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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(OUTDOOR SERVICE)

Sermon & Text: "Will YOU Be Saved?" *Luke 13:22-30*
Order of Service: See printed Service Folder

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome to the outdoor worship service of God's Word and the fellowship of this congregation. We hope that you will be both comforted and challenged by the Word of God from us today. If you are new to our community; we hope you will consider making this your church home. Please fill out the blue guest card and lay it on the table by the school building.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✘ Brooks Behnfeldt & Devin Dietrich, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Bob & Diane Norden, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Denny Von Deylen, Jerry Short, Dan Wiechers, Dave Badenhop, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Deb Durham, Anita Badenhop, Pat Maassel, Kathy Behnfeldt, *Altar Guild* ✘

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES will be returning to the sanctuary for the month of September, now that school is back in session. Holy Communion will be available at our Thursday services on the Thursdays prior to our regular Communion Sundays.

150th ANNIVERSARY 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.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 08/18/19	\$9,009.00	\$133.00	\$173.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 08/15/19 – 43; Sunday – 08/18/19 – 178



In God's House This WeekOnline church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl

Date	Time	Activities
Today	10:00AM 11:00AM	Outdoor Worship Service at the Old School Property Hog Roast and Picnic; Old School Tours
Mon.	5:30 PM	<i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution
Tues.	8:20 AM 8:35 AM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	First student day for PS4/5 Chapel led by Pastor Kramer Shepherd Committee Board of Elders
Wed.	8:20 AM 6:15 PM	First student day for PS3 Jr. High Confirmation Class (<i>until 7:30 PM</i>)
Thurs.	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	V-ball vs MCA Thursday Evening Worship with Communion
Sun.	9:00AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Jacob Stuenkel</i> , St. Peter Lutheran – Florida

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, Ruth Mahnke, and Joyce Maassel*, who are dealing with health issues
- ❖ *Rose Leonard* (daughter of *Brad & Kailee Leonard*), hospitalized at Cleveland Clinic, dealing with significant health issues

Sunday School / Christian Education

It's time to gear up for another season of Christian education at St. John. Sunday School grades K-6 will be using the 'Enduring Faith' curriculum. While the students are in Sunday School, all adults and Sunday School parents are invited to come to Adult Bible Study which is held in the north end of the fellowship hall. Meanwhile, preschool, junior and senior high classes will continue their normal schedule. Here's the calendar of what's coming...

- **Today, and Sunday, Sept. 1st – No Sunday School**
- **Sunday, Sept. 8th** - Regular Sunday School classes begin

Sunday School materials have arrived, so teachers can pick up their materials any time.

And...**WILLING SERVANTS ARE STILL NEEDED** to staff the Sunday School. Speak with *Kelly Sonnenberg* if you would like to share your time and talents with the children of our Sunday School.

WELCOME TO THE OUTDOOR SERVICE & HOG ROAST

It is a special treat and a joy to head outside once each year to worship in the sanctuary of God's own creation, surrounded by trees, the sky, and the songs of the birds. "Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy." Psa 96:11-12



WE WELCOME OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS THIS

MORNING! We pray that you will be blessed in this time of worship, song, and Christian fellowship. The door is narrow through which we find salvation, and we pray that everyone here would find entrance through that door into the kingdom of our Lord and Savior!

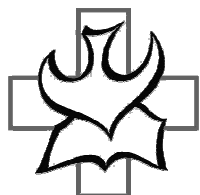
After worship, we encourage everyone to take some time to go thru the school and see the progress that has been made. Meanwhile, the food committee will make their way over to the fellowship hall to get things situated for the meal. All food is provided – this is NOT a potluck. So join us for some good eating!

Thank you to **Mike Nicol**, brother of Bonnie Niermann, for blessings us with special music today. Thanks also to everyone who helped make this day possible, especially the **Outdoor Service Committee** who prepared the grounds, the **Old School Renovation Committee** for planning the picnic, and **Sharon Damman** for recording piano music for the service.

OLD SCHOOL BUILDING RENOVATION PROGRESS – See it for yourself!

This morning we encourage everyone to take a walk through the old school building to see the progress that is being made in renovating this historic building into a ministry center for youth and community. It's exciting to see this old building coming back to life! *As you make your way through, please do not touch the walls – they have not yet been primed.*

Also today, at the hog roast and picnic, we will receive a free-will offering, the proceeds of which will defray expenses of the picnic and support the old school renovation project. Thank you for your kind and generous support!



WEDNESDAY EVENING CONFIRMATION CLASS – The midweek confirmation class for 7th and 8th graders begins this **Wednesday, August 28th at 6:15 p.m.** (*our regular starting time*). For our first class session, pastor would like to have parents join the class for the first 10 or 15 minutes for a brief orientation and overview of the year's curriculum and expectations. *We look forward to welcoming this year's 7th graders to our group!*

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!

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!

150th ANNIVERSARY BLANKETS – In the narthex, be sure to check out the beautiful woven blanket designed for our 150th Anniversary celebration. These blankets are available for a donation of \$35, but there are only a few left. Just place your gift in the clear plastic box on the anniversary table in the narthex, and take your blanket with you to enjoy!

THREE WEEKS FROM TODAY

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IV

We are coming up to our culminating 150th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, Sept. 15th at 10:00 a.m. Our theme for the day will be, “**Jesus Christ – FOREVER.**” Our special guest preacher will be **Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz**, emeritus speaker on *The Lutheran Hour* and now director of our synod’s *The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty* in Washington, D.C. To get a feel for the kind of work Rev. Seltz is doing, please visit their website at erlc.com.



As part of the worship that morning, we have invited a brass ensemble to accompany our worship. After the service, we will gather again in the fellowship hall for a **congregational meal and a program. This is NOT a potluck meal – you don’t have to bring a dish to join us.** However, we are asking people to sign up in the narthex (*much as we do for Easter breakfast*) to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. You may sign up at the table in the narthex.

This service is another golden opportunity to invite a family member, neighbor, or friend to worship with us. Please take advantage of it!

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.



NEW FACES AT ST. JOHN SCHOOL: We warmly welcome the following new staff members this school year: **Mrs. Amanda Bockelman**, who is joining us as the Kindergarten Teacher; **Mrs. Bonnie Niermann**, who will be the part-time Preschool Aid; **Mrs. Linda Miller** who will join our staff as the Freedom Flock Aid. Welcome aboard **Mrs. Bockelman**, **Mrs. Niermann**, and **Mrs. Miller**!

OPEN POSITION: St. John Preschool has an opening for a part time preschool aid on Wednesdays and Fridays each week from 8:20 AM thru 11:20 AM. This is a paid position. If interested, please contact Board President Christa Bickel at 419-262-3248 or Pastor Kramer at 567-277-1339.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

In political war, everyone shoots from the lip!

“A fool’s lips walk into a fight, and his mouth invites a beating.” (Prov 18:6)

“The lips of the righteous feed many.” (Prov 10:21)