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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sermon & Text: "Good News vs. Fake News" 1 John 5:9-15

Order of Service: *Service of Prayer & Preaching* (LSB pg. 260)

Hymns: 799 ~ 909 ~ 587 ~ 468

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

God speaks to us and we listen and respond with our hymns, prayers, and praises. Together we bless the Lord, whose purpose is to save us and keep us in His faithful flock. He is the God of Grace and the God of Glory. If you are visiting with us this morning, 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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✘ Ella Rosebrook & Logan Honemann, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Dan & Deb Wachtman, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Lawrence & Hildegard Behrmann, *Visitation* ✘
- ✘ Denny Bockelman, Dave Myles, Tim Badenhop, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Diane Von Deylen, LouAnn Rosebrock, *Altar Guild* ✘



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are placed in celebration of the marriage of Joe Montana and Hannah Dietrich here at St. John, yesterday, May 12th. We wish Joe & Hannah the very best as they begin this new chapter in their life. God's blessings to the Montanas!

JAVA JOY TODAY! It's the second Sunday of the month, and that means **Java Joy** after worship. Take a little time to enjoy a bite to eat and some fellowship. A table is set up in the front hallway. Your gifts to the "kitty" help keep **Java Joy** alive and going. We thank *Roger & Karen Lulfs* and *Mary Rettig* for hosting Java Joy for May. Feel like hosting a **Java Joy** on the second Sunday of the month? Please sign up on the table in the narthex. Don't let finances stop you – you are welcome to reimburse your expenses from the kitty if you wish.



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 w/Communion following <i>Java Joy</i> ; Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "The Lamp"
Mon.	6:00 PM	VBS Staff Work Meeting
Tue.	8:35 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Chapel led by Pastor Kramer Exercise Class Women of Freedom Meeting
Wed.	6:15 PM	Confirmation Class Preparation – 8 th Grade only (<i>until 7:45 PM</i>)
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Confirmation Questioning in fellowship hall Thursday Evening Worship with Communion in sanctuary
Sat.	4:30 PM	Sr. High LYF at Miss Bartok's house (until 6:00 PM)
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Confirmation and Communion Service Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "The Lamp"
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, and Willie Gerken*
- ❖ *Lucia Delventhal*, at Fulton Manor, Wauseon
- ❖ *Delora Winkelman, Marian Buchhop, Dorothy Gerken, and Delores Badenhop*, at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Evelyn Rohrs and Melba Elling*, in Assisted Living at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Ohio Veteran's Home, Sandusky
- ❖ Armed Services: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, Connor Gerken, Seth Handy*
- ❖ *Seth Gerken, Bev Elling, and Tim Swick*, recuperating at home from recent hospitalizations
- ❖ *Don Dickmann*, hospitalized at Toledo Hospital
- ❖ *Marvin Gruenhagen*, at home recuperating from a recent hospitalization
- ❖ *Macie Wyse*, (Great-niece to Denny & Diane Von Deylen), 2-yr old in Toledo Hospital diagnosed with leukemia
- ❖ *For the Confirmands of 2108*, as they make final preparations for public examination and for their confirmation next Sunday. They are: *Clay Behnfeldt, Taylor Dietrich, Gavin Gerken, Aliina Lange, Ashton Niese, Zak Schroeder, Hannah Wachtman, and Kaleb Woods.*

NOTES FOR CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2018 – This Wednesday we will gather to make final preparations for the public examination on Thursday, May 17th. We will meet from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. in the north end of the fellowship hall. Afterward we will have a brief rehearsal for confirmation in the sanctuary. Confirmands should bring their Bibles, catechisms, completed questions, and a pencil.

WOMEN OF FREEDOM: The next Women of Freedom meeting will be held on Tues., May 15th at 7:00 PM. All women are encouraged to come to our meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

VBS STAFF WORK MEETING – This **Monday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m.**, the VBS staff is having a work meeting during which teams from the various site rotations will make plans and preparations together for VBS in June. Even if you haven't signed up, we could use your help. **We especially need student group leaders to escort small groups of students to the various site rotations. Please speak with VBS Director Mary Rettig if you can help!**

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 05/06/18	\$11,047.52	\$159.00	\$265.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (05/03/18) – 35; Sunday (05/06/18) – 162

DO YOU NEED YARD WORK DONE? The 7th & 8th grade are finishing up their fundraising for their Washington DC trip this June. One last fundraiser that they wish to do is to help out with your work for those who are in need. For a donation, students will come help you with several items around the yard. Please contact Miss Bartok at the church or at sbartok@sjl.org with a date and how many helpers you would need.

