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ALL SAINTS' DAY (*observed*)

Sermon & Text: "Blessed Are You" *Matthew 5:1-12*

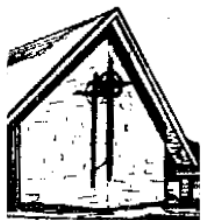
Order of Service: *See printed Service Folder*

Hymns: 932 ~ [Communion: 671, 672] ~ 670

Adult Choir: *Late Service* - "Borning Cry" and "Let Us Break Bread Together"

WELCOME TO OUR 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. 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.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ 1st Service: Brady Gerken & Anna Gerken, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ 2nd Service: Mitchell Kruse & Alex Stevens, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Dave & Sara Myles, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Rich Elling & Harold Behrmann, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Denny Bockelman, Jeff Buchhop, Dave Myles, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Lois Rosebrock, Karen Germann, Diana Kruse, Mary Kossow, *Altar Guild* ✠

LAID TO REST: On Fri., Oct. 24, 2014, Sandra 'Sue' Landry departed this earthly life to be with the Lord. Her funeral was held here at St. John on Thurs., Oct. 30th at 1:30 PM and burial followed at Riverview Memory Gardens, Defiance. Please pray for Don (Sue's husband), Sarah VerMeulen (Sue's daughter), and Sue's grandchildren, Allison VerMeulen, Justin Buchhop, Stephanie Buchhop, and Nathan Buchhop.

In God's House This Week *Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl*

Date	Time	Activities
Today	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:30AM 4:30 PM	Early Worship Service – <i>All Saints observed</i> Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; “Time To Spare” Late Worship Service – <i>All Saints observed</i> Thrivent Election Dinner & Meeting (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class School Board and Stewardship Board Meetings
Wed.	10:20AM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Late Start-up due to Teacher In-Service at 9:15 AM Junior Confirmation Class (6:15 – 7:30 PM) Adult Handbell Practice Adult Choir Practice
Thurs.	6:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Men’s Bible Breakfast at Hill’s Restaurant Career Day at Four County for Grades 7&8 Exercise Class Budget Committee Meeting (<i>see bulletin note</i>) Adult Bible Study w/ <i>Vicar Shoaff</i> ; Adult Info. Class w/ <i>Pastor</i>
Sun.	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:30AM	Early Communion Service w/Communion following <i>Java Joy</i> ; Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; “Time To Spare” Late Communion Service
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. John Holyer</i> , St. Paul Lutheran, Napoleon

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

- ❖ Our Shut-Ins: *Stan Moll, Marian Fitzenreiter, Donald Landry, and Edwin Rosebrock*
- ❖ *Pauline Dishop* and *Marie Damman*, residing at The Lutheran Home, Napoleon
- ❖ *Magdalena Volkman*, residing at Heartland Nursing Home, Wauseon
- ❖ *Anna Brodman* and *Marian Buchhop*, residing at Country View Haven
- ❖ *Helen Norden*, residing at Greenbriar Assisted Living, Birmingham, AL
- ❖ Servicemen and women, *Justin Atkinson, Kyle Elling, Jason Rohrs, Emily Niermann, and Connor Gerken*
- ❖ *Casen Lawrence*, as he has had on-going seizures resulting in hospitalization
- ❖ *Yvonne Volkman, Marvin Gruenhagen, and Lois Arps*, dealing with health issues
- ❖ *Norma Damman*, rehabbing at Country View Haven, Napoleon
- ❖ *Joel Stier*, diagnosed with Hodgkin’s lymphoma and currently undergoing chemotherapy
- ❖ *Chris Basehor* (Sarah VerMeulen’s cousin), dealing with a reoccurrence of her cancer

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING: The Budget Committee will be meeting on Thurs., Nov. 6th at 7:00 PM. **The Budget Committee consists of the following 2014 office holders:** **Church Treasurer**, two second year **Trustees**, *two of the four Board of Ed members currently serving their second and third year*, two **Church Deacons**, *two Financial Trustees currently serving their second and third year*, the **Elder** completing his term of office, *and two Stewardship members, one serving their first year and one their second year.* Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

TODAY IS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – We give thanks to God for ALL of His redeemed saints, living and departed. Most especially we remember on this day members of our own Christian family who died and whom we commended to God’s mercy in the year since we last celebrated All Saints. This morning we will remember eight members of our congregation, placing a white rose for each of them near the baptismal font. They are...

- **Norman Fitzenreiter** (Jan. 23, 1927 – Nov. 6, 2013)
- **Norma Dietrich** (Oct. 25, 1941 – Dec. 8, 2013)
- **Joan Miller** (Feb. 9, 1933 – Dec. 31, 2013)
- **Arnold Bischoff** (Jan. 28, 1929 – Mar. 21, 2014)
- **Hilda Kruse** (June 3, 1914 – Apr. 27, 2014)
- **Lucia Rosebrock** (Apr. 1, 1934 – May 26, 2014)
- **Lonnie Layton** (Mar. 5, 1958 – Aug. 25, 2014)
- **Saundra Landry** (Jan. 9, 1938 – Oct. 24, 2014)



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES!

