

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 26-27, 2025



ReCap!

The wonderful gift of calling out to God in prayer is emphasized this Sunday. In our Psalm, David states that God answers his call and strengthens his soul. Likewise, the Introit discusses calling to God. This theme is then summarized in the Collect: "Let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray." Although not directly referring to prayer, Paul in the Epistle encourages the Colossians to walk in Christ, established in the faith and abounding in thanksgiving, which certainly would include prayers of gratitude. Then Jesus, in the Gospel, teaches His disciples to pray and offers a parable stressing persistence in prayer. After eating with Abraham (last Sunday's reading), the two angels set out for the Plain of Sodom while Abraham stops to speak with God in prayer. Following Abraham's pleading to deliver Sodom and Gomorrah for the sake of the righteous who might dwell there, God then rescues Abraham's nephew, Lot, and his daughters, after which the Lord destroys the cities.

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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. and Sunday 9 a.m. Worship Services

Kevin Vollrath – Organist

“Praying is More than Saying” - Luke 11:1–13

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WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

LSB 905

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 50:1, 3–5, 14–15; John 15:7, 16; Romans 12:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:17–18

- P** Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- C** **The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.**
- P** Jesus says, “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”
- C** **He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people.**
- P** The apostle Paul writes, “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”
- C** **God says, “Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!”**
- P** Jesus said, “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you.”
- C** **“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”**
- P** Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Most merciful God,
- C** **we call upon You because we are troubled by our sins—our sinful thoughts, words, and actions. We are equally troubled by those times when we have failed to act or speak up. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who delivered us through His perfect life, death, and resurrection so that we may glorify You with our lives.**
- P** Our God hears our prayers for mercy and graciously forgives our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace.
- C** **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 119:145–149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15

- P** Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.
C **With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD! I will keep Your statutes.**
P I call to You; save me, that I may observe Your testimonies.
C **I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in Your words.**
P My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on Your promise.
C **Hear my voice according to Your steadfast love;**
P O LORD, according to Your justice give me life.
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
P Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Genesis 18:17-33*

PSALM

Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 3

- C** **On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.**
L I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise; I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.
C **On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.**
L All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of Your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.
C **For though the Lord is high, He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar.**
L Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life; You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me.
C **The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of Your hands.**
L On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.

EPISTLE READING: *Colossians 2:6-19*

VERSE

Luke 11:9

- P** Alleluia.
C **I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.**
P Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 11:1-13*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come, My Soul, with Every Care”

LSB 779

SERMON: **“Praying is More than Saying”** - *Luke 11:1-13*

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

LYF YOUTH GATHERING RE-CAP

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Brothers and sisters in Christ, I encourage you to lift your hearts to God and pray with me as Jesus has taught us and promises to hear us.
- C Our Father in heaven,**
- P** Heavenly Father, mercifully hear the prayers of your people on behalf of our congregation, community, nation, and world.
- C Holy be Your name.**
- P** Holy Lord, we know Your name is holy. We ask that it be kept holy among us as we bear that name and live as Your people in this world.
- C Your Kingdom come.**
- P** Lord Jesus, we thank You for planting Your Kingdom among us as You nourish us with Your body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. We eagerly anticipate the fullness of Your kingdom coming and ask that You continue to do Your good and gracious work in, through, and among us while we wait for Your return.
- C Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**
- P** Heavenly Father, we know that it is Your will that all people come to the knowledge of the truth and are saved. Work Your will here on earth. Work through our governing authorities and their agents to bring Your will to all people.
- C Give us today our daily bread.**
- P** Loving Father, we thank and praise You for providing everything we need for our bodies and lives. Prevent us from being selfish and greedy. As You generously bless us, lead us to be a blessing to others, especially those who are in need.
- C Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**
- P** O Jesus, forgive and empower us to forgive others so that our relationships are ruled by Your peace. Create clean hearts within us so that we may approach You boldly, with confidence.
- C Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**
- P** Almighty God, as we face trials and temptations, strengthen us by the power of Your Spirit so we can stand firm against the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. Watch over all we name before You this day. Deliver us from evil now and forever.
- C For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERINGS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

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



BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

LSB 917

Sunday 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

“Covered” Praise Band – Accompanists

“Praying is More than Saying” - Luke 11:1–13

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Preservice Music

“Sweetly Broken”

To the cross I look and to the cross I cling.
Of its suffering I do drink, of its work I do sing
On it my Savior, both bruised and crushed,
Showed that God is love and God is just.

