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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Service: *See printed Service Folder*

Hymns: 910 ~ 935, stz. 1,4 ~ 653 ~ [Communion: 642, 791, 570] ~ 830

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. But above all, we invite you to come to worship with us at any time. If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself to the pastor as you leave the worship service this morning.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✧ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✧ Taylor Dietrich & Madison Bostelman, *Acolytes* ✧
- ✧ Marietta Damman & Arlene Wallace, *Greeters* ✧
- ✧ Delbert & Marian Damman, *Visitation* ✧
- ✧ Denny Behnfeldt, Bob Norden, Ted Ripke, Elmer Maassel, *Ushers* ✧
- ✧ Diane VonDeylen, LouAnn Rosebrock, Jeannette Bostelman, *Altar Guild* ✧

OUTDOOR SERVICE 2017 – The annual outdoor service is scheduled for next Sunday, August 27.

The schedule for the morning is as follows:

- 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time** (coffee, lemonade, coffee cake, cookies)
- 10:00 a.m. Hymn Sing** (we'll sing the 5 or 6 hymns that receive the most votes)
- 10:15 a.m. Worship Service**



HYMN SING VOTING – Let's sing the hymns *you* want to sing! The outdoor service will begin with a hymn sing of the five or six hymns that receive the most votes. Please vote by completing a green ballot found on the table in the narthex. Vote early, but don't vote often; one vote per person, please. Return your ballot to the box in the narthex!

In God's House This Week		<i>Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:00AM 10:20AM 11:00AM	Communion Service Classrooms open; Preschool Open House (till 11:00AM); Pay school fees Adult Bible Class PTL Family Game Day
Tue.	9:00 AM	Exercise Class
Wed.	8:20 AM	First Student Day; 8:35 AM Opening Chapel
Thurs.	8:20 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	First Day for 4/5 yr. old Preschool Exercise Class Thursday Evening Worship
Fri.	8:20 AM	First Day for 3 yr. old Preschool
Sat.	1:00 PM	Gr. 7&8 Color Run/Walk Fundraiser
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Outdoor Worship Service Adult Bible Class
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. James Strawn</i> , St. James Lutheran – Archbold

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

- ❖ Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Renetta Homan, Stan Moll, Delores Badenhop*
- ❖ *Delora Winkelman, Marian Buchhop, and Anna Brodman*, at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Lucia Delventhal*, at Fulton Manor, Wauseon
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Ohio Veteran's Home, Sandusky
- ❖ Armed Services: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, Connor Gerken, Seth Handy*
- ❖ *Shirley Sonnenberg*, dealing with health issues
- ❖ *Melba Elling*, moved to Assisted Living at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Don Dickmann*, recuperating at The Orchards of Northcrest
- ❖ *Cheryl Yaw*, recuperating from gall bladder surgery this past Monday

ARCHIVES DISPLAY: The Archives Committee has been busy again, and this time they are highlighting the Mother- Daughter Banquets held here at St. John over the years. Did you know the first Mother-Daughter Banquet was held on June 27, 1967? And 30 years later, the last banquet was held on May 7, 1997. All the program booklets, committee members for each year, and the themes are being displayed. If you're a middle-aged to senior-aged woman, you should well remember going to a Mother-Daughter banquet in past years. Be sure to stop by the display to reminisce.

LYF ASSISTANCE NEEDED – *Sarah Bartok*, our LYF leader, is seeking assistance with this youth ministry in our congregation for both the Junior High and Senior High levels. If you would be interested in volunteering, please speak with Sarah. Your service would be a blessing to her and to our youth whom she is serving.

VICAR BRENT KELLER'S CURRENT ADDRESS: For anyone wishing to send *Vicar Keller & Hanne* a note, here is their new mailing address: 10503 Lagoon Drive, Grabill, IN 46741.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES THIS NEW SEASON

As we approach the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on October 31st, our Sunday Bible studies will focus on Reformation-related topics on which we still need to reflect even half a millennium later. Join us starting next Sunday for these studies. You'll come to appreciate the profound impact Martin Luther had in both church and human history.



A Man Named Luther – Part 2: The Moment (starts Sunday, Sept. 3rd)

This video-based Bible study from *Lutheran Hour Ministries* examines the errant teachings and wayward traditions of the Late Medieval Church that eventually prompted Luther's writing of the 95 Theses that sparked the Protestant Reformation. This Bible study takes a close look at the widespread teachings of purgatory, penance, celibacy, prayers for the dead, transubstantiation, the treasury of merits of Christ, devotion to Mary and the rosary, the institution of the papacy, and the one most often linked to the Reformation: the sale of indulgences.

