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### ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Sermon & Text: "The Communion of the Saints" *Revelation 7:9-17*

Order of Service: *See printed Service Folder*

Hymns: 670 ~ 799 ~ 677 ~ 671, stz. 1,2 ~ 671, stz. 3 ~ [Communion: 680, 678, 672] ~ 813

Adult Choir: "Find Us Faithful" and "Taste and See"

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### 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.*

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

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Zak Schroeder & Aden Foor, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Todd & Chris Hesterman, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Harold Behrmann & Richard Elling, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Dave Badenhop, Denny VonDeylen, Jerry Short, Dan Wiechers, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Karen Germann, Diana Kruse, Mary Kossow, *Altar Guild* ✠

**BABY GIRL ARRIVES:** Nick & Kelly (Dietrich) Sonnenberg are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, *Summer Nickole Sonnenberg*, on Fri., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at Fulton County Health Center, Wauseon. Kelly and Summer are home now and doing well. Big sisters, Karleigh and Jovi, can't wait to spoil their new baby sister. Grandparents, Doug & Sandy Dietrich, are sure to enjoy this new little bundle of joy too! Congrats to the Sonnenbergs!

**SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING NEXT SUNDAY** – A special meeting of the voters has been scheduled for next Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. After worship we will convene in the fellowship hall to consider two items: 1) a letter from a staff member requesting a peaceful release from the congregation's call; 2) a brief report from the treasurer to follow-up on recent printed reports on the financial status of the congregation.

**In God's House This Week** *Online church calendar: [www.DynaCal.com/sjl](http://www.DynaCal.com/sjl)*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service – <i>All Saints' Day</i> Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; “Time To Spare”
Mon.	7:00 PM	<i>LifeLight</i> Bible Study
Tue.	8:35 AM 9:00 AM 10:00AM 7:00 PM	Chapel led by Vicar Keller Exercise Class <i>LifeLight</i> Bible Study School Board ( <i>rescheduled</i> ) & Church Council Meetings
Wed.	6:15 PM 6:45 PM 7:30 PM	Junior Confirmation Class (6:15 – 7:30 PM) Adult Bell Choir Practice Adult Choir Practice
Thurs.	9:00 AM	Exercise Class
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM 4:30 PM	Worship Service w/Communion following <i>Java Joy</i> ; Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; “Time To Spare” Jr. High LYF Meeting
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Stephen Niermann</i> , St. John Lutheran – Napoleon

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

- ❖ Our Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Lucia Delventhal, Renetta Homan, and Stan Moll*
- ❖ *Pauline Dishop, Marie Damman, and Delora Winkelman*, at The Lutheran Home, Napoleon
- ❖ *Anna Brodman and Marian Buchhop* residing at Country View Haven
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Ohio Veteran’s Home, Sandusky
- ❖ Servicemen, *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Kyle Elling, Emily Schroeder, and Connor Gerken*
- ❖ *Jerry Lange*, recuperating following skin grafting to his leg due to severe burns
- ❖ *Loren Maassel*, hospitalized at UTMC and gravely ill with a rapidly progressing brain disease
- ❖ *Casen Lawrence*, for control of increased seizure activity he has been experiencing

**TODAY IS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** – On this day we remember with thanksgiving those of our faith family who were called to glory since our last celebration of All Saints:

*All Saints Sunday*

**Roger Mahnke, Marian Fitzenreiter, Helen Norden, Magdalena Volkman, and Steve Okuly.** “For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee, by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia!”

**CROSS EXPLORATIONS FOR ADULTS – IN THE BALCONY**

Vicar Keller is conducting a Bible study especially for parents of Sunday School students (but also open to all). Each Sunday we will take an adult look at the same Bible narratives our children are hearing that day in Sunday School. The goal is to assist the parents and adults in taking a journey through God’s Word with our children. **We will now be meeting in the balcony to permit the children to hold their openings in the fellowship hall.**



## CALLED TO VOTE: A Christian Approach to Elections

Today Pastor Niermann continues a very timely study titled, “**Called to Vote.**” Whether you already know who you’re voting for this November or are still deciding whether to vote at all, this study is for you. While this study is *not* a voting guide – it won’t lead you to a specific candidate or party platform – it will spark thoughtful and biblical conversation about voting in a democracy and our duty as Christian citizens.

So before you head to the polls next week, check out this study from Pastor Ken Schurb. You’ll be convicted, encouraged, and more prepared than ever to participate in the political process. Let’s go to the polls this year informed, not only by our own best thinking, but also by the Word of God.

## **LifeLight** BIBLE STUDY – “Heaven and Hell”

**LifeLight** meets this week on **Monday evening (7pm) or Tuesday morning (10am).** Please join us! Many people have questions about heaven and hell, and God’s Word has much to say on the subject. This week our session is titled, “**And They Will Be His People.**” In this study we will get a “sneak peek” of life in the world to come.

This study is part of the **LifeLight** series that offers in-depth studies on many Bible books and topics. Through advance preparation and reflection, as well as group discussion, **LifeLight** studies will always challenge you and give you growth in faith.



