

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

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.

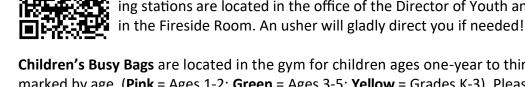
Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

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 refreshing way. Please let one of our ushers know you're new (they may have already noticed your new face!) so they can give you a welcome bag filled with helpful information about our church. We also invite you to fill out a quick survey so we can get to know you a little better. Simply scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera while you're waiting for worship to start!



Nursery Care/Diaper Changing Stations

Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30AM service for children ages four months through preschool in the Fireside Room just off the gym. Parents can register children for Nursery Care online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery or by scanning the QR code to the left before checking into the nursery for the first time. Diaper changing stations are located in the office of the Director of Youth and Young Adults and



Children's Busy Bags are located in the gym for children ages one-year to third grade. Bags are marked by age (**Pink** = Ages 1-2; **Green** = Ages 3-5; **Yellow** = Grades K-3). Please be sure to return bags at the end of our service today. If you would like to mark a bag specifically for your child (ren) each week, please contact the church office.

Give & Take Board

Do you need a little peace in your day? Confidence? What about self-control? Are you in need of a spiritual pick-me-up? Could you use a quick bit of kindness after a long week? Or do you have these things to spare? Then stop by the Give and Take Board outside of the Preschool Room! Give what you can and take what you need. You just might feel or fill someone's heart with the love of God and make their week brighter!

Large Print Bulletins are available at a table in the chapel narthex.

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

Let's Connect!







WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD! WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise." (Psalm 100:4)

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

"To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship." (Inscribed on the Bells)

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Prelude "How Great Thou Art"

"A time of centering our thoughts on our worship of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit"

† (8:00) Hymns of Praise

pg. 7, "Cleanse Me"

pg. 8, "Sitting at the Feet of Jesus"

† (10:30) Opening Songs

"Amazing Grace" (My Chains Are Gone)

"10,000 Reasons" (Bless the Lord)*

Children's Message

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

(10:30) Sacrament of Baptism – Maxwell Collin Walker, son of Corey & Jocelyn

The Apostles' Creed

Scripture Jeremiah 29:11-13

Baptismal Song "This I Know (Jesus Loves Me)"

Promises of the Parents

Congregational Pledge: You are baptizing your son, Max, to the powerful and loving providence of God. We pledge to share in the Christian nurture of Max and we will support, by our example and love, your efforts to provide a loving and caring home, where trust in God grows and Christ's way is chosen. Our prayers will be with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful, to the glory of Almighty God. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings Offertory

"Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 1:21-31

† (8:00) Sermon Hymn

pg. 9, "Jesus Loves Me"

Sermon

"Being Ashamed and Embarrassed"

Sacrament of Communion

Words of Invitation

Unison Prayer – Lord, on this day, we, along with the world-wide Christian Church, observe and celebrate this sacrament instituted by our Lord. We come before you as a repentant people, confessing our sin and seeking your grace. Though you created Creation good, the world today is fractured, polarized, and troubled. In faith, as Jesus intends, the sacrament is an act of sacrifice, love and unity. As we come to the table this morning, may we each strive ever more diligently to be the disciples Jesus teaches and commands us to be. In his name we pray, Amen.

Words of Institution and Prayer of Blessing

Communion Hymn

pg. 10, "Eat This Bread"

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

† (8:00) Closing Hymn

pg. 11, "Redeemed"

† (10:30) Closing Song

"This is Our God"

† Spoken Benediction

† (8:00) Benediction in Song

pg. 12, v. 3, "I Will Praise Him"

† (10:30) Benediction in Song

chorus, "This is Our God"

