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EASTER DAY – The Resurrection of our Lord

- **7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service:** *Printed Service Folder*
Sermon & Text: "Look Who's Wounded Now" *John 20:1-18*
Hymns: 469 ~ 467 ~ 490 ~ 474
Adult Choir: "The Resurrection" and "Hallelujah!"
- **9:30 a.m. Easter Festival Service with Communion:** *Printed Service Folder*
Sermon & Text: "Planning...for Life!" *Isaiah 65:17-25*
Hymns: 478 ~ 457 ~ 479 ~ [Communion: 461, 463, 464] ~ 477
Adult Choir: "Hallelujah!"

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

CHRIST IS RISEN – HE IS RISEN INDEED! We greet those who are visiting with us today in the name of our Risen Savior. We are gathered as a community of Christians. Our center is Jesus Christ. We are here to know again the touch of His forgiving and healing hand. Please help us get to know who you are by introducing yourself to our pastor and by filling out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you. Simply pass it to the center aisle during the offering this morning. Thank you!



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- 1st Service: ✕ Kalyn Gerken, *Acolyte* ✕
 2nd Service: ✕ Ella Rosebrook & Karleigh Sonnenberg, *Acolytes* ✕
 ✕ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✕
 ✕ Larry & Pat Mahnke, *Greeters* ✕
 ✕ Dave Badenhop, Jerry Short, Dan Wiechers, Denny Von Deylen, *Ushers* ✕
 ✕ Pat Maassel, Anita Badenhop, Deb Durham, Kathy Behnfeldt, *Altar Guild* ✕

EASTER BREAKFAST – The Easter Breakfast will be served between the two services this morning from 8:00 to 9:15 AM. The menu is: *Egg Casseroles, French bread, fresh fruit, coffee cake, doughnuts, sweet rolls, cookies, coffee and juice.* There will be a freewill donation which assists the Women of Freedom in their Adopt-A-Seminarian program and also Christian Growth.

In God's House This Week *Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl*

Date	Time	Activities
Today	7:00 AM 8:15 AM 9:30 AM	Easter Sunrise Service Fellowship Breakfast for everyone – Freewill Offering! (Till 9:15 AM) Easter Festival Service with Communion
Mon.	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	NO SCHOOL – Easter Break <i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution Adult Information Class
Tue.	8:20 AM 8:35 AM	Classes resume Chapel led by Grades 7&8
Wed.	6:15 PM	Midweek Confirmation Class
Fri.	7:00 PM	School Musical – Mary Poppins, JR
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service Voters' Meeting; Sunday School; "The Lamp" School Musical – Mary Poppins, JR
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Theodore Rellstab</i> , St. John Lutheran – Stryker

MATTERS FOR PRAYER – Please keep these people in your prayers:

- ❖ Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Renetta Homan, and Willie Gerken*
- ❖ *Delora Winkelman, Marian Buchhop, Dorothy Gerken, and Lawrence Langenhop,* 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*
- ❖ *Shirley Sonnenberg, Shorty Bischoff, Don Dickmann, Ron Dietrich, Carey Damman, Florence Jones, and Darrel Bockelman,* who are dealing with health issues at this time
- ❖ *Elmer Maassel,* for heart valve replacement surgery at St. Luke's Hospital last Friday
- ❖ *Alicia Maassel,* currently hospitalized at Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus for further testing
- ❖ *Tonya Whitman (school cook),* for surgery at UTMC next Tuesday for her trigeminal neuralgia
- ❖ *Pastor Logan Scheiwe,* hospitalized at St. V's – Toledo for a mass on his kidney

EASTER FLOWERS – Those who bought Easter flowers to beautify the sanctuary for Easter are listed in the lilac colored bulletin insert today. You may take your flowers home after the 9:30 AM Easter Festival Service (2nd Service) today. Thank you for sharing their beauty once again!

VOLUNTEERS FOR WORSHIP SLIDES – If you're good with your TV remote and game controller, we've got a job for you. During each worship service we need an individual who will advance the slides on the sanctuary screens. If you would be interested in serving in this way, please speak with Dan Wachtman or with Pastor. If we can get a few people together, we will do some quick training and have you serving in no time!

