



# St. John Lutheran Church

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## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Guest Preacher: Rev. Terry Cripe

Sermon: "God's Supply Chain" *Luke 12:22-34*

Service: *Divine Service, Setting Four* (Pg. 203)

Hymns: 801 ~ 736 ~ (Communion: 632, 712, 627) ~ 924

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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. If you are a visitor, 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* ✖

✖ Dave Badenhop, Denny Von Deylen, Jerry Short, Dan Wiechers, *Ushers* ✖

✖ Karen Germann, Mary Kossow, Diana Kruse, *Altar Guild* ✖

**OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY** – This morning it is our great pleasure to welcome to St. John **Rev. Terry Cripe**, former pastor at **Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church** in Defiance, and also former Ohio District President. Rev. Cripe and his wife Marlene reside in Defiance and have made **Christ Our Savior** their home church. We welcome Rev. Cripe amongst us, and pray that God will richly bless his service to us of God's Word and sacraments.

**CHURCH SECRETARY:** Please make note that due to Joyce Wiechers out of the office last week, today's bulletin has limited information in it. Should there be any additional information for today, it will be announced by Rev. Cripe at the end of today's service. Thank you!

**THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES** take place each week, May through October, at 7:00 p.m. Until school resumes, we are gathering in the north fellowship hall for these services. As always, Holy Communion is celebrated on the Thursday evenings prior to Communion Sundays.

In God's House This Week			Online church calendar: <a href="https://74058984.view-events.com">https://74058984.view-events.com</a>
Date	Time	Activities	
Today	9:00AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Study	
Thurs.	7:00 PM	<b>Thurs. Evening Worship (Fellowship Hall – North)</b>	
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM 6:00 PM	Worship Service w/Communion following Adult Bible Study Henry County Fair Tomato Festival Parade	
Mon.-Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM	

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

- ❖ *Melba Elling, Lorna Von Deylen, Norma Damman*, at Genacross – Napoleon
- ❖ *Lawrence Behrmann*, at Northcrest Nursing & Rehab and in hospice care
- ❖ Military: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Niermann, Jared Dishop, Jordan Lange*
- ❖ *Esther Layton, Sue Hurst, Eileen Fitzzenreiter*, and *Dave Crandall*, concerns relating to cancer
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, at Ohio Veteran's Home, Sandusky, and battling lung cancer
- ❖ *Irene Joost and Jason Foor*, recuperating from recent health concerns
- ❖ *Steve Hurst*, following recent heart bypass surgery

# How we got the BIBLE

**SPECIAL TWO-PART BIBLE STUDY – With Rev. Terry Cripe**  
**How We Got the Bible**

As God's written Word, the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments are the source of His revelation to man. But how did this book of books come to be? If mere mortals were involved in the writing, production, transmission, and preservation of these writings, how do we know they can be trusted as the inspired Word of God?

This two-part study will be led by Rev. Terry Cripe, our guest preacher. Together we will take a look at the historical development of the Bible as it has come down to us through the centuries. With special emphasis on God's divine activity through the Spirit-inspired authors of the Old and New Testaments, this study will show how the Bible is His book, His Word-revealed to man that they might know the way of salvation as revealed by the prophets and made real in the flesh through the life, death, and resurrection of God's son, Jesus Christ. *Join us this morning for Part 2!*

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT – Ohio Sales Tax Holiday**

Just to let you know, the state of Ohio has declared a ***Sales Tax Holiday*** from Friday, Aug. 5 thru today. During the holiday, the following items are exempt from sales and use tax:

- An item of clothing priced at \$75 or less;
- An item of school supplies priced at \$20 or less; and
- An item of school instructional material priced at \$20 or less.

**IF YOU'RE EVER IN A PINCH** and could use a little help, the ***Good Neighbor Fund*** is there to assist you too! Please don't be bashful about asking – everything is strictly confidential. Just give Pastor Niermann a call, and we'll see what we can do!

