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ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Sermon & Text: "The Invisible War" *Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3*

Order of Service: See printed Service Folder

Hymns: 521 ~ 522 ~ 520 ~ 670 ~ 812

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

You are among Christian friends today. We all have come to the Lord's House to hear what He has to say and to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. We pray that His grace will touch and move you. 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* ✠ Tayah Homan & Jared Lange, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Lois Arps & Linda Riefers, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Ted Ripke, Denny Behnfeldt, Bob Norden, Elmer Maassel, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Kathy Badenhop, Mary Rettig, Sandy Von Deylen, *Altar Guild* ✠

VOTERS' MEETING TODAY – The Voters' Meeting is scheduled today after the worship service. The agenda will include a report on the old school renovation and costs; and a report on plans that are underway to boost school enrollment. In addition, we will be voting on a proposed amendment to the constitution of the *Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod* that comes out of this summer's convention in Tampa.

PORTALS OF PRAYER BOOKLETS for the quarter of October, November, and December are on the desk in the narthex. There are also large print copies available.

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!

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 Voters' Meeting; Sunday School
Mon.	7:00 PM	Church Pictorial Directory Meeting
Tue.	8:35 AM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	School Chapel V-ball vs. Trinity – Toledo School Board & Stewardship Board Meetings
Wed.	6:15 PM 6:30 PM 7:15 PM	Jr. High Confirmation Class (<i>until 7:30 PM</i>) Adult Bell Practice Adult Choir Practice
Thurs.	6:30 AM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Breakfast in the fellowship hall V-ball vs. Toledo Hornets Thursday Evening Worship Service
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "The Lamp"
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Eric Moquin</i> , St. John Lutheran – Sherwood

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

- ❖ Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Renetta Homan, Willie Gerken* and *Lester Rabe*
- ❖ *Delora Winkelman, Dorothy Gerken, Melba Elling, Eldor Gruenhagen*, and *Lorna Von Deylen*, at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Evelyn Rohrs*, 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*
- ❖ *Shorty Bischoff* and *Ruth Mahnke*, who are dealing with health issues
- ❖ *Rose Leonard* (daughter of *Brad & Kailee Leonard*), dealing with significant health issues

THANK YOU ALL: The Jr. and Sr. High LYF youth would like to thank everyone who attended the Ice Cream Social this year. With your support of the event, youth are working hard to raise money for future LYF events, including the next National Youth Gathering. A special thanks to *Dan Wachtman* for donating hamburger and hot dog buns; to anyone who donated miscellaneous ingredients toward the preparation of the food; to Thrivent Financial for the Action Team card; and to Culligan for donating water for the event.

150th ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – The first meeting of the directory committee will be this Monday, Sept. 30 at 7pm, in the conference room next to Pastor's study. The 150th Anniversary Committee is still seeking individuals to be part of the committee to make plans for our 150th Anniversary Pictorial Directory. If you would like to be part of this committee, please speak with Pastor Niermann and join us on Monday evening.

ANNIVERSARY RELATED KEEP-SAKES – In the narthex a table is set up with all the remaining anniversary related keepsake items, including **stemless wine glasses, note clips and pens**. In addition, there are also **St. John Christmas ornaments**. At this time we want as many of these items to be in your hands as possible, or to be given by you to others. Please take them freely, and give a donation if you wish to defray the cost.

- **Note about anniversary blankets** - There are no more anniversary blankets available. However, we can order more if we meet the minimum order of 25. Envelopes for ordering blankets and paying for them are on the table. If at least 25 blankets (\$35 each) are ordered and paid for by the end of October, we will place another order. *If you pay for a blanket but we do not meet the minimum order, your cash or check will be returned to you.*

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES SUNDAY – Next Sunday

Next Sunday we will feature the work of *Lutheran Hour Ministries* and all that they do to proclaim the Gospel through its flagship radio broadcast, *The Lutheran Hour*, as well the multitude of other avenues they use for “Bringing Christ to the Nations, and the Nations to the Church.”

For Adult Bible Study that day, we will take a break from our study of Romans to do a single-session video Bible study from an **LHM** Bible Study series titled, “Regrets, Reality, Restoration.” We’ll consider the third study of this series, “I’m So Sorry,” about a young woman who left the faith and who, by God’s grace, later returned, and how it impacted her and her family. It is a message of hope for any Christian parent who has a child that has left the faith.



OFFICE VOLUNTEERS – We are looking for a few individuals to sign up as volunteers for office fill-in during the school year. You would only be needed if Joyce Wiechers would need to be out of the office. Your responsibilities would mainly be to answer the phone, take any phone messages, allow entry into the building for visitors, make copies, etc. If this is something of interest to you, or you would like to stop by and see how it all works, please contact Joyce in the office (419-598-8702).

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 09/22/19	\$6,554.00	\$45.00	\$145.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 09/19/19 – 40; Sunday – 09/22/19 – 207



MEN’S BIBLE BREAKFAST will meet this Thursday, Oct. 3rd, as we continue our study, “Monumental Mountaintops.” In the Bible, many of the important parts of our salvation story on various mountaintops, and these are “mountaintop” teachings of our faith that we need to know. **Join us this Thursday IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL at 6:30 a.m.** 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 walk with Jesus!

