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ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Sermon & Text: "Sunday of Palms" *Revelation 7:9-10*

Order of Service: *See printed Service Folder*

Hymns: 677, stz.1-5 ~ 677, stz. 6-8 ~ 671, stz.1,3 ~ [Communion: 563, 411] ~ 813

Adult Choir: "Find Us Faithful" and "May I Love You Lord"

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

- ✠ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✠ Maggie Weller & Lydia Babcock, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Richard & Bev Elling, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Harold Behrmann & Richard Elling, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Dave Badenhop, Denny VonDeylen, Jerry Short, Dan Wiechers, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Diane VonDeylen, LouAnn Rosebrock, Jeannette Bostelman, *Altar Guild* ✠

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are placed in celebration of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Don & Marian Dickmann by their family. Don and Marian's anniversary was on Friday, Oct. 30th. We thank God for the many years he has granted them and wish them many more years together. Congratulations to the Dickmanns!

TODAY IS 'ALL SAINTS' DAY' - With thanks to God we will remember all the saints who have departed this life to be with the Lord, with a special focus on those who have left us since our last celebration of All Saints. They are: *Edwin Rosebrock, Walter Delventhal, Esther Schroeder, Yvonne Volkman, and Will Gruenhagen.*

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

Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM 10:20AM	Communion Service – <i>All Saints Day</i> Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; “Time To Spare” Adult Instruction Class in the Conference Room
Tue.	8:35 AM 9:00 AM 10:00AM 7:00 PM	Chapel led by <i>Travis Grulke</i> , Supt. of Lutheran Schools in Ohio; Offering: <i>Henry County Christmas Cheer</i> Exercise Class Tuesday Bible Study School Board & Stewardship Meetings
Wed.	10:20AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM	Late Start-Up due to Teacher In-Service at 9:15 AM Junior Confirmation Class (6:15 – 7:30 PM) Adult Choir Practice
Thurs.	6:30 AM 9:00 AM	Men’s Bible Breakfast at Hill’s Restaurant Exercise Class
Fri.	5:30 PM	Set up for Arts & Crafts Show
Sat.	10:00AM	Arts & Crafts Show (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service w/Communion following Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; “Time To Spare”
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Eric Moquin</i> , St. John Lutheran, Sherwood

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

- ❖ Our Shut-Ins: *Stan Moll, Marian Fitzenreiter, Norma Damman, and Don Dickmann*
- ❖ *Pauline Dishop, Marie Damman, and Delora Winkelman*, at The Lutheran Home, Napoleon
- ❖ *Magdalena Volkman*, residing at Heartland Nursing Home, Wauseon
- ❖ *Anna Brodman and Marian Buchhop* residing at Country View Haven
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Orchards of Northcrest - Napoleon
- ❖ *Helen Norden*, residing at Greenbriar Assisted Living in Birmingham, AL
- ❖ Servicemen *Justin Atkinson, Kyle Elling, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, and Connor Gerken*
- ❖ *Delores Badenhop*, recuperating at The Lutheran Home following her surgery
- ❖ *Lawrence Langenhop*, recuperating at home now following hip surgery

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec’d 10/25/15	\$6,697.00	\$212.00	\$848.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday Evening Service: 28; 10/25/15 Service: 247

THANK YOU: *Lawrence Langenhop* would like to thank everyone for their prayers offered, cards sent, and visits made by his church family during his hospitalization and subsequent stay at the Lutheran Home campus for rehabilitation. A special thanks to *Vicar Yaeger* and *Pastor Niermann* for their words of encouragement and prayers given. Thanks again!

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES have come to a conclusion for this season. We will resume Thursday evening services on the first Thursday of May.

Bible Study



MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY – Join us bright and early this **Thursday morning** for a sneak preview of next Sunday's scripture readings. These texts will form the basis of our study together, as we also share breakfast. We'll meet at **Hill's Family Restaurant** in Napoleon at 6:30 a.m. Breakfast is \$6.50, which includes the tip. It's a great way to start your day! Good food, good friends, and a good Word from God!

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Cross; We Suffer with Jesus (*Sundays after worship*)

Our daily crosses—a battle against sin, a disease, a lack of success at work, or a shrinking congregation—make it difficult to believe in a gracious God. We wish God would reveal Himself clearly and deliver us. But God chooses to remain hidden. How can this be good news for us? Come and find out as we continue our study: **Cross, We Suffer with Jesus.**

I Have Good News for You (*Sundays after worship*)

Starting TODAY! With all the bad news in the headlines, would you like to hear some good news for once, about a God who cares for you, a Bible that frees you, a washing that cleanses you? Pastor Niermann will offer this basic course in Christian doctrine for prospective members who may wish to join our congregation, and for current members who wish to refresh their faith. We will meet in the conference room just outside left side door of the sanctuary. Be sure to invite someone to join you, and let's celebrate some good news for once!



