



St. John Lutheran Church

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

16035 CO. RD. U • NAPOLEON, OH 43545

Serving Christ in Freedom

Worship • Stewardship • Mission

August 12, 2018

VOL. 83

NO. 30

Rev. Stephen J. Niermann, Pastor
Rev. Charles Kramer, Principal

Church: 419-598-8961 Home: 419-598-8181
School: 419-598-8702 Cell: 567-277-1339
Church Website: www.sjl.org

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Seeing and Not Believing" John 6:36

Order of Service: *See printed Service Folder*

Hymns: 791 ~ 524 ~ 526 ~ 917

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Now is the hour of worship. 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 today, 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* ✠ Ashton Niese & Karter Behnfeltd, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Tom & Sandy Von Deylen, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Lawrence & Hildegard Behrmann, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Tom Von Deylen, Doug Dietrich, Neil Badenhop, Roger Lulfs, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Linda Riefers, Marian Damman, Ruth Mahnke, Mabel Bischoff, *Altar Guild* ✠



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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – ***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!



In God's House This Week		Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service w/Communion following Adult Bible Class with Pastor Kramer
Tue.		CANCELLED – Church Council Meeting
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thursday Evening Worship with Communion
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM 4:00 PM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class Jr & Sr High LYF Meeting at the Old School
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, 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*
- ❖ *Don & Teal (Rausch) Hasselswerth*, for their prematurely born twins, Connor and Slone

MANY THANKS: A big “THANK YOU” to all the school families who teamed up to tackle the big job of cleaning the school building. There was a lot of support this year again, and because of that, the cleaning went very smoothly. Great job St. John families!!

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.

WOMEN OF FREEDOM: The Women of Freedom will not be meeting in August. Our next meeting will be Tues., Sept. 18. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend!

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!

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 08/05/18	\$8,586.00	\$205.00	\$220.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (08/02/18) – 52; Sunday (08/05/18) – 150

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** on Aug 23 prior to the Outdoor Service.

OFFICE HOURS: The church/school summer office hours will be Tuesday thru Friday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Closed on Mondays until school begins. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be there.

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!)

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)).

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.



PARENT HANDBOOKS: The 2018-19 Parent Handbook will be posted and available via the FastDirect Communication network by mid-week. A message will be sent to each family through FastDirect. Handbooks will only be printed for those St. John families that do not have internet access via computers, cell phones, i-Pads, etc. Go to www.fastdir.com/stjohnfreedom and click on “Links”.

UPCOMING SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ✓ **School Open House** – The St. John School will be holding an open house on Mon., Aug. 20th from 6:00 – 7:00 PM for Kindergarten thru Gr. 8 families. We will meet first in the Fellowship Hall. That will be a time to introduce our staff members and set the tone for the school year. After meeting in the Fellowship Hall students can drop off materials in their classrooms, meet teachers, and pay fees in the school office.
- ✓ **Gr 6&7 Class Trip Meeting** – There will also be a meeting with the 6th and 7th grade parents following the Open House. Our meeting will be to discuss the class trip.
- ✓ **Preschool Parent’s Meeting & Open House** – On **Tues., Aug. 21 at 6:00 PM** there will be a Preschool Parent’s Meeting held in the Fellowship Hall for children entering the 3-yr old preschool class. Immediately following this meeting (at 7:00 PM) there will be a Parent Meeting for children entering the 4/5-yr old preschool class. Parents will be informed about student expectations in the classroom and also the basics of navigating in the FastDirect Communication system. The classroom will be open and staffed during these meetings. **All Preschool parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.**
- ✓ **School Fundraiser** – The Magazine & Cookie Dough Sales for Grades Preschool thru 8 will begin on **Mon., Aug. 27th at 9:30 AM**. It will run through Thurs., Sept. 11th. The cookie dough will be delivered October 16.

FREEDOM’S FLOCK – St. John’s after school program will begin at 3:00 PM on the first day of school, August 23. The Freedom Flock Aide will be *Deb Boysel*. Mrs. Boysel will be in charge Monday thru Friday. Please contact Director *Karen Riefers* to pre-register your child(ren) and pay the \$15 per family registration by August 23, if possible. You can also access the Freedom’s Flock Handbook and Registration/Medical forms on FastDirect. If any adult or student (16 or older) would like to volunteer to also help with the program, you may contact Karen at 419-598-8686.

