with Communion

Easter Sunday Services: March 31

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 — All Are Welcome!

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)**.

Valet Parking: Available at the 9:00 am service. Contact Charlie Fisher at 614-370-5495 or clfpagg@aol.com if interested in helping valet park, or have questions.

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers are given in thanksgiving to God and in celebration of **Rosalie Anderson's 6th birthday** on January 30 and **Liza Foster's 4th birthday** on January 27th.

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S JAN. 28-FEB. 4, 2024

TODAY 01/28/24	9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service (Live-Streamed)
	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am	2023-24 Youth Catechism Class/Modulars
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service/Gym
	1:30 pm	Quarterly Voter's Meeting/Gym
	6:00 pm	Jr. LYF: Youth Night/Gym
MONDAY	5:30 pm	SJS - COAL BBall Tournament @ Home
	8:00 pm	Adult Open Gym Volleyball
TUESDAY	11:30 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
	5:30 pm	SJS - COAL BBall Tournament @ Home
WEDNESDAY	1:30 pm	ACES/Youth House
THURSDAY	12:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
	1:00 pm	Ladies Aid Meeting/Heritage House
	8:00 pm	Dartball/Gym
FRIDAY	1:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
SATURDAY	4:00 pm	Sanctuary Worship Service: Communion
SUNDAY 02/04/24	9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service (Live-Streamed): Communion
	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am	2023-24 Youth Catechism Class/Modulars
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service/Gym: Communion

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—Mrs. Susie Miller & Mrs. Jayme Allen's Modular Classroom

High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"—Youth House

Women's Bible Study—Classroom (below the school loft):
Topic - "Where Love Abides." Bible study based on John 15:1-17, written by Donna Snow.

Adult Bible Study—School Cafeteria: **New Topic - "Job"**
led by Rich & Kristine Rausch.

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



Weekly Church Attendance

4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am
1/20 & 1/21: 292

Weekly Worship Bible Readings

We have provided next weekends Bible readings for those of you who would like to read and study the Word ahead of next weekends worship services:

February 3-4, 2024

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Holy Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39

Congregational Tithe—3rd Qtr. Mission Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2023-24

LCMS Ohio District - 50%;

Youth Mission Outreach - 10%;

Armed Forces Ministry - 40%



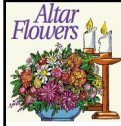
NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



Those who are visiting with us today, please feel free to take a blue visitor "welcome" bag located in the back of church or on the tables in the gym at 11:00 am worship service.

Weekly 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



2024 ALTAR FLOWER DATES

Flower dates can be reserved for altar or chancel flowers by contacting Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111. Many dates are still available for the year 2024. Dates available for altar flowers for the first six months are the following:

February 4	February 25	May 5	June 16
February 11	April 14	May 12	June 23
February 18	April 21	June 2	

Chancel flowers are available almost every weekend.

Worship Transportation Ministry



We are in need of drivers to pick up and drop off members for worship. If you are interested in helping serve in this capacity, please contact Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary,

for more information. Call 937-240-3004 or email rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org.

Quarterly Voter's Assembly Meeting



The Quarterly Voter's Assembly

Meeting will be held **TODAY, Sunday, January 28, 2024** at 1:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Please consider attending this meeting to become a voting member. Voting guidelines are available in the literature racks in the Marie Pfarr Room.

January Junior Youth Event

January 28th

6-8 pm In the Gym



Prison Ball, 4-Square Volleyball, Sock Soccer and Devos!
Join the Fun!

Bring yourself and a bag of chips to pass and maybe a friend!



Extra Seats Available for SJS 8th Grade Washington DC Trip!



There are seats available for travel to Washington D.C. with our annual 8th graders trip. This year's travel kicks off with a departure on April 24th and returning on April 27th. We will visit historical and memorial sites included but not limited to The Museum of the Bible, The Library of Congress, The US Capitol, Washington Cathedral, and Mount Vernon. Please contact Mr. Rausch by **February 1st** if you have any questions or are interested.

Email: r-rausch@sjsmarysville.org or
Call: 937-240-3003

Contribution Statements Available

Member contribution statements are ready and can be picked up after this weekends worship services. They will also be available at the Quarterly Voter's Meeting. This will help us save some money on postage. After that, any remaining statements will be mailed.

If you have questions regarding your statement, please contact Teresa Nickle, Financial Secretary.

MORE NOTES & NEWS



THE TEXAS TENORS IN CONCERT! APRIL 6, 2024!

If you have not reserved your seat for THE TEXAS TENORS, we need to hear from you this week!

A limited number of tickets are available for this sold out concert on Saturday, April 6th, at the Arbogast Performing Arts Center, in Troy, Ohio. The performance begins at 7:00 pm; so we'll plan to leave around 3:30-4:00 to allow for travel and dinner.

Total cost for your ticket, motor coach transportation, dinner, and gratitude's, (not including ice cream) is \$125.00 person. We need your \$10.00 deposit by the end of January to reserve your seat.

As many of you know, the Texas Tenors will present a moving concert, filled with popular songs, patriotic tunes, along with awesome audio visuals and graphics. The Golden Eagles have become Texas Tenor fans and would love to have you aboard!

Contact Jeff or Carol Reinhard (614) 560-5085 or Annie Scheiderer (937) 707-0424 to put your name on the list!