A Man Named Luther – Part 3: The Movement (following Part 2)

In this study, we will see how the Reformation transformed European society and, eventually, left a profound impression around the globe on culture and citizen alike. Everything from education, politics, science, theology, marriage, and the family – and even extending to one's view of vocation and his relationship to God – came under the shaping and seminal influence of the Reformation. Ultimately, the Reformation contributed a number of ideas that traveled across the Atlantic which, in turn, influenced our Republic via ideas of individual rights and representative democracy.

WOMEN OF FREEDOM: The Women of Freedom will not be meeting in August. Our next meeting will be Tues., Sept. 19. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend!

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 08/13/17	\$6,985.00	\$109.00	\$147.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (8/10/17) Service: 23 Sunday (8/13/17) Service: 167

PASTOR AARON YAEGER'S ADDRESS: Pastor Yaeger and Diana are now homeowners and for anyone wishing to send them a note, here is their current mailing address: 207 Langhorne Lane, Lynchburg, VA 24501.

CELEBRATING
150
YEARS

IT'S TIME TO FORM A 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE! In about a year and a half, we will turn the calendar to the year 2019 – the year our congregation will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its founding in 1869. It's an anniversary we will want to celebrate in many ways with joy and thanksgiving. If you would like to be part of the anniversary committee, please speak with Pastor Niermann, and we will have our first meeting this fall.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS need to be turned in to the office by Wednesday of each week in order to be included in the Thursday and Sunday bulletin. Please note this. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE! On Sat., Sept. 30th, Thrivent Reps. *Doug* and *Tyler Kossow* are hosting an event to raise funds to benefit St. John Lutheran School's playground. This will be a fun filled day of food, corn hole, and college football on the big screen. The money raised will go towards the construction of a Gaga Ball pit. Don't know what Gaga Ball is??? Please come and find out!

There will be burgers, hot dogs, and other snack foods. Also, a corn hole tournament beginning at 10:30 AM (registration begins at 10 AM). Following the corn hole we will be watching college football in the fellowship hall. Bring your own lawn or bag chair. Corn hole entry is \$20/team and there will be a freewill donation taken for the food. All proceeds will go to benefit the construction of a Gaga Ball pit on the playground. Plan to come and make this a reality for the kids!

Simply RSVP by Mon., Sept. 25th by calling the Ridgeville Corners Thrivent office at 419-267-0113 or by emailing doug.kossow@thrivent.com or tyler.kossow@thrivent.com.

PARENT HANDBOOKS: The 2017-18 Parent Handbook is now posted and available via the FastDirect Communication network. Handbooks will only be printed for those St. John families that do not have internet access via computers, cell phones, i-Pads, etc. Simply go to www.fastdir.com/stjohnfreedom and click on "Links" at top of page.

FREEDOM'S FLOCK – St. John's after school program will begin at 3:00 PM on the first day of school, August 23. The Freedom Flock Aide will be *Lydia Badenhop*. Ms. Badenhop will be in charge Monday thru Friday. Please contact Director *Karen Riefers* to pre-register your child(ren) and pay the \$15 per family registration by August 23, if possible. You can also access the Freedom's Flock Handbook and Registration/Medical forms on FastDirect. If any adult or student (16 or older) would like to volunteer to also help with the program, you may contact Karen at 419-598-8686.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL POSITION OPENINGS – St. John Lutheran School is seeking someone to fill the following position that remains open for the 2017-18 school year.

- **School Cook** – This individual is responsible for preparing and serving daily lunches for the students and staff, and submitting reports in regard to the lunch program at St. John. This is a paid position.

If you are interested in more information on this position, please speak with Principal Kramer or the chairman of the School Board, Karen Gerken.

VOLLEYBALL SEASON: *Amy Dietrich* will be our grades 4-8 volleyball coach this season. Volleyball will be open for all girls involved in St. John Lutheran Church and School along with St. Augustine, Napoleon. Throughout the season we will be looking for parents and family members to assist with volleyball activities, this may include line-judging, scoreboard, concessions, and helping at the St. John Freedom Volleyball Invitational in October. Thank you all!

Girls' Volleyball Practice: St. John Girls' Volleyball Practices will be held on the following date: **Mon., Aug. 21** from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. As of Wed., Aug 23 (first day of school) practice will run from 3:30 – 4:45 PM. Any girl going into grades 4-8 for the 2017-18 school year is invited to attend. Please direct any questions to Amy at 419-966-7345. Hope to see you at practice!!

