



# Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



## *St. John's 2021 Graduates*

*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word,  
preaching salvation through believing in Christ as our Savior.*

*We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.*

May 23, 2021

8:00AM & 10:30AM

## **Welcome to our Worship of God!**

Pentecost Sunday  
Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 104:24-35

Prelude

“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

†Gathering Hymn

#250, “Come, Holy Spirit”

†The Apostles’ Creed

†Hymn of Praise and Adoration

#262, “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Mission Presentation

Eliot Nofziger, Youth For Christ

Children’s Message

Graduate Recognition

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

Scripture Reading

John 15:26-16:15

Sermon

“The Guidance of the Spirit”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

†Closing Hymn

#259, “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#608, v. 1 “May the Grace of Christ, Our Savior”

†Postlude

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## Scripture Readings

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**Psalm 104:24-35** How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup> There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number - living things both large and small. <sup>26</sup> There the ships go to and fro, and the leviathan,

which you formed to frolic there. <sup>27</sup> These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time. <sup>28</sup> When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things. <sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. <sup>30</sup>

When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. <sup>31</sup> May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works - <sup>32</sup> he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke. <sup>33</sup> I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. <sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord. <sup>35</sup> But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more. Praise the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord.

**John 15:26 - 16:15** "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.

<sup>27</sup> And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. **16:1** "All this I have told you so that you

will not go astray. <sup>2</sup> They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. <sup>3</sup> They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. <sup>4</sup> I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you. <sup>5</sup> "Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'

<sup>6</sup> Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. <sup>7</sup> But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. <sup>12</sup> "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.

<sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup> He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

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**EVERYETHNE Week of Prayer for North American Church Planting May 23-29**

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EveryEthne is a ministry of ABWE (Association of Baptists for World Evangelism) who SJCC has partnered with in the past in missionary efforts. EveryEthne develops teams to work in partnership with national leaders and churches in order to ignite movements that engage EveryEthne in God's global mission. As a result, hundreds of churches have been planted, thousands of leaders have been trained, and several nations are already engaged in sending missionaries to plant churches around the world. Their vision is to be on mission with the Church to reach EveryEthne in North America through a disciple-making movement that multiplies leaders and churches. They desire to partner with churches to identify and own the lostness of their culturally, socially and religiously diverse communities, so that every man, woman, and child has repeated opportunities to hear, see and respond to the Gospel. Every one of the SJCC congregation is invited to pray during this Week of Prayer.

**The Daily Prayer Guide will be as follows, and further information is available on a table in the Narthex.**

- Sunday, May 23.....Jesus and the Church
- Monday, May 24.....Jesus and Disciple Making
- Tuesday, May 25.....Jesus and North America
- Wednesday, May 26..... Jesus and Influential Cities
- Thursday, May 27.....Jesus and Gospel Conversations
- Friday, May 28.....Jesus and My Local Church
- Saturday, May 29.....Jesus and Me

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## **May Mission-A-Month: Cherry Street Mission ([cherrystreetmission.org](http://cherrystreetmission.org))**

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Cherry Street was founded on Biblical principals in 1947, and remains a Biblically based, Christ centered organization today. Their Spiritual Advocates consist of both staff and volunteers that lead Bible studies daily and mentor guests through their journey with Christ. Cherry Street has a Men’s Division, Women’s Division (Sparrow’s Nest) and food services.

Each night, Cherry Street provides safe, free shelter for nearly 230 men and women who would otherwise sleep on the street or remain in an abusive situation.

Cherry Street is more than food, clothing and shelter. Their redemptive programming is built around one on one discipleship. Cherry Street is the only organization in the region to offer 3 meals a day, 7 days a week, free of charge to anyone who needs them.

People may donate monetarily to these ministries by marking their envelope or check with “May M-A-M” (Mission-A-Month).  
an make plans for the week.

## **Discovery Daily Devotional Guides**

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Discover Daily Devotional Guides are available in the hallway literature rack in the narthex (suggested donation \$6 each). You can also access the guide online at <https://scriptureunion.org/discovery/>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

May 23 – Language Barrier.....	Acts 2:1-13
May 24 – Wine or Nine?.....	Acts 2:14-21
May 25 – Rescue Plan.....	Acts 2:22-28
May 26 – Cut to the Heart.....	Acts 2:29-41
May 27 – Fellowship of Faith.....	Acts 2:42-47
May 28 – Beggar’s Belief.....	Acts 3:1-10
May 29 – Gospel Opportunity.....	Acts 3:11-26

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## Revised Plans for the Summer Mission Trip – We’re Staying Local!