Everyone, Ladies and Men, Are Invited To Come!

Our Thursday, Feb. 1st, Ladies Aid meeting will be held at the Heritage House at 1:00 pm. Our speaker will be Stephen Ministry leader, Marie Van Gorden. You will learn how a Stephen Minister is trained to be a lay Christian caregiver for you, your family or friends. Please come to learn about this vital ministry at St. John's.



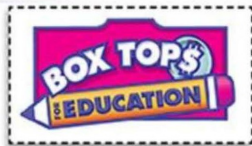
"Birthday Blessings" - I am so amazed and grateful for Pastor Jack, my Church Family, the 3 & 4 year old class (touched my heart), and Mrs. Wade's 5th grade class for all the cards and prayers for my birthday. Bless each of you for blessing me!

"Num. 6:24-26" **Beth Brown**

I am humbled and thankful for your prayers and encouragement as I faced hip replacement surgery. I was blessed with God using the skilled medical team for a routine procedure to better my mobility. I appreciate all who have reached out - it certainly is making this rehab easier.

Wanda DuPuis

Students, participate in the Box Tops for Education program for an opportunity for your class to win!



**YOUR CLASS COULD
WIN AN ICE CREAM**

Starting in February, St. John's Lutheran School will be collecting Box Tops submissions for each grade on the Box Tops app. The class with the most Box Tops collected from Feb 1st - 29th will receive a CEA-sponsored ice cream party!!

Scan the code to download the Box Tops app and start earning for our school today!



Please contact Sonja Collier (cea@sismarysville.org or 614-266-9315) for further information.



Bring the Whole Family! St. John's Shrove Pancake Dinner

february 13th; 5-7 pm
School Gym



Katie's Pancakes will be flipping Pancakes to you! Pancakes, sausage, coffee, orange juice are provided.

this is a free event. freewill offering is accepted and will go to cea to help cover the cost of this and future events.

email cea@sismarysville.org with questions

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



Greetings from Stephen Ministry. In 2016, we started a new generation of Stephen Ministers at St. John's. Two classes of Stephen Ministers were commissioned and extended compassionate care to many members. The year 2020 was hard for Stephen Ministry. We are looking to restart the Stephen Ministry at St. John's.

Over the next few months, there will be information announced in church as well as in the Notes & News. We will reach out to groups at St. John's to explain what Stephen Ministry does and how you as members of this church can help grow St. John's into a Stephen Ministry church. This is a process that will take some time.

We are in a phase, at this time, to recruit Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers are congregation members, trained by Stephen Leaders, to offer care to people who hurting. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person weekly for an hour.

Pastors feel confident referring people to Stephen Ministers because they know that Stephen Ministers are carefully selected, well-trained, and well-supervised caregivers. Stephen Ministry can help support our pastor in his outreach to those folks who are going through difficult times.

We invite you to listen and read the information that we will present over the next weeks. Our goal is to start a new class of Stephen Ministers after Easter.

We have two scheduled meetings to present more information about Stephen Ministry:

- February 1 at 1:00 pm, Heritage House (Ladies Aid meeting, all welcome)
- February 4 at 10:00 am, Cafeteria (Rich and Kristine Rausch Sunday School, all welcome)

For more information on Stephen Ministry, please contact:

Doug Doellinger - Phone: 937-644-0576, Email - weaverwood8@gmail.com or

Marie Van Gorden - Phone: 614-736-7162, Email - marievangorden@gmail.com



January 30 - March 19, 2024

9 am - 11:30 am

(Every Tuesday for 8 Weeks)

Richwood Bank

250 E. 5th Street, Marysville, Ohio 43040

For more information
or to register:



NotAloneOhio.org

A free educational program for family, partners, and friends of those with mental health conditions. With lived experience, our instructors understand and remind you that you are not alone. Research shows that our program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of those closest to those with a mental health condition. Join us better to understand your loved one's diagnosis and its impact. Questions? Please contact Ginny at Ginny@NotAloneOhio.org or (740) 815-1767.

NAMI Mid Ohio receives funding from and is a provider for the Delaware-Morrow Mental Health & Recovery Services Board, the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Union County, and SourcePoint: Thrive After 55.

Board of Properties Survey

A survey from the Board of Properties has been included in the worship program for this weekend.

The purpose of the survey is to assist the board in prioritizing facility issues, and they are therefore asking the congregation for their input.

A drop box has been placed in the Marie Pfarr Room and on the table in the gym during Contemporary Worship for you to place your completed survey.

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

Moses prophesized that God would raise up a prophet like him from among the Israelites. God warned against following false prophets and declared that any prophet who spoke His name but spoke falsely would be held accountable.

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 8:1-13*

Paul addressed the issue of eating food sacrificed to idols. He emphasized that knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. He urged believers to prioritize love over personal rights and freedoms for the sake of others.

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. ⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 190

Holy Gospel: *Mark 1:21-28*

Jesus taught in the synagogue with authority and casted out an unclean spirit from a man. The people were amazed at His power and authority. When we gather together for worship and teaching, we can experience the transformative power and authority of God’s Word. Just as the people were amazed by Jesus’ authority, we can be encouraged to recognize and respond to the authority of Christ in our lives, seeking His guidance and deliverance from anything that oppresses or hinders us.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

G Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching.

²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.

²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.