While the young ones are in Sunday School, you can be growing in faith too!

- **“THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS”** – This book is a fascinating look by C.S. Lewis into the devil’s cunning and deception, and it just gets better and better. In **Letter #14** this crafty demon talks about twisting even the best of virtues, humility, to become a source of pride. Join Pastor Niermann in the north end of the fellowship hall for this intriguing study, and you will gain an advantage as you fight the good fight of faith. Don’t worry if you’ve not attended before – each letter is a Bible study unto itself.
- **“MARRIAGE BY GOD’S DESIGN”** – “The commitment to love and be faithful to one’s spouse-for better, for worse, in sickness and in health- is not a pledge to keep the same feelings. It is a pledge to do certain things, to voluntary conduct.” Today we will considering the question, “What is true love?” Is it just a feeling?...or is there more to it? Join Vicar Shoaff in the fellowship hall as we look to God’s Word and the example of Christ to understand what “true love” really is.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec’d 10/26/14	\$8,158.00	\$228.00	\$1,058.00

ATTENDANCE: 10/26/14 – 8:15 Service: 135; 10:30 Service: 147

LWML Napoleon Zone Fall Christian Life Workshop will be held on Saturday, November 8th, at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Wauseon. The theme is, “Jesus, Always the Same,” from Hebrews 13:8. This year the guest speaker is *Rev. Dale Kern* who will portray the Rev. John Adam Detzer, a Circuit Rider Preacher who established Lutheran congregations in this area beginning in 1845. Registration and a continental breakfast will begin at 8:30 AM with the program starting at 9:00 AM and lasting until 11:15 AM. An ingathering will be for Lutheran churches in our Napoleon Zone that have a food pantry. Nonperishable items or a monetary donation can be brought that day. We will also have a Mite Box offering. Everyone welcome!

YOUTH DIRECTOR POSITION AVAILABLE - We are presently seeking candidates for our Youth Director. This is a part-time paid position, to begin on December 1st. The Youth Director, with guidance and assistance from the Vicar and Pastor, promotes and leads the LYF youth ministry in our congregation. This position involves a monthly meeting, and planning and implementing various youth activities throughout the year. If you would like to apply for this position, please speak with *Vicar Shoaff* or *Pastor Niermann*.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY – November 23rd

As part of our efforts under the “WITNESS, Mercy, Life Together” emphasis, we will be planning *Friendship Sundays* periodically, the first of which we’ve scheduled for Sunday, November 23rd. The purpose of a *Friendship Sunday* is to provide you an opportunity to invite friends and family to a worship and fellowship event that is especially geared to our guests. Our first *Friendship Sunday* will take place around a theme that is strong in the Scripture readings that day – **GATHERED**. Much planning needs to take place. If you’d like to help plan our first *Friendship Sunday*, please speak with Pastor Niermann. **Our planning meeting will be on Monday, November 3rd at 7:00 p.m.**



POINSETTIA SALE – We are starting the poinsettia sale for Christmas, and green order forms are inserted in today’s bulletin. The deadline for ordering is Fri., Nov. 14th. **The cost increased to \$8.00 per plant.** You may bring your form and **check payable to St. John Lutheran School** to the office. Be sure to fill in the line, “*In Loving Memory of*” or “*In Honor of*” if you wish. This information will be published in the church bulletin as an insert the Sunday the poinsettias are placed in the sanctuary.



CHURCH LIBRARY – The church library, located in the hall next to the sanctuary, is growing to contain a lot of excellent books that will edify your faith. 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. Please check out the selection. To borrow a book, just take it with you, then return it to the basket when you’ve finished reading.

EAGLE NEWS: The Eagle News publication is now available online via FastDirect Communication. Just go to <http://www.fastdir.com/stjohnfreedom/>, click on “Links” at the top of the page, then click on “Eagle News - October” in the “Everybody” column. There will still be printed copies available on the narthex table for those parishioners without computer access. Enjoy!

RECYCLING PROGRAM: As of the Sept. 2014 School Board Meeting, it was decided to implement a recycling program at St. John School. This will be done through Zack’s Recycling, Napoleon. Please pick up a green flyer explaining the recycling program from the table in the narthex or contact school board member, *Renee Bostelman* (419-758-3335) with any questions.

OSU QUILT – A silent auction is being conducted for the OSU quilt (*lap size*) on display in the side hallway. A minimum opening bid of \$100 is being asked. Bid sheets for this silent auction are located on the table in the narthex. Bids will be closed as of noon on Sun., Nov. 23rd. This is a fundraiser for the on-going Right Hand of Fellowship gift matching campaign, so let's support the campaign and "Go Bucks."