At the cross You beckon me. You draw me gently to my knees
And I am lost for words, so lost in love,
I'm sweetly broken, wholly surrendered!

What a priceless gift! Undeserved life!
Have I been given through Christ crucified
You called me out of death, You called me into life!
And I was under Your wrath, now through the cross I'm reconciled!

At the cross You beckon me. You draw me gently to my knees
And I am lost for words, so lost in love,
I'm sweetly broken, wholly surrendered!

In awe of the cross I must confess, how wondrous Your redeeming love!
And how great is Your faithfulness!

At the cross You beckon me. You draw me gently to my knees
And I am lost for words, so lost in love,
I'm sweetly broken, wholly surrendered!

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Welcome & Time of Greeting

Invocation

- [P]** *We praise the Lord with all our hearts!*
- [C]** **We praise Him for His unfailing love and faithfulness.**
- [P]** *When we call on the name of the Lord, He answers.*
- [C]** **May all who hear rejoice together- praise the Lord!**

LYF Youth Gathering Re-Cap

Opening Prayer

Time of Praise and Worship

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God, come
One day every tongue will confess you are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now

Come, now is the time to worship
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Come, just as you are to worship
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Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship

Oh Come, O Come, O Come
Worship the Lord, O Come
Come, Come, Come

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Time of Confession and Forgiveness

- P** *Father bind our hearts and minds together with Your Spirit. We confess that our lips will offer empty words, a dangerous habit that destroys our souls.*
- C** **Forgive us, Lord, for our lying lips.**
- P** *We desire to be pleasing to You, Father. Rid us of lies, empty promises, and steer us by the power of Your Holy Spirit into the light of truth.*
- C** **Keep our tongues from speaking evil that spreads like wildfire. Replace the evil with Your truth. Give us hearts of flesh, sold out to You.**
- P** *Thank you for your forgiveness and strength. In Jesus' name, amen.*

† We Hear God's Word †

(Today's Bible readings are found on pages 14-15 of this worship program)

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 18:17-33*

Epistle Reading: *Colossians 2:6-19*

Holy Gospel: *Luke 11:1-13*

Response Song:

“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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Message: “Praying is More than Saying” - *Luke 11:1–13*

† 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:

“Create in Me a Clean Heart Oh God”

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence; O Lord And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And renew a right spirit within me!

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NOTES AND NEWS

2025 LCMS Youth Gathering **ENDURE - Hebrews 12:1-3**

St. John's LYF spent 6 days this past week in New Orleans for the LCMS Youth Gathering, growing in our personal relationships with Christ and relationships with each other!

What is the Gathering? Held every 3 years, the Gathering provides youth and adults the opportunity to come together as God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus, learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. The 2025 Youth Gathering, brought 20,000 Lutheran high schoolers and their leaders to worship our Savior together!

Our group returns with full hearts after a mountaintop experience this past week. We have appreciated all your prayers of support this past year as we prepared, and now pray that Christ will continue to be at work in our hearts as we return, growing us ever closer to Him! We continue on in the name of the God who calls us to **ENDURE**: the Father who created us, the Son who endured the cross for us, and the Holy Spirit who strengthens us to run the race.