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Annually scheduled for the second full week of June, this year’s mission experience is scheduled for June 14-18. Instead of lodging at Tower Hill Church Camp and working with LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity this summer, we’ll be working locally – on the Friendship House Build.

We’ve been exploring options for the week since LaPorte County is not building a home this year, primarily due to the extreme rise in the cost of building materials. One long time participant of the trips suggested we could work on the Friendship House this year, and we’re going to go with that suggestion.

So here are the details:

1. Project – The Friendship House – located at 118 S. Defiance Street
2. Days – Monday through Friday, June 14 thru 18
3. Daily Schedule
  - a. Arriving at the site no earlier than 8:30am
  - b. Starting time will be 9:00am
  - c. Morning devotion time will be around 10:30am
  - d. Lunch time will be around 12:00pm – served on site
  - e. Afternoon break time will be around 2:45pm
  - f. Work will end at 5:00pm
  - g. Dinner time will be around 5:30pm – served on site
  - h. Work will include shingling the roof, installing door and windows, siding, exterior trim, interior walls, insulating, hanging drywall, lawn seeding and landscaping, at least!
4. Working locally opens up the project to people who’d like to work just a day, or just an afternoon, etc., or to people who might want to provide a lunch or evening meal!

Please let Pastor Erich know if you are interested in any aspect of #4 above so he can make plans for the week.

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## Lifting of Pandemic Protocols

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At their May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Consistory approved removing all pandemic protocols as of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and returning to our pre-pandemic practices of ministry. It was shared that we have been following the CDC guidelines throughout the pandemic, so it's natural that we follow their guidance on lifting the mask and social distancing protocols.

People who are fully vaccinated need not wear a mask any longer when in the church building.

As June 2<sup>nd</sup> is a Wednesday, when people arrive for worship on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, you'll be able to observe the following:

- Protocol signage will be removed
- Ropes and signs will be removed from the sanctuary pews
- Protocol slides will be removed from projected announcement slides
- Bibles, hymnals and pew cards will be returned to the pews
- The drinking fountains will be available for use
- Children will be invited forward to the chancel steps for the children's message
- Offering plates will be passed during the worship services
- Pastor Erich will walk down the center aisle after the spoken benediction and greet people leaving the sanctuary
- We will seek to have ushers in place for the 10:30 service, to greet people and hand out bulletins.

Returning to pre-pandemic practices of ministry includes no mask or social distancing requirements will be in place for all of our Christian Education, Fellowship and Committee ministries.

Everyone is asked to be understanding of people who will continue to wear masks, practice social distancing and refrain from handshakes and hugs. Parents may choose to have their children remain in the pew during the children's message. Groups serving refreshments and meals may choose to have single serve items or not, and food may be served in cafeteria, family or buffet style.

Hand sanitizers will remain in locations throughout the building and masks will be available for people who choose to wear one.

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# 2021 High School, College and Grad School Graduates

## Josie Grieser

**High School Activities:** My high school activities were Student Council and a Student Athletic Trainer.

**Plans after Graduation:** After graduation I'm going to attend Northwest State Community College with plans to be a Registered Nurse.

**Favorite Bible Story:** My favorite bible story is Jonah and the whale.

**Favorite Christian Songs:** My favorite Christian songs are Graves into Gardens by Elevation Worship and Oceans by Hillsong United.

## Emily Hines

**High School Activities:** In high school I was involved in student athletic training, and FFA at Archbold! At Four County Career Center I am in HOSA, student ambassador, student council, NTHS, and on the leadership team of NTHS.

**Plans after graduation:** My plan after high school is to attend Owens community college to specialize in physical therapy assisting.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** My favorite verse is 2 Timothy 4:7. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

## Adam Swisher

I graduated with my degree as an Educational Specialist in School Psychology this spring. I will be working as a School Psychologist at Bryan City Schools & Edon Local Schools in the fall!





