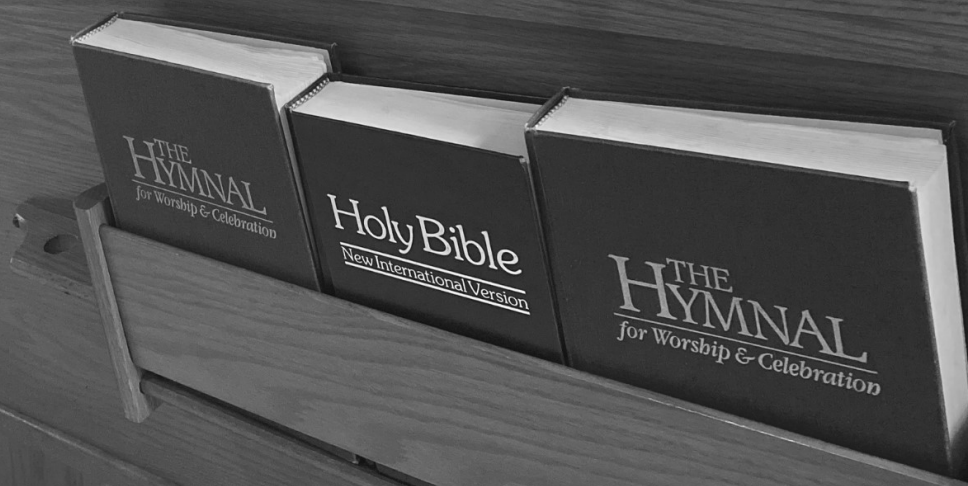




October 12, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ



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 pre-school 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 in the Fireside Room. An usher will gladly direct you if needed!



Children's Busy Bags are located in the narthex 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!

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

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

Ringling 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

Romans 5:9-11 (pg. 1116)

Prelude

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

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

† (8:00) Hymns of Praise

bulletin pg. 6, "Wounded for Me"
#435, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

† (10:30) Opening Songs

"Living Hope"
"Hear the Call of the Kingdom"

† Passing the Peace of Christ

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.***

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 (pg. 1144)

† (8:00) Sermon Hymn

#66, "To God Be the Glory"

Sermon

"Seeking Reconciliation"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"By His Grace"

† The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

† (8:00) Closing Hymn

#339, "Since I Have Been Redeemed"

† (10:30) Closing Song

"Be Unto Your Name"

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song

bulletin pg. 7, "A New Name Written Down in Glory"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 5:9-11 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. ¹² We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. ¹³ If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

SERMON NOTES: "SEEKING RECONCILIATION"

2 Corinthians 5

- ◆ Reconciling our presence in the world, groaning and burdened, while waiting for our heavenly dwelling.
- ◆ Reconciling how we live by faith, not by sight.
- ◆ Reconciling what is seen, with what is in the heart.
- ◆ Reconciling living for self, with living for Jesus.
- ◆ Reconciling a worldly point of view, with the new creation of being in Christ.
- ◆ From God...
 - ◇ Reconciled us to himself
 - ◇ Through Christ
 - ◇ Gave us the ministry of reconciliation
- ◆ God reconciles the world to himself in Christ – sacrifice, will.
- ◆ Committed to us the message of reconciliation.
- ◆ Christ's ambassadors – God appealing to us, working through us.
- ◆ Be reconciled to God – forgive as the Lord forgives.
- ◆ Our reconciliation through Christ – took upon our sinfulness as a path to the righteousness of God.

Wounded For Me

VERSE

Chords: D D° D G A A7 D A/C#

1. Wound ed for me, wound - ed for me, there on the
 2. Dy ing for me, dy - ing for me, there on the
 3. Ris en for me, ris - en for me, up from the
 4. Liv ing for me, liv - ing for me, up in the
 5. Com ing for me, com - ing for me, one day to

cross He was wound - ed for me; Gone my trans - gres - sions, and
 cross He was dy - ing for me; Now in His death my re -
 grave He has ris - en for me; Now ev - er - more from death's
 skies He is liv - ing for me; Dai - ly He's plead - ing and
 earth He is com - ing for me; Then with what joy His dear

now I am free, all be - cause Je - sus was wound - ed for me.
 demp - tion I see, all be - cause Je - sus was dy - ing for me.
 sting I am free, all be - cause Je - sus has ris - en for me.
 pray - ing for me, all be - cause Je - sus is liv - ing for me.
 face I shall see, O how I praise Him - He's com - ing for me!