2025 Youth Gathering Attendees:

Youth:

Sam Blumenschein
Hannah Boehm
Jackson Burns
Noah Burns
Allie Boyd
Conner Boyd
Sylvia Eley
Jackson Firestone
Lincoln Firestone
Christopher Fisher
Nate Fisher
Avery Gallmeyer
Cody Gallmeyer

Youth:

Tesslynn Moore
Leo Rausch
Mac Rausch
Lilly Smith
Lily Vollrath
Ava Wirick

Adults:

RJ Zeiler
Laura Zeiler
Mark Moran
Pastor Drake Peterson
Angie Vollrath
Trevor Burns



Please join us for the
**INSTALLATION OF
EMILY ANDERSON**

ST JOHN'S
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

*August 10th
9:00 am service in the sanctuary.
There will be a light reception and
card shower in the gymnasium
following the service.*

Marie Pfarr Welcome Room Refresh

The past few months, we have been prayerfully preparing to refresh the Marie Pfarr Welcome Room. As the historic cross and Bible verses go up in the next few weeks, we would like to take a moment to thank the committee who have poured out their hearts into this ministry. Their faithful service has helped us steward His space in a way that honors Christ and warmly welcomes His people.

Church Directory Greeters Needed: Sign-up to help greet families for the church directory in August! Greeters will check families in, as well as update contact information for a smooth photography session. Dates are August 13-16, and greeter slots are 2 hour long increments. We appreciate your help creating our new directory! For any questions, please contact Laura Zeiler at 913-549-0057. Sign-up link: <https://tinyurl.com/SJCDirectoryGreeter>

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, 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.

St. John's Radio Program airs Sunday mornings at **8:00am** on local channel **WQTT (1270 AM & 98.7 FM)**.

The Lutheran Hour: To find the Lutheran Hour go to www.lhm.org and search the Lutheran Hour Broadcast Guide, and enter your zip code or state to get a list of local radio channels. Jim Vandre, LHM Ambassador.

Valet Parking is available at the 9:00 am service. Contact Charlie Fisher at 614-370-5495 (call or text) or email clfpagg@aol.com if interested in helping valet park, or have questions.

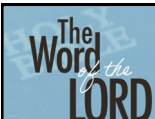
Altar Flowers: Altar flowers are to the Glory of God; given by **Karen, Zach and Cody Rausch**.

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S JULY 27—AUGUST 3, 2025

TODAY	2025 Youth Gathering Re-Cap
07/27/25	9:00 am Traditional Worship Service: Live Streamed
	10:00 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am Stephen Ministry Group Meeting/Heritage House
	11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
	1:30 pm Quarterly Voter's Meeting/Gym
MONDAY	5:30 pm "Taste of Stephens Ministry": Major Medical Crisis - Part 1
TUESDAY	11:30 am Ladies Aid Quilting
WEDNESDAY	1:30 pm ACES/Youth House
THURSDAY	12:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting
FRIDAY	1:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting
SATURDAY	6:00 pm Saturday Worship Service: Communion
SUNDAY	9:00 am Traditional Worship Service: Communion
08/03/25	Live Streamed
	10:00 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study Youth & Children Sunday School
	11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service: Communion
	2:00 pm Scioto Ridge Boys Concert & Ice Cream Social: Hosted by The Golden Eagles/Gym



The Quarterly Voter's Assembly Meeting will be held **Sunday, July 27**, at 1:30 p.m. in the school gym. Please consider attending this meeting to become a voting member. If you would like additional information on voting membership, please pick up a pamphlet located in the Marie Pfarr Room literature racks.



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:

August 2-3, 2025

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

Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

Holy Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 13-21

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 11:00 am

(Spring-Summer Schedule)

3 Years-Kindergarten—Church Basement

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

7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class—Will start back up after Labor Day. Please join the High School Youth in the Youth House for the summer.

High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"—Youth House

Women's Bible Study—Classroom (below the school loft).
Topic - "Unshakable" by Donna Snow. This study focuses on 8 men and women in the Bible whom God shook to the core, and then used to point people to the hope of salvation.

