

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY | MAY 15, 2022 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



We joyously celebrate
the Confirmation of
Avery, Evy, Emma,
and Ava today!

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.

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 scanning the QR code, by visiting the "New to SJCC" page on our website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/newtosjcc, or by picking up a copy of "Getting to Know St. John's Christian Church: Visitor Brochure" at one of the literature racks.



Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations/Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary for nursing mothers and/or mothers with young children. Diaper changing stations are located in both the Mother's Room and Nursery. Please ask an usher for locations if needed. We are striving to restart our 10:30am Nursery Care ministry, which has been affected by sporadic need for care and difficulty in scheduling volunteers. People interested in helping are asked to contact the church office.

Children's Busy Bags are located in the sanctuary 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 and Children's Bulletins are available at a table in the sanctuary narthex.

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



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

†Passing the Peace

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

1 Corinthians 1:4-9 (pg. 1128)

(8:00) Prelude

(10:30) Prelude

“I Give You My Heart”

†Call to Worship

†(8:00) Opening Hymn

#358, “I Am Thine, O Lord”

†(10:30) Praise Songs “Days of Elijah,” “You Are Holy (Prince of Peace),” “Step By Step”

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

Scripture Reading

John 13:1-17 (pg. 1066)

Children’s Message

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Special Music

Pastor Ryan Volkman “And Now My Lifesong Sings”

Sermon

“The Call to Commitment”

(10:30) The Rite of Confirmation

Invitation, Opening Sentences, and Charge to Confirmands

Scripture Reading and The Apostles’ Creed

Promises and Vows of Confirmands

Memory Verses and the Laying on of Hands in Blessing

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Charge to Parents

Response of Parents - *We praise God for your step of faith in your decision to be confirmed into the church of Jesus Christ this morning. Let us strive to stand firm in faithfulness to the Lord. We promise to continue to encourage you in your faith, doing our part to help you remember your confession and vows of faith. May God bless you with wisdom and courage as you continue to deepen your faith and serve the Lord with gladness.*

Address to the Confirmands

Unison Welcome by Congregation - *We are filled with joy for you as you have confessed your faith in Christ. We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and ministries of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love, and be witnesses of Christ in the world. Amen.*

Greetings of Christian Love, Conferring of Certificates, and Benediction

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#455, "Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

†(10:30) Closing Song

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#601, v. 1, "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 1:4-9 I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way -- in all your speaking and in all your knowledge -- ⁶ because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

John 13:1-17 It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. ² The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." ⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" ¹⁰ Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. ¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Youth Breakfast & Senior Recognition** - The Fellowship Committee invites all 7th - 12th graders to a Youth Breakfast & Senior Recognition next Sunday, May 22nd at 9:15AM in the Parish Hall. Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday.
- ◆ **Christman/Grandey Wedding** - Ryan Christman and Keira Grandey will be married in the Sanctuary next Saturday, May 21st at 4:30 p.m. in the afternoon. All from our church are invited to celebrate with the couple via live stream, which can be found on the church's YouTube page or by going to <https://youtu.be/jP0GikdJV5s>. Please continue to be in prayer for Ryan and Keira in the final days leading up to their wedding!
- ◆ **Burger Bash** - In need of lunch plans? Stop by the Community's Burger Bash in Ruihley Park today between 11:00AM and 1:00PM. The free-will donations will fund two critical projects in Haiti. Local cattle feeders have an on-going relationship with Growing Hope Globally, the international organization that not only sends money to areas in need, but knowledgeable people to work and walk beside community members. The Haiti project aims to improve agricultural practices to create healthier crops and animals for a brighter tomorrow.
- ◆ **GIF Gals Time Change** - There has been a time change for the GIF Gals event scheduled for Sunday, May 29th. Ladies should plan to arrive to the church parking lot by **3:45PM** to carpool to Maxine Martin's home, with the outing scheduled to start at 4:00PM and end by 6:00PM. A signup sheet is available on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **Summer Mission Trip** - If anyone has interest in sharing in the week with the LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity (6/27 - 7/1), please let Pastor Erich know so he can line up the correct number of beds! A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board as well. Any questions can be addressed to Pastor Erich.

WEEK OF MAY 15TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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)
	3:00PM	TGRM Meal & Chapel
Mon	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)
	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Church Office Closed)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
Tue	7:30PM	Consistory (Chapel)
	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
Wed	5:00PM	Community Meal - St. Martin's Lutheran Church (Parish Hall)
	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
Thu	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
Fri	6:00PM	Girl Scouts (Chapel)
	6:00PM	Sanctuary & Fireside Room Reserved (Christman Wedding Rehearsal)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
	4:30PM	Christman/Grandey Wedding (Sanctuary)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Youth Breakfast & Senior Recognition (Parish Hall)
	9:15AM	Sunday School & Faith Village
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God, I want to thank you for the work of your Spirit upon and within Ava, Emma, Evy and Avery, our 8th grade confirmands. May you continue to give them the courage, the strength and the grace to live out their vows of faithfulness. Guide me in being an example of discipleship for them and all others, as I thank you for the Christian examples who have been a blessing in my own life of faith. By the guidance of your Spirit, I renew my vow to listen to and live by your Word. In my belief, Lord, I praise you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

May Mission-A-Month



DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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 15 Trusting My Whole Life ----- Psalm 146
May 16 Making Truth Ugly ----- Romans 14:10-18
May 17 Distinctives that Divide ----- Romans 14:19-23
May 18 Unreserved Acceptance ----- Romans 15:1-7
May 19 No Accident of History ----- Romans 15:8-13
May 20 By Word and Deed ----- Romans 15:14-22
May 21 The Full Measure ----- Romans 15:23-33

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(8:00) Andrew Rohrs	
Worship Leader	(Both) Brad Roth	
Acolytes	(8:00) Courtney Stuckey	(10:30) Ella Yoder
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines	
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grime	
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
8:00 Usher	Doug & Nancy Rupp	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Curt & Kay Stamm, Ben & Sue Buehrer	
Praise Team	(10:30) Chris Baden, Lynne Christman, Todd Nafziger, Pastor Ryan, Buffy Riley, Jocelyn Walker	

CONSISTORY CONTACT INFORMATION

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PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Kevin & Angie Neuenschwander, as they traveled to Florida this past Monday as Kevin's father was on life support.
- ◆ Rod Kinsman, who had his gall bladder removed on Wednesday.
- ◆ Gary & Judy Sears, as Gary has been diagnosed with cancer and will have surgery on June 1st.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, as she started half days at work last week after being off for several months.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger & Kay, is in need of further prayer. A recent scan showed changes to a questionable spot in her back. Pray for her and her parents, Keith & Jawn, as they evaluate options and have decisions to make.
- ◆ Pastor Ryan, Stanka, Daniel and Filip Volkman in this time of transition for their family, as Stanka and their sons remain in Texas until the end of the school year.
- ◆ Gary Beck, son of Bud and Tootie, as he continues to struggle through various health issues, and has not been doing well recently.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, who continues to be in treatment.
- ◆ Devin Beltz, who is recovering from some broken ribs in a four-wheeler accident.
- ◆ Paulette Spotts, as she undergoes cancer treatments.
- ◆ Tracey and Sodie Warren as they work through his health issues, which are keeping him from working.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Washington, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, Suffolk, VA (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Newton Falls, OH, attending Kent State (OANG) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, Washington, DC (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Husband of Taylor)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

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