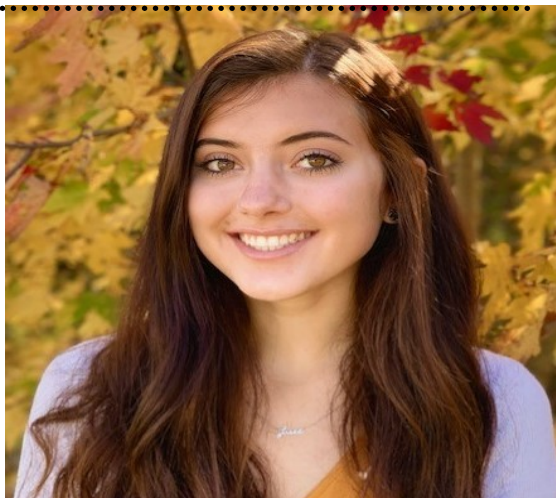
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## Josee Grime

**High School Activities:** My high school activities included: Golf, Cheerleading and Art.

**Plans after Graduation:** Currently undecided

**Favorite Christian Song:** "The Trees of the Field"



## Zoe Castillo

**High School Activities:** My High School activities included: Cheerleading, Softball, Track, Band/Drumline, Musical Pit, FFA, and the Youth Advisory Council.

**Plans After Graduation:** I plan on attending The University of Toledo majoring in Psychology to obtain a doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** Isaiah 41:10, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."



## Toby Walker

**Future Plans:** This June I will be returning to Mount Vernon Nazarene to participate in their Masters Program. I will be part of the MBA program with a focus in Data Analytics. This program will take 12 months to complete.

# Welcome!

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## Guests and Visitors

Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together. We hope you feel God's love in a new, refreshing way. You can learn more about our church by visiting the "New to SJCC" page on our website at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org/newtosjcc](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org/newtosjcc) or by picking up a copy of "Getting to Know St. John's Christian Church: Visitor Brochure" at the literature rack near the office.

## Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Station/Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary, currently limited to one family at a time. We kindly ask you to sanitize items after use (i.e. changing pad, toys, etc.) using the wipes provided as a respectful gesture to other families with small children in need of the room. Nursery care is offered during the 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children. A diaper changing station is located in the Nursery.

**Large Print and Children's Bulletins** are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex.

**Hearing Assistance** is provided by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.

## Week of May 23 at St. John's Christian Church

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Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School, Faith Village
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	SYF
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School, Faith Village & Confirmation
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

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## Next Sunday, May 30, 2021

Trinity Sunday

Scriptures - Isaiah 6:1-8, John 3:1-17, Romans 8:12-17

Sermon - "What Questions Would You Ask"

## **Congregational Prayer**

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Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I revel in the wonder of your many works of creation! Splashes of color across the vast sky. Deer running through the fields and birds soaring through the air. Blossoms springing forth and sprouts bursting through the soil. The blessings of healing and growth, laughter and fellowship, and love and helpfulness. I praise you for your mighty works. I thank you for your saving grace. I am grateful for your wisdom and counsel. May my life reflect a heart of love towards you and all, that I remain faithful and convicted to live for you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Today's Worship Servants**

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Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Worship Leader	(Both) Kim S. Walker	
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
Usher	(8:00) Nancy Rupp	(10:30) Greg Walker
Nursery		(5/30) Keith & Kelli Kuntz

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## **Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:**

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### **Please pray for...**

- ◆ Bryce Winzeler is in rehab at St. Charles Hospital recovering from lower back surgery.
- ◆ Kajiado Children's Home staff, Ruth and Nelson, hospitalized due to injuries sustained in an auto accident.
- ◆ Rev. Jim Barnes, National Minister of the EA, had surgery on Tuesday to remove one kidney due to cancer.
- ◆ Finn Yoder, as the MRI revealed a small non-cancerous cyst in the pineal gland. He'll have another MRI in 3 to 6 weeks.
- ◆ Jon Lindsay is recovering from surgery that was done on April 29th.
- ◆ Tracey Warren as radiation treatments are to start soon for the prostate cancer.

### **Those serving in the Armed Forces...**

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Fort Campbell, KY (Army) Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Washington, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kohl Collins, Ft. Myers, VA (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, Deployed, USS Iwo Jima (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO (Ohio Army Nat. Guard) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ Jared Kuntz, Washington, DC (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Eric Maag, Port Clinton, OH (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)
- ◆ Shayne & Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ David Richardson, Okinawa, Japan (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Joshua Richardson, Kaneohe, HI (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)



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