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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Guest Preacher: Rev. Charles Kramer

Sermon & Text: "You Are Called to Confess Jesus" 2 Timothy 4:2-3

Order of Service: *See printed Service Folder*

Hymns: 912 ~ 793 ~ 733 ~ 832

Adult Bell Choir: "Here Am I Lord"

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. If you have no church of your own, we invite you to make this your home church. But above all, we invite you to come to worship with us at any time.

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.

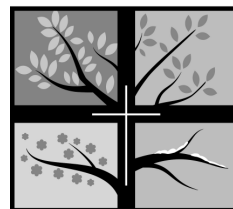


SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Addyson Speiser & Macee Speiser, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Dan & Joyce Wiechers, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Name & Name, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Dave Badenhop, Denny VonDeylen, Jerry Short, Dan Wiechers, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Kathy Badenhop, Sandy VonDeylen, Mary Rettig, *Altar Guild* ✠

LWML SUNDAY is today! 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.***"

BE READY



**IN SEASON AND
OUT OF SEASON**

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

Date	Time	Activities
Today	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.	7:00 PM	PTL Meeting
Tue.	8:35 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Chapel led by Pastor Niermann Exercise Class Church Council Meeting
Wed.	10:00AM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Ronald McDonald Reading Education Show Junior Confirmation Class (6:15 – 7:30 PM) Adult Bell Choir Practice Adult Choir Practice
Thurs.	9:00 AM	Exercise Class
Sat.	10:30AM 11:45AM	Woodburn Boys' & Girls' Basketball Tournament – Gr. 4-6 Girls Woodburn Boys' & Girls' Basketball Tournament – Gr. 4-6 Boys
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM 4:30 PM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "The Lamp" Sr. High LYF Meeting
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Theodore Rellstab</i> , St. John Lutheran – Holgate

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*, recuperating at home following lung surgery at Toledo Hospital

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Our study this morning will be Gideon. How did God call him? What tests did he ask from God? How did God give Gideon a victory? Join Pastor Kramer this morning in the fellowship hall for a deeper look at Gideon.

POINSETTIA SALE WRAPS UP – If you haven't done so yet, **you have until tomorrow (Nov.**



13th) to turn in your order. The order will be called in Tues., Nov. 14th. The cost is \$8.00 per plant. You may bring your form and check payable to *St. John Lutheran School* to the office or drop it in the box in the narthex.

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES will begin on Wed., Dec. 6th. Services will be held on subsequent Wednesdays, Dec. 13th, and Dec. 20th at 7:00 p.m.

PASTOR INSTALLATIONS TODAY IN OUR CIRCUIT – Today our two sister congregations in Wauseon will be welcoming new pastors, both of who are being installed by *Pastor Niermann*, our Circuit Visitor. Please keep these congregations in your prayers.

- ❖ At St. Luke Lutheran, **Rev. Chris Sigmon** will be installed during the morning service. Pastor Sigmon lives in Fort Wayne, IN and will be serving the congregation on a part-time basis, mostly on Sunday mornings. Rev. Al Martis will continue to assist with some weekday tasks.
- ❖ At Emmaus Lutheran, **Rev. Steven Geske** will be installed during a special worship service this afternoon at three o'clock.

GIVING BACK AT ST. JOHN!

This morning in the bulletin you will find a form with lists of the many ways you can serve here at your church.



- Some of these are the elective and appointed offices of the congregation. These are the most pressing for us at this time of year.
- Others are volunteer positions for the many things that need to be accomplished for our church to continue in ministry.
- There is also a section for your own ideas. If there's a way you'd like to serve that's not listed, please write in the idea.

Deposit your completed form in the box in the narthex labeled, "Serving Christ in Freedom." These forms will be distributed to the appropriate people so that contact can be made and you can begin serving. It is our prayer that everyone will find at least one way they can serve or perhaps more. God has given gifts to each and every one of us to be used in His service. What a privilege!

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 11/05/17	\$9,615.81	\$340.00	\$777.00

ATTENDANCE: Sunday Service: 305

COMMUNED in October: 475 members; 8 guests

JR. HIGH LYF will be meeting today (Sun., Nov. 12th) from 5:00 – 6:30 PM. All youth currently in grades 6th-8th are welcome to join us. Come join us for fellowship, Bible study, and snacks. Can't wait to see you later today!

SR. HIGH LYF will be meeting next Sunday, Nov. 19th, from 4:30-6:00 PM at Miss Bartok's house. We will be having a small thanksgiving get together. Contact Miss Bartok for more information!

CALENDARS & MORE CALENDARS – We received beautiful 2018 calendars from Snyder-Wesche-Hoening Funeral Home in Napoleon available for anyone to take. These calendars will be available on the narthex table and desk on a first come, first serve basis.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT: *WOMEN AND MEN* – mark your calendars for Advent By Candlelight for Sunday, December 3 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. 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 an Advent program.

At this time we'd like to identify hostesses to each decorate one dinner table at this event. The hostess sign-up sheet and hostess information packets are located on the Christmas table in the narthex. You may contact *Kathy Behnfeldt* (598-8682) if you have any questions.

Watch your mail for a personal invitation or simply RSVP on the sheet in the narthex today!

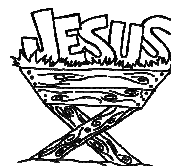
BULLETIN STUFFER VOLUNTEERS: Want to get involved? Why not try volunteering to help with stuffing the bulletins for worship services. It's not too difficult and can be done either at church or in the comfort of your own home. The bulletins are pre-folded. If anyone is willing to donate a little time 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.*

GREETER, USHER, AND ALTAR GUILD SIGN-UP – We are preparing the 2018 greeter, usher, and altar guild schedules so this is the time to sign-up at the table in the narthex. If you are interested in serving God's people here at St. John in a way that is much needed and appreciated, would you consider joining a team? A few people have dropped out over the past year and so we ask you to consider signing up for one of these teams. The sign-up deadline is Sunday, Dec. 10th. *You do not need to sign up again if you are currently serving as a greeter, usher or are on an altar guild team.*

PTL MEETING will be held on Mon., Nov. 13th beginning at 7:00 PM. Please plan to attend.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCRIPTS will be going home soon from both the Sunday School and school. **The Children's Christmas Service is on Sunday evening, December 17th at 7:00 PM.** Every child is being assigned a part, but if for some reason your child will not be participating, please be sure to call the church office and let us know ASAP.



"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.

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!

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.

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".

EXERCISE CLASS: Need to work off a few pounds or just want to exercise your heart? St. John hosts an exercise class in the gym. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-10 AM and the cost is \$7 per class (*pay as you come*). \$6 if prepaying for sessions. This is a light aerobics and strengthening program. (*If you have your own weights, bring them with you.*) Please contact *Nancy Glaser* (419-598-8432) with any questions.

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 4th** 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. 19th 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. 23rd 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 dinner, please let us know so that we can share the necessary information.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

McDonald's serves millions, we serve only One.

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." (Matt. 6:24)