

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2-3, 2025



We set our minds on so many things. We get distracted. We meander through life. We are deep into the Pentecost season, and it's easy to lose focus on the work Jesus continues to do through His Word in the church. We set our minds on worldly things instead of higher things "where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God". In Baptism we are given the eternal riches that outlast anything of this life. For the things of this life are transitory; they are "vanity of vanities! All is vanity". We often turn God's gifts into gods and love the gift rather than the Giver of the gift. This is especially true when it comes to money, worldly riches. They are but temporary gifts, and we should rather enjoy receiving the true gifts of life: Christ's Word and Sacraments. For the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that they give cause us to live forever when "life, goods, fame, child, and wife" are taken from us. "Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won; The Kingdom ours remaineth". "So [that is, quite dead and hopeless] is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God". Thus, the Gospel sets the theme for the day. Things of this world, like the abundance of the rich man's crops, ultimately avail nothing, but the things above, the things of Christ, bless for eternity. "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity," of all those things for which man strives "after wind," "under the sun", things of this life. But "whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward". This is also Paul's counsel in the Epistle. Since Christ is above, we should set our minds on things there, knowing that we will someday be glorified with Him in heaven forever. Therefore, "O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace!"

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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.



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

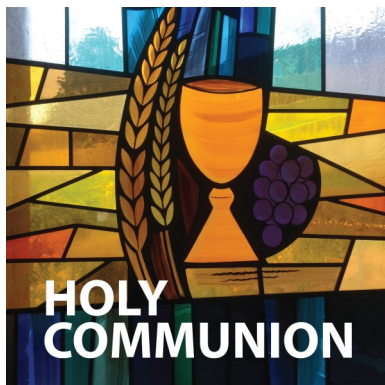
The following is a summary of what we believe and teach as Missouri Synod Lutheran Christians. Because we care for you, we ask that you carefully review the following statements:

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.



Saturday 6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. Worship Services

Divine Service *Setting One* – LSB pg. 151

Dale Scheiderer – Organist

“Living a New Life” - *Colossians 3:1-11*

Golfers enjoy getting a mulligan—a free shot or do-over. As we look back on our lives, we sometimes see times that we wish we could go back to and have a mulligan. We would like to be able to go back and make a different decision or fix a mistake we made. We cannot turn back time. God gives us something better. He gives us a new life—a fresh start that we get to celebrate every day as we remember our Baptism and the riches God gives us.

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING HYMN

“God Himself Is Present”

LSB 907

INVOCATION/CONFESSION OF SIN – LSB pg. 151

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **WORSHIP PRESENTATION** by *The First Review*, “**Ceaseless Praise**”

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 156

[Today's Bible readings are found on pages 15-16 of this worship program]

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

EPISTLE READING: *Colossians 3:1-11*

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

☩ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Luke 12:13-21*

SERMON: “**Living a New Life**” - *Colossians 3:1-11*

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

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

OFFERINGS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

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



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – LSB pg. 160

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION [as found on page 2 of this worship program]

PREFACE LSB 160

SANCTUS LSB 161

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING LSB 161

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD LSB 162

LORD'S PRAYER LSB 162

- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI LSB 163

AGNUS DEI LSB 163

DISTRIBUTION LSB 164

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Take My Life and Let It Be" LSB 783

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" LSB 851

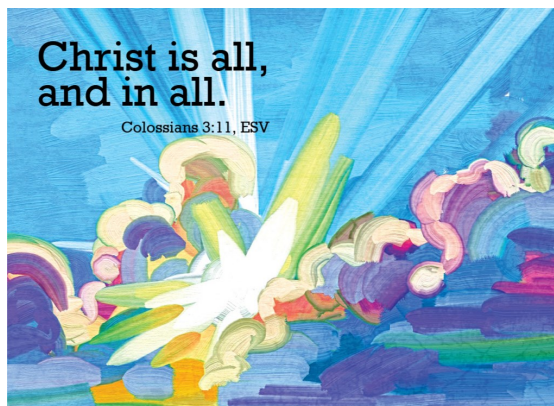
DISMISSAL

THANK THE LORD LSB 164

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT LSB 166

BENEDICTION LSB 166

CLOSING HYMN "Praise and Thanksgiving" LSB 789



Sunday 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Steven Bumgarner – Accompanist

