



# St. John Lutheran Church

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### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Order of Service: Service of Prayer and Preaching (LSB pg. 260)

Hymns: 466 ~ 525 ~ 484 ~ 468

Jr High Bell Choir Anthem

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*The Lord calls all of us to a new way of living under His wonderful grace in our Savior. If you are our guest this morning, it is a pleasure to have you worshipping with us. 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 or register your name in the Guest Book in the Narthex.*

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### **SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING**

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Kaelyn Gerken & Logan Honemann, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ David & Sara Myles, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Dave Badenhop, Jerry Short, Dan Wiechers, Denny Von Deylen, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Pat Maassel, Anita Badenhop, Deb Durham, Kathy Behnfeldt, *Altar Guild* ✠

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are placed in loving memory of our son, brother, uncle, and best friend, *Ryan Rosebrock*, who went to be with the Lord 10 years ago on May 3, 2009. As the years go by, our hearts still yearn to see that sparkle in his eye and to hear his laughter. Prayers today for *Randy, LouAnn, Michael & Sam, Michelle & Ben, Ryan, Lucy, and Kate.*

**VOTERS' MEETING TODAY:** The Voters' Meeting today will be held in the fellowship hall immediately following the Worship Service. 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.

**In God's House This Week**Online church calendar: [www.DynaCal.com/sjl](http://www.DynaCal.com/sjl)

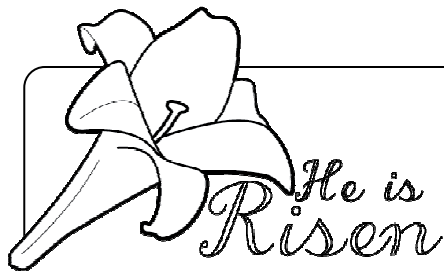
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Today	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:20AM 2:00 PM	<b>Worship Service</b> Voters' Meeting; Sunday School; "The Lamp" School Musical – Mary Poppins, JR
Mon.	6:30 PM	VBS planning and work meeting
Tue.	8:35 AM 7:00 PM	<b>Chapel led by Pastor Kramer</b> Shepherd Committee
Wed.	6:15 PM 7:00 PM	Midweek Confirmation Class School Board Meeting
Thurs.	6:30 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Breakfast in Fellowship Hall Thursday Evening Worship in the Sanctuary ( <i>with communion</i> )
Fri.	12:30PM	Grandparents' Day for Grades K thru 8
Sun.	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:20AM 1:00 PM 4:30 PM	<b>Communion Service</b> Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "The Lamp" 4-H Meetings Sr High LYF
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*
- ❖ *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*
- ❖ *Shirley Sonnenberg, Shorty Bischoff, Ron Dietrich, Carey Damman, and Darrel Bockelman*, who are dealing with health issues at this time
- ❖ *Elmer Maassel*, recovering from open heart surgery at St. Luke's Hospital
- ❖ *Alicia Maassel*, currently home and recovering from her recent hospitalization
- ❖ *Pastor Logan Scheiwe*, recuperating from his recent kidney surgery

**FOR FAMILIES MOURNING LOSSES:**

- ▶ *Donald Dickmann*, 85, passed away on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019 at the Orchards of Northcrest, Napoleon. Don's funeral was held here at St. John Lutheran on Wed., April 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. His interment was at St. John Lutheran Cemetery. Don will be sadly missed by his wife, Marian (*who diligently took care of him for many, many years*); his son, Steve (Dawn), and his grandchildren. May God be with Marian and her family at this time of loss!
- ▶ *Lawrence Langenhop*, 94, passed away on Wed., April 24<sup>th</sup> at Genacross Lutheran Home, Napoleon. Lawrence's funeral was held here at St. John Lutheran on Sat., April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. Lawrence was buried at St. John Lutheran Cemetery. Please keep Judy and Families and Jerry & Lori and Families in your prayers at their time of loss. As Lawrence would say, "Auf Wiedersehen" or "until we meet again!"



## EASTER THANKS

It was with great joy that we gathered last Sunday to offer praise to God in celebration of Christ's glorious resurrection from the dead!

We also give thanks to God for all the people whose contributions made our Easter celebration such a festive day. We thank the choir and musicians for the joyful sounds that led us in worship. We are grateful for all the people who served in worship as ushers, deacons, altar guild members, greeters, acolytes, and banner and cross bearers, and to those who decorated the sanctuary and fellowship hall. And how can we say thanks enough to everyone who provided flowers for the sanctuary and food for our breakfast?

We thank God for everyone's contributions, big and small. May God continue to give each of us great joy in all that we do to serve one another in His congregation of saints!

