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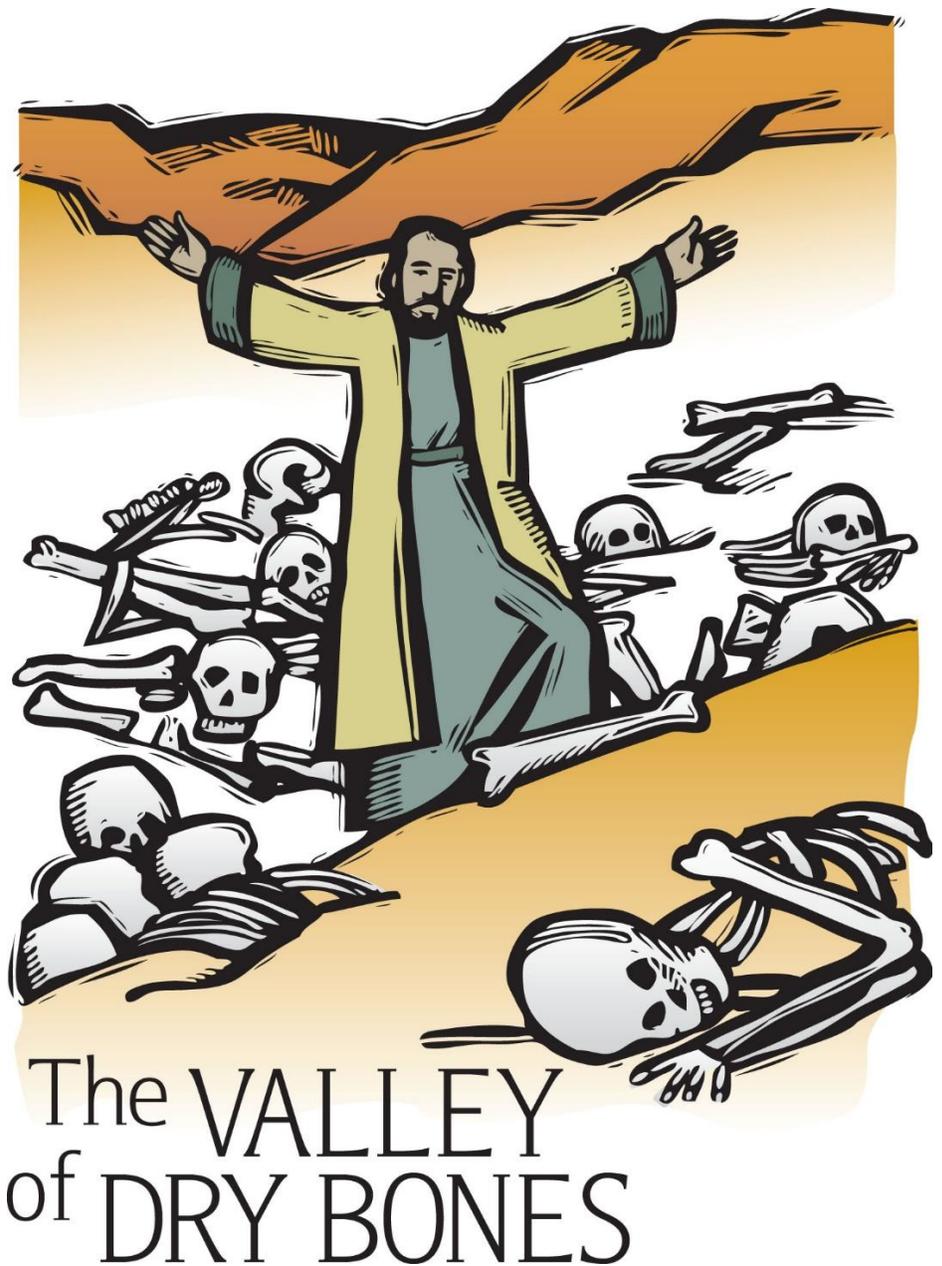
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*Rooted in the Evangelical
and Reformed Traditions*

*We are Sowing Seeds of Hope
in a Time of Chaos*

So We May All Be One



The VALLEY of DRY BONES

July 20, 2025

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Outdoor Drive-in Service: 8:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m.

July 20, 2025

Tune your FM Radio to 107.5

8:00 am

Sanctuary Service

10:30 am

Announcements & Greetings

Prelude

"Days of Elijah" Thomas

Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn**

"The Church's One Foundation"

No. 272

(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 5)

- 1) **The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word:
from heaven he came and sought us to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought us, and for our life he died.**
- 2) **Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
our charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.**
- 5) **We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We come together to praise the steadfast love of God!