SWIVEL CHAIRS ARE GONE! Thanks to everyone who took one.

A SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING will be held after worship on Sunday, June 3rd to discuss plans for the old school building and its conversion into a center for our youth, as well as other functions. More information will be presented at this meeting.

JR. HIGH LYF – The Jr. High LYF will be having their end of the year meeting on Fri., May 25th from 5:30 – 7:30 PM at the church. Pizza will be provided. Please contact Miss Bartok if you are planning to come.

THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP HAS RESUMED – From now through October, there is an option for you to worship on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. We will worship in the Sanctuary until the school year is finished, after which we will gather in the north end of the fellowship hall. These Thursday services are ordinarily previews of the coming Sunday. Holy Communion will be available on Thursdays prior to Communion Sundays.

WHY DO WE? A member of the congregation has suggested a feature in our bulletin that asks and answers questions about why we do what we do in our worship and practice. This is an excellent idea that we hope will enrich everyone's worship and life of faith. A few of the questions suggested are: **Why do we turn to the cross during a processional? Why do we not sing certain hymns and songs? Why do we use Creeds? Why do we practice "closed Communion?" Why do we baptize infants?** If you have a question you'd like to see answered, please submit it using the form on the table in the narthex. Starting in May we will try to make this a regular feature of our bulletin.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Enrollment is Open!



VBS is scheduled for the mornings of June 10 to 14 (Sunday to Thursday). Our plan is as follows:

- **SUNDAY** – We’ll kick off VBS with a special emphasis in the morning service, followed by the lesson and activities for Day One, and concluding with a hotdog lunch at 1:00 p.m.
- **MONDAY to THURSDAY** – VBS will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a worship opening, and conclude at 11:30 a.m.

Our theme this year is, “**Splash Canyon: God’s Promise on Life’s Wild Ride.**” Each day the students and their small group guides will rotate to five sites where they will hear the Bible stories, memorize key Bible verses, make crafts, enjoy snacks, and participate in a fun activities. See the VBS table in the narthex for more information.

We are still in need of a few people to be student group leaders, to lead groups of students to the various site rotations. Please speak with Miss Rettig if you can help!

VBS ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN!

- **ONLINE** – Go to <https://vbsmate.com/events/SJLFreedom/16401>
- **PAPER FORM** – Enrollment brochures are available in the narthex for you to use. These brochures are also an excellent way of spreading the word to family, friends and neighbors. Take a few and pass them along!

LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL – It’s time to renew your subscription to the Lutheran Witness for the year. To subscribe or renew your subscription, **simply place \$16.00 in an envelope**, along with your name and address, and place it in the Sunday collection plate or bring it to the church office. **Deadline for subscriptions is May 15th.**

ABOUT LUTHERAN SCHOOLS: *We Show the Love of Christ!* Caring, Christian teachers share the Word of God daily with children and families. Strengthening a home, school and church partnership, through an education of the whole child, students are prepared and equipped for a life of Christian citizenship and discipleship.

SCRIP FOR GRADUATION: Why not use the PTL SCRIP Program to order gift cards for those graduating seniors in your lives. Order forms are available online via FastDirect or in the School Info rack outside the school office. Please turn those orders in on Wednesdays, with payment to *St. John School PTL Scrip Program*. The gift cards will be sent home the following week on Tuesday. Payment must accompany orders. **Any questions about SCRIP can be directed to SCRIP Coordinator Kristyn Honemann at 419-966-0207 or email at honemann@embarqmail.com.**

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!

GOOD NEIGHBOR WORK GROUP – For years we have had our “Good Neighbor Fund” by which we are able to financially assist people in times of need and to stock a food pantry for a monthly distribution. Your donations to the fund have been a blessing to many.