Adult Bible Study—School Cafeteria

**ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL BE
CANCELLED AUGUST 10 & SEPTEMBER 7.**

If you have questions, please contact the
Sunday School Superintendent,
Amanda Moore at sundayschool@sjsmarysville.org



Weekly Church Attendance

**6:00 pm Saturday and Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am
7/19 & 7/20: 265**

Congregational Tithe—1st Qtr. Mission Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2025-26

LCMS Ohio District - 50%;
VBS - 20%; Armed Forces Ministry - 10%;
Lutheran Hour - 10%; LWLM - 10%



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

St. John's Lutheran Church and School Volunteer Opportunities

Scan code for opportunities



To see available opportunities go to <https://www.sjsmarysville.org/volunteers/>



St. John's Lutheran Church



ALTAR FLOWER 2025 AVAILABLE DATES

The Flower Committee has these open dates available for altar flowers. The following dates are available through the end of this year:

August 3

September 21

October 19

September 14

October 12

November 16

If anyone would like to place flowers on the altar, please contact Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111 to reserve a date.

Chancel flowers are available almost every weekend.



Ladies Aid – Back to School Backpacks!

Back to school is right around the corner so let's help the kids! At our Ladies Aid meeting on August 7th we are planning to fill the backpacks for the Milford Center Pantry. The backpacks are provided, but we are in a need of the following donations: Crayons, Dry Erase Markers, Sharpened Pencils, Gluesticks, Pink Erasers, Composition Notebooks, Colored Markers, Highlighters, Black Sharpie Markers, Post-It's, Blue/Black Pens, Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper (loose). There will be marked boxes located in the Marie Pfarr Room to collect items. We appreciate your donations! Thank you!

The Ladies Aid Executive Committee



Committee Spotlight: Prayer Chain Ministry

The Prayer Chain Ministry is a vital outreach of St. John's, offering immediate, confidential prayer support during times of crisis. Whether facing serious illness, an accident, or another urgent need, our team is ready to lift you or your loved ones in prayer.

All shared information is kept in strict confidence, and prayers begin right away.

If you know someone in need of prayer—or if you'd like to join this compassionate ministry—please contact: **Wanda DuPuis at 614-542-9964.**



Our Next Church Pictorial Directory is here!

Sign-up to have your family photo taken to include in the directory!

Photography will take place in the Heritage House Wednesday, August 13th thru Saturday, August 16th. Wednesday-Friday photos will take place from 2p-8:30p and Saturday from 10a-4p.

You can sign up by going to www.ucdir.com, click the red 'photography session sign-up' button, login with church code 'oh2860' and password 'photos'. From there you will see the dates and times available.

In-person sign ups are available in the Marie Pfarr Room or Gym before and after each service. Each family photographed will receive a free 8x10 photo, as well as a printed directory. New this time, we'll also have a directory app. Our directory won't be complete without you!

For questions or help signing up, please call or text Laura Zeiler at 913-549-0057.

MORE NOTES & NEWS

Neudettelsau Nostalgia 7.22.25

Archaeological Dig in the Picnic Woods?

What began as excavation for the cabin foundation, resulted in a question by the construction crew, “What structure was here before?” There was no building, but the Ox Roast pit was built in the Picnic Woods.

A 1963 archive photo shows a crew and the recently completed pit, indicating the cabin foundation builders had, according to the cabin plans, unknowingly dug the back wall of the cabin foundation in the exact location of one of the pit walls! Many cinders from the wood-fired pit were also found.

If all goes according to plan, the foundation will be in place this weekend. We will then be ready to get onto the builder’s schedule to reconstruct the cabin.



Pictured in the 1963 photo (left) is Doyle Rausch on the left, the men standing behind the pit are Ewald Blumenschein, Wally Rausch, Bob Rausch, and Teacher W. J. Wulff.