*This is a favorite praise song of Caitie Martinez.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Isaiah 1:21-31 See how the faithful city has become a harlot! She once was full of justice; righteousness used to dwell in her -- but now murderers! ²² Your silver has become dross, your choice wine is diluted with water. ²³ Your rulers are rebels, companions of thieves; they all love bribes and chase after gifts. They do not defend the cause of the fatherless; the widow's case does not come before them. ²⁴ Therefore the Lord, the Lord Almighty, the Mighty One of Israel, declares: "Ah, I will get relief from my foes and avenge myself on my enemies. ²⁵ I will turn my hand against you; I will thoroughly purge away your dross and remove all your impurities. ²⁶ I will restore your judges as in days of old, your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you will be called the City of Righteousness, the Faithful City." ²⁷ Zion will be redeemed with justice, her penitent ones with righteousness. ²⁸ But rebels and sinners will both be broken, and those who forsake the Lord will perish. ²⁹ "You will be ashamed because of the sacred oaks in which you have delighted; you will be disgraced because of the gardens that you have chosen. ³⁰ You will be like an oak with fading leaves, like a garden without water. ³¹ The mighty man will become tinder and his work a spark; both will burn together, with no one to quench the fire."

SERMON NOTES: "BEING ASHAMED AND EMBARRASSED"

What thoughts come to mind upon reading this sermon title?

Is it ever a positive to be ashamed, to be embarrassed?

What causes you to be ashamed, to be embarrassed?

Isaiah

- ◆ Two Sundays ago, the message was based on Isaiah 6 and God's call upon Isaiah to be a prophet, to which Isaiah said, "Here am I, send me."
- God was sending Isaiah to prophesy to Israel because of the sinfulness of the people, as related in chapter 1, for Israel was a rebellious nation.
- ◆ The Discovery Guide devotional of September 9th was Isaiah 1:21-31 and caught the pastor's attention in talking with people about the world in today's times.

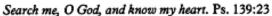
Isaiah 1:21-31

- Judah and Jerusalem former days used to be faithful, full of justice and righteousness
- Times changed, for the worse, described with hard language
- The Lord Almighty, the Mighty One of Israel, offers his plan of redemption, with justice

One commentary shared, "It is good to be ashamed and embarrassed over sin. There is something wrong with us when we are shameless or beyond embarrassment. God promised he would give Judah the gift of shame and embarrassment over sin again."

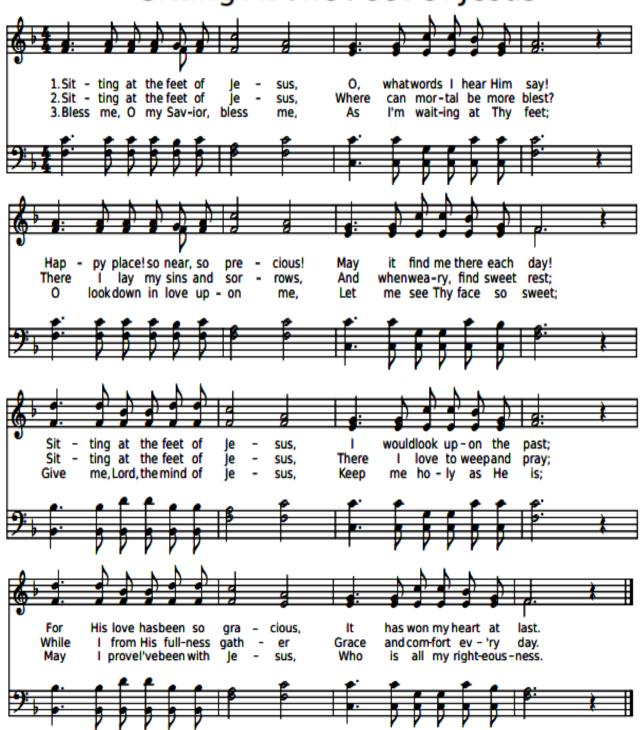
Matthew 11:28-30: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