All: Together we lift our hearts in gratefulness

Leader: For look! See what God has done!

All: When we look with loving eyes

Leader: We truly see God's Good works in our lives

All: So remembering all God has and is accomplishing

Leader: We proclaim God brings many blessings

All: God's Name is Good

Leader: Let us lift our voices

All: As we Praise God together

***Please stand if you are able**

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: Abiding and Steadfast God, we invite You to inhabit our space. Renew our minds, restore our souls, help us to rest in Your Presence. Thank you for the gift of this new day, a fresh start brimming with brand new adventures and opportunities. Help us to make the most of it all as we pray your words of faith and action, ...

***The Lord's Prayer – 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.**

***Gloria Patri**

No. 35

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed (Traditional Version)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the universal Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

No. 306

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

Special Music

“A Thousand Hallelujahs” Lingertwood

Colleen Kroah

Scripture Reading

Romans 8: 10-11

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Sermon

“A Valley Full of Bones”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Swisher

Hymn

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

No. 638

(8:00 a.m. Verses 1 & 3)

- 1) **In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**
- 2) **There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**
- 3) **In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

Invitation for Faithful Giving

Offertory

"I Have Loved You" Haas

Todd Baldosser

***Doxology**

No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Offering**

All: Holy and gracious God, in Christ, You have made the invisible visible, bringing us home with love beyond measure. As we offer these tithes and offerings this morning, may they reflect our gratitude for Your Presence in our lives. Use them to build Your Kingdom, to restore what is broken and to remind our community and world of Your grace. May our giving today be an act of Thanksgiving, a sign of the everyday gift of Your love at work in and among us. In all things, may we live up to Your calling and into Your glory. In Jesus' Name. Amen

***Closing Hymn**

"Be Thou My Vision"

No. 595

(8 a.m. Verses 1 & 4)

- 1) **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
- 2) **Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**
- 4) **Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

***Benediction**

***Please join us in the singing of the Congregational Benediction**

**Go Now In Peace/Never be afraid/God will go with you/Each hour of ev'ry
Day/Go now in Faith/Steadfast, strong and true/Know He will guide you in
all you do. Go now in Love/And show you believe/Reach out to others/So
all the world can see/God will be there/Watching from above/Go now in
Peace/In Faith and in Love. Amen/Amen/Amen.**

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Postlude

"Dry Bones" Traditional

Todd Baldosser

Pastor Steve's Quote of the Week

"Every time you look at a cross. Jesus says to you, I love you."

Dr. Fulton J. Sheen

Dr. Swisher's message next week:

July 27, 2025

"What Do You Really Want?"

Micah 6: 1-8

Sermon Notes

To our members, dear friends and visitors:

You are an important part of the worship and ministry that goes on here and we are thankful for your presence. Please sign the attendance pads on the tables. Thank you!



St. John's Church is 184 years old!

*N.N. Hill's 1881 HISTORY OF LICKING COUNTY states that as early as 1835, St. John's German Lutheran Church was organized by Heinrich Rickenbach. Church records indicate that in May of 1839, fifty-two men were members of the German Evangelical Lutheran Reformed Church. On **July 18, 1841**, twenty-five religiously inclined German men, under the leadership of Rev. Martin Schaad, united in a religious organization which was incorporated as the GERMAN EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH OF NEWARK, OHIO.*

Happy Anniversary to Us!

One hundred eighty-four years of serving God and this south Newark community.

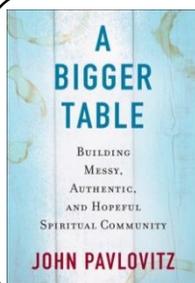
St. John's Little Free Pantry

Take what you need. Give what you can.



Our little food pantry needs your help. Many of our members along with people from the community have been adding items on a regular basis. However, the need is so great that their efforts need to be supplemented. We are asking that those that can, bring food items to church on Sundays and place them in the donation bins provided: One at the top of the stairs between the Fellowship Room and the sanctuary or the one inside the side entrance door that leads to the rear of the sanctuary. We hope to collect enough food that we can resupply the little food pantry throughout the week.

Thank You, Bill and Nancy McInturf <https://www.littlefreepantry.org/>



The Book Study Group will meet at 11am on Thursdays, July 10, 17, 24, and 31. Our current book is titled "A BIGGER TABLE- Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful, Spiritual Community" by John Pavlovitz and is available online. Come join in the discussion as we enjoy coffee and fellowship at the River Road Coffee House on the square in downtown Newark.

