



# St. John Lutheran Church

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### ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Tossed About" *Ephesians 4:14-15*  
Order of Service: Divine Service, Setting Three (LSB pg. 184)  
Hymns: 869 ~ 729 ~ (Communion: 575, 570, 628) ~ 918

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*Welcome! We are here at the Savior's invitation; therefore let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, receiving mercy and finding grace to help in every time of need. If you have no church of your own, we invite you to make this your home church. Please fill out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and pass it to the center aisle during the offering this morning.*

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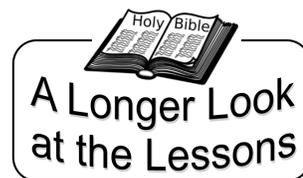
### **SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING**

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Taylor Dietrich & Ella Rosebrook, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Jerry & Nancy Short, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Harold Behrmann & Richard Elling, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Tom Von Deylen, Doug Dietrich, Neil Badenhop, Roger Lulfs, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Linda Riefers, Marian Damman, Ruth Mahnke, Mabel Bischoff, *Altar Guild* ✠



**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are placed in joyful celebration of the marriage of *Scott Bostelman* and *Megan Badenhop* yesterday, August 4<sup>th</sup> here at St. John. God has brought these two together in marriage and we pray he continues to bless them as they begin their journey in life as husband and wife. Congratulations to the Bostlemans!

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – During Pastor Niermann's vacation time, *Pastor Kramer* will be conducting the Sunday adult Bible study, "A Longer Look at the Lessons." Each Sunday he will be taking a closer look at that day's Scripture readings. Join him in the fellowship hall after worship as we delve more deeply into the lessons we just heard in worship, and grow together in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ!



| <b>In God's House This Week</b> |                               | <i>Online church calendar: <a href="http://www.DynaCal.com/sjl">www.DynaCal.com/sjl</a></i>               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Date</b>                     | <b>Time</b>                   | <b>Activities</b>   |
| Today                           | 9:00 AM<br>10:20AM            | Communion Service<br>Adult Bible Class with Pastor Kramer   |
| Tue.                            | 9:00 AM<br>7:00 PM            | Exercise Class<br>School Board Meeting  |
| Thurs.                          | 9:00 AM<br>6:30 PM<br>7:00 PM | Exercise Class<br>Summer Open Gym Gr. 3-8 Boys and Girls<br><b>Thursday Evening Worship</b>               |
| Sun.                            | 9:00 AM<br>10:20AM            | Worship Service w/Communion following<br>Adult Bible Class  |
| Mon.-<br>Sat.                   | 7:30 AM                       | Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM<br>Speaker: <i>Rev. Stephen Niermann</i> , St. John Lutheran – Napoleon |

**MATTERS FOR PRAYER** – Please keep these people in your prayers:

- ❖ Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Renetta Homan, and Willie Gerken*
- ❖ *Lucia Delventhal*, at Fulton Manor, Wauseon
- ❖ *Delora Winkelman, Marian Buchhop, and Dorothy Gerken*, at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Evelyn Rohrs and Melba Elling*, in Assisted Living at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Ohio Veteran’s Home, Sandusky
- ❖ Armed Services: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, Connor Gerken, Seth Handy*
- ❖ *Macie Wyse, Arlene Gruenhagen, Gary Thompson*, for health related issues
- ❖ *Don & Teal (Rausch) Hasselswerth*, for their prematurely born twins, Connor and Slone

**PASTOR ON VACATION** – While Pastor Niermann is on vacation, **Pastor Kramer** will not only be conducting worship and Bible class, but he will be available, as well, for any pastoral emergencies.

**DOOR OFFERING THIS MORNING** – This morning after worship we will receive a door offering in support of Amber Gruenhagen as she prepares for an extended mission trip to Brazil with CRU. The focus of her work will be campus ministry and sharing the Gospel with the students. Thank you for any support you can offer her. Please keep Amber in your prayers as well as she prepared for this trip.

**LYF MEETING** - On Sun., Aug. 19, the Jr. & Sr. High LYF will have a “beginning of the year” meeting at 4:00 PM at the old school. We will discuss the National Youth Gathering (*for students entering grades 8 to first year of college*), *Tool Time*, and other events throughout the year. All incoming 6th graders are welcome to join us. Parents are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions or cannot make the meeting, please contact Miss Bartok at [sbartok@sjl.org](mailto:sbartok@sjl.org).

| <b>FINANCIAL FACTS:</b> | Home Fund  | Synod & Missions | Building Fund |
|-------------------------|------------|------------------|---------------|
| Weekly Need             | \$9,792.78 | \$500.00         | \$961.54      |
| Rec’d 07/29/18          | \$4,986.00 | \$92.00          | \$387.00      |

**ATTENDANCE:** Thursday (07/26/18) – 56; Sunday (07/29/18) – 124

# Worship at the Fairgrounds



## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR – OUTDOOR SERVICE / PICNIC**

Be sure to get **Sunday, August 26** marked on your calendar for our annual Outdoor Service and congregational picnic. Here's what's being planned...