439 Cleanse Me





Sitting At The Feet Of Jesus



Jesus Loves Me 579



Eat this bread



521 Redeemed



I Will Praise Him 525

To Him who . . . has freed us from our sins by His blood. Rev. 1:5



BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 2, 2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report								
2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00						
Total Donations	\$	268,725.30						
Total Expenses	\$	292,602.78						
Net Operating Balance	\$	(23,877.48)						
Mission Fund Year to Date Report								
2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00						
Total Donations	\$	117,323.47						
Total Disbursements	\$	96,488.92						
Net Mission Balance	\$	20,834.55						
Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign								
2025 Project Budget				2,757,000.00				
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$	968,993.13						
Buehrer Fund Current	\$	6,649.50						
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$	83,490.06						
Expenses to Date	\$	1,647,115.12						
Total	\$	2,706,247.81						
Funds Still to be Raised		Currently	\$	50,752.19				
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Change from 2/2/25 to 10/	\$	146,010.81						

MISSION-A-MONTH - LIFEWISE

October's Mission A Month is LifeWise Academy-Archbold. This program is offered to K-5th grade students during school hours and is structured as an off-campus Bible learning experience. With parental approval, K-4th students are transported once weekly to the LifeWise classroom in Archbold Evan church or 5th grade students' classroom at the Ruihley Park Scout Cabin. During their class time students learn Bible stories, scripture and positive character traits and how to apply them in their daily lives. And did you know you can volunteer to help in this program? To learn more about the program and how to volunteer visit lifewise.org. To financially support this mission, mark your offering envelope M-A-M or LifeWise Academy. Please pray for LifeWise Academy as they continue to reach our children with the Gospel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Starting Point at SJCC TODAY! Whether you're new to St. John's or simply wondering how you can further explore your calling in the church, we'd love to see you at Starting Point, a new program here at SJCC that will be held on the first Sunday of each month during the 9:15AM Education Hour! Starting Point will meet in the gym on October 5th and November 2nd and will give attendees a chance to meet some of our staff and leaders, learn more about who we are and why we're here, and help you discover how you can get involved and live out your own faith life. If you have any questions prior to our gatherings, please contact Pastor Erich in the church office. We look forward to seeing you!
- Good Things are Happening with YFC! Eliot Nofziger with Youth for Christ has shared that there were 73 students at last Monday's YFC middle school kickoff, and then there were 76 at the YFC Bible study on Tuesday! There is a need for volunteers to work with students as they break up in to small groups after a time of teaching. This happens before school on Tuesdays interested in helping? Connect with Eliot at enofziger@defyfc.org.
- Community Meals are scheduled to begin again starting Tuesday, October 7th at 5:00PM. Another church was scheduled to provide the meal, but St. John's is covering for that church as their meal team leader is dealing with a serious health issue. So we will be in need of 5 to 6 volunteers to help serve the meal and 2 to 3 volunteers to help serve coffee and clear tables. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board and the meal team would appreciate people signing up ahead of time. Thanks
- ◆ **Volunteer Opportunities** As we prepare to move back in the sanctuary and some of the second floor classrooms, we could use help with the following:
 - ♦ **October 9**th, starting at 9AM Cleaning of the sanctuary dusting, vacuuming, mopping, returning hymnals and Bibles to the pew racks, moving new worship chairs to the front of the sanctuary, resetting altar ware and chancel items.
 - ♦ **October 11**th, starting at 9AM Clearing the gym and moving some items from the storage building to second floor classrooms.
- SECOND Thursday Senior Luncheon Thursday, October 9th, 11:30AM in the gym. Come on the Second Thursday this month for a wonderful meal and great fellowship around the table. Note week change for the month of October only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

