



**Sunday, April 12, 2026**  
**8:00am & 10:30am**

## **St. John's Christian Church**

*"The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ"*

# Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

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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. We 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 10:30 service for children ages four months through preschool. The Nursery - Preschool room is located on the first floor, in Room #125. Before checking into the nursery for the first time, parents can register children for Nursery Care online at



[www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery) or by scanning the QR code to the left. We also have a Mother's Room located outside of the Sanctuary in Room #138 for nursing mothers and/or mothers with young infants and toddlers. Diaper changing stations are located in the Mother's Room, the Nursery, and the family restrooms. 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.

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

**Hearing Assistance** in the Sanctuary is available through Bluetooth connection to a person's hearing aids or via use of a hand-held amplifier and headphones. Please see an usher for further assistance.

Let's Connect!



## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 16

Prelude

“Proclaim the Glory of the Lord”

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

†Hymns of Praise

#228, “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

#220, “He Lives”

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Sharing Prayer, Joys and Concerns

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

*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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

(10:30) Adult Choir

“I Exalt Thee/Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord”

Scripture Reading

“Jesus Appears After His Resurrection”

John 20:19-31

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#76, “O for a Thousand Tongues”

Sermon

“The Glory of Easter Continues”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Because He Lives”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’n-ly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

†Closing Hymn

#234, “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#259, v. 1 “Breath on Me, Breath of God”

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Psalms 16:1-11** Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge. <sup>2</sup> I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing." <sup>3</sup> As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight. <sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods. I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips. <sup>5</sup> Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. <sup>6</sup> The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. <sup>7</sup> I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, <sup>10</sup> because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. <sup>11</sup> You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

**John 20:19-31** On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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**Search Committee Monthly Bible Verse-** Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." (A reminder that the search is ultimately led by God, not just a committee.)

## SERMON NOTES - "THE GLORY OF EASTER CONTINUES"

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Scripture – John 20:19-31

Advent Season is four weeks in length, Lent is six weeks in length, and the Easter season is seven weeks in length, from Easter Sunday until the Day of Pentecost.

Let us dwell upon the glorious nature of Easter, of Christ's resurrection, and the joy and hope realized through our Lord's resurrection.



From the empty tomb, to the women who went to the tomb, to the appearance of Jesus, to the women telling the disciples of the news...

Early on the first day, while it was still dark, to the evening of that first day...

- ◆ The disciples were together
  - ◇ The doors were locked for fear of the Jews
  - ◇ Jesus came and stood among them
  - ◇ Peace be with you
  - ◇ He showed them his hands and side
  - ◇ Disciples were overjoyed
  - ◇ Peace be with you
  - ◇ As the Father has sent me, I am sending you
  - ◇ Receive the Holy Spirit
  - ◇ If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven
- ◆ Thomas was absent – where could he have been?
  - ◇ The other disciples, who had seen Jesus, told Thomas the news
  - ◇ Unless I see the nail marks...I will not believe it
- ◆ A week later
  - ◇ Jesus came again...peace be with you
  - ◇ To Thomas, put your finger here...Stop doubting, and believe
  - ◇ My Lord and my God
  - ◇ Jesus said...blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed
- ◆ Jesus did many other miraculous signs...which are not recorded in this book
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **GIF Gals 5th Anniversary Celebration!** We will be meeting at King's Corner Garage on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5PM. Come for fun & fellowship. Food will be catered by The Barn Restaurant. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Erich's office.
- ◆ **Archbold HS Senior Citizen Luncheon** - AHS recognizes the important role that senior citizens play in our schools. Your support is vital in creating an environment that helps our students grow and mature into the next generation of community leaders. To show our appreciation for your support, we invite you to this luncheon. Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM in the AHS Gym. RSVP by April 20<sup>th</sup> by calling: 419-445-5579
- ◆ **Annual Community-wide Burger Bash**, Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Ruyhley Park Pavilion from 11AM to 1PM. A free-will donation covers a picnic-type lunch to share beside your neighbors and friends. With the Burger Bash donations over the last two decades, our community has been able to send almost \$785,000 to our mentors and teachers in Third World countries who stand ready to help the agricultural communities there by teaching better agricultural practices.
- ◆ **Pastor Erich will be on vacation** Thursday through most of Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>. He and Lynne plan to worship on Sunday where Amy, their daughter, is the Kid's Minister, near Indianapolis. Text or call him as pastoral needs arise - 419-551-0401.
- ◆ **Teen Community Lock-in-** All 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to this year's middle school community lock-in on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, into Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate the end of the school year! This year's lock-in will be held at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, with Jake Keil leading. All St. John's JYF youth are encouraged to attend this night of fun, food, fellowship, and prizes! The night will begin with a trip to Combat Ops Laser Tag in Fort Wayne. Please RSVP using the QR code. 
- ◆ **Senior High Lock-in** All 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to the community senior high lock-in on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, into Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate the end of the school year! This year's lock-in will be held here at our church, with Jocelyn Walker leading. All St. John's SYF youth are encouraged to attend this night of fun, food, fellowship, and prizes! The night will begin with a trip to Q-Zar Laser Tag in Toledo. Please RSVP using the QR code. 