“Living a New Life” - Colossians 3:1–11

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† We Lift Our Hearts in Worship †

Preservice Music

Welcome & Time of Greeting

Invocation

Opening Prayer

Time of Praise and Worship

“Untitled Hymn (Come To Jesus)”

Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die
O raise your head for Love is passin' by
Come to Jesus! Come to Jesus! Come to Jesus and live!

Now your burden's lifted and carried far away
And precious blood has washed away the stain
So sing to Jesus! Sing to Jesus! Sing to Jesus and live!

Like a newborn baby, don't be afraid to crawl
And remember when you walk sometimes we fall
So fall on Jesus! Fall on Jesus! Fall on Jesus and live!

Sometimes the way is lonely and steep and filled with pain
So if your sky is dark and pours the rain
Then cry to Jesus. Cry to Jesus. Cry to Jesus and live.

O and when the love spills over and music fills the night
And when you can't contain your joy inside
Then dance for Jesus! Dance for Jesus! Dance for Jesus and live!

And with your final heartbeat, kiss the world good-bye
Then go in peace and laugh on glory's side
And fly to Jesus! Fly to Jesus! Fly to Jesus and live!
Fly to Jesus! Fly to Jesus! Fly to Jesus and live!

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Time of Confession and Forgiveness

[P] *Let us take a moment to each consider the worldly trappings that we cling to, whether for security, power, or pride. We confess, Lord that our hearts have become attached to money and things.*

[C] **Jesus, You are our true treasure.**

[P] *Forgive us for taking the blessings You bestow for granted.*

C We repent of our greed and selfishness.

P Fill our hearts with true gratitude for the free gift of Your love and grace.

C Thank You for Your mercy and forgiveness. Give us thankful hearts that are ready to share that which You have given to us.

P In Christ's name we pray,

C Amen.

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;

Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the Gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands with the very Bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong, yet gentle, word;

Praise the One who drove out demons with the piercing, two-edged sword.

Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;

From this Well comes living water, quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.

Jesus died and rose victorious that we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done;

Let us praise the true Redeemer, praise the One who makes us one.

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† We Hear God's Word †

(Today's Bible readings are found on pages 15-16 of this worship program)

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

Epistle Reading: *Colossians 3:1-11*

Holy Gospel: *Luke 12:13-21*

Message: "Living a New Life" - *Colossians 3:1-11*

† We Respond to God's Word †

Nicene Creed

C 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

† We Pray †

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

C 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 (7 Points of Preparation found on page 2 of this worship program)

Words of Institution

Distribution Song: "Be Still" *Communion Solo by Steven Curtis Chapman*

Dismissal Blessing

† We Depart in Peace †

Benediction

Closing Song:

"In His Time"

In His time in His time. He makes all things beautiful in His time!

Lord please show me ev'ry day as You're teaching me Your way that You do just what You say in Your time.

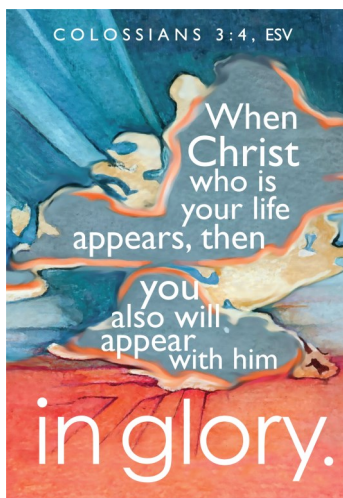
In Your time in Your time. You make all things beautiful in Your time!

Lord my life to You I bring may each song I have to sing be to You a lovely thing in Your time.

Hymns are a tremendous resource for teaching, learning and meditation – take a few moments this week to read through the words of one of your favorite hymns and see what new insights it may have for you this week.