But what about donating our time and abilities to help others? The Stewardship Board, at its last meeting, decided this is an idea whose time has come. The idea is to provide practical help to people on an occasional basis when more than money is needed – perhaps when a neighbor is recovering from a fire or other disaster, or when a person comes to need a wheel chair ramp, or a fallen tree needs to be cleaned up, or an elderly couple's home needs to be painted. Offering help in these situations is a powerful witness of God's love, and is great stewardship of the time, talents and resources God has given to each of us for service. **We'll begin signing up people TODAY on the sign-up list in the narthex.**



PRESCHOOL'S GRADUATION will be **Tues., May 22nd** at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to this big day for the preschoolers. There will be a program followed by light refreshments in the fellowship hall. **The Preschoolers last day of preschool is on Tues., May 22nd** (both classes).

3-YR OLD PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION: The 3 year old class still has openings. Anyone interested in enrolling your child in our preschool program should contact the school office at 419-598-8702 to request an enrollment packet and/or turn in their registration form. **The 4/5 year old class is currently full for the 2018-19 school year, and we have started a waiting list.** There is a non-refundable \$30 registration fee that must accompany your registration form.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL POSITION OPENINGS – St. John Lutheran School is seeking a few people to fill the following positions that will be open after this school year.

- **Computer Instructor** – This individual is responsible for computer instruction one day per week for Grades K thru 8. Must have a teaching license and background check.
- **Jr High Science Teacher** for 4 hours per week. Must have a teaching license and a background check.
- **Music Instructor** – This individual is responsible for classroom music instruction one day per week for Grades K thru 8. Must have a background check.
- **Freedom Flock Aide (After School Care)** – This person is in charge of the aftercare program each day that school is in session from 3-6 p.m. It averages 10-12 hours per week. Must have a background check.

If you are interested in more information on these positions, please speak with Principal Kramer or the chairman of the School Board, Karen Gerken. Thank you!

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL AT ST. JOHN will Thurs., **May 24th** with early dismissal at 2:00 PM. Closing Day festivities include: Closing chapel at 12:40 PM; Academic and Attendance Awards will be handed out as well as other awards. Everyone welcome! This is for students in Gr. 1 thru Gr. 8.

BOX TOPS: The PTL continues to collect box tops from many different products. With the end of the school year fast approaching, we ask that you have your box tops neatly trimmed before sending them in. **The final turn in date prior to the end of school is Mon., May 15th.** This will allow time to count, log, and ship them to the collection center for processing. Please direct any questions to *Renee Bostelman* at 419-758-3335.

SAVE THE DATE: Plans are in motion for the “Soar with the Eagles” school fundraiser to be held at the Ridgeville American Legion Hall on Fri., Nov. 9, 2018. There will be a meal, along with live and silent auctions. The format will be the same as last year’s event. Stay tuned for more information.

WOMEN OF FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIPS: Here is another opportunity to encourage and help young people prepare for service to the church as pastors, teachers, lay workers, deaconesses, and parish workers. \$500 per year Women of Freedom Scholarships are available to any young person attending one of our synodical schools. Simply contact any Women of Freedom member for more details about this.

INTERESTED IN A CHURCH PROFESSION? WE’D LIKE TO HELP! Recently a number of young people from St. John have pursued educational goals to prepare them for full-time service as teachers and pastors. If you are interested in a church profession (*such as a pastor, deaconess, teacher, lay minister, a Director of Christian Education, etc.*), our congregation would like to support you by offering a tuition gift. An application is available online at www.sjl.org/student_gift_app.pdf. There is no link. Deadline for fall enrollment is June 1st.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE: The Ridgeville Corners Memorial Day service to remember those who served our country will be held on **Mon., May 28 at 10:30 AM** at the Ridgeville American Legion. **Flag Drill:** Children age PreK thru 4th Grade are invited to participate in the flag drill during the Ridgeville Memorial Day service. Practices will be on Tues., May 22 and Thurs., May 24. Call *Laura Bickel* at 419-267-5203 or *Jenny Behnfeldt* at 419-267-5636 for more info on the flag drill.

RIDGEVILLE FIRE DEPT. AUXILIARY will be hosting a Drive Thru Chicken BBQ on Sun., May 20 at the Ridgeville Fire Station. Serving begins at 11:00 AM until gone. Menu consists of: ½ *Chicken* (Brookview), *Potatoes*, *Coleslaw*, *Roll*, and *Butter*. Freewill offering. Come and support your local Fire Dept. Sponsored by Ridgeville Fire Department Auxiliary.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

The mother’s heart is the child’s school-room.

“Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.” (Prov 23:22-24)