CHRISTMAS SWEETS & TREATS! The Stewardship Board is organizing a Christmas fundraiser for the Right Hand of Fellowship Gift Matching campaign. The Christmas Sweets & Treats Shop will be open on Sunday, Dec. 21st after each of the Early and Late Services that day.

Here is how it will work. You can make a freewill donation and receive a small or large gift box, after which you will go to tables, set up in the hallway and pick out any of the baked goods to fill your box with Christmas goodies. All money raised will be given (and matched) toward the Right Hand of Fellowship campaign – Fellowship Hall debt reduction.

Stop by on Dec. 21st and let us brighten your Christmas season with a handpicked box of sweets and treats! Any questions about this fundraiser should be directed to *Karen Norden* (419-267-3477) or *Kim VanValkenburg* (419-519-0437). More information will be forthcoming requesting donations of your favorite holiday cookies, candies, bars, etc. for this fundraising event. Stay tuned!

STEWARDSHIP & THANKSGIVING: In this season of thanksgiving, a sincere 'thank you' is in order to everyone who supports our congregation throughout the year with their attendance, service, and regular financial contributions. For those of you who are interested, the church offers electronic giving options for making donations on a scheduled, automated basis. It's convenient for you and provides much-needed financial consistency for the church. Pick up an authorization form in the office to get started today!

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP FUNDRAISER: The Stewardship Board is offering "for sale" the Ultimate Cloth® as a fundraiser. These are a MiraFiber® technology cloth that cleans with water only. More effective than harsh cleaning chemicals and soaps. Contact Karen Norden (419-267-3477) for more information and pricing. This will be an on-going fundraiser for the Right Hand of Fellowship gift matching campaign.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP: Membership is still being taken for the Athletic Booster Club. **Sign up deadline is Mon., Dec. 8th.** Prices are \$20.00 for a couple and \$10.00 for an individual. Make checks payable to St. John Boosters and send to school with your child. Forms are available in the "School Info" rack outside the school office. Join today!

ST. JOHN SCRIP: The *SCRIP* campaign is in full swing. Order forms and program information are posted on FastDirect under 'Links,' titled SCRIP Order Forms and SCRIP Program Information. There are also hard copies on the narthex table and in the "School Info" rack outside the office. Please turn your orders in on Wednesdays, with payment to *St. John School PTL Scrip Program*. The gift cards will be sent home the following week on Tuesday. Payment must accompany orders. **Any questions about SCRIP can be directed to the following SCRIP Coordinators: Karen Gerken at 567-454-0087 or email at kgerken564@gmail.com; or Kristyn Honemann at 419-592-0643 or email at honemann@embarqmail.com.**

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION, AND POP TABS: Our school also collects *Box Tops For Education*, and aluminum pop tabs all year long. *Box Tops For Education* is an ongoing PTL fundraiser earning 10¢ per box top for the PTL. They too have expanded their sponsors, so be sure to check over your grocery items carefully so you don't miss any box tops. The pop tabs collected all go to support the Ronald McDonald House in Toledo. There are collection boxes in the school office for each of these. ***NOTE: Please turn in your Labels For Education and Box Tops For Education labels in separate Ziploc bags or envelopes. Do not combine them.*** Thank you!

LABELS FOR EDUCATION (*formerly Campbell's Labels for Ed*): Our school collects labels all year long. **Labels For Education have expanded and now include UPC labels from Post Cereals, BIC, Pop-Secret, and several others.** For a complete listing of sponsors go to www.labelsforeducation.com. These labels earn points for St. John to be redeemed for many school supplies. ***NOTE: Please turn in your Labels For Education and Box Tops For Education labels in separate Ziploc bags or envelopes. Do not combine them.*** Thank you!

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!

LARGE PRINT & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BULLETINS are available today 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.

THRIVENT ELECTION DINNER: The Henry County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be holding their annual Election Dinner and Meeting today at 5:00 PM. Registration begins at 4:30 PM. This will be held at the Filling Memorial Home – Napoleon.

PRESCHOOL SUBSTITUTE TEACHER NEEDED – Emmaus Lutheran Church in Wauseon is seeking qualified candidates to serve as a substitute teacher in their preschool. If you are interested to see a job description or to apply, please speak with *Pastor Niermann*.

SYMPHONY OF TREES will be presenting the *JINGLE BELL JAM & SUNDAY BRUNCH* on Sun., Nov. 23rd with serving until 1:00 PM at The Armory Arts & Event Center, 127 E. Clinton St., Napoleon. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 4-10 years old, and free for those 3 and under. Proceeds to benefit child abuse programming for the Center for Child and Family Advocacy, Henry Co. CASA Program, and the Henry County Hospital.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Autumn leaves – Jesus doesn't leave.

"I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Heb. 13:5)