



# St. John Lutheran Church

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

16035 CO. RD. U • NAPOLEON, OH 43545

## Serving Christ in Freedom

Worship • Stewardship • Mission

September 9, 2018

VOL. 83

NO. 34

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

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "A Savior for Each ONE" Mark 7:31-37

Order of Service: *Matins (LSB pg. 219)*

Hymns: 839 ~ 524 ~ 749 ~ 941 (*sub for Te Deum*) ~ 528

\*\*\*\*\*

### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*We welcome all who have come to worship our God with us today! Each day we live is a priceless gift from God, loaded with possibilities to learn something new, to gain fresh insights into His great truths. May we be showered with those blessings as we together profess His Name 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* ✠ Karleigh Sonnenberg & Addyson Speiser, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Marilyn Meyer & Arlene Wallace, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Lawrence & Hildegard Behrmann, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Carey Damman, Scott VanValkenburg, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Kathy Badenhop, Sandy Von Deylen, Mary Rettig, *Altar Guild* ✠

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – Currently we are studying Paul's letter to the Romans, the fourth chapter. Here Paul makes his case from the lives of Abraham and David that justification is by the grace of God apart from any works that we perform. This gets to the heart and core of our Christian faith, and every Christian therefore ought to be familiar with these words of the apostle. So please join us today when we get going again – it's never too late! Now that school is in session, we will resume meeting in the north end of the fellowship hall.



**HOLY COMMUNION** will be offered this morning following the Worship service. Those who wish to attend should fill out a Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and give it to the usher during the collection of the offering this morning. Return immediately to the front pews.

**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	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:20AM	<b>Worship Service w/Communion following</b> Adult Bible Class; Sunday School
Mon.	3:30 PM 7:00 PM	Archives Meeting in Conference Room PTL Meeting
Tue.	<b>8:35 AM</b> 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Chapel led by Pastor Kramer</b> ; Offering: <i>Orphan Grain Train</i> V-ball: Gr. 4-6; 6:00 PM Gr. 7&8 @ Toledo Hornets Church Council Meeting
Wed.	6:15 PM	Jr High Confirmation Class ( <i>until 7:30 PM</i> )
Thurs.	5:00 PM <b>7:00 PM</b>	V-ball: Gr. 4-6; 6:00 PM Gr. 7&8 @ Trinity - Toledo <b>Thursday Evening Worship with Communion</b>
Sat.	9:00 AM	LWML Fall Retreat at St. John Lutheran, Stryker ( <i>see bulletin note</i> )
Sun.	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:20AM 10:30AM 1:00 PM	<b>Communion Service</b> Adult Bible Class; Sunday School Jr & Sr High LYF Outing ( <i>see bulletin note</i> ) Open House for Bill Von Deylen's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday ( <i>until 4:00 PM</i> )
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Logan Scheiwe</i> , St. Paul Lutheran – Napoleon

**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 Sloane
- ❖ *Marvin Gruenhagen*, recuperating at home with therapy after his recent hospitalization
- ❖ *Valerie Scheffert's father* (Dennis Boldt), currently dealing with some major health issues

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – During the worship service we will involve the children with a children's message and a blessing for them and their teachers as the season of Christian education begins.

There is no greater work a Christian can do than to lead the children to Christ in faith and trust. If it is a blessed thing even to give a cup of water to a child (*Matt. 10:42*), how much more blessed it is give a child the very Bread of Life – to give them Jesus! Willing servants are still needed to staff the Sunday School. Speak with *Zoe Foor or Kelly Sonnenberg* if you would like to share your time and talents with the children of our Sunday School.



Also remember that the Sunday School students will be practicing music for worship. Be sure your child is present to learn the songs that will be sung in the Lord's House.

**OPEN HOUSE:** The family of *Bill Von Deylen* will be hosting an Open House to celebrate Bill's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, which is on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. The Open House is planned for Sun., Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4 PM in the church fellowship hall. Please come and wish Bill a Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**LOST & FOUND:** There was a gold *Schlage* key found on a table at the Outdoor Service at the fairgrounds. There were 2 other small silver keys on the ring with it. These smaller keys look like smaller lock keys. Please come to the church office to claim them.

**FOR SALE:** There is "for sale" in the office a new Lutheran Study Bible for anyone interested. The cost is \$40. If paying by check, please make payable to *St. John Lutheran School*. Thank you!