- **Worship at the Henry County Fairgrounds, South Merchant's Building.** We'll be at the fairgrounds since construction will be underway at the old school.
- **Service begins at 10:00 a.m.** (NOTE THE TIME) This is a great opportunity to invite someone to worship with you, and to share with them God's love in Christ!
- **Congregation Picnic will follow** in the South Merchant's Building. Bring a salad or dessert to share – the rest will be provided.
- **The School Board is planning after-dinner activities** for families and children.
- **There will be NO Thursday evening service** on Aug 23 prior to the Outdoor Service.

**OFFICE HOURS:** The church/school summer office hours will be Tuesday thru Friday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Closed on Mondays until school begins. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be there.

**TALK RADIO FOR THE THINKING CHRISTIAN...** You can listen to Lutheran experts teach on topics like: The Augsburg Confession, Responding to Roman Catholic Proof Texts, The Emmaus Disciples, Third Century Martyr Lawrence and more. **Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen live or at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**FOLLOW OUR CHURCH ON FACEBOOK** – Pastor Niermann is posting to our church's



Facebook page. In addition to keeping up with all the normal things happening at church, this page will become a source of information about our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, as well as a place where members and school alumni will be encouraged to share memories of the past. Be sure to head there soon and check out the anniversary theme and logo on the page banner.

If you aren't following our church yet on Facebook, just search for "St. John Lutheran, Napoleon" and you'll see us in this list with a profile picture of the outside front of the sanctuary. Be sure to share the page with your friends, and let's build a good following, especially as we approach the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. (Our school has a Facebook page; find and follow it!)

**SERVING IN FREEDOM SURVEY** – Recently the Stewardship Board sent a letter to the congregation about service in the congregation through elected and appointed offices, as well as other areas of volunteer service. The goal is to get members plugged into areas of service that suit their interests, and to make the nomination process a little easier. The Board asks that everyone please take a few minutes to fill out this survey so that, as the letter says, we can each take our turns serving the body of Christ using the gifts for service God has given to every one of us. You can use the paper survey that was included with the letter and drop it off in the narthex, or take the online version of the survey using the link on our website ([sjl.org>links>Serving in Freedom Survey](http://sjl.org/links/Serving%20in%20Freedom%20Survey)).

**LUTHERAN PRAYER BOOKS:** There are several copies of The Lutheran Prayerbook available on the desk in the narthex. This is a collection of prayers and inspirations for every Lutheran. We hope you can use and enjoy it!



**SHARE THE BOUNTY OF SUMMER** – This morning a table has been set up under the carport where you can bring any spare produce from your garden and share it with others in the congregation. Bring whatever you can and take whatever you can use, and share the bounty of summer! The table will be set up each Sunday through mid-September or so.

**VOLLEYBALL SEASON:** *Amy Dietrich* will be our grades 4-8 volleyball coach this season. Volleyball will be open for any girl going into grades 4-8 for the 2018-19 school year. Throughout the season we will be looking for parents and family members to assist with volleyball activities, this may include line-judging, scoreboard, concessions, and helping at the St. John Freedom Volleyball Invitational in October. Please contact Coach Amy Dietrich at 419-966-7345 with any questions you may have. Thank you all! GO EAGLES!

**UPCOMING SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- ✓ **School Open House** – The St. John School will be holding an open house on Mon., Aug. 20th from 6:00 – 7:00 PM for Kindergarten thru Gr. 8 families. We will meet first in the Fellowship Hall. That will be a time to introduce our staff members and set the tone for the school year. After meeting in the Fellowship Hall students can drop off materials in their classrooms, meet teachers, and pay fees in the school office.
- ✓ **Gr 6&7 Class Trip Meeting** – There will also be a meeting with the 6th and 7th grade parents following the Open House. Our meeting will be to discuss the class trip.
- ✓ **Preschool Parent's Meeting & Open House** – On **Tues., Aug. 21 at 6:00 PM** there will be a Preschool Parent's Meeting held in the Fellowship Hall for children entering the 3-yr old preschool class. Immediately following this meeting (at 7:00 PM) there will be a Parent Meeting for children entering the 4/5-yr old preschool class. Parents will be informed about student expectations in the classroom and also the basics of navigating in the FastDirect Communication system. The classroom will be open and staffed during these meetings. **All Preschool parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.**
- ✓ **School Fundraiser** – The Magazine & Cookie Dough Sales for Grades Preschool thru 8 will begin on **Mon., Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**. It will run through Thurs., Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. The cookie dough will be delivered October 16.

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**A tongue three inches long can destroy a man six feet tall.**

*"The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell." (James 3:6)*