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NOTES AND NEWS

2025-2026 Youth Catechism Class



St. John's Catechism Class

This year's **Youth Catechism program begins Sunday, August 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** in the school gym with a Welcome & Orientation. The first in class session starts **Sunday, September 7 at 10:00 a.m.** in the school modulars.

We welcome all new 7th grade students to attend. We look forward to seeing this year's 7th and 8th graders, along with the attendance of their supportive parents or caregivers, as we start this new faith journey together.



Kicking off the 2025-26 School Year!

Blessing of the Backpacks, Teacher Commissioning & Church-School Picnic

On Sunday, August 17, please join us for the "Blessing of the Backpacks" at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. Students – remember to bring your backpacks!

Also at the 9:00 a.m. service, we will Commission our St. John's Day School, Preschool, JEC and Sunday School Teachers. All Teachers please join us!

Following the 11:00 a.m. service (approximately noon); we will hold our Church & School Picnic. Please see the separate article in the N&N (page 13) for more details!

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.**

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>

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.*

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

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S AUGUST 3-10, 2025

TODAY 08/03/25 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service: Communion
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

TUESDAY 11:30 am Ladies Aid Quilting

WEDNESDAY 1:30 pm ACES/Youth House

THURSDAY 12:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting
1:00 pm Ladies Aid Meeting/Heritage House
6:30 pm Ladies Evening Bible Study/Youth House

FRIDAY 1:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting

SATURDAY 6:00 pm Saturday Worship Service

SUNDAY 08/10/25 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service: Live Streamed
Installation of Emily Anderson
10:00 am **Reception for Emily Anderson/Gym**
10:00 am **CANCELLED:** Adult & Young Adult Bible Study
Youth & Children Sunday School. *Please join us for Emily's Reception.*
10:00 am **"Taste of Stephens Ministry": Major Medical Crisis - Part 2/Heritage House**
11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service

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

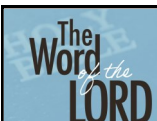
Women's Bible Study—Classroom (below the school loft).
Topic - "Unshakable" by Donna Snow. This study focuses on 8 men and women in the Bible whom God shook to the core, and then used to point people to the hope of salvation.

Adult Bible Study—School Cafeteria

**ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL BE
CANCELLED AUGUST 10 & AUGUST 31.**

**Children's Sunday School will move up a grade starting
Sunday, August 24.**

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



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 9-10, 2025

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

Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 11:1-16*

Holy Gospel Reading: *Luke 12:22-40*

Weekly Church Attendance

**6:00 pm Saturday and Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am
7/26 & 7/27: 252**

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 only **four** open dates for **altar flowers** through the end of this year. The following dates are available:

September 21

October 12

October 19

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



IN THE Spotlight

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



TODAY! 2:00 PM! **THE SCIOTO RIDGE BOYS** **CONCERT & ICE CREAM SOCIAL !**

We invite you to join us today at 2:00 pm in the St. John's gymnasium for a fun and uplifting concert of Christian harmony! We're so excited to have our friends, The Scioto Ridge Boys, back at St. John's sharing their amazing talents! When they recently announced their retirement, we knew we needed one more opportunity to share this talented quartet and their passion for sharing the love of Jesus Christ with audiences everywhere they go! With multiple albums to their credit and a multi-state concert schedule every year, their impact has been phenomenal! Even if this is the 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 support for the students and families studying at **Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana**. Every year in August, we begin our collection of non-perishable food items, diapers, baby wipes, paper products and cleaning supplies, along with gift cards to restaurant chains and major gasoline companies. The food and paper products are made available to Seminary students through their on-campus **Food Co-Op**, which serves the needs of families as they pursue their life's work in the Lord's service. The gift cards are distributed as 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 at Traditional Services and at Contemporary Worship in the gym throughout our campaign. President Bruss, of Concordia, will be sharing a video message at the concert.

So come and enjoy the afternoon with us in the **air conditioned comfort** of St. John's school gym! Bring a friend or two for some inspirational music, ice cream and desserts! All proceeds will benefit the Concordia Lutheran Seminary Co-Op program!

