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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Honoring Marriage" Genesis 2:18-25
Order of Service: Divine Service, Setting One (pg. 151)
Hymns: **544 ~ 863** ~ (Communion: **629, 663**) ~ **862**
Adult Choir: "May I Love You, Lord" and "As We Break the Bread"

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome to the services of God's House and the fellowship of our congregation. Enter in stillness...know that the Lord is God. Listen in reverence...it is God who has made us. Sing with delight...it is God who hears us. Speak with conviction...there is no other God. Depart in peace...it is God's gift for you. Serve with joy...it is your gift to God. Please fill out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you to note your presence and pass it to the center aisle during the offering.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Bryce Bostelman & Macee Speiser, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Larry & Pat Mahnke, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Richard Elling & Harold Behrmann, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Elmer Maassel, Denny Behnfeldt, Bob Norden, Ted Ripke, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Deb Durham, Kathy Behnfeldt, Pat Maassel, Anita Badenhop, *Altar Guild* ✠

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Currently we are studying Paul's letter to the Romans, and making the turn into the fifth chapter, which begins with the word "Therefore." Always pay careful attention to that word in Scripture, because it signals a new section in which the sacred writers draw out for us what it means to live a Christian life. So please join us this morning in the fellowship hall for this study of God's Word – it's never too late! "How blest are those who hear the Word of God and put it into practice." (*Luke 11:28*)



In God's House This Week		Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; "The Lamp"
Mon.		NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day for teachers
Tue.	8:35 AM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Chapel led by Pastor Kramer V-ball vs. BG Christian (2 games) Church Council Meeting
Wed.	6:15 PM 6:30 PM 7:15 PM	Jr. High Confirmation Class Adult Hand Bell Practice Adult Choir Practice
Thurs.	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	V-ball: Gr. 4-6 Girls; 6:00 PM Gr. 7&8 Girls vs. Toledo Hornets Thursday Evening Worship
Sat.	9:00 AM	St. John Invitational Volleyball Tournament
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service w/Communion following Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "The Lamp" Jr & Sr High LYF (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Lee Genter</i> , Christ Our Savior Lutheran – Defiance

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*, going thru some difficult therapy as she continues her battle with cancer
- ❖ *Rev. Jeff Corder*, who lost his wife, Cindy, to brain cancer earlier this week. May God comfort him and his family with the same comfort in Christ he has shared with so many.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2019 – The Stewardship Board has begun the process of nominating people to the various offices of our congregation. If you would still like to be included on the list of nominees for any office, please speak with a member of the Stewardship Board or with Pastor. This week letters were sent out to those nominated by the Board. If you receive one of these letters, please give serious consideration to the office for which you've been nominated. A member of the Stewardship Board will be following up soon. If you do not receive a letter, please be praying for those who do, that God may raise up among us leaders and servants to be about the business of our Father's house!

ARCHIVES DISPLAY: There is a new display up in the side hallway. This one is depicting the 100th anniversary of the old school building across the road. It displays pictures about the history of the old school that will trigger lots of memories for some of you. There are also some highlights of things that have happened at the "old school" through the years up to the present. Stop and take a look!

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES – While the elders this year had recommended that the Thursday services go through September, by popular demand they will be extended through the month of October. As always, the Thursday service is a preview of the Sunday service, and Communion is available on the Thursdays prior to Communion Sundays.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Please make note that the Children’s Christmas Program will be presented on Sun., Dec. 23rd at 7:00 PM this year. Information regarding your child’s participation will be coming to you soon.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: School Board would like to have a group of people come forward to decorate the church this Christmas season. There has not been much response over the years, so please give it some thought this time, and contact the church office if you would like to help. If we can get several volunteers together, it would only take 3-4 hours. Thank you!

150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE REQUEST – The 150th 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 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!



