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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Real Riches" *Luke 12:15*

Order of Service: Divine Service, Setting Four (LSB pg 203)

Hymns: 791 ~ 736 [tune: LSB 839] ~ (Communion: 745, 746, 770) ~ 924

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome! We are here at the Savior's invitation; therefore let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, receiving mercy and finding grace to help in every time of need. If you have no church of your own, we invite you to make this your home church. 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* ✠ Colton Kruse & Bryce Bostelman, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Dave & Sara Myles, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Denny Von Deylen, Jerry Short, Dan Wiechers, Dave Badenhop, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Deb Durham, Anita Badenhop, Pat Maassel, Kathy Behnfeldt, *Altar Guild* ✠

THANK YOU, PASTOR KRAMER! This morning we welcome to the pulpit our called principal, Rev. Charles Kramer, and thank him for filling in for Pastor Niermann who is away on vacation. May God bless his preaching of the Word, and may our ears and hearts be open to receive it!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – During Pastor Niermann's vacation time, ***Pastor Kramer*** will be conducting the Sunday adult Bible study, "**A Longer Look at the Lessons.**" He will be taking a closer look at today 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		<i>Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM Noon	Communion Service Adult Bible Class Gerald Busy Fingers Family Day
Tue.	7:00 PM	School Board & Stewardship Board Meeting
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service w/Communion following Adult Bible Class
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Lee Genter</i>

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

- ❖ Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Renetta Homan, Willie Gerken and Lester Rabe*
- ❖ *Delora Winkelman, Marian Buchhop, Dorothy Gerken, Melba Elling, and Eldor Gruenhagen,* at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Evelyn Rohrs,* in Assisted Living at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Lorna Von Deylen,* residing at Swanton Valley Center
- ❖ *Donald Landry,* residing at the Ohio Veteran's Home, Sandusky
- ❖ Armed Services: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, Connor Gerken, Seth Handy*
- ❖ *Shorty Bischoff,* who is dealing with health issues
- ❖ *Rose Leonard* (daughter of *Brad & Kailee Leonard*), recently hospitalized and now home, but dealing with significant health issues

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES are being held in the north end of the fellowship hall. We hope these Thursday services will make it possible to attend worship when summer plans take you away during weekends. Holy Communion will be available at our Thursday services on the Thursdays prior to our regular Communion Sundays.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Please note the church office hours during the month of August (until Aug. 21) are Tuesday thru Friday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Closed over the lunch hour and all day on Mondays. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be here.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 07/28/19	\$9,948.00	\$205.00	\$397.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 07/25/19 – 50; Sunday – 07/28/19 – 111

ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's subjects include: Lessons to Learn from Western Europe's Decline, Christ's Second Coming & Judgement, Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter, God the Father and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Upcoming Events

Here are some key dates to have on your calendar for this summer...

- ✓ Sun. Aug. 25 Outdoor Service and Congregational Picnic & Hog Roast, old school tours
- ✓ Sun. Sept. 15 Culminating Anniversary Service, 10:00 a.m. / Congregational Meal

OUTDOOR SERVICE & HOG ROAST – THREE WEEKS FROM TODAY

Join us on **Sunday, August 25th at 10:00 a.m.** for the annual Outdoor Service next to the old school across the road from the church. Then hang around following the service for a congregation picnic and hog roast. A free-will offering will be received during the meal to help fund the renovation of the old school building as a youth ministry and community center. Also that day, there will be tours of the old school so that everyone can see the progress that is being made.

Special notes: 1) Be sure to bring a chair for the outdoor service. 2) Please save the parking around the old school for those who need it most. 3) Be careful to walk around the mud from construction.

And perhaps most important, this would be a great day to invite a friend or family member to join us for worship and fellowship. Take advantage!



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.

150th ANNIVERSARY NOTES

- **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** – The 150th Anniversary Committee is seeking individuals to form a committee to make plans for a 150th Anniversary Pictorial Directory. It has been five years since our last directory. If you would like to be part of this committee, please speak with Pastor Niermann. We'll get the process going as soon as we can put the committee together.

WHY LUTHERAN SCHOOLS? CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHRISTIAN

EDUCATION: When the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod was formed, it became a requirement of Synodical membership that congregations would provide Christian education for their children. This was before public schools were available and before Sunday schools were popular. Thus a congregation was expected to operate a Lutheran School if it was to become a member of the Synod. The Great Commission was not given only to parents, but to all members of the church. A current proverb, "It takes a village," reminds congregations that it is their corporate responsibility to provide a Christian education for the children of the congregation.

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!

PRESCHOOL REQUEST: Church Family, Are you looking for a way to get involved with the preschool this year? We are seeking a prayer partner for each student that comes through our preschool doors. To do this, we are asking you to commit to a few things: 1) At some point after you receive the name of your child, to stop in our classroom before the school year starts and say a prayer for that child. 2) Also ask that you leave a small book/card with a special note for them as they start off the year. We would like to have these notes prior to our school open house so they can have these at open house. 3) Commit to praying for this child throughout the entire school year from your home. If you have any interest in this commitment, please email Mrs. Rice at vrice@sjl.org and she will get you on the list. And who knows, you may get to enjoy some special notes from your students throughout the school year as well.

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 2019-20 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!

UPCOMING SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ✓ **School Open House** – The St. John School will be holding an open house on **Mon., Aug. 19th 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.
- ✓ **Preschool Parent's Meeting & Open House** – On **Mon., Aug. 19 at 6:30 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 7:30 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 strongly encouraged to attend this meeting.**
- ✓ **School Fundraiser** – The Magazine & Cookie Dough Sales for Grades Preschool thru 8 will begin on **Mon., Aug. 26th at 9:30 AM**. It will run through Thurs., Sept. 4th.

MINI-VACATION! A mini-vacation to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter is being organized on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 28 & 29. Space is limited to 54 people. Flyers are available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Contact Linda Riefers at 419-267-3366 for more info.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Kindness is the insignia of a loving heart.

*“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you.” (Eph. 4:32)*