**WOMEN OF FREEDOM:** The next Women of Freedom meeting will be Tues., Sept. 18 at 7:00 PM. Our speaker will be Nancy Helmke from the Orphan Grain Train. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend!

**"THE LAMP" AND LYF – OUTING!** We would like to kick off the start of "The Lamp" and LYF season for 2018-2019 by going to Oak Openings Preserve after church on Sun., Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. We will meet after church and return around 3:00 PM. Bring a change of clothes for the park. All high school youth and young adults are invited to attend. While at Oak Openings we will have a Bible study, a cookout, and many activities (*fishing, hiking, Frisbee, football, kickball, hanging out, etc.*). If planning to fish and you're over 16, don't forget your license. We ask that youth bring a side or snack to share and a lawn chair. If youth are planning to fish, please have them bring their own fishing tackle and pole. We will also need 1-2 additional drivers to help with transportation. If the weather is bad, we will move the festivities to *Carey & Sharon Damman's* house. Please contact Miss Bartok ([sbartok@sjl.org](mailto:sbartok@sjl.org) or through Remind) if you are planning on attending.

**LYF ICE CREAM SOCIAL** – The LYF will be hosting its annual Ice Cream Social on Sun., Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, with serving from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. In efforts to give as much of the profit from the Ice Cream Social to the youth traveling to the National Youth Gathering in 2019, we are asking if congregation members can help by donating items to help the fundraiser. If you are able to donate, please look over the sign-up sheets on the narthex table for the items you can help with. Please have your items to the church by Fri., Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. If there are any questions, please contact Sarah Bartok through the church office.

On the menu this year: *Chicken Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Salad, Chips, Desserts, Beverage and Schwan's Ice Cream*. Freewill offering! This is a Thrivent Action Team event. Carryouts available also! Come out and support the youth of our congregation!

**ACCREDITATION:** The National Lutheran School Association (NLSA) has granted St. John Lutheran School an accreditation for the next five school years. *Kevin Creutz*, the Ohio District Superintendent, will present the official certificate on Sun., September 30 during the worship service. This accreditation association puts their approval on the quality of Christian education at St. John Lutheran School. Please join us for this worship service to give all praise to God.

**THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES** have returned to the sanctuary for the month of September, now that school is back in session. Holy Communion will be available at our Thursday services on the Thursdays prior to our regular Communion Sundays.

**EXERCISE CLASSES** at 9:00 AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays are cancelled until further notice.

**150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE REQUEST** – The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is working to build a database of St. John’s former members so they can be contacted about anniversary related events. We need everyone’s help in this. If you know any former members, would you please pass along to the committee their names and addresses? Don’t assume we already know about them or that someone else will give us the information. Use the form in today’s bulletin or on the table in the narthex, and drop it in the marked box. Thank you for your assistance in this project! It will be a joy to welcome these folks back to St. John for our anniversary events!



**SERVING IN FREEDOM SURVEY** – The Stewardship Board is gearing up for another round of nominations, and is asking everyone to please fill out the Serving in Freedom Survey to help along the process. 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)).

<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 09/02/18	\$8,057.00	\$219.00	\$670.00

**ATTENDANCE:** Thursday (08/30/18) – 54; Sunday (09/02/18) – 142

**A SIMPLE AND CONVENIENT WAY TO GIVE** – This fall, consider signing up for electronic giving which is now called *Joyful Response*. St. John Lutheran Church relies on financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. One simple, easy to use authorization form can begin or change your electronic contributions amount. Contact *Joyce Wiechers* in the office at 419-598-8961 for more details. Thank you!



**KFUO RADIO** – “Christ for you. Anytime. Anywhere.” St. Paul said, “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.” (Rom 10:17) There is perhaps no other broadcast ministry at which you can hear “Christ for you” more faithfully than at KFUO Radio, the radio broadcast Ministry of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. There’s something for everyone, and you can listen on demand by going to [www.kfu.org](http://www.kfu.org). Check it out – although the devil will hate it, you will “be strengthened in the Lord and in the strength of His might!” (Eph. 6:10)

**MEN'S RETREAT WITH REV. CHAD BIRD** – Trinity Lutheran in Toledo is hosting a men's retreat on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 8:00pm at the Toledo Botanical Gardens, with Rev. Chad Bird as the presenter. The retreat theme is, **“God Extraordinary Grace for Ordinary Men in the Old Testament and Today.”** The cost is a mere \$10, which includes breakfast, lunch and dinner. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

**Rev. Chad Bird** has become a very popular speaker and blogger in the LCMS and beyond. He has served as an assistant professor of Old Testament theology, and contributed a number of hymns to our hymnal. He has contributed articles to *Modern Reformation*, *The Federalist*, *Lutheran Forum*, *Mockingbird* and other publications.

