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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Picking Your Priorities" *Luke 12:33-34*

Order of Service: Service of Prayer & Preaching (LSB pg 260)

Hymns: 903 ~ 730 ~ 917

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Now is the hour of worship. God speaks to us and we listen and respond with our hymns, prayers and praises. Together we bless the Lord whose purpose is to save us and keep us in His faithful flock. He is The God of Grace and The God of Glory. If you are visiting with us 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* ✠ Addyson Speiser & Macee Speiser, *Acolytes* ✠
✠ Don & Karan Niebergall, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Denny Von Deylen, Jerry Short, Dan Wiechers, Dave Badenhop, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Deb Durham, Anita Badenhop, Pat Maassel, Kathy Behnfeldt, *Altar Guild* ✠

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are placed in celebration of the 45th Wedding Anniversary of Denny & Deb Damman, which was yesterday, August 10th. They have been blessed in so many ways over the years and we wish them many more years of God's blessings. Congrats to the Dammans!

PASTOR ON VACATION – While Pastor Niermann is on vacation, ***Pastor Kramer*** will not only be conducting worship and Bible class, but he will be available, as well, for any pastoral emergencies.

WOMEN OF FREEDOM: The Women of Freedom will not be meeting in August. Our next meeting will be Tues., Sept. 17. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend!

In God's House This Week		<i>Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service w/Communion following Adult Bible Class
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Jeremy Kleino</i> , St. Paul Lutheran – Liberty Center

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*), hospitalized at Cleveland Clinic, dealing with significant health issues
- ❖ *Ruth Mahnke*, hospitalized at UTMC in Toledo after falling and breaking her hip recently

MANY THANKS: A big “THANK YOU” to all the school families who teamed up to tackle the big job of cleaning the school building. There was a lot of support this year again, and because of that, the cleaning went very smoothly. Great job St. John families!!

SEND A CARD: As we prayed for Pastor Ken & Beppie Schroeder last Sunday in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, many of you have asked for an address to send a card. Here is the address we have in the church office: 662 Willow Lane, Frankenmuth, MI 48734.

YOUTH CENTER PAINTING: We will be painting the new ceiling and walls at the new youth center in a couple of weeks. If anyone would like to help with that project please put your name and phone number on the sheet on the table in the narthex. An information note will be in a future bulletin as to when we will begin the painting of the rooms. Thank you!

OFFICE HOURS: The church/school summer office hours will be Tuesday thru Friday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Closed on Mondays until school begins. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be there.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 08/04/19	\$9,045.00	\$153.00	\$370.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 08/01/19 – 50; Sunday – 08/04/19 – 137

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES are being held in the north end of the fellowship hall to make it possible to attend worship when summer plans take you away during weekends.

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 – TWO 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? *CONGREGATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY:* As the school reaches many segments of the community, the parents who come to the school begin to inquire about the sponsoring congregation. Members frequently ask each other, "Does this congregation have a school?" But non-member school parents frequently ask the school, "Does this school have a church?" The congregation becomes better known in the community because of the school parents, and the school's marketing efforts.

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.

PARENT HANDBOOKS: The 2019-20 Parent Handbook will be posted and available via the FastDirect Communication network by mid-week. A message will be sent to each family through FastDirect. Handbooks will only be printed for those St. John families that do not have internet access via computers, cell phones, i-Pads, etc. Go to www.fastdir.com/stjohnfreedom and click on "Links".

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.

FREEDOM'S FLOCK – St. John's after school program will begin at 3:00 PM on the first day of school, August 22. Please contact Director *Karen Riefers* to pre-register your child(ren) and pay the \$15 per family registration by August 22, if possible. You can also access the Freedom's Flock Handbook and Registration/Medical forms on FastDirect. If any adult or student (16 or older) would like to volunteer to also help with the program, you may contact Karen at 419-598-8686.

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 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!

SCHOOL NOTES:

- ✓ **1st DAY OF SCHOOL** for St. John is Thurs., Aug. 22 , with classes beginning at 8:20 AM. Students arriving after that time will need to report to the school office.
- ✓ **OPEN HOUSE** – (Gr.K-8) On Monday, August 19th from 6:00-7:00 PM for Kindergarten thru Gr. 8. All classrooms will be open and we invite parents and students to come in and bring in their school supplies, meet their teacher, and pay their school fees.
- ✓ **OPEN HOUSE FOR PRESCHOOL** - On Monday, Aug. 19th at 6:30 PM there will be a Parent Meeting for the incoming 3-yr old Preschoolers. Then at 7:30 PM there will be a Parent Meeting for the 4&5-yr old Preschoolers. This will include an overview of the FastDirect Communication information system we have implemented at St. John. The classroom will be open for parents and students to bring in their class supplies and meet the teacher.
- ✓ **SCHOOL OFFICE** will be open on Mon., Aug. 19th and Tues., Aug. 20th from 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM for anyone that wants to pay their enrollment fee and purchase supplies from the book store. **Also return any St. John Library books from last school year at this time.**
- ✓ **OPENING SERVICE** will be Aug. 22nd at 8:35 AM in the church. Following the service, *Principal Charles Kramer* will welcome our new students. Once back in their rooms the children, by classrooms, will have the opportunity to purchase school supplies from our book store if they have not already done so. **All are welcome to attend this Opening Service!**
- ✓ **SCHOOL PICTURES** will be taken by *Emilie Parsons* of Emilie’s Photo Design and are scheduled for Thurs., Sept. 12th at 9:00 AM for the 4/5 Preschool class and Grades K-8; and Fri., Sept. 13th at 9:00 AM for 3-yr old Preschoolers and anyone absent on Sept. 12th. Order forms will be sent home shortly after school starts.
- ✓ **LUNCH PROGRAM** – Lunch prices remain the same. We have put Preschool and Grades K-4 together for one price, and Grades 5-8 for one price. They are: PS 4/5 - Gr. 4 - \$2.75, Gr. 5-8 - \$3.00. Extra milk is 50¢. The adult meal price is \$3.25 and \$3.75 w/milk. Money sent in for lunches are posted to each families lunch account in FastDirect Communication. You can view your balance by clicking on the Finance icon at the top of the FastDirect home page.
- ✓ **BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP** – St. John Booster membership for the 2019-20school year are: \$20.00 for husband and wife; \$10.00 for single. Make checks payable to *St. John Boosters*.
- ✓ **SCRIP PROGRAM** will be offered again this school year. Anyone willing to help the PTL with this fundraiser can contact *Kristyn Honemann* at 419-592-0643.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

A drunkard is one who commits suicide on the installment plan.

“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.” (Eph. 5:18)