Photo of foundation prep work (above). Workers from Landon Landscape Solutions working at the site are Joe Landon, Brian Rausch, Brian’s son Justin Rausch, Justin’s daughter Jada Rausch Miller, Sam Vollrath, and Roger.



Photo with the ox roast pit foundation showing (above).

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



THE SCIOTO RIDGE BOYS IN CONCERT & ICE CREAM SOCIAL: SUNDAY, AUGUST 3rd - 2 PM!

As dear personal friends, we've been privileged to know the **The Scioto Ridge Boys Quartet** and their families and follow their journey over the last 30+ years! When they recently announced their retirement, we knew we needed to have one more opportunity to share their amazing talents and their passion for sharing the love of Jesus Christ with audiences everywhere they travel! With multiple albums to their credit and a full concert schedule every year, their impact has been phenomenal! Even if this is the very first time you've heard them, we know you will agree, this is truly a mission of love!

This **Free-Will Concert**, followed by an **Ice Cream Social** with delicious desserts, will kick off the **GOLDEN EAGLES'** annual mission of supporting the students and families at **Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana**, as they pursue their life's work in the Lord's service. Every August we begin collecting non-perishable food items, diapers, baby wipes, paper products, and cleaning supplies, along with gift cards for restaurant chains and major gasoline companies. The food and paper products are used by the Seminary in their Food Co-op on campus which serves the needs of the families during their schooling, many who have small children and minimum of extra cash. The gift cards are given as a part of the Seminary's Christmas celebration to allow families a special treat over the Christmas holidays. A full list of donation suggestions will be available in the Marie Pfarr Room. Hopefully, a representative from Concordia Lutheran Seminary will be joining us at the concert!

Please plan to join us on Sunday, August 3rd at 2:00 pm in the school gymnasium for a Gospel Concert you won't soon forget! Bring your friends and neighbors! All are welcome! Let's give The Scioto Ridge Boys the send off they deserve!

If you would be willing to contribute a dessert that we can share along with the ice cream, please sign up in the Marie Pfarr Room & at Contemporary Worship. We would greatly appreciate your help! For more information, contact Jeff Reinhard (614-560-5085) or Carol Reinhard (614-579-9124).

PENNSYLVANIA HERITAGE TOUR - SEPT. 8th - 11th, 2025! The bus is filling up but we still have room for you! Our complete itinerary, which includes stops in Shanksville, Gettysburg, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as well as the long running live stage production of **NOAH**, are available in the Marie Pfarr room and the cafeteria during contemporary services. Seats are filling up! Contact us soon to insure your place on this exciting trip!

THANK
you.

To everyone who came to my aid last Sunday when I was feeling ill: Thank you sincerely for your caring concern! What an incredible gift to know that our St. John's family is blessed with so many trained professionals who are willing to step forward at a moment's notice when needed! Jeff and I both felt your love! **Carol Reinhard**

Thanks to everyone for the birthday wishes and cards, and especially to the 3 year old through Kindergarten Sunday school classes for their great cards!

God's blessings – **Doug Barker**



Something new and fun this summer!

Families are invited to a park play group once a week. Meet around 9:30am or whenever works for you. Stay and play as long as you like!

Wednesday, July 30	American Legion Park
Monday, August 4	Aldersgate Park
Wednesday, August 13	Schwartzkopf Park

Only a few more opportunities to join in the fun.
Hope to see you there!

MORE NOTES & NEWS

Singing the promise of God's hope and love!

The Scioto Ridge Boys **IN CONCERT!**



Mark Snider Barry Weaver Bob Houston Bob Joseph

St. John's Lutheran Church **Sunday, August 3, 2025 - 2 PM**

12809 State Route 736, Marysville, OH 43040

*Sponsored by the Golden Eagles Senior Ministry of St. John's and St. Paul Churches.
Ice Cream Social and fellowship will follow the concert. All are welcome!*

*Free will donations will support the Food Co-op of Concordia Theological Seminary,
Fort Wayne, to benefit seminary students and their families*

To God be the Glory!

