St. John Lutheran Church

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ALL SAINTS' DAY *(observed)*

Order of Service: Divine Service Setting I ***LSB pg. 151***

- Opening Hymn: **677** ***For All the Saints v. 1-4***
- Confession and Absolution
- Introit
- Kyrie
- ***This is the Feast*** *LSB pg. 155*
- Salutation and Collect of the Day
- Holy Scripture Readings
  - Choir Anthem **"Find us Faithful"**
    between Epistle and Gospel readings
- Hymn of the Day: **411** ***I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light***
- Sermon: "We are the Children of God"
  Vicar Jon Pietrowski
- Commemoration of the Faithful Departed *see ivory insert*
- Nicene Creed
- Prayer of the Church
- Offering
- Service of the Sacrament *beginning on LSB pg. 160*
- Distribution Hymns: **667** ***Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses*****; 676** ***Behold a Host, Arrayed in White***
- Benediction *LSB pg. 166*
- Closing Hymn: **677** ***For All the Saints v. 5-8***
  (choir singing verse 6)

WELCOME VISITORS!

You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we gather at the Lord 's Table today, we also unite with all the saints to celebrate God's feast of victory. Here He nourishes us with the food and drink of the full assurance of our salvation in Him. Please fill out the attendance card from the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the baskets by the doors as you leave.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

✠ Sharon Damman *Organist* ✠ Avery Crall, Braelyn Kehnast *Acolytes* ✠
✠ Doug Dietrich, Neil Badenhop, Joe Badenhop, Nick Sonnenberg *Ushers* ✠
✠ Kathy Behnfeldt, Pat Maassel, Anita Badenhop *Altar Guild* ✠

THANK YOU TO PASTOR ALEX KNOWLES for joining us this All Saints' Day to consecrate the elements for the Lord's Supper. *Pastor Knowles* is a PhD Candidate at the Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne.

In God's House This Week		*Online church calendar: https://74058984.view-events.com*
Date	***Time***	***Activities***
TODAY	**9:00 AM** 10:15 AM 11:30 AM	**Communion Service** *All-Saints' Day* All-Ages Sunday School, "the LAMP" Confirmation Class (6-8 grades)
Mon.	3:00 PM 5:15 PM	Basketball Practice (Boys' after school to 5 | Girls' 5:30-7) School Board Meeting
Tues.	**8:30 AM** 5:30 PM	**School Chapel** Girls' Basketball Practice
Wed.	3:00 PM 7:30 PM	Boys' Basketball Practice Adult Choir Practice
Thurs.	6:30 AM 5:30 PM	Men's Bible Breakfast Girls' Basketball Practice
Sun.	**9:00 AM** 10:15 AM 11:30 AM	**Worship Service** All-Ages Sunday School, "the LAMP" Confirmation Class (6-8 grades)

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

- *Melba Elling* and *Norma Damman* at Genacross, Napoleon
- *Rozella Gruenhagen* and *Bob Nemoyer* at Vancrest, Holgate
- *Lois Arps* at Genacross – Assisted Living, Napoleon
- Our Shut-Ins: *Irene Joost*, *Leona Durham*, and *Marlene Showman*
- *Zoe Pietrowski* as she recovers from a concussion
- *Brent Damman (brother to Carey)* suffering from back pain
- Military: *Justin Atkinson*, *Jason Rohrs*, *Jordan Lange*, *Joshua,* and *Kyle*

FINANCIAL FACTS:	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	$11,710.59	$500.00	$961.54
Rec'd 10/25/2026	*to be published next week*		

VENMO IS HERE! Exciting News… St. John now accepts donations via Venmo!

Scan the QR code or search @sjlfreedom to visit our donation page. If you need internet access, use our guest Wi-Fi **SJL Open** with the password **sjleagles##**

SHARE THE BOUNTY – Has your garden produced a bounty of beans? A crush of cucumbers? An excess of eggplants? If you've got more than you can use, consider sharing the bounty with your friends at church. There is a table outside under the carport where you can drop off any garden produce you can't use, and you can also pick up what you can use. It's a wonderful way to share the blessing!



***PORTALS OF PRAYER* BOOKLETS** for Oct., Nov., and Dec. are available on the desk in the Narthex. These brief, daily devotions are available in a pocket-sized booklet and a large print version. Please take one for yourself and family, and feel free to take an extra copy to share with a friend!

ALL SAINTS' DAY – This morning we remember with thanksgiving our brother and sister saints who died in Christ since the last celebration of All Saints a year ago. They are: ***Irma Rohrs, Lawrence Behrmann, LaVern Volkman, Robert Stockman, Weldon Meienburg,*** and ***Stan Gerken***. Through faith in Christ, they conquered over sin and death to reign with Christ forever. We eagerly anticipate the day when we are reunited with them in glory. A white rose will be placed near the baptismal font in remembrance of our sisters and brothers in faith. Following the service, a family member may take a rose as a remembrance of their departed loved one.