A Man Named Martin (*Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.*)

As it turns out, if you did not show up last Tuesday, you did NOT miss our first gathering (*Pastor was called out to a meeting*). So we're starting **this Tuesday** instead. We will meet in the north end of the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m. each Tuesday morning.

Pastor will lead a video study from *Lutheran Hour Ministries* titled "**A Man Named Martin – Part 1, The Man.**" The influence and impact of Luther's life is the stuff of serious study. As a forlorn sinner feeling lost before a stern and exacting Judge, Luther desponded of all hope for eternity. But as one who came to cling to the Spirit-delivered truths of justification by faith and the liberty believers experience by God's grace, he rebounded to become a triumphant ambassador for the Gospel. Join us for this fresh and explorative look at an individual who, down through the centuries, has increased in vitality to the Christian church.



ST. JOHN CRAFT SHOW! Come one, come all, to the **Arts & Craft Show to be held here at St. John on Sat., Nov. 7th from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.** The money raised will go toward the Right Hand of Fellowship campaign. There will also be a booth/table set up for donated homemade craft items from our congregation members who wish to contribute to and support the Right Hand of Fellowship. Please contact *Diane Norden* (419-598-8234) or *Jackie Ripke* (419-267-5574) with questions.

UPDATE FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE: The Call Committee is meeting on a regular basis as the search continues for a Principal / 7th & 8th Grade Teacher here at St. John. They are reaching out to members of the congregation and community asking for names and contacts of anyone interested and qualified to fill this dual position. Please contact *Brad Rosebrook's* cell (419-966-3099) with any referrals. Thank you in advance!

DECORATING COMMITTEE UPDATE: We have had a few individuals step forward as volunteers to decorate the church and surroundings for Christmas. We could still use a few more helping hands, so if this is something you've been pondering, why not jump on board and be a helper. Please give it some thought, and contact the church office if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!

MARK THE DATE: The *Advent by Candlelight* Ladies Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, Dec. 10th here at St. John beginning at 6:00 PM. More information to follow in upcoming bulletins.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – It was decided at the Women of Freedom meeting last Tuesday to take part in this mission project. Our speaker, *Aryles Ross*, left some shoe boxes for us to fill. If any of the ladies that took a shoe box home and needs the list of items to put into the shoe box, there are some extras on the narthex table. We have two weeks to fill the boxes. When filled, put them on the counter in the north end of the Fellowship Hall. Any questions, call *Marian Damman*.

POINSETTIA SALE –The poinsettia sale for Christmas is now underway, and green order forms are in today's bulletin and on the narthex table. The deadline for ordering is Mon., Nov. 16th. **The cost is \$8.00 per plant.** You may put your form and **check payable to St. John Lutheran School** in the box on the narthex table. Be sure to fill in the line, "*In Loving Memory of*" or "*In Honor of*". This information will be published in the church bulletin as an insert the Sunday the poinsettias are placed in the sanctuary.



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!

CHURCH HISTORY BOOKS – If at any time during the year you need a gift for a current or former member of St. John, why not consider one of our Church History Books. This book is full of interesting facts about St. John's and is available in the church office at a cost of \$12.00.

ST. JOHN SPORTS SCHEDULE – Please keep in mind that in order to view the games for the volleyball or basketball seasons, you can go to either FastDirect directly (*thru the school*) or you can enter the church's website (*wp.sjl.org*), click on "School" at the top of page, click on "FastDirect School Info. System" on the left side of page, click on "BulletinBoard/Calendar" on the left side of page, and then scroll down to James Wagner, Athletic Director and click on his "Calendar".

WOULD YOU HOST A JAVA JOY? Every second Sunday of the month, we seek hosts for Java Joy, a time of refreshment and fellowship following the service. Hosting Java Joy does not have to be expensive – you are welcome to reimburse some or all of your expenses, if you wish, from the ‘kitty’ – so please don’t let that hold you back. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for all the second Sundays of the year. Please sign up, and pick up the sheet of guidelines from the table.



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!

PROJECT CONNECT – There are many free booklets in the rack in the narthex. Be sure to check for some good reading. Some titles are: “*Why Do Bad Things Happen To Me,*” “*Has God Abandoned Me,*” “*Dealing with Depression,*” “*Coping with Cancer,*” “*Who Is Jesus,*” “*Just Stress?*”, “*Overcoming A Painful Childhood,*” “*Where’s God in All of This?*”, “*Why Should I go to Church?*” and many more. These booklets are furnished through the Lutheran Hour Ministries.