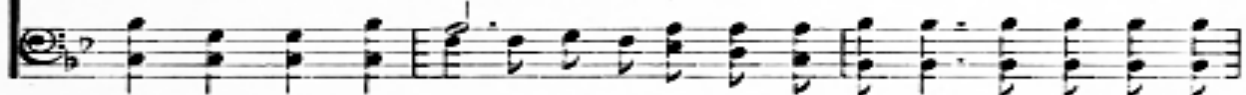
There's a new name written down in glo-ry, And it's mine, O yes, it's
And it's mine,



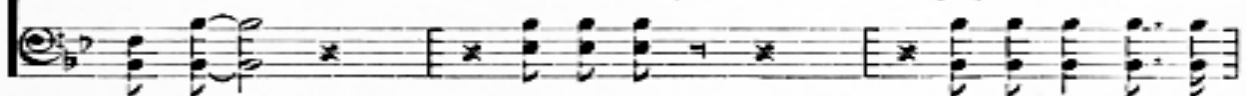
mine! And the white robed an-gels sing the sto-ry, "A
yes, it's mine!



sin-ner has come home," For there's a new name writ-ten down in
has come home,"



Glo-ry, And it's mine, O yes, it's mine! With my
And it's mine, yes, it's mine!



sins for-giv-en I am bound for heav-en, Nev-er-more to roam.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Pastor Erich and Lynne** happily share that the wedding of their daughter, Amy, and her fiancé Eric Banton, will take place this coming Saturday, October 18th, at Post Road Christian Church in Indianapolis. Amy wanted her dad to be dad for the day, to walk her down the aisle and then sit with Lynne and enjoy the ceremony. Pastor Erich will be out of the office Thursday through Monday afternoon, and will remain reachable by his cell phone for pastoral and church related needs (419-551-0401).
- ♦ **Youth for Christ is looking 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. Scan code for more information.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Shalom's Annual BBQ Fall Fundraiser TODAY, Sunday, October 12th, 2025.** Don't go home yet! Sunday Dinner Is Prepared. Come to at Ruihley Park in Archbold from 11:00AM-1:30PM. 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 otherwise afford it. Thank you for attending and making Shalom Ministries possible through your generous support.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **GIF Gals** - Welcome to Fall. What beautiful weather Northwest Ohio has had. Hope you were able to get outside to enjoy some of it. This nice weather has allowed us to have one more evening meal together. On **October 23rd**, we will meet at the **109 restaurant in Delta** at **5:00PM**. *Please sign up by October 21st* on the wandering bulletin board. You are welcome to invite a friend, neighbor, family member or anyone you like to join us for an enjoyable evening.



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

- ♦ **Widow Event at Pettisville Missionary Church - Tuesday, October 21st** starting at 5:00PM. Photos, appetizers, desserts, inspirational program. See flyer on wandering bulletin board. Please RSVP at 419-445-7773 if interested.
- ♦ **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
- ♦ **Starting Point at SJCC** - 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 **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!
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Veterans Breakfast - Sunday November 9th**. Breakfast starts at 9:00AM immediately following the early service. There is a signup sheet on the wandering bulletin board. Please *sign up by Sunday, October 26th*.
- ♦ **Piano Duo Concert at St. Martin's** - St. Martin's Lutheran Church continues its 2025–26 Concert Series with a dynamic Piano Duo Recital featuring Jeff Nicholas and Vanessa Kwiatkowski Nicholas on **Sunday, November 9th at 3:00PM** (203 S. Defiance Street, Archbold). The husband-and-wife duo will perform Brahms' Symphony No. 3 in F Major, Op. 90 and selections from Dvořák's Slavonic Dances, Op. 46, bringing the power and color of the orchestral world to the piano. Together, their artistry captures the excitement of four-hand piano playing—music rich with lyricism, rhythm, and heart. Admission is free, and all are invited to enjoy this afternoon of great music. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 9, 2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00
Total Donations	\$	273,509.59
Total Expenses	\$	292,949.17
Net Operating Balance	\$	(19,439.58)

Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00
Total Donations	\$	119,835.97
Total Disbursements	\$	106,223.92
Net Mission Balance	\$	13,612.05

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

2025 Project Budget		\$	2,757,000.00
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$		973,684.47
Buehrer Fund Cur-	\$		6,649.50
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$		84,385.06
Expenses to Date	\$		1,647,115.12
Total	\$		2,711,834.15

Funds Still to be

Raised	Currently	\$	45,165.85
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MISSION A MONTH - LIFEWISE	as of 2/2/25	\$	196,763.00
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Change from 2/2/25 to 10/9/2025	\$	151,597.15
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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

BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 9, 2025

Building Access

- ◆ 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

- ◆ Floor and wall tile began this past week.