ALTAR FLOWERS this morning are placed in loving memory of *Clara Meyer* from her family. Clara went to her heavenly home five years ago on November 6, 2021. Glory and thanks to God for her life, her faith, and her giving nature.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Everyone is invited to join for fellowship, refreshments, and Sunday School following the service this morning! We'll all begin together next to the gym and then break off into age groups, with *Vicar Jon* leading the Adult Bible study.

- **THE "LAMP"** will meet across the road at the Youth and Family Center after the service.
  ***NO TRICKS, JUST TREATS!* -** This morning at the LAMP, we'll have some special seasonal treats to enjoy. All high school and college-aged youth are welcome!
- **CONFIRMATION CLASS** will now be meeting after Sunday School at 11:30 on Sundays.

THANK YOU TO THE CHOIR for blessing us with special music this morning!

UPCOMING LYF MEETING – The Jr. High and High School LYF groups will have their next meeting on Sunday, November 15, at the Youth & Family Center.



Jr. High (Grades 6–8): 4:00 PM | High School (Grades 9–12): 5:00 PM. We will be having a Thanksgiving feast — bring a friend!

GIVING ENVELOPES FOR NEW MEMBERS – If you are a new member (through classes or transfer) and would like offering envelopes for the remainder of 2026, please contact Ryan Bostelman at 419-770-2029, and he will add you to the list.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS – *Vicar Jon* has open office hours at St. John each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. He can be contacted at pastor@sjl.org, through the church office line, or by his cell at 419-309-2420. This week, church secretary *Leah Saylor* will be in the office on Monday 11/2. Due to this schedule change, **bulletin submissions for Sun., Nov. 8 are due by 9 a.m. on Mon., 11/2** to churchsecretary@sjl.org or 419-598-8961. After Monday, please contact Vicar Jon with any emergency needs or last-minute announcements.

POINSETTIA SALE – It's hard to believe that it is already time to start planning for the Christmas season. One order of business is the poinsettia sale— green order forms were inserted in last week's bulletin, and extra copies are on the Narthex table. The deadline for orders will be Tues., November 10th. You may turn your form and cash/check payable to *St. John Lutheran Church* in the box on the Narthex table, the black lockbox by the school entrance, or bring them into the church/school office. Be sure to fill in the line, "In Loving Memory of" or "In Honor of" if applicable. This information will be published in the bulletin the Sunday the poinsettias are placed in the sanctuary (12/20).

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY – Join us this Thursday at 6:30 a.m. for Men's Bible Breakfast. It's a great way to start your day! Good food, good friends, and a good Word from God!



THE NOMINATION PROCESS – The Stewardship Board would like to announce that letters have been sent to members of our congregation asking if they would be willing to serve in one of the offices of our congregation. Please keep this process in your prayers, and if asked, please give it prayerful consideration. **We are so thankful to God for all those who choose to serve!**



LWML CHRISTIAN LIFE WORKSHOP – The annual Fall LWML Christian Life workshop will be held on Saturday, November 7, at Emmaus, Wauseon. 8:30 AM-9:00 AM - Check-in and Continental Breakfast | 9:00 AM-11:15 AM - Program. No registration required! Flyers are available on the Narthex table.

From the **Classroom** to the **Congregation**

Notes & Updates from St. John Lutheran School

FALL FESTIVAL THANK YOU – Last weekend, we celebrated our annual Fall Festival. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with setup, cleanup, and running the various stations. Special shout-outs to the *Stewardship Board* for providing refreshments and to *Larry Gerken* for generously donating his time and equipment to provide the hayrides!

PTL PIZZA FUNDRAISER – PTL's annual *Brick N Brew Pizza Fundraiser* order forms are available on the Narthex table, and orders and payment are due by November 2.

BASKETBALL SIGN UP information is available on the Narthex table along with game schedules.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP – Memberships are now being taken for the '26-'27 Athletic Booster Club. Prices are $20.00 for a couple and $10.00 for an individual. Make checks payable to *St. John Boosters* and turn them in to the school office. Forms are available on the Narthex table or outside the office. Join today to help out the children's athletic program.

AREA EVENTS

- **National "Wreaths Across America" Day** will be on **December 19th.** There are forms on the Narthex table for those who'd like to sponsor wreaths for veterans' grave markers.

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Thought for the Week…

We are united with all the saints through the saving work of Jesus Christ.