VOLLEYBALL SEASON: *Amy Dietrich* will be our grades 4-8 volleyball coach this season. Volleyball will be open for any girl going into grades 4-8 for the 2018-19 school year. Throughout the season we will be looking for parents and family members to assist with volleyball activities, this may include line-judging, scoreboard, concessions, and helping at the St. John Freedom Volleyball Invitational in October. Please contact Coach Amy Dietrich at 419-966-7345 with any questions you may have. Thank you all! GO EAGLES!

✘ ✘ ✘

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

A drunkard is one who commits suicide on the installment plan.

“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.” (Eph. 5:18)

SCHOOL NOTES:

- ✓ **1st DAY OF SCHOOL** for St. John is Thurs., Aug. 23 , with classes beginning at 8:20 AM. Students arriving after that time will need to report to the school office.
- ✓ **OPEN HOUSE** – (Gr.K-8) On Monday, August 20th from 6:00-7:00 PM for Kindergarten thru Gr. 8. All classrooms will be open and we invite parents and students to come in and bring in their school supplies, meet their teacher, and pay their school fees.
- ✓ **OPEN HOUSE FOR PRESCHOOL** - On Tuesday, Aug. 21st at 6:00 PM there will be a Parent Meeting for the incoming 3-yr old Preschoolers. Then at 7:00 PM there will be a Parent Meeting for the 4&5-yr old Preschoolers. This will include an overview of the FastDirect Communication information system we have implemented at St. John. Classrooms will be open for parents and students to bring in their class supplies and meet the teacher.
- ✓ **SCHOOL OFFICE** will be open on Mon., Aug. 20th and Tues., Aug. 21st from 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM for anyone that wants to pay their enrollment fee and purchase supplies from the book store. **Also return any St. John Library books from last school year at this time.**
- ✓ **OPENING SERVICE** will be Aug. 23rd at 8:35 AM in the church. Following the service, *Principal Charles Kramer* will welcome our new students. Once back in their rooms the children, by classrooms, will have the opportunity to purchase school supplies from our book store if they have not already done so. **All are welcome to attend this Opening Service!**
- ✓ **SCHOOL PICTURES** will be taken by *Emilie Parsons* of Emilie's Photo Design and are scheduled for Thurs., Sept. 13th at 9:00 AM for the 4/5 Preschool class and Grades K-8; and Fri., Sept. 14th at 9:00 AM for 3-yr old Preschoolers and anyone absent on Sept. 13th. Order forms will be sent home shortly after school starts.
- ✓ **LUNCH PROGRAM** – Lunch prices remain the same. We have put Preschool and Grades K-4 together for one price, and Grades 5-8 for one price. They are: PS 4/5 - Gr. 4 - \$2.75, Gr. 5-8 - \$3.00. Extra milk is 50¢. The adult meal price is \$3.25 and \$3.75 w/milk. Money sent in for lunches are posted to each families lunch account in FastDirect Communication. You can view your balance by clicking on the Finance icon at the top of the FastDirect home page.
- ✓ **BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP** – St. John Booster membership for the 2018-19school year are: \$20.00 for husband and wife; \$10.00 for single. Make checks payable to *St. John Boosters*.
- ✓ **EMERGENCY PROCEDURE AND EARLY CLOSING FORMS(green)** will be available on a table outside the school office as a handout on Mon., Aug. 20th. They can be completed and turned in with your fees or to the school office by the first day of school. Write all family members on one card.
- ✓ **STATE FUNDS(yellow)** is to be filled out by parents, one per family, listing the names of your children and their grade level. We need to keep this in our files every year as required by the State of Ohio. Return this yellow card the first day of school.
- ✓ **SCRIP PROGRAM** will be offered again this school year. Anyone willing to help the PTL with this fundraiser can contact *Kristyn Honemann* at 419-592-0643.