The L.H. Lammers Memorial Fund Sunday

Rev. Louis H. Lammers was pastor of St. John's Church from 1922 until his sudden death in 1960. He married his wife, Bertha, shortly after graduating from Eden Theological Seminary and shortly before beginning his pastorate here. They had four children who grew up in St. John's and Newark.

Rev. Lammers was much loved by this congregation and by this community. The church grew so much during his pastorate, a move to this brand new sanctuary was necessary in 1957. More fellowship groups were formed, new ways of reaching out to the surrounding community were performed, a son of the congregation was in seminary preparing for ordination.

Rev. Lammers died unexpectedly the day after returning from vacation. The congregation and the town were in shock. He was the beloved shepherd of St. John's. He was the dean of pastors in Newark.

To remember Louie Lammers, the Church Council voted the following June, 1961, to establish the L.H. Lammers Memorial Fund to be able to provide scholarship money for students from this congregation studying for full time Christian ministry. The rules of the fund state that the loose offering on the last Sunday in July, would be put into the fund for this purpose. And every year since then, St. John's has collected this offering.

This year, July 27, is designated as the L.H. Lammers Memorial Fund Sunday. Again, all loose offering (coin and currency not in an envelope) will be placed in that special fund. Anyone wanting to make a donation by check should clearly mark the check on the memo line with LAMMERS FUND, or have that on the envelope.

Please plan to be with us July 27, as we remember this great man in the history of St. John's Church.



General Prayers: Bill Carr, Charlie Bruah, Rev. Dr. Winfield Strout, Molly Sheets, Annmarie McCoy, Mike Dunn, Marla Crowthers, Robin Lyn Green & Anita Chirdon

Homebound and Nursing Facility Residents:
Mel Cunningham, Bonita Farmer, Patricia Gilbert, Paula Hatfield, Rosalie Johnson, Faith Kelly, Delores and Harold McDonald, Esther Gillham, Helen McGaughy, Mary Lou Hostetler, Charles and Lois Meyers, Molly Sheets, Lois Swonger & Debbie Snow



Additional prayer requests on Bea's Blessings:

- Christina (Carolyn Igo's daughter) – Cancer diagnosis
- Aiden Barnes – Health concerns
- Mr. Ron Baker (Chuck Chirdon's father)
- Mr. Bill Klinesmith (Julie Kroah's father)
- Mrs. Barbara Swisher
- Mark Derus: Hospice called in

We Appreciate Those Serving Today!

Liturgist:

Jeff Conner

Cantor:

10:30 a.m. Todd Baldosser

Ushers:

Frank Davis, Larry Jones, Terry Gano,
Mike Dooley, Barry Dooley
Gary Kinser

Cradle Roll:

Volunteer/Avery Nagel

Media Worship Team:

Sound & Video:

8:00 am: Mike Dooley

10:30 am: Mike Dooley/Tom Lawyer

Thank you for your continued support! In addition to your giving in person, by drop off, by mail, or by clicking on the donate button on the website, you can also scan this QR Code. We continue to find new ways to connect with our members



and our community that are convenient, secure, helpful, and relevant to the ways in which some people prefer to donate. We thank God for our ability to offer these methods for those who may choose to use them.



Sunday: July 20, 2025
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service
10:30 am Sanctuary Service

Wednesday:
6:00 pm Crystal City Chorus

Thursday:
11:00 am Thursday Book Study "A Bigger Table- Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community" by John Pavlovitz - at River Road Coffee on the Square
7:15 pm Summer Singers choir practice

Sunday: July 27, 2025
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost & Lammers Memorial Sunday

8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service
10:30 am Sanctuary Service

<i>Financial Update</i>	
Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 8,419.25
Income as of July 13, 2025	3,206.00
Month to Date Balance	(\$ 5,213.25)

ATTENDANCE	<i>Report for Sunday, July 13</i>
8:00 am - 22	11:00 am - 42
Sunday, July 13 Live Stream Views - 242	

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 9am -12pm. Please call the office 740-323-2407 and leave a message to make any additional appointments or call/text Anita 740-973-8218. Thank you!

Live streaming is now available on Facebook. If you missed the Live stream, you can watch a replay anytime on our YouTube or Facebook pages. Links for both of these sites can be found on our church website at www.stjohnsnewark.org