**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**EASTER BREAKFAST THANKS:** Thank You!! One hundred fifty-six people enjoyed an Easter Breakfast between services last Sunday morning. Our thanks to all who took part. Whether it was donating food or beverage, giving of your time and talents or your presence to partake of the food – all joined to make the morning a special time of fellowship. A generous freewill offering of \$572 was greatly appreciated and will be a great benefit to the Mission and Church work of the Women of Freedom. Thanks also to Thrivent Financial who approved our Action Team Event and provided \$250 to help fund the initial cost.

**150<sup>th</sup> 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 very soon.

<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 04/21/19	\$9,599.00	\$144.00	\$602.00

**ATTENDANCE:** Sunrise Service: 163; Late Service: 283

**MAUNDY THURS. (4/18):** *Lutheran Heritage Foundation* - \$1,555.00; Attendance: 114

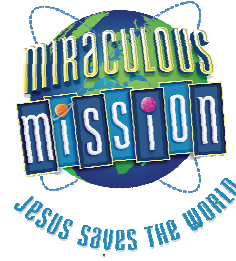
**GOOD FRIDAY (4/19):** *Home Fund* - \$1,599.00; Attendance: 144

**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!

## **VBS STAFF RECRUIEMENT & 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 on the **mornings of 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](http://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.

**VBS PLANNING/WORK MEETING ON MONDAY** – The VBS staff will be gathering tomorrow, Monday evening, April 29, for a planning and work meeting. At this meeting the various leaders will work with their volunteers to plan their respective rotation sites. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

**THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES** at St. John will begin **THIS THURS., MAY 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.** Once the school year is over, we will hold these evening services 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. **ALSO TO BE NOTED:** With Thursday night services starting, bulletin announcements must be turned in to the office by Wednesday of each week in order to be included in the Thursday and Sunday bulletin. Please make a note of this. Thank you!



**MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST** meets on the first Thursday each month at 6:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We are involved in a study titled, **"Monumental Mountains."** So far we have visited Mt. Sinai where God's Law was given, the mount where Jesus preached His 'Sermon on the Mount,' and Mt. Carmel where Baal, the god of the Canaanites, faced off against the God of Israel and was badly beaten. Join us for an amazing breakfast and for the study of God's Word. It's a great way to start the day, and to further enhance your Lenten walk with Jesus!

**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 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 your 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](http://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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**'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. Thank you so much! As we learned in the meaning of the Fifth Commandment, "*We should fear and love God that we...help and support our neighbor in every physical need.*" (*Small Catechism*)

**HEARING ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE:** If hearing in worship has been a problem for you, pick up one of the receiver units for our hearing assistance system. An usher will assist you and you'll hear much more clearly. (*Also, please let us know how the system is working for you.*)

For those who use the hearing assistance system regularly and for the sake of hygiene, we ask that you claim one of the ear buds as your own and keep it with you in your purse, pocket, etc. Bring it with you when you come to church, and simply plug it into one of the receivers. At the end of the service, unplug the ear bud to take with you until the next time.

**PRESCHOOL'S GRADUATION** will be **Mon., May 6<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 PM in the gym. This ceremony is for the 3-yr old and 4/5-yr old classes. Everyone is invited to this big day for the preschoolers. There will be a program followed by light refreshments (in the fellowship hall).

**MARY POPPINS:** “Mary Poppins, Jr.” is being presented by St. John Lutheran School students today at 2:00 PM in the school gym. Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> 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 afternoon with us. Refreshments will be served following the performance.



**SPRING PENNY CHALLENGE** – The PTL Spring Penny Challenge has begun. This will run thru Fri., May 3<sup>rd</sup>. That’s only one more week and its pennies only, but you can sabotage the other classrooms with silver coins. Turn your pennies in to one of our students or turn your pennies in at the school office. We hope many of you can support the PTL with this fundraiser. *Game On!*

**SCHOOL FUNDRAISER:** 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 now thru Mon., May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please approach a K – Gr. 8 student to place your order.

**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.*

**WHY NOT CONSIDER ST. JOHN?** Saint John Lutheran School offers preschool to 8th grade Lutheran education. Students are taught the Word of God. In addition all the other subjects are taught. Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of athletics. Bus transportation is available to students in all the local school districts. SJL is accredited by the National Lutheran School Accreditation and by the State of Ohio Dept. of Education. We are currently accepting registration for the 2019-2020 school year. If you have any questions about enrollment or would like a tour of the school please call the school office for an appointment.

**4/5-YR PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:** St. John Lutheran Preschool is in full swing. The 4/5 year old class numbers have changed due to the change of enrollment date for kindergarten next year. **We currently have openings for the 4/5-yr class.** The 3 year old class also has openings. Anyone interested in enrolling your child in our preschool program should contact the school office at 419-598-8702 to obtain a registrations packet. 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.

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#### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

#### **Garments of righteousness never go out of style!**

*“I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness.” (Isa. 61:10)*