- ◆ Worship Techs With updated and upgraded tech systems in the sanctuary, as orientation and training sessions are about to occur, it is an opportune time to join the tech team sound, video, projection and live stream. If Pastor Erich can learn the basics, it doesn't take too much knowledge or experience to get started! And we have a good group of team members who will offer continual encouragement and support after the initial training. Interested people may speak with Pastor Erich or Jocelyn Walker.
- Come have lunch with us! Next Sunday, October 12th from 11:00AM-1:30PM is Shalom's Annual BBQ Fall Fundraiser at Ruihley Park in Archbold. Dine in or Carry-out meals will be served with your choice of a BBQ chicken or a pulled pork meal by donation. All proceeds go to the Shalom Benevolent Fund which covers the cost of services provided to victims of crimes and the financial assistance program which supports access to care for those who cannot afford it.
- ◆ **St. John Lutheran Church** would like to invite you to their annual Country Corner Craft Show on Saturday, **October 18th**, at the church (corner of 6 & 66), 9:00AM-3:00PM. Lunch will be available for a free will donation and benefits our high school LYF.
- ◆ Fair Trade Rug Event Ten Thousand Villages, October 22-25th. Hand-knotted, exquisite quality Bunyaad rugs. Natural dyes, bold designs, lasting artistry. From 2' x 3' to 10'x14' plus square, round and runners.
- ◆ Ruihley Park Pavilion Blood Drive Tuesday, October 28th, 2025, 11:00AM to 5:00PM To register please call 1-800-RED CROSS or go online to redcrossblood.org and use keyword: RUIHLEYPARK
- ★ Knowing The Master Faith, Family, Football. November 2nd, 3:30PM-7:00PM Pettisville Missionary Church. Special Guest Master Teague III. Free and open to everyone. Meal provided. Sponsored by Pettisville Man Cave.
- ◆ Siberian Solstice 2025 Coming to SJCC. Twelve Performers, Exciting Light Show, Video, Narrated Story. No tickets, free-will Donation. Saturday, December 6th, 2025 at 7:00PM.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 5TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village / Sunday School / Starting Point
	10:30AM	Worship (Parish Hall and YouTube Live)
Mon	6:30PM	Fellowship Committee (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Fireside Room)
	5:00 PM	Community Meal (SJCC)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym) / Confirmation (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Life Planning (Chapel)
Thur	9:00AM	Volunteer Sanctuary Cleaning
	11:30AM	Thursday Senior Luncheon
Fri	7:05AM	Rest & Restoration Bible Study (Rest & Restoration Spa)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
	9:00AM	Volunteer Gym/Room Work
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (<i>Sanctuary</i> and YouTube Live)

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist Buffy Riley

Song Leader David Stuckey

Worship Leader Jenna Stuckey

(8:00) Lay Reader Molly Rutledge

(10:30) Lay Reader Avery Roth

(10:30) Easy Worship Brian Roth

(10:30) Sound James Grime

(10:30) Live Stream Ollie MacDonald

(8:00) Usher Jim Grieser

(10:30) Head Usher Dave Walker

(10:30) Ushers Ben & Sue Buehrer, Adam Walker, Toby Walker

Nursery Assistants Bri and Emma Krukowski

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Oct 05 God of Ju	ustice	Psalm 7
Oct 06 Being Co	ontent	Philippians 4:10-23
Oct 07 The Way	to Freedom	Exodus 12:1-13
Oct 08 Make the	e Memorial	Exodus 12:14-30
Oct 09 Who's in	Charge?	Exodus 12:31-42
Oct 10 In or Out	t	Exodus 12:43-51
Oct 11 Redemp	tion	Exodus 13:1-16

BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 2, 2025

Building Access

- It is readily apparent that the replacement of the south porch has begun! It was started on Thursday.
- Now that the south entrance is closed off, access to the building will be through the two
 east entrances and the Fireside Room entrance. The hope is that the new automatic
 doors at the carport will be functioning as we move worship back to the sanctuary for
 October 12th.

South Restrooms

• Further ceiling work and HVAC connections need to be addressed, then both of these family restrooms will be ready for flooring and installation of plumbing fixtures.