## WEEK OF APRIL 12TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:00AM	Coffee & Donuts, hosted by the Fellowship Committee (Parish Hall)
	9:15AM	Member's Orientation (Part Time Staff, Room #122)
	9:15AM	Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers ( Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Church Staff Meeting (PT Staff Office)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Lockport Mennonite Church)
	6:45PM	Mission Committee Meeting (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Property Committee Meeting (Chapel)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym) / Confirmation (Jr. Youth Room & Fireside)
	7:00PM	JYF/ SYF (Youth Rooms)
	7:30PM	Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
Thu	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Gym)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Member's Orientation (Part Time Staff, Room #122)
	9:15AM	Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:00AM	Junior Church (Chapel)

## APRIL MISSION-A-MONTH: FAIRLAWN HAVEN

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Fairlawn began under the vision and direction of 11 area churches offering a full continuum of care on an active senior campus. Our Independent Living duplexes and apartments allow residents to enjoy retirement without the worries of maintenance in a friendly and safe community of neighbors. If help is needed, Fairlawn Haven Care Center and Assisted Living are nearby to offer support. As a faith-based, not-for-profit organization, Fairlawn depends on the generosity and support of our friends and community. To learn more visit their website at <https://www.fairlawnarchbold.com/>. This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry. Giving may be made on Line 11 or 12 of your offering envelope, or by selecting "Fairlawn" in the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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### Please pray for...

- ◆ Courtney Stuckey, daughter of Shawn and Jenna, dealing with health issues, waiting for further tests scheduled for April 14.
- ◆ The Pastor Search Process, praying for the Search Committee, Shepherd Staff, and the congregation, praying for the Lord's wisdom and guidance in the entire process.
- ◆ Nan Neill and her granddaughter, TSgt Talyor Pitts, would like to thank St. John's Christian Church for your prayers for Taylor over the last ten years. Taylor served her country in the US Air Force from February 2016 to April 2026. Taylor has taken an honorable separation after serving two contracts. Taylor will be graduating from Wright State in May and then going on to Ohio State for her master's degree in social work. Taylor's husband Shayne, continues to serve our country in the Air Force, and covets your prayers.
- ◆ Toni & Chris Neuenschwander, as Toni has been diagnosed with heart failure and is going through twelve weeks of cardio rehab.
- ◆ Connie Bostelman, prayers for courage and strength on her part as she continues to trust that all other matters are in God's hands.
- ◆ Rev. Jim Barnes, National Minister of the Evangelical Association, as recent scans have shown a return of cancer. Jim will be undergoing a PET scan and a biopsy on at least one tumor. Pray for the power of God's healing upon Jim's body.
- ◆ Sandy Miller, dealing with facial pain.
- ◆ Eric and Anna Yoder, who are foster parenting infant twin boys.
- ◆ Lynda and Brent Schnitkey, as Lynda continues to recover from a recent surgery.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, as monthly injections continue, and in therapy for bursitis below her left knee.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, continues with physical therapy, now having movement in both legs!
- ◆ Josie Grieser, diagnosed with MS, having scans and infusion treatments every six months.

### 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)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)

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