



St. John Lutheran Church

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Preacher: Rev. Charles Kramer
Order of Service: *See printed Service Folder*
Hymns: **496 ~ 849 ~ 850 ~ 966 ~ 918**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome guests to this place of praise and prayers as we gather together as part of the family of our Heavenly Father. We invite you to join us now and return again to celebrate the salvation we have in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. 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

- ✠ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✠ Hannah Wachtman & Claire Wachtman, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Bob & Diane Norden, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Linda Meyer, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Denny Bockelman, Dave Myles, Tim Badenhop, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Karan Niebergall, Ronda & Kaylee Wentworth, Karen Lulfs, *Altar Guild* ✠



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are placed in honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of *Steve & Kathy Gruenhagen*. Steve and Kathy were married on this date in 1978 by Rev. A.M. Bickel. God has blessed them with many years of health and happiness, and we wish them many, many more. Congratulations to the Gruenhagens on their 40th!

PASTOR ON VACATION – While Pastor Niermann is on vacation, ***Pastor Kramer*** will not only be conducting worship and Bible class, but he will be available, as well, for any pastoral emergencies.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

- **ELDERS MEETING** is this Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.
- **STEWARDSHIP BOARD MEETING** is this Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

In God's House This Week		Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Class with Pastor Kramer
Mon.	6:00 PM	Annual School Cleaning (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Tue.	7:00 AM 9:00 AM 7:30 PM	Classroom Carpets cleaned Exercise Class Shepherd Committee meets
Wed.	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Annual School Cleaning (<i>see bulletin note</i>) Board of Elders meet
Thurs.	6:30 AM 9:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Breakfast at Hill's Restaurant Exercise Class Wedding Rehearsal – <i>Bostelman / Badenhop</i> ; School Cleaning (<i>if needed</i>) Thursday Evening Worship w/Communion
Fri.	6:00 PM	Annual School Cleaning (<i>if needed</i>)
Sat.	3:30 PM	Wedding Ceremony – <i>Scott Bostelman / Megan Badenhop</i>
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class
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, and Willie Gerken*
- ❖ *Lucia Delventhal*, at Fulton Manor, Wauseon
- ❖ *Delora Winkelman, Marian Buchhop, and Dorothy Gerken*, 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*
- ❖ *Macie Wyse, Arlene Gruenhagen, Gary Thompson*, for health related issues
- ❖ *Don & Teal (Rausch) Hasselswerth*, for their prematurely born twins, Connor and Slone



**A Longer Look
at the Lessons**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – During Pastor Niermann's vacation time, *Pastor Kramer* will be conducting the Sunday Adult Bible Study, "A Longer Look at the Lessons." Each Sunday he will be taking a closer look at that day's Scripture readings. Join him in the fellowship hall after worship as we delve more deeply into the lessons we just heard in worship, and grow together in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ!

DOOR OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY – Next Sunday after worship we will receive a door offering in support of Amber Gruenhagen as she prepares for an extended mission trip to Brazil with CRU. The focus of her work will be campus ministry and sharing the Gospel with the students. Thank you for any support you can offer her. Please keep Amber in your prayers as well as she prepares for this trip.

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES are now being offered at St. John through September. We hope this will make it possible to attend worship when summer plans take you away during weekends. Services are held in the north end of the fellowship hall. Holy Communion will be available at our Thursday services on the Thursdays prior to our regular Communion Sundays.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Please note the church office hours during the month of July are Tuesday thru Friday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Closed over the lunch hour and all day on Mondays. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be here. Thank you!

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 07/22/18	\$5,277.00	\$190.00	\$100.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (07/19/18) – 47; Sunday (07/22/18) – 119

UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER ♦♦ Annual School Cleaning has been set for **Mon., July 30** at 6:00 PM. No cleaning on Tues., July 31 as carpets will be shampooed. On **Wed., Aug. 1** starting at 6:00 PM paint the previous 1st & 2nd grade classroom, put furnishings and desks back into other classrooms, and clean other areas of the building. **Thurs., Aug. 2** at 6:00 PM finish cleaning remainder of building and putting furnishings and desks back into all classrooms (if needed). **Fri., Aug. 3** is optional if needed to complete cleaning. Please contact a School Board member if evenings do not work for you. Please read the Parent Participation Policy on FastDirect with all the details about family requirements for School Cleaning.