<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec’d 10/30/16	\$6,145.00	\$106.00	\$218.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (10/27/16) Worship Service: 29; Sunday (10/30/16) Service: 213

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** – The Women of Freedom and any women of the congregation can participate in this mission project again this year. Shoeboxes and brochures are available at the desk in the narthex. **We have until next Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> to fill the boxes.** You should place your filled shoe box on the counter in the north end of the Fellowship Hall or you can place it on the table in the back of the church. Any questions, call *Karan Niebergall*.



**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.



**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!

**VETS TO VOLUNTEER!** Still waiting to hear if there are any veterans that would be willing to come in to the school and talk to the students about their time in the military and what Veteran's Day means to them. If you know someone or ARE that someone, please call the school office at 419-598-8702 and we will set up a date and time. Thank you for serving!

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT:** *WOMEN AND MEN* – mark your calendars for Advent By Candlelight for Sunday, December 4 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Yes, you heard right! This year all women **and men** of the congregation are invited to attend this special evening designed to help us prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's birth. We will enjoy a candlelit potluck dinner and Advent program including a musical performance by the Napoleon Jazz Choir. Watch your mail for a personal invitation and plan to join us!

**ARE YOU A MYSTERY READER?** Don't forget to consider being a Mystery Reader for the Kindergarten classroom anytime this school year. They have already had a few Readers.

- Who can be a Mystery Reader?* Parents of students, older siblings, grandparents, relatives, church members, or other special people may volunteer to read a story to our class. The goal is to remain a "mystery" so that the children are surprised to learn who our Mystery Reader will be! Please keep it a secret!
- What does a Mystery Reader Do?*

Mystery Readers are welcome to choose any age-appropriate book to read to our class. You may bring a book from home, or if you would like to borrow a book, you are welcome to do so. For added fun, readers may bring props or costumes related to their stories, if you wish. If this sounds like "you" please complete a form by the Mystery Reader box on the narthex table or contact Mrs. Niermann to sign up.

**CALENDARS FOR 2017** – We recently received several 2017 calendars from Snyder-Wesche-Hoening Funeral Home in Napoleon as a donation. These calendars will be available on the narthex table and desk on a first come, first serve basis. There are two styles, one called *Inspirations for Life* and one called *The Saturday Evening Post*.

**POINSETTIA SALE** –The poinsettia sale for Christmas is now underway, and green order forms are available on the narthex table. **The deadline for ordering is Mon., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.** 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.



**EDUCATION & EDIFICATION...Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Post-Election Analysis, Lutheran & Catholic Ecumenical Statements, The Vocation of Soldier, David & Jonathan, The Return of Christ, Lutheran Reformer Martin Chemnitz and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

**SCRIP:** Plan to get a jump start on your Christmas shopping this year. The SCRIP Order Form has been updated for the holidays and is included in today's bulletin. Additional order forms are available on the narthex table and in the "School Info" rack outside the school office is you should need more. Thank you and happy shopping!

**SPORTS SCHEDULE NOTE:** With Brad Rosebrook as our current Athletic Director, please go to his "Calendar" in Fast Direct frequently as this is where he will post the sports schedules and any changes to the sports schedules. Keep in mind that in order to view the games for the basketball season, you can go to either FastDirect directly (*thru the school*) or you can enter the church's website ([www.sjl.org](http://www.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 Brad Rosebrook, Athletic Director and click on his "Calendar".

**PTL MEETING** will be held on Mon., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 PM. Please plan to attend.

**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!

**CHRISTMAS CHEER PROGRAM** – Henry County Christmas Cheer has begun its annual campaign for the collection of food for low income and needy persons in Henry County. From now through **Mon., December 5<sup>th</sup>** a box is placed in the narthex and a barrel in the cafeteria/fellowship hall for the collection of canned goods, dry goods and paper products. No Microwave items! Suggestions are: *Canned Vegetables, Fruit, Soup, Stews, Meats; Macaroni & Cheese Mixes, Spaghetti's, Spaghetti Sauce, Tomato Juice, Broths, Noodles, Rice, Spaghetti; Instant Potato, Stuffing, Cake Mixes; Cereals, Syrups, Crackers, Peanut Butter, Pudding, Jell-o, Frostings, Fruit Juices, Coffee, Kool-aid, Chocolate Drink Mixes; Tissues, Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels; Bar Soap, Toothpaste, etc.*

**SYMPHONY OF TREES** will be presenting the *JINGLE BELL JAM & SUNDAY BRUNCH* on Sun., Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> with serving until 1:00 PM at The Armory Arts & Event Center, 127 E. Clinton St., Napoleon. The cost is \$8.00 (prepaid) 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.



**A REMINDER FOR THIS ELECTION...**

**"I will protect America."** *Hillary Clinton*

**"I alone can fix it."** *Donald Trump*

*Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.  
Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,  
who made heaven and earth." (Psalm 146:3,5)*

# All Saints Day

*The Lord redeems the life of  
his servants;  
none of those who take refuge  
in him will be condemned.*

*Psalm 34.22*