Sanctuary

- ◆ Though the 10:30 AM service is being held in the sanctuary today, there remain several small tasks to be finished – outlet box covers, some sound system wiring at the front, some touch up painting, carpet for the pulpit steps, and the like.

Other areas:

- ◆ Elevator – Installation began on October 6th and will take eight to nine days to complete.
- ◆ HVAC – Final details are being addressed, including setting up the computer program and schedule that will control the system.
- ◆ First Floor – Flooring was laid in the narthex and mother’s room, ceiling grid was installed in various areas, and the “cloud” system in the center portion of the hall awaits elevator completion.
- ◆ Second Floor Classrooms – Further ceiling grid work was installed this week.
- ◆ The Second Floor Restroom, Custodial Room and Elevator Shaft need final framing and dry-wall to be accomplished.

Anticipated Project Completion – while November 1st has been the goal since the beginning of the project, a safer date would be December 1st at this point.

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

Oct 12 God and Us -----	Psalm 8
Oct 13 The Way to Go -----	Exodus 13:17-22
Oct 14 Who’s In Charge? -----	Exodus 14:1-18
Oct 15 Trust and Obey -----	Exodus 14:19-31
Oct 16 Time to Rejoice -----	Exodus 15:1-21
Oct 17 First Hurdle -----	Exodus 15:22-27
Oct 18 Bread of Heaven -----	Exodus 16:1-16

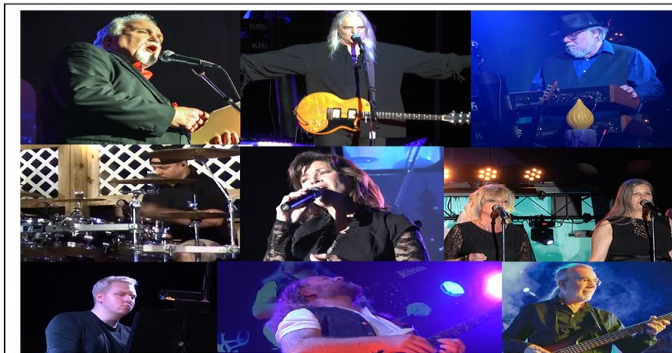
ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

- ♦ **Church potluck** - The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a potluck on **Sunday, November 16th** following the 10:30AM service. Table service and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite dish to share and spend some enjoyable time with your church family!
- ♦ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon** - **Thursday, November 20th, 11:30AM** in the gym. Come one and all for a wonderful meal and great fellowship around the table.
- ♦ **St John's Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner** - **December 4th at 5:30 PM**. There is a signup sheet on the wandering bulletin board with a *final count needed by November 16th*.

Siberian Solstice 2025

A Trans-Siberian Orchestra Tribute Since 2006

*Twelve Performers, Exciting Light Show, Video, Narrated Story
Show at 7:00 PM, No Tickets Needed, and Free-will Donation*



Siberian Solstice

St. John's Christian Church

Archbold, OH

Saturday, 12/6, 2025 7:00 PM

"This is a do not miss!"

"I would love to see it again!"

ADDRESSES & DIRECTIONS:

siberiansolstice.com/showdates.htm

WEEK OF OCTOBER 12TH 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
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	6:30PM	Building Committee (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Chapel)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Fireside Room)
	5:00 PM	Community Meal (Lockport)
	6:45 PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	7:00PM	Property Committee
	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym) / Confirmation (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room) / SYF (Youth Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
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	9:15AM	Faith Village / Sunday School
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TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Lynne Christman
Song Leader	Roger Zimmerman
Worship Leader	Carrie Yoder
(10:30) Easy Worship	Jenna Stuckey
(10:30) Sound	James Grime
(10:30) Live Stream	Ryan Christman
(8:00) Usher	Jim Grieser
(10:30) Head Usher	Dave Walker
(10:30) Ushers	Ben & Sue Buehrer, Scott & JoAnn Short
Nursery Assistants	

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Greg and Deb Weddleman, a new round of chemo treatment is scheduled to start his week.
- ◆ 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 she continues to recover from surgery of her lower back area, gaining each day, but also dealing with many aspects of recovery.
- ◆ Norma Fish, who fell on October 8th, dealing with aches and bruising.
- ◆ Joan Grieser, who is in Rupp Rehab for a period of time.
- ◆ 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

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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