Sanctuary

- Carpet installation began on September 29th, with steady progress made through the week.
- The engineer from Torrence Sound Equipment needs to wait for the carpet installation to be finished so they can tune the system to the acoustics of the room.
- Volunteers are being sought to assist with a final cleaning of the sanctuary and associated rooms on October 9th, beginning at 9AM.
- While the narthex is ready for installation of flooring to begin, there are two more ceiling lights to install and final painting to be done.
- As the narthex gets completed, the mother's room will be addressed as well.

Other areas:

- ♦ Elevator The elevator is scheduled for installation to begin on October 6th.
- ◆ HVAC Final connections need to be completed, but most all of the ductwork is installed, wrapped and sealed. The crews are working to connect all of the thermostats throughout the building to a central computerized monitoring system.
- First Floor Rooms Bulkheads were framed on Thursday and most of the drywall was hung.
- Second Floor Classrooms Carpet has been laid in four of the five rooms, with two other rooms scheduled to have LVT flooring. Work in the fifth room, the Confirmation room, will begin once the elevator shaft has had drywall installed.
- ◆ The Second Floor Restroom, Custodial Room and Elevator Shaft need final framing and drywall to be accomplished.

It remains the intent of the Mel Lanzer Company to complete the entire project by Nov. 1st.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- The children and youth at St. John's and the community who participate in Wednesday ministries here during the school year. Prayers are requested for a safe, fun, and faith-filled year of ministry as these young hearts grow in faith together each week.
- We are praising God and so grateful for our church family's support and prayers, we have felt them tremendously!! Cardiac testing was normal and Jace has been released for full activity!
- Greg and Deb Weddleman, as the latest PET scan showed improvement. Greg finished his latest chemo treatment on Sept. 23rd and waits three weeks for the next treatment to start.
- Denise and Justin Beck, grandson of Bud & Tootie, as Denise continues through treatment of cancer, doing as well as can be expected, and still going to work regularly.
- Chloe Merillat, as her leg pain was so extreme this past week, she went to the emergency room and was then transported to her doctor in Columbus. They discovered that hardware in her back from 2021 broke, so she had surgery on Friday to replace/repair the hardware and then a second surgery to repair nerve damage. She has to be flat on her back for the next 48 hours to let the spinal cord patch heal. Prayers are appreciated.
- Mason, a grandson of Sharon VonDeylen, is dealing with some medical issues.
- Josie Grieser, diagnosed with MS, continues to do well and continues to work every day.
 She goes to Cleveland Clinic every six months for scans and infusion treatment.

Care Center Residents...

- ♦ Marilyn Baron, Fulton Manor, 725 S. Shoop Ave, Wauseon 43567
- ◆ Linda Hayes, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 401, Archbold, 43502
- ♦ Charlene LaFountaine, 500 Haven Drive, Apt. 108, Archbold, 43502
- ♦ Mike Meyer, Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St., Room 130, Bryan, 43506
- ◆ Dencel Miller, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 166, Archbold, 43502
- ♦ Josephine Short, 407 E. Lutz Road, Room 152B, Archbold, 43502
- Alice Tedrow, 600 Haven Drive, Apt. 111, Archbold, 43502

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS CONTINUED:

Missions/Missionaries

- M Praising God for a successful move to a new area of the city; praise for a complete teacher's training, praying for another one that will happen in October; pray for the team's upcoming annual conference; pray for a second language assessment she has; pray for peace in the country.
- ◆ Dan & Amanda Gariepy Mission team from Ohio arrives on October 7th. Please pray for their safety, health, and for lasting impact as they serve. Dan is preparing to step more into online music ministry and new projects. We've felt some spiritual warfare around this, so please pray for God's protection, clarity, and favor as we step forward in faith. We are looking at a new type of visa which could be much better for our family longer term. Please pray for wisdom and favor as we move through the process.

And those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- MAJ Jared Kuntz, Hawaii (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- Taylor Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- Shayne Pitts, Middle East (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)

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