St. John's Church & School Picnic

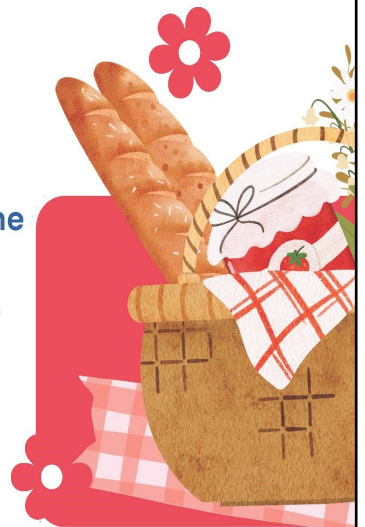
August 17th

**Lunch, games and car show following
11 am service**

**Last names beginning
A-N bring a side dish
O-Z bring a dessert**

**Please bring your
vintage vehicles for the
car show**

**To volunteer or sign up
for the softball team
scan here**



Greetings from Stephen Ministry!

It's hard to believe summer is half over, and we hope your summer has been awesome. Plans are in the works for our next Stephen Ministry Training. This ministry has evolved in such awesome ways. We have a group that is truly passionate about serving others and helping them through tough times. But we are also a group that supports and prays for each other in tough times. It is truly an awesome ministry.

We will start a new training class on Sunday, September 7 at 10:00 am in the Heritage House. This class is open to ANY adult church members. Consider joining us to become a Stephen Minister, or take the classes to learn communication skills that can be useful for sharing the love of Christ with the people with whom you work and play.

We continue with our "Taste of Stephen Ministry" this summer at the Heritage House:

- Monday, July 28, 5:30 pm: "Major Medical Crisis - Part 1"
- Sunday, August 10, 10:00 am: "Major Medical Crisis - Part 2"
- Monday, August 25, 5:30 pm: "Dealing with Aging - Part 1"
- Sunday, September 14, 10:00 am: "Dealing with Aging - Part 2"

Materials are provided but will need to be ordered by August 30. Please notify Marie Van Gorden 614-736-7162 to register and for more information.

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

Help Support Our Youth at St. John's!

Have you been wanting to connect with the youth at St. John's or feel more involved with the school community? Here's a meaningful way to make a difference!

I am looking for 15–30 church members to commit to 1–2 years of encouragement and prayer for one of our students—either an incoming 8th grader or a student transitioning into high school.

You'll be matched with a youth and provided with:

- Their mailing address
- Key dates (birthday, baptism, confirmation, etc.)
- Activities they're involved in
- Times to send cards or notes of encouragement (e.g. holidays, testing weeks, milestones)

Your small gestures—prayers, cards, and well wishes—can make a lasting impact.

Interested?

Please contact **Marie Leng at 614-483-3024 or rie519@aol.com.**

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 18:17-33*

Abraham pleaded with the Lord to not destroy the righteous ones living in Sodom and Gomorrah, whose sin was so great the Lord grieved. The Lord told Abraham that if there were ten righteous people in the city, He would spare the whole place. Unfortunately, only Abraham and his family were considered righteous.

¹⁷The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." ²⁰Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Colossians 2:6-19

We were once dead in our transgressions but have been raised to new life in Christ. We must be careful to not follow false teachings and be fully devoted to the Word of God, spending time with Him and also studying His truths.

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. ¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Sat. 6 p.m. & Sun. 9 a.m.) **Verse**

Luke 11:9

P Alleluia.

C I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

P Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

The disciples were curious about how to pray in the way that Jesus was praying. So, Jesus taught them to say the Lord's prayer, but went on to explain more than just lip service. He compared Father God to a loving parent meeting the needs of His son.

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²And he said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'" ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

“Lord,
teach us to
pray...”

Luke 11:1