LYF MEETING - On Sun., Aug. 19, the Jr. & Sr. High LYF will have a “beginning of the year” meeting at 4:00 PM at the old school. We will discuss the National Youth Gathering (*for students entering grades 8 to first year of college*), *Tool Time*, and other events throughout the year. All incoming 6th graders are welcome to join us. Parents are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions or cannot make the meeting, please contact Miss Bartok at sbartok@sjl.org.

FOLLOW OUR CHURCH ON FACEBOOK – Pastor Niermann is posting to our church’s



Facebook page. In addition to keeping up with all the normal things happening at church, this page will become a source of information about our 150th Anniversary year, as well as a place where members and school alumni will be encouraged to share memories of the past. Be sure to head there soon and check out the anniversary theme and logo on the page banner.

If you aren’t following our church yet on Facebook, just search for “St. John Lutheran, Napoleon” and you’ll see us in this list with a profile picture of the outside front of the sanctuary. Be sure to share the page with your friends, and let’s build a good following, especially as we approach the 150th Anniversary celebration. (Our school has a Facebook page; find and follow it!)

LUTHERAN PRAYER BOOKS: There are several copies of The Lutheran Prayerbook available on the desk in the narthex. This is a collection of prayers and inspirations for every Lutheran. We hope you can use and enjoy it!



SHARE THE BOUNTY OF SUMMER – This morning a table has been set up under the carport where you can bring any spare produce from your garden and share it with others in the congregation. Bring whatever you can and take whatever you can use, and share the bounty of summer! The table will be set up each Sunday through mid-September or so.

SERVING IN FREEDOM SURVEY – Recently the Stewardship Board sent a letter to the congregation about service in the congregation through elected and appointed offices, as well as other areas of volunteer service. The goal is to get members plugged into areas of service that suit their interests, and to make the nomination process a little easier. The Board asks that everyone please take a few minutes to fill out this survey so that, as the letter says, we can each take our turns serving the body of Christ using the gifts for service God has given to every one of us. You can use the paper survey that was included with the letter and drop it off in the narthex, or take the online version of the survey using the link on our website ([sjl.org>links>Serving in Freedom Survey](http://sjl.org/links/Serving%20in%20Freedom%20Survey)).

Worship at the Fairgrounds

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – OUTDOOR SERVICE / PICNIC

Be sure to get **Sunday, August 26** marked on your calendar for our annual Outdoor Service and congregational picnic. Here's what's being planned...

- **Worship at the Henry County Fairgrounds, South Merchant's Building.** We'll be at the fairgrounds since construction will be underway at the old school.
- **Service begins at 10:00 a.m.** (NOTE THE TIME) This is a great opportunity to invite someone to worship with you, and to share with them God's love in Christ!
- **Congregation Picnic will follow** in the South Merchant's Building. Bring a salad or dessert to share – the rest will be provided.
- **The School Board is planning after-dinner activities** for families and children.
- **There will be NO Thursday evening service** the Thursday prior to the Outdoor Service (on Aug. 23).



VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE: St. John Volleyball will start practices on Wed., Aug. 1 from 5 – 7 PM. Any church member in Grades 4-8 are eligible to play. You will need to bring gym shoes and knee pads. Please contact Coach Amy Dietrich at 419-966-7345 with any questions you may have.

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 & background check.
- **Jr High Science Teacher** for 4 hours per week. Must have a teaching license & background ck.
- **Music Instructor** – This individual is responsible for classroom music instruction one day per week for Grades K thru 8. Must have a background check.

If you are interested in more information on these positions, please speak with Principal Kramer.