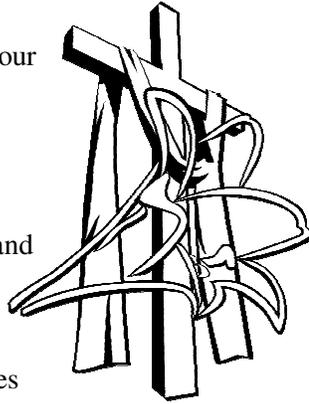
Happy Easter

If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain... But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.” (1 Cor. 15:17, 20)

It is good to be here to celebrate our day of days, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. The morning schedule is as follows:

- **7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service**
- **8:15 a.m. Easter Fellowship Breakfast**
- **9:30 a.m. Easter Festival Service with Holy Communion**

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this day a day of rejoicing and celebration --- to the musicians and choir for leading our praise; to the ushers, altar guild members, greeters, and youth acolytes for their assistance in our worship, and for everyone who supplied flowers and breakfast items. In all our service, and in all we do and say, may our lives proclaim the risen Savior.



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

150th ANNIVERSARY BLANKETS – Just a reminder to get your order in for these beautiful anniversary blankets woven with pictures of some of our historic buildings. These blankets are \$35 each. Use the envelope to enclose your check and place your order. We should have our first order of these blankets here by the end of April.

NEXT VOTERS’ MEETING: The next Voters’ Meeting of 2019 will be held in the fellowship hall on Sunday, Apr. 28th immediately following the Worship Service. Currently on the agenda: 1) Revisit \$20,000 gift to the church; 2) Updated “alcohol policy”; 3) Update on the Youth Center; 4) Kindergarten Policy Change

VBS STAFF RECRUITMENT & STUDENT REGISTRATION

While we are still working on recruiting staff for VBS, it’s also time to begin enrolling students. VBS will be here before you know it!

VBS will be held from 9am – noon on **June 3-7**. Our theme this year is “**Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World.**” Sometimes we talk about superheroes saving the world, but they are only make-believe. Only the Son of God can actually do this work! He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the whole world, and through whom God has reconciled the world to Himself!

STUDENT ENROLLMENT – To enroll a student...

- use the link at sjl.org to enroll online, -or-
- pick up an enrollment brochure in the narthex and return it to the narthex when completed.

STAFF RECRUITMENT – To join the VBS staff...

Speak with VBS Director, Karen Riefers and pick up a VBS Staff Recruitment form in the narthex. Please review the positions that we need to fill, and please consider signing up.



PTL FUNDRAISER: The *Profitable Solutions* Liquid Laundry Detergent & Fabric Softener Fundraiser sponsored by the PTL has begun and will run until Fri., April 26th. This fundraiser involves selling bulk laundry detergent (including pods!), softener, scent booster, dish soap, dishwasher pods and trash bags! All products are comparable to name brands. You will be receiving 42% more detergent (350-500 loads!) for the same price you'd pay in store! Please approach any St. John student to place an order. Please direct any questions to Amy Kramer at 419-297-6998!

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 04/14/19	\$10,275.00	\$684.00	\$515.00

ATTENDANCE: 226

THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES will begin on **Thurs., May 2nd at 7:00 PM** in the sanctuary. Once school is out for the summer, we will move these services into the north end fellowship hall. Holy Communion will usually be on the Thursday evenings prior to regular Communion Sundays.

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.**

REV. GEORGE MAASSEL MEMORIAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH GRANTS – This is a reminder that a number of years back, the family of Rev. Maassel gave a gift to the congregation, which we subsequently decided to use as grants for any church organization planning an event that has local community outreach as a focus. If you're organization is planning something that is related to community outreach and has the specific intent of inviting non-members and following up on them, please consider applying for one of these grants. An information page and application is available on the documents area of our website, www.sjl.org.

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 (*as a pastor, deaconess, teacher, lay minister, or a Director of Christian Education, Christian Outreach, Parish Music, or Family Life Ministry*), our congregation would like to support you by offering a tuition gift. An application for this gift is available online --- type **www.sjl.org/student_gift_app.pdf** into your browser (*there is no link*) and fill out the application. Deadline for fall enrollment is June 1st.

A MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SUGGESTION – The “Recipes and Remembrances” cookbooks from PTL would surely make Mom smile. They have a very nice collection of great recipes in them. This is a PTL fundraiser. Copies are available in the school office. The cost is \$10.00. If writing a check, please make it payable to: *St. John PTL*. Thank you for supporting the PTL!

GERALD HISTORY BOOKS – If you didn't get one yet, you can still do so. Stop in at the church office to purchase your copy or you can also send \$12 to Robert L. Stockman, 1218 Spoonbill Landing Circle, Bradenton, FL 34209, and he will mail your copy to you via USPS.