ST. JOHN WEBSITE: Did you know you can listen to *Pastor Niermann’s* sermons on the internet? Just click on the “Media” tab on our website. There is also a "For Kids" tab which allows you to listen to the Children's Sermons at St. John, or follow the link to fun and games at JCPlayZone.

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.

SCRIP AT ST. JOHN: The *SCRIP* campaign has begun and will run for the remainder of the school year. *Make a Note* – The final order before Christmas break is due on Wed., Dec. 9th for delivery on Thurs., Dec. 17th. For those that don't know, *SCRIP* is gift cards that you purchase through PTL for full face value. They work for both in store purchases and online shopping. PTL works through a company that purchases these gift cards from participating retailers. A percentage of the purchase stays with PTL and a percentage goes to the student’s enrollment/tuition. This fundraiser nets the PTL approximately \$300-\$500 each year. Think ahead--if you give out gift cards for Christmas consider purchasing them from PTL instead of at the store so that a portion of that sale stays with St. John Lutheran School. Order forms and program information are posted on FastDirect under ‘Links,’ titled *SCRIP Order Forms* and *SCRIP Program Info*. There are also hard copy order forms in the ‘School Info’ rack outside the office and on the table in the narthex. Please feel free to share with family and friends. Payment must accompany orders. Any questions about *SCRIP* can be directed to the *SCRIP* Coordinator *Kristyn Honemann* at 419-966-0207 or email at honemann@embarqmail.com.

GIRLS’ BASKETBALL: Basketball season is here! Any girl currently in the 4th - 8th grade is welcome to attend an open gym on Tuesday, November 3 from 3:30 - 5:00 PM to get the season started. Emergency Medical forms are required for all participants. If you have any questions, please contact a coach: *Todd Wachtman, Krista Gerken, or James Wagner.*

2015 THRIVENT MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT: The Henry County Chapter of Thrivent Financial will be hosting an evening of fun and fellowship on Sun., Nov. 8 at the Ridgeville American Legion, S031 County Road 19, Napoleon. Registration and music by “Happy Times Polka Band” will begin at 4:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Bingo with prizes will be played before and after the meal. *NOTE: Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to Henry County Christmas Cheer and/or the Henry County Food Banks.*

SOUP & PIE DINNER: Invite your friends and neighbors to a luncheon at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Liberty Center, on Sun., Nov. 8th at 11:30 AM. The menu: Chili, Chicken Noodle soup, Bean soup, Vegetable soup, BBQ Pork sandwiches, Hot chicken sandwiches, Hotdogs, Salads and desserts.

NAPOLEON ZONE FALL CHRISTIAN LIFE WORKSHOP to be held on Sat., Nov. 14th, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Rt. 109, Hamler. Registration and a continental breakfast at 8:30 AM and followed by the program from 9:00 – 11:15 AM. The workshop will be led by *Rev. Jeffrey Corder*, our Napoleon Zone Counselor. A Mites offering will be taken to help reach the goals set by the Ohio District for their mission projects. Please bring your Bible. The theme this year is "Rest in the Lord" based on Psalm 37:7. All women of St. John are invited!

TREE OF LIGHTS – Helping Hands, Loving Hands Christmas Tree of Lights – You are invited to join fellow Christians with your “*helping hands and loving hands*” by honoring/remembering a loved one with a name on the ribbon to help decorate the “*Christmas Tree of Lights*” at The Lutheran Home in Napoleon. If interested, pick up a order sheet from the table in the narthex, fill it out and send it, along with your donation to: The Lutheran Home, *c/o Linda Miller*, 1036 South Perry Street, Napoleon, OH 43545.

SYMPHONY OF TREES will be presenting the *JINGLE BELL JAM & SUNDAY BRUNCH* on Sun., Nov. 22nd 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.

COMMUNITY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT – The Ridgeville Community Choir along with the Junior Choral Society will be presenting a Christmas concert on Sun., Dec. 6 right here at St. John Lutheran Church. The Community Choir’s first rehearsal will be held on Sun., Nov. 15 at 1:30 PM, and their remaining rehearsal schedule is as follows: *Tues., Nov. 17 at 7:00 PM; Sun., Nov. 22 at 1:30 PM; Tues., Nov. 24 at 7:00 PM; and Tues., Dec. 1 at 7:00 PM.* All rehearsals will be held at St. John – Freedom. Please contact *Steve Basselman* with questions at 419-445-4656 or steveb@the-welcome-place.org.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

“Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!” *LSB 671:1*

“[They cry] out with a loud voice,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’” (Rev. 7:10)