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 21**

**OUTDOOR SERVICE • CONGREGATIONAL MEAL • SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

**Mark your calendars for August 21<sup>st</sup>. It's going to be a special day for all.**

- **Annual Outdoor Service** - Pray for favorable weather! (It was a bit hot and muggy last year!) **Worship will be at 10:00 a.m.** on the yard next to *The Youth & Family Center*. This year we'll rearrange things so we can sit on the lawn and take advantage of the shade of the large tree.
- Also during the Outdoor Service we will introduce and install our new school staff – **Miss Tracy Germann** as Principal, and **Mr. Stephen Benson** as 5-6 grade teacher.
- **Blessing of the Backpacks** – All students of all grades and all schools (parochial and public) are invited to bring their school backpacks to the Outdoor Service for “The Blessing of the Backpacks.” Each participating student will receive a *Jesus Ichthus* fish key ring to put on their backpack for the year as a constant reminder that they are first and foremost students, or disciples, of Jesus!
- **Congregational meal afterwards in the fellowship hall** (*freewill offering*). You'll have a chance to formally greet Miss Germann and Mr. Benson and hear from them about their lives and ministries and what brought them here to us. Let's make this a card shower for them as well. More details will be forthcoming.
- **SJLS School Open House** – Students are also invited to stop by their classrooms on the 21<sup>st</sup> to meet and greet their teachers. This is for Kindergarten thru Grade 6 students who can drop off school supplies in their classrooms, prior to school starting the following Wednesday.

## **JOIN A MINISTRY PLANNING TEAM FOR A MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET**



The *Stewardship Board* is in the initial stages of planning a mother/daughter banquet for the fall of 2022. We are seeking individuals, both women and men, to form a ministry planning team to coordinate this event. We need the help of the women to plan an event that will have appeal to girls and women, and the help of men to coordinate the set-up, serving, and clean-up for the event so that the girls and women can enjoy a nice evening together. Sign up today as part of this planning team using the form provided in the narthex. Thank you!

## **THREE WAYS TO GIVE YOUR REGULAR OFFERING**

- Deposit your envelope or offering in the offering plate being passed during the service.
- Use the ‘**Give Now**’ online giving page – a link (the blue button) is on our website.
- Mail your offering to the church.

**SCHOOL FEES:** School fees can be paid beginning Monday (Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>) and Tuesday (Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>) from 8am – noon...and also following Opening Chapel on Wed., Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>.

**PRESCHOOL INFO:** Per the July 5<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting, the 4/5-yr preschool will begin on Tues., Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:20 AM. The 3-yr preschool will begin on Wed., Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:20 AM. Open House and Parent Meeting information will be coming very soon. Stay tuned!

## **POSITION OPENINGS:**

- St. John Lutheran School is seeking a **preschool teacher aide** (3-yr class) for Wednesday and Friday mornings next school year. Applicant must have experience with preschool-age children, obtain a background check, and supply three references.
- St John Lutheran School is seeking a **long term sub teacher for kindergarten**. Our current teacher will be taking a maternity leave beginning the first week of September. Applicant must have a valid teaching certificate, obtain a background check, and supply three references.

If you know of anyone interested in these positions, please call the school office at 419-598-8702.

**ST. JOHN CHURCH LIBRARY** – Stop in and check out the growing number of books available in the church library, located in the hall next to the sanctuary. The books in this library have been screened to assure that they are true to the Word of God and can be trusted to be theologically sound. To borrow a book, just take it with you, and then return it to the basket when you've finished reading. A complete list of the books in the church's library can be found by clicking on the "Book Inventory" link on the library page of our church's website. <http://www.sjl.org/library.html>

**COUNCIL MINUTES** – This is just a reminder that council meeting minutes are not published until they are approved a month later. If you would like to read about the most recent council meeting, an unofficial and unapproved copy of the minutes is available for viewing in the church office, usually within a week after the meeting.

**LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT – How You Can Help?** If you have used **prescription or nonprescription** glasses or sunglasses in your drawers, desks, or closets, you can donate them now! Children's glasses are especially needed. Both plastic and metal frames are accepted. There is a box on the table in the narthex for the collection of these used glasses.

**LARGE PRINT & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BULLETINS** are available on the table in the narthex. The Children's Bulletins are coordinated with the Bible texts for each Sunday, and provide activities that tie in with the weekly themes. Pick one up today for your child.

**INTERESTED IN A MUDHENS GAME?** We received word that our very own, Zach Willeman will be pitching for the Omaha Storm Chasers Minor League Team (affiliated with the Kansas City Royals MLB Team), at Mudhens Stadium from August 9<sup>th</sup> thru the 14<sup>th</sup>. Zach is a relief pitcher for the Storm Chasers and could see action on any of these game dates. Can't guarantee that you'll see Zach pitch, but you can still enjoy a good game and maybe see Zach in the bullpen or dugout.

**REMINDER---HAWKS PIZZA\*\*SAVE THE DATE!** FYI...On Sat., August 20<sup>th</sup>, Hawks Pizza in Napoleon will be donating 10% of their total sales that day to St. John School. This is a community fundraising event they have chosen us to participate in with them. Flyers coming soon!.

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### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**The struggle is real but so is God.**

*"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isa 41:10*