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REFORMATION SUNDAY (observed)

Sermon: "Our Reformation Inheritance"

Order of Service: *See printed Service Folder*

Hymns: 660 ~ 862 ~ 678 ~ 864 ~ 577 ~ 656 ~ 804 ~ [Communion: 618,560,655] ~ 813

Adult Choir: "A Mighty Fortress" and "Salvation Unto Us Has Come"

A PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

We thank God this day for His work through Martin Luther to bring to light the Gospel of Jesus. May He reform us and renew us as we seek His purposes under the power of this Gospel. The church gathers under the Gospel of Christ. It is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes. You are welcome as our guest this morning. 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. May the Lord bless our worship.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Taylor Dietrich & Karter Behnfelddt, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Tom & Sandy VonDeylen, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Jim & Linda Meyer, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Tom VonDeylen, Neil Badenhop, Doug Dietrich, Roger Lulfs, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Karen Germann, Diana Kruse, Mary Kossow, *Altar Guild* ✠

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are placed by the family of *Don & Marian Dickmann* in celebration of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on Mon., Oct. 30th. May God continue to show them His love and grant them many more years together. Congratulations to the Dickmanns!

NEW DISPLAY IN THE ARCHIVES SHOWCASES: This week the Archives Committee, along with the help of Pastor Niermann and Lowell Petzoldt, put up a display on Reformation and Martin Luther. We have displayed different Catechisms, the song, "A Mighty Fortress" in German, (*which comes from Psalm 46*), and a few other things. Come down and check it out.

TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK: Remember to turn your clocks back this coming weekend, Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 AM. Daylight saving time ends! *Schlaf Gut!*

In God's House This Week		<i>Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "The Lamp"
Tue.	8:35 AM 9:00 AM	Chapel led by Pastor Niermann Exercise Class
Wed.	6:15 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Midweek Confirmation Class Adult Bell Practice Adult Choir Practice
Thurs.	6:30 AM 9:00 AM	Men's Bible Breakfast at Hill's Restaurant Exercise Class
Fri.	12:35PM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM	Firefighter Phil Safety Program for Gr. 1-4 Sr High LYF Tool Time @ Concordia – Ann Arbor (<i>thru Sunday</i>) Volleyball Team – End of the Year Fun Night
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "The Lamp"
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:

- ❖ Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Renetta Homan*
- ❖ *Delora Winkelman, Marian Buchhop, and Anna Brodman*, at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Lucia Delventhal*, at Fulton Manor, Wauseon
- ❖ *Evelyn Rohrs, Delores Badenhop, and Melba Elling*, in Assisted Living at The Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Ohio Veteran's Home, Sandusky
- ❖ Armed Services: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, Connor Gerken, Seth Handy*
- ❖ *Shirley Sonnenberg, Ezekiel Damman, Elmer Maassel, and Pat Kramer*, dealing with health issues at this time
- ❖ *Todd Wachtmann*, hospitalized following lung surgery this past Monday at Toledo Hospital

THANK YOU - The family of *Stan Moll* would like to thank everyone for all the cards, prayers, and the many visits to see Stan, not just at the end, but throughout his long battle with illness. And "thank you" to the ladies of our church for preparing a wonderful luncheon. Also, a personal thank you to Pastor Niermann for all his prayers and visits. The support and outreach of our church, family, and friends have been a great comfort. God Bless You! *Ruth Moll and Family*

"THE REFORMATION" BOOKS ARE IN - If you ordered a copy of the book, "The Reformation," you may pick it up today in the narthex (*your name is on a card inserted into the book*). If you still owe for the book, please make out your check to St. John Lutheran Church and deposit it in the basket on the table. If you did not order a copy, no need to fret - five additional copies are available for sale in the narthex. The cost is \$22.49 per copy; please drop your payment into the basket. A few copies of this book will also be available in the church library soon.

Reformation 500

For Lutherans around the world, today is a day of elation. It's a day to throw a big party. To give thanks! To celebrate! 500 years ago this Tuesday God did an amazing thing through a humble German monk named Martin Luther. He sparked a reformation of the church that reverberates across the world to this day.