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 gym during contemporary services. Seats are filling up and the deadline is approaching. Contact us soon to insure your place on this exciting trip!



Thank God for His love and care during my 101 years of living life. Thank you Pastor Jack, my family, friends and neighbors for all the flowers, gifts, cards, messages, dinners and birthday party. A special thank you to the Sunday school youth for their lovely art and messages. God's blessings to everyone.

Betty Stillings

Park Play Group Time

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!

Monday, August 4

Aldersgate Park

Wednesday, August 13

Schwartzkopf Park

Only a couple more opportunities to join in the fun.

Hope to see you there!



We have moved first aid supplies to the cabinet in the Marie Pfarr Welcome Room beside the AED. If you need assistance or notice someone needing assistance during worship service, hold up the red card in the pew rack. The ushers can alert one of our members who have volunteered to help with a medical issue as needed. If you are willing to be on the list to administer first aid, please let Christy Fisher: 740-816-4083 or Cheri Nicol: 937-243-6049 know.

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

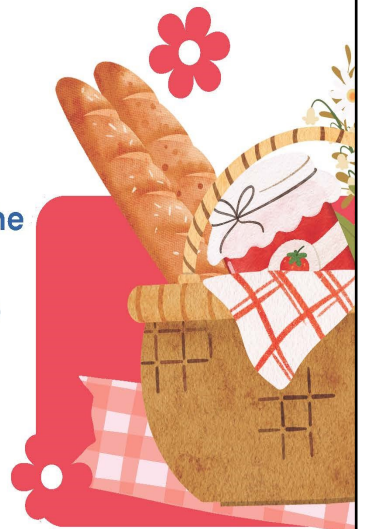
August 17th

**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:

- 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 at marievangorden@gmail.com or
Doug Doellinger at weaverwood8@gmail.com to register and for more information.

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

LOVING IN ACTIONS AND IN TRUTH L.I.A.A.I.T

Our L.I.A.A.I.T Ministry needs are growing! I want to thank the following volunteers for their faithful hands and feet needed to finish this last project in just four hours. Volunteers included: Dudley Blumenschein, Roger Rausch, Ron Nicol, John Junkans, Dale Scheiderer, Fred Nicol, Tim Shier, Ken Searles and Jim McCarty. We were also blessed by donuts delivered by Eugene Mayer at break time, and a guest appearance by Roger Nicol. Below are photos of this ramp build on July 23rd for Paul Swartz.



We have scheduled our next Build Project for Tuesday, August 5, 2025. This project is a request to build a 21 ft. ramp inside a garage. However, we have enough volunteers for this project, so thank you to those who signed up. We do have three large projects in the works; two of which are tentatively scheduled for August 14 and August 28, so help will be needed in August, September and beyond.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can get involved with this dynamic ministry, please contact: **Geoff Masters, LIAAIT Coordinator**

Email: lovinginaction@sjsmarystville.org **Email:** geoffmasters@yahoo.com **Cell:** 440-289-4487



Ron Nicol and Geoff Masters completed a small project on July 28th in Richwood. The job entailed building and repairing steps and handrails. Here are a couple of photos (above & left).



TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

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

Solomon tells us that true wisdom cannot be found in the world and the human mind. God is the source of true wisdom and when we grasp this truth, we will have contentment and purpose.

Glorifying God through our work on earth will have eternal rewards.

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: *Colossians 3:1-11*

Paul reminds us that since we have died to the things of the world, we are to be focused on heavenly things, both with our hearts and minds – for that is where Christ Jesus is. We are to stop our sinful self-obsessed ways of living and live as members of the body of Christ in unity and love.

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

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

LSB 156

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel: *Luke 12:13-21*

Jesus warns us to be careful to protect ourselves from greed and covetousness. His teaching reminds us that we are more than how much money we have in the bank, what kind of car we drive, or how big our house is. Our soul is eternal and that which we prize most in life should not be that which is temporary – for we cannot take it with us to the next life. Let us instead learn to be rich toward God and that which concerns His Kingdom.

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

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

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