SCHOOL REFERRAL LETTERS & CARDS – We are again offering “School Referral Discounts” to all school families encouraging them to help “market” St. John Lutheran School to their friends and neighbors. The referral letters and cards are available in the school office for any St. John member that may wish to help “market” our school within the community. We look forward to growing God’s kingdom through St. John Lutheran School.

UPCOMING SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ✓ **School & Preschool Open House** – The St. John School and Preschool will be holding an open house today from 10:15 – 11:00 AM for Preschool, and Kindergarten thru Gr. 8 families. Everyone is encouraged to come, parents and children, so you can meet the teachers and check out your classroom!
- ✓ **Preschool Parent’s Meeting** – On **Mon., Aug. 21 at 7:00 PM** there will be a Preschool Parent’s Meeting held in the Fellowship Hall. Parents will be informed about student expectations in the classroom and also the basics of navigating in the FastDirect Communication system. **All Preschool parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.**
- ✓ **School Fundraiser** – The Magazine & Cookie Dough Sales for Grades Preschool thru 8 will begin on **Wed., Aug. 23rd at 8:30 AM**. It will run through Thurs., Sept. 7th. The cookie dough will be delivered sometime in mid-October.

GOT SOME TIME? Why not be an adult volunteer at St. John School. You could listen to children read, talk about your time in the military, work with flash cards, or tell children about a hobby or craft you enjoy doing. The possibilities are endless and your time with them will be priceless!

If you would be interested in volunteering in the next school year, please call the school office at 419-598-8702 and give us your name and a contact number. The school will contact you. Thank you in advance for thinking about volunteering at our school.

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>

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. This cloth is more effective than harsh cleaning chemicals and soaps. See *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.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

“The family altar would alter many a family.”

“You shall teach [His commands] diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house.” (Deut. 6:7)

SCHOOL NOTES:

- ✓ **1st DAY OF SCHOOL** for St. John is Wed., Aug. 23 , with classes beginning at 8:20 AM. Students arriving after that time will need to report to the school office.
- ✓ **OPEN HOUSE** – (PS, Gr.K-8) On Sunday, August 20th from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM for Preschool, and Kindergarten thru Gr. 8. All classrooms will be open and we invite parents and students to come in and bring in their school supplies..
- ✓ **PRESCHOOL PARENTS' MEETING** – There will be a Preschool Parents' Orientation meeting on Mon., Aug. 21 beginning at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. This will include an overview of the FastDirect Communication information system we have implemented at St. John.
- ✓ **SCHOOL OFFICE** will be open on Sunday, August 20th from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM for anyone that wants to pay their enrollment fee and purchase supplies from the book store. Payment of fees can also be mailed to St. John Lutheran School, 16035 County Road U, Napoleon, Ohio 43545. The office will also be open from 8:30 – Noon on Mon., Aug. 21 and Tues., Aug. 22 for payments. ***Also return any St. John Library books from last school year at this time.***
- ✓ **OPENING SERVICE** will be Aug. 23rd at 8:35 AM in the church. Following the service, *Principal Charles Kramer* will welcome our new students. Once back in their rooms the children, by classrooms, will have the opportunity to purchase school supplies from our book store if they have not already done so. **All are welcome to attend this Opening Service!**
- ✓ **LUNCH PROGRAM** – The Lunch Program is still being determined. We are still searching for a cook. Until one is hired, students will need to pack lunches every day. Milk will be available each day at a cost of 50¢ per carton. Be patient as we continue our quest for a lunchroom cook.
- ✓ **BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP** – St. John Booster membership for the 2017-18 school year are: \$20.00 for husband and wife; \$10.00 for single. Make checks payable to *St. John Boosters*.
- ✓ **SCHOOL PICTURES** will be taken by *Emilie Parsons* of Emilie's Photo Design this year and are scheduled for Thurs., Sept., 7th at 9:00 AM for the 4/5-year old Preschool class and Gr. K-8; and Fri., Sept. 8th at 9:00 AM for 3-year old Preschool class and anyone absent on Sept. 7th. Order forms will be sent home shortly after school starts.
- ✓ **EMERGENCY PROCEDURE AND EARLY CLOSING FORMS(yellow)** will be available on a table outside the school office as a handout on Sun., Aug. 20th. They can be completed and turned in with your fees that Sunday or turned in to the school office by the first day of school. Write all family members on one card.
- ✓ **STATE FUNDS(light blue)** is to be filled out by parents, one per family, listing the names of your children and their grade level. We need to keep this in our files every year as required by the State of Ohio. Return this light green card the first day of school.
- ✓ **SCRIP PROGRAM** will be offered again this school year. Anyone willing to help the PTL with this fundraiser can contact *Kristyn Honemann* at 419-592-0643.