If at any time during the year you need a gift for a current or former member of St. John, why not consider this history book about the development of Gerald? This book is full of interesting facts about Gerald, Freedom Township, and St. John Church. Get your copy today!

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!

COMING SOON! “Mary Poppins, Jr.” is being presented by St. John Lutheran School students on Fri., April 26 at 7:00 PM and also on Sun., April 28 at 2:00 PM in the school gym. Preschool through 8th grade students are involved in this musical. There will be a free will admission donation. Many, many people have put a lot of time and effort into this production, so plan to come and enjoy a very entertaining evening and afternoon with us. Refreshments will be served following each of the performances. **NOTE: All school families are asked to bring 1-2 dozen cookies on Friday OR Sunday. These will be served as the refreshments after each performance.**



SCHOOL MUSICAL VOLUNTEER & DONORS: *The musical directors are searching for someone to video the school musical performances on Friday and/or Sunday. Please consider doing this and give the school office a call. Tues., April 23rd is the deadline for anyone (business or private) to make a donation toward the musical production this year. You can do so by contacting the school office at 419-598-8702. If you choose to make a donation, your company name or your personal name will be listed in the musical program.*

SCHEDULED SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS:

- ❖ **Tues., April 23** – St. John School is sponsoring a Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser to raise money for the new archery class which is scheduled for the 2019-2020 school year. This fundraiser will run from Tues., April 23 thru Mon., May 6th. Please approach a K – Gr. 8 student to place your order.
- ❖ **Tues., April 23 thru Fri., May 3** – PTL Penny Challenge. Classrooms...get your strategies geared up for the Spring Penny Challenge. This “challenge” will run for only 2 weeks. Mr. Petzoldt will be monitoring the daily results this fall. The winning classroom will be treated to a pizza & ice cream party.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY: A reminder that Grandparent's Day at St. John School for Grades K-8 will be held on **Friday, May 3** from 12:30 - 3:00 PM. *Lunch is not included.*

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION: St. John Lutheran Preschool is in full swing. The 4/5 year old class is close to full and the 3 year old class still has plenty of openings. Anyone interested in enrolling your child in our preschool program should contact the school office at 419-598-8702. There is a non-refundable \$30 registration fee that must accompany your registration form.

SOAR WITH THE EAGLES: Please be aware that at the December 2018 Voters' Meeting it was announced that the Soar With The Eagles event will now become an "every other year" event. So this year there will be no fundraiser in November. Stay tuned to the bulletin later for the 2020 date.

ST. JOHN SCRIP: Scrip orders will be received on Wednesdays, ordered on Fridays and delivered on the following Tuesday. Order forms are posted on FastDirect under 'Links,' titled SCRIP Order Forms and SCRIP Program Info, there are also hard copies on the table in the narthex and in the 'School Info' rack outside the office. Payment must accompany orders. **Any questions about SCRIP can be directed to the SCRIP Coordinator Kristyn Honemann at 419-966-0207 or email at honemann@embarqmail.com.**

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: With the start of Thursday night services in May, any bulletin notes need to be turned in to the office by Wednesday of each week in order to be included in the Thursday and Sunday bulletin. Please note this. Thank you!

CHURCH LIBRARY – The church library, located in the hall next to the sanctuary, is growing to contain a lot of excellent books that will edify your faith. The books in this library have been screened to assure that they are true to the Word of God and can be trusted to be theologically sound. Please check out the selection. To borrow a book, just take it with you, and then return it to the basket when you've finished reading.

OHIO ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN: Don't forget this valuable organization for your clothing and household donations, especially with the recent disasters in the western Midwest states. The Ohio Division OGT is located in the north end of the Culligan Water Conditioning building on Independence Drive in Napoleon. Someone is usually there to receive items on the first Tuesday of the month from 9:00-11:00 AM. If you need to drop off items at another time, please contact *Nancy Helmke* (419-758-3539), *Diann Meyer-Grieser* (419-267-3485), or *Vicki Grieser* (419-445-2986) and they will be happy to meet you and open the facility to receive your donations! PLEASE do not drop off items at the warehouse when it is closed. Thank you!

AREA EVENTS:

- **Jayne Westhoven Fundraiser** will be held on Sun., April 28th at the Armory Arts & Events Center, Napoleon. See flyer on bulletin board.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Easter is more than something to dye for!

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"?" (John 11:25-26)