We are the heirs of that Reformation. To us has been given the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its full glory and brilliance. To us is given the Scriptures rightly understood as the Word from God that makes us wise unto salvation through Christ our Lord. To us is given the faith that receives God's grace as the free gift of forgiveness, life, and salvation, apart from any works or merits of our own.

Let us assemble today in the House of God to give thanks to Christ who, through His servant Martin Luther, brought the Gospel to light for the entire world to see!

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SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY this morning will begin the third part of our extended study, **A Man Named Luther – Part 3: The Movement**. Most people don't have a full appreciation of how Martin Luther and the Reformation he sparked has impacted not just the church but, indeed, all of civilization. In its December 1999 issue, *Time Magazine* listed Martin Luther as the second most influential person of the past millennium. His influence reached far beyond the church to impact education, family life, and even the formation of governments, our own included. Join Pastor Niermann this morning in the fellowship hall for the study of God's Word and to gain a deeper appreciation of the Reformation and how it has impacted both the religious and secular worlds!



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2017 It's *Still* All About
Jesus

YOUR LIFELINE TO THE LUTHERAN WORLDVIEW... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor *Todd Wilken* and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's topics include: Ways To Not Celebrate the Reformation's Quincentenary, All Saints' Day, The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace, Media Coverage of Religion and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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 \$7.00, which includes the tip. It's a great way to start your day! Good food, good friends, and a good Word from God!

NEXT SUNDAY IS ALL SAINTS – On that day we will remember with thanksgiving those of our faith family who were called to glory since our last celebration of All Saints: **Loren Maassel, Pauline Dishop, Elmer Riefers, Vernon Kruse, Marie Damman, Florence Fitzenreiter, and Stan Moll.** “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!”

All Saints Sunday

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 10/22/17	\$8,008.00	\$341.00	\$577.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (10/19/17) Service: 37 Sunday (10/22/17) Service: 180

LWML NAPOLEON ZONE CHRISTIAN LIFE WORKSHOP – Coming to a fellowship hall near you!! We are hosting the LWML Napoleon Zone Christian Life Workshop on Sat., Nov. 11. Registration begins at 8:30 AM with the workshop running from 9-11:30 AM. The theme this year is "Jesus Christ Above All" based on Philippians 2:39. The workshop will be led by *Rev. Jacob Stuenkel*, our Napoleon Zone Counselor. This year's speaker will be *Karan Niebergall*, Napoleon Zone Representative to the National LWML Convention. All women of St. John are invited! A Mite offering will be taken to help reach the goals set by the Ohio District for their mission projects.

The Ingathering will be for the hurricane victims in Texas and Florida through the Orphan Grain Train. Small kitchen items for families that need to replace lost items: spatulas, spoons, can openers, measuring cups, dish cloths, kitchen towels, pot holders, paring knives. Used items are acceptable if they are in good condition—no stove burns or melted spots, or stains. A flyer with more information is on the table in the narthex, along with a box for any donated kitchen items.

POINSETTIA SALE –The poinsettia sale for Christmas is now underway, and gray order forms are available on the narthex table. **The deadline for ordering is Mon., Nov. 13th.** The cost is \$8.00 per plant. You may put your order 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.



LADIES OF THE CONGREGATION: If you would like to fill a shoebox for “Operation Christmas Child”, as was done last year, please pick up a box from the desk in the narthex. Samaritan’s Purse sponsors “Operation Christmas Child” which partners with churches worldwide to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Suggestions for items to include in your shoebox would be a small doll, soccer ball w/pump, stuffed animal, musical instruments, puzzles, jump ropes, pens and pencils, crayons, notebooks, coloring books, non-liquid hygiene items, craft items, etc. Or you can also donate \$7 for shipping costs. Please visit samaritanpurse.org/occ for more gift suggestions and information. Refer to the colored pamphlet also available on the desk for additional information. **NOTE: THE DEADLINE FOR RETURNING YOUR FILLED SHOEBOX TO THE SCHOOL IS THURS., NOV. 9TH.**



EAGLE NEWS : The Eagle News publication is available today and will be passed out at the close of the service. Extra copies will be available on the narthex table. It can be found online via FastDirect. 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.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS SERVICE – Assignment of parts

Very soon **ALL the children of our congregation** (preschool through 8th grade) will be assigned a part in the annual Children’s Christmas Service, scheduled for Sunday evening, December 17. These will be handed out in Sunday School and school, or mailed out. For organization purposes it’s more efficient for us to work from the assumption that all children will participate, and we certainly want to encourage that! This tradition helps our children learn and understand the true message of Christmas.