150th Anniversary Mission Challenge Offering...

Four weeks from today, at our Mission Festival on Sunday, October 27th, we will present our 150th Anniversary Mission Offering to the Lord and Rev. Robert Rahn of *The Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF)*. Our offering is designated for three LHF projects:

- 1) *the training of pastors in South Sudan where the rapidly growing Lutheran Church desperately needs pastors;*
- 2) *the provision of catechisms for the Bemba people of Zambia, that the faith may be taught and learned more effectively; and*
- 3) *the provision of Bible story books ('A Child's Garden of Bible Stories') for children in Burma, that the little ones may come to Jesus as He bids them to do.*

The challenge of this mission offering is for every household to consider a gift of \$150 for this offering (one dollar for each year of our history), with a total goal of \$15,000. So far we are about half-way to that goal, with only four weeks to go before we present our offering. To give toward this special thank offering, please use your regular offering envelope and write the amount on the outside of the envelope, or use the special envelope on the anniversary table in the narthex, and deposit it in the clear box on the table.

FUN AT McDONALD'S! Who is up for a night of fun at McDonald's in Napoleon? St. John will be hosting "McTeacher Night" **at McDonald's on Tues., Oct. 8th from 5-7PM.** Join the teachers and some staff at McDonald's for a night of fun and raise money for our school. McDonald's will be donating 20% of the total serving profits from 5-7PM that night back to our school. Offer good for dine-in and drive thru services.

PLEA FOR HELP! Are you a grandparent, aunt, uncle, or retiree? Would you be willing to volunteer to help watch our school children during morning or afternoon recess? It would be for 15-20 minutes in the morning at 10:15 or 15-20 minutes in the afternoon at 1:45. If this is something that would interest you, please call the school office at 419-598-8702.

PENNY CHALLENGE – The PTL Penny Challenge at St. John School will be scaling back to once a school year. So keep saving your pennies and be ready to bring them to the school in late April 2020.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: The St. John Eagles Gr. 7&8 Invitational Volleyball Tournament will be held on Sat., Oct. 12, starting at 9:00 AM. As with any tournament, there is a lot of preparation involved with running a successful tournament. Volunteers are needed to work concessions. *High School Seniors:* Your volunteer hours can be used toward your Community Service hours. *School Parents:* Volunteering at this tournament would count towards your "Parent Participation" for this school year. Please contact *Brad Rosebrook* at 419-966-3099 if you can work.

PRESCHOOL GRANDPARENTS' DAY – **Preschool Grandparents' Day** will be held from 9:00 – 11:00 AM on **Thurs., Oct. 17th for the 4 & 5-year old class** and same time on **Fri., Oct. 18th for the 3-year old class.** Grandparents should plan to arrive at 9 AM and report to the gym. Grandparents will also have the opportunity to take their grandchild through the PTL Scholastic Book Fair those days. See note below. Come and enjoy all the fun in Preschool!!!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: St. John PTL will be having a Scholastic Book Fair which is open to the public on Thursday, Oct. 17, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM; and again on Friday, Oct. 18 from 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM. A lot of help is needed, so call Christa Bickel (419-262-3248) if you can help.

SCHOOL VISITATION: This will be held on October 17th from 7 – 8 PM. The PTL will be sponsoring a book fair that evening also.

SCRIP AT ST. JOHN: Let's plan ahead! Scrip is great for having "extra money" in your wallet. Purchase gift cards to use for personal shopping or going out to eat. Plan ahead now for birthdays and holidays! Scrip orders will be received on Wednesdays, ordered on Fridays and delivered on Tuesdays.



For those that don't know, *SCRIP* is gift cards that you purchase through PTL for full face value. They work for both in store purchases and online shopping. PTL works through a company that purchases these gift cards in bulk from participating retailers. A percentage of the purchase stays with PTL and a percentage goes to the student's family toward enrollment/tuition. This fundraiser nets the PTL approximately \$300 each year. Think ahead--if you give out gift cards for Christmas consider purchasing them from PTL instead

of at the store so that a portion of that sale stays with St. John Lutheran School. Order forms and program information are posted on FastDirect under 'Links,' titled SCRIP Order Forms and SCRIP Program Info. There are also hard copies in the 'School Info' rack outside the office and on the table in the church narthex. Please feel free to share with family and friends. 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.**

ATHLETIC BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP: Membership is now being taken for the Athletic Booster Club. Prices are \$20.00 for a couple and \$10.00 for an individual. Make checks payable to St. John Boosters and send to school with your child. Forms were sent home in your "family packet" and are available outside the school office or contact any of the Booster officers.

BENEFIT MEAL PLANNED: St. Luke Lutheran Church, 1588 State Route 108, Wauseon, OH, will be hosting a benefit along with St. Paul Lutheran, Liberty Center, to help with medical expenses for Rev. Alvia and Mrs. Joyce Martis **today with serving from 11 AM – 1 PM**. The menu is: *Grilled Brats and Hot Dogs, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Side Salads, Desserts, and Beverage*. We hope to see many of you there. See flyer on bulletin board.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT ...

It's sad when someone has a head like a door knob – anybody can turn it!

*"Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you.
Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure." (Prov 4:25-26)*