**FOLLOW OUR CHURCH ON FACEBOOK** – our new Facebook page will become a source of information about our 150<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. (Our school also has a Facebook page; find and follow it!)

**CONCORDIA PUBLISHING HOUSE FALL BIBLE SALE** – Through the end of September, our publishing house is offering Bibles at a sale price. This is the time to buy if you're thinking about a great Bible for yourself or for a gift. For example...

- The basic *Lutheran Study Bible* (which we have on a rack for Bible study) is on sale for \$39.99, down from \$54.99. This is a fantastic Bible for study, with lots of notes to enrich your reading.
- *120 Bible Stories* is on sale for \$14.99 (reg. \$19.99); this is perfect for teaching the great stories of the Bible to children ages 8-12.
- *Today's Light Devotional Bible* is on sale for \$24.99 (reg. \$32.99); easy-to-read sections of Scripture with devotional commentary and real-life application.



**To order these or others, just Google “cph bibles” and click on the first link.** Use the menu to the left to search categories. Prices in red print are sale prices.

**‘BREAD FROM HEAVEN’** – A note to St. John members needing food assistance – If you could use food assistance from our food pantry, please speak with *Pastor Niermann*. We are required by the *Northwestern Ohio Food Bank* to keep a record with your name, but pastor will keep your record separate and absolutely confidential.

Contributions can be made at any time. Monetary gifts can be given to the *Good Neighbor Fund* (note it on your offering envelope). Food donations for our pantry can be dropped off in the box by the Archives display cases. Any and all contributions are always greatly appreciated, but **we are especially in need of saltine crackers at this time.** Thank you so much!

**ST. JOHN SCRIP CONTINUES:** You may begin ordering SCRIP again. Order forms are on the table in the narthex. 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.**

**MAGAZINE / COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER:** Students from St. John Lutheran School have 3 days left for their magazine and frozen cookie dough sales. There are hundreds of magazines to choose from. There are many different kinds of food items to purchase. This year the profits go for the class trip and playground equipment. Contact the students in the school to make a purchase. Orders will be delivered on Tues., Oct. 16 in the afternoon.

**PTL MEETING:** The first PTL Meeting will be held on Mon., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. This will be a business meeting to get organized for the school year. Please plan to attend and support the school!

**SJL SCHOOL FUNDRAISER** – Plans are in motion for the Annual “Soar With the Eagles” St. John Lutheran School Fundraiser to be held at the Ridgeville American Legion Hall on Fri., Nov. 9, 2018. There will be a meal, along with a live and silent auction. Stay tuned!

**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 were sent home in your “family packet” and are available outside the school office or contact any of the Booster officers. Our programs here at St. John give our students a sense of sportsmanship, discipline, structure and self-confidence needed to go out into the world.

**4-H MUM SALE:** The 4-H Advisory Council is having a Mum Sale with proceeds to support 4-H Youth and activities in Henry County. Colors of mums available are: Red, White, Yellow, Orange, Bronze, Pink, Purple and Pineapple. Plant sizes and prices are 9” (\$6.00), 12” (\$12.00), 14” (\$17.00), Oval Planter (\$12.00), and Hanging Basket (\$12.00). For more information and if you want to place an order, please contact *Bethann Gerken* at 419-445-7910 or email [bethann@rteceexpress.net](mailto:bethann@rteceexpress.net)

**AREA EVENTS:**

- **Genacross Lutheran Services** is hosting a Cruise-In Carnival today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Napoleon Campus. Lots and lots of activities. See flyer!
- See flyer on the bulletin board for information on the **“Redhead Run 5K” on Sat., Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.**

✘ ✘ ✘

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**God does not COMFORT us to make us COMFORTABLE, but to make us COMFORTERS.**

*“He comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.” (2 Cor 1:4)*