IF, however, for some reason your child will not be participating, we ask that you would please do us the courtesy of calling the church office soon to inform us. This will save us from having to scramble at the last minute to reassign parts. Thank you for helping us in this way!

FYI – this year’s Children’s Christmas Service is titled, “A ‘Sola’ Christmas.” It is built around the five great “solas” of the Reformation: Scripture Alone, Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Christ Alone, and To God’s Glory Alone.



FREE “SOAR WITH THE EAGLES” TICKETS: Thrivent Rep., *Tyler Kossow*, would like to extend an invitation to the first 8 individuals (*who are not Thrivent members*) wishing to enjoy a fun-filled evening at the “Soar With the Eagles” night on Fri., Nov. 10th. What a great way to have some fun and support St. John Lutheran School. To claim your free ticket, give Tyler a call (419-267-0113) or email him at tyler.kossow@thrivent.com.

“SOAR WITH THE EAGLES” SCHOOL FUNDRAISER – An evening of dinner, live and silent auctions, door prizes, music, and fellowship await you as the 1st Annual “Soar With the Eagles” St. John Lutheran School Fundraiser will be held at the Ridgeville American Legion Hall on Fri., Nov. 10, 2017. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be served from 6-7:30 PM and the auctioning will begin at 7:30 PM. All proceeds will go to St. John Lutheran School operating expense.

Tickets are \$50.00 each or \$375 for a table of eight. Tickets include entry to the event, dinner catered by the Legion Auxiliary, entertainment, and late-night snacks. There will be business-sponsored “happy hours” with drinks provided. Top door prizes include \$1000 cash, a Smart TV, and a YETI Cooler. **You may purchase tickets at St. John Lutheran School or by contacting Margo Behnfeldt (419-966-3469) or Sunday Griffith (419-277-4055).** Only 300 tickets will be sold!

“WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS”: “Worship for Shut-Ins” has joined the WLMB-TV40 line up. If you have a relative or friend who is homebound, hospitalized, or recovering from a recent surgery, you may suggest this 30-minute LCMS worship service to them. So tune in to WLMB-TV40 on Sundays at 6:30 AM and get your Sunday started off right!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR TIME CHANGES – The Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on a few radio stations in our area. They cover many topics relevant to today’s issues. Broadcasts can be heard Sundays on: Archbold’s WMTR 96.1 at 7:30 AM; **Napoleon’s WNDH 103.1 at 9:00 AM.**

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!

ATHLETIC BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP: Membership is now being taken for the Athletic Booster Club. 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 outside the school office or contact any of the Booster officers.

PTL S.T.O.P. PENNY DRIVE will wrap up this Fri., Nov. 3rd. Send your pennies in to school with your child or grandchild. The winning classroom will be awarded a pizza party. Every penny adds up to a lot of support for the school. Let’s keep those pennies coming in!

SCRIP ORDER FORMS: The SCRIP Order Form is inserted 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 early holiday shopping!

GIRLS’ BASKETBALL INFO: The 2017/18 SJL basketball season is just around the corner! The coaching staff for the Grades 4-8 Girls’ basketball team will host a meeting for prospective team parents and athletes on Thurs., Nov. 2nd at 5:30 PM in the gym followed by an Open Gym from 5:30-7:00 PM. Information on the team program, practices, and games will be provided for your consideration. See you there!

SPORTS SCHEDULE NOTE: With *Brad Rosebrook* as our 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*), 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”.

AREA EVENTS:

- **Zion Lutheran Church – Ridgeville Corners** is hosting a Bratwurst Dinner today at 11:00 AM in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. See flyer!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”

~ Dr. Martin Luther ~

“Pray without ceasing.” (1 Thess 5:17)