



# St. John Lutheran Church

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### ALL SAINTS' DAY (observed)

Sermon & Text: "The End of Tears" *Revelation 7:17*

Order of Service: See printed Service Folder

Hymns: 670 ~ [Baptism: "Borning Cry," "Sing With All the Saints"] ~ 677 ~ 672

[Communion: 680, 676, 671] ~ 667

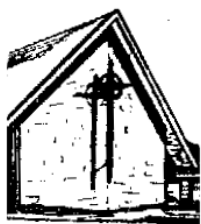
Adult Choir: "May I Love You Lord"

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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* ✠ Hannah Wachtman & Zak Schroeder, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Dan & Deb Wachtman, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Harold Behrmann & Rich Elling, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Dave Badenhop, Denny VonDeylen, Jerry Short, Dan Wiechers, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Kathy Badenhop, Sandy VonDeylen, Mary Rettig, *Altar Guild* ✠

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are placed in celebration and recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of *Roger & Shirley Sonnenberg* by their children & grandchildren. Roger and Shirley were married on Nov. 4, 1967 at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon. Please take time to congratulate the Sonnenbergs on this milestone anniversary. May God bless them with many more happy years together! Congratulations Roger & Shirley!

**SCRIP:** Plan to get a jump start on your Christmas shopping this year. The SCRIP Order Form is available on the table in the narthex. Thank you and happy shopping!

**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; “The Lamp”
Mon.	6:30 PM	Budget Committee Meeting
Tue.	8:35 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Chapel led by Pastor Kramer Exercise Class School Board & Stewardship Board Meetings
Wed.	6:15 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Junior Confirmation Class (6:15 – 7:30 PM) Adult Bell Choir Practice Adult Choir Practice
Thurs.	9:00 AM 3:00 PM	Exercise Class Parent/Teacher Conferences begin
Fri.	6:00 PM	NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Conferences ( <i>if needed</i> ) “Soar With the Eagles” SJL Fundraiser ( <i>see bulletin note</i> )
Sat.	9:00 AM	LWML Napoleon Zone Christian Life Workshop ( <i>see bulletin note</i> )
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM 4:30 PM	LWML Sunday and Worship Service w/Communion following <i>Java Joy</i> ; Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; “The Lamp” 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:

- ❖ 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 Wachtman*, remains hospitalized following another lung surgery at Toledo Hospital

**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: **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*

**BAPTISMS TODAY** – This morning we are triply blessed to witness the Baptisms of three cousins; and grandchildren of *Mark & Brenda Elling*. These three were born within a month of each other, and today are born again of water and Spirit into the family of God.

- **Alaina Lenore Elling** is the daughter of *Josh & Kristina Elling*, born on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Wood County Hospital in Bowling Green, Ohio. Her sponsors are Andy & Jenny Simmons; maternal grandparents are Mark & Sharon Shultz.
- **Charlie James Call** is the son of *AJ & Kara Call*, born on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Charles Hospital in Oregon, Ohio. His sponsors are Aaron & Ashley Crall; paternal grandparents are Grayling & Michelle Call and Deneen Evans-Dilworth.
- **Archer Chase Crall** is the son of *Aaron & Ashley Crall*, born on September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Henry County Hospital in Napoleon, Ohio. His sponsors are Josh & Kristina Elling, Heather Crall, and Tyler Green; paternal grandparents are Mike & Julie Crall.



May the good work that God begins this day in these children be brought to completion on the Day of Jesus Christ; that Alaina, Charlie, and Archer may join the vast number of the saints in heaven to sing the eternal praises of Christ!

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE 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



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Jesus**

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!

<b>FINANCIAL FACTS:</b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 10/29/17	\$7,101.00	\$128.00	\$164.00

**ATTENDANCE:** Thursday (10/26/17) Service: 42      Sunday (10/29/17) Service: 191

**MEMORIALS for Stan Moll:** St. John Lutheran Church - \$875.00

**BE READY**



**IN SEASON AND  
OUT OF SEASON**

**LWML SUNDAY** is next Sunday, November 12

Next Sunday our worship will highlight the ministry of the *Lutheran Women's Missionary League* and all that they do to advance the kingdom of God, especially through their "mighty mites." Mites are small offerings that add up to big amounts for the support of missions all around the world. The children of St. John have been gathering mites for the past month and are encouraged to bring their mite box with them to worship next Sunday so that they can be offered during the service. Our worship theme will be, "*Be Ready, In Season and Out of Season.*"

**BULLETIN STUFFER VOLUNTEERS:** Want to get involved? Why not try volunteering to help with stuffing the bulletins for worship services. It's not too difficult and can be done either at church or in the comfort of your own home. The bulletins are pre-folded. If anyone is willing to donate a little time toward stuffing bulletins, we are looking for about 11-12 couples/families to sign up for this task. If you feel you would like to give this a try, there is a signup sheet on the narthex table. You can even pick the month(s) that work best for you. We can accommodate your busy schedules.

***NOTE:*** *If you have stuffed bulletins in the past year, thank you for your service. We ask that you please sign up again and choose your month. You can also call Lori Langenhop at 419-598-8151 or email her at [lahop@bright.net](mailto:lahop@bright.net).*

**"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 - four 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.

**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. 13<sup>th</sup>.** 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.



**IT'S TIME TO FORM A 150<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 \$9 for shipping costs. Please visit [samaritanpurse.org/occ](http://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. 9<sup>TH</sup>.**



**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS SERVICE** – Very soon **ALL the children of our congregation** (*preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade*) will be assigned a part in the annual Children’s Christmas Service, scheduled for Sun., Dec. 17 at 7:00 PM. 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!

**FREE “SOAR WITH THE EAGLES” TICKETS:** Thrivent Rep., *Tyler Kossow*, would like to extend an invitation to the first 8 individuals wishing to enjoy a fun-filled evening at the “Soar With the Eagles” night on Fri., Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

**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.

**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.



**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 interested, the church offers electronic giving options for making donations on a scheduled, automated basis. Authorization forms in the office!

**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](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”.

**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 4<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. 19<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) adults, \$5.00 for children 4-10 yrs old, and free for 3 and under.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER:** St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon has the privilege of hosting a Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. St. Paul will be furnishing all that is needed for the meal. If you are interested in helping at the Thanksgiving Dinner, please let us know so that we can share the necessary information with you following the planning meeting on Mon., Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.

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#### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**“Every saint has a past, but in Christ every sinner has a future.”**

*“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.” (Eph. 2:19)*