WOMEN OF FREEDOM: The next Women of Freedom meeting will be Tues., Oct. 16th at 7:00 PM. All ladies of St. John invited to come. Bring your mite box to the meeting. The Quarterlies are available on the table in the narthex.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec’d 09/30/18	\$6,844.00	\$416.00	\$419.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (09/27/18) – 36; Sunday (09/30/18) – 161

JR/SR HIGH LYF OUTING: Join us at Leaders’ Corn Maze on Sun., Oct. 14th from 2:00 – 5:00 PM for fun and fellowship. Event cost will be \$8 per person for general admission. If youth would like to have unlimited hayrides and time on the jumping pillow, the price is \$13. This can be given to Miss Bartok on the 14th. Please bring exact change. Guests are invited and encouraged. Youth may stay longer if you are given permission by a parent or are in high school. This will need to be communicated to Miss Bartok prior to the event. Families are also welcome to join us!

VETS TO VOLUNTEER! With Veteran’s Day approaching, we would like to know if there are any veterans that would be willing to come in to the school and talk to the students about their time in the military and what Veteran’s Day means to them. If you know someone or ARE that someone, please call the school office at 419-598-8702 and we will set up a date and time. Thank you for serving!

PUMPKIN/APPLE RECIPES! If there are any congregation members who would be interested in creating one of their delicious pumpkin or apple recipe dishes for the Preschool Grandparents' Day, we would love to have you step forward. We will be serving these pumpkin or apple goodies at our Preschool Grandparents' Day festivities on Oct. 18 & 19. If you plan to prepare a dish, please call the office at 419-598-8702. We would like to have your goodies brought in on Wed., Oct. 17th.

“SOAR WITH THE EAGLES” SCHOOL FUNDRAISER – An evening of dinner, live and silent auctions, door prizes, music, and fellowship await you as the 2nd Annual “Soar With the Eagles” St. John Lutheran School Fundraiser will be held at the Ridgeville American Legion Hall on Fri., Nov. 9, 2018. Information about the event is posted on the bulletin board. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be served from 6-7:30 PM and the auctioning will begin at 7:30 PM. All proceeds will go to St. John Lutheran School operating expense. **Tickets can be purchased at St. John Lutheran School or by contacting Margo at (419-966-3469).** Only 300 tickets will be sold!

WOMEN’S SELF DEFENSE SEMINAR – Join us on Tues., Oct. 23rd (6:00-7:30 pm) for a women's self-defense seminar. Master Dawn Angileri (*a friend of Sarah Bartok*) will be coming to the church to instruct women how to defend themselves if they feel the need to do so. Master Angileri is a 4th degree black belt and has owned and operated a karate school in Michigan for over 14 years. She has taught numerous women’s self-defense courses over the years. This seminar is open to any female from 6th grade to adult. We ask that you wear easy to move in clothing for this event. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet at the narthex table. This is a free event but we are asking participants to contribute a free will donation to pay for Master Angileri's travel expenses from Michigan. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Bartok at the church or by email (sbartok@sjl.org)

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: The St. John Eagles Gr. 7&8 Invitational Volleyball Tournament will be held on Sat., Oct. 13, starting at 9:00 AM. As with any tournament, there is a lot of preparation involved with running a successful tournament. Volunteers are needed to work concessions. *High School Seniors:* This can be used towards your Community Service hours. *School Parents:* Volunteering at this tournament would count towards your “Parent Participation” for this school year. Please contact *Brad Rosebrook* at 419-966-3099 if you can work.

AREA EVENTS:

- **St. Luke Lutheran Church – Wauseon** is hosting its Harvest Fest on **Sun., Oct. 14th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** at the church. See flyer for more info!
- **St. Peter Lutheran Church – Florida** invites you to their Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on **Sun., Oct. 21st** at the church (K-980 County Rd 17D). Lunch served from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Dine in or Carry out! See flyer!
- **St. Paul Lutheran Church – Liberty Center** – hosting their Fall Soup & Pie Dinner on **Sun., Oct. 21st** with serving from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. See flyer for details!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Speak kind words, and you will hear kind echoes.

“Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.” (Prov. 16:24)