

# St. John Lutheran Church

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## Serving Christ in Freedom

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### SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon Title & Text: "United in Christ's Love and Faithfulness" *Psalm 85*  
Order of Service: See printed Service Folder  
Hymns: **850 ~ 602 ~ 700 ~ 917**

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### 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 a blue pew card from the rack in front of you and drop it in the baskets at the door as you leave today.*

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

- ✠ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✠
- ✠ Tim Badenhop, Dave Myles, Denny Bockelman, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Diane Von Deylen, Lou Ann Rosebeock, *Altar Guild* ✠

**THANK YOU** to the elders and to Jeremy Heilman who are leading worship this morning in Pastor Niermann's absence. Their service to the congregation is a great blessing, and we appreciate all that they do to edify God's people and to encourage them in faith and in worship. Thanks also to Dan Wachtman and Nathan Nemoyer for getting the worship slides and sermon video ready for us!

**PORTALS OF PRAYER BOOKLETS** for the next quarter, *July, August, September*, are on the desk in the back of the church. There are also large print booklets available for anybody to pick up.

**CHURCH/SCHOOL SECRETARY ON VACATION:** Please make note that Joyce Wiechers will be out of the area from July 11 – July 15 for vacation. Feel free to leave a phone message and she will get back with you upon her return. Thank you!

**LARGE PRINT & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BULLETINS** are available on the table in the narthex. The Children's Bulletins are coordinated with the Bible texts for each Sunday, and provide activities that tie in with the weekly themes. Pick one up today for your child.

<b>In God's House This Week</b>		<i>Online church calendar: <a href="https://74058984.view-events.com">https://74058984.view-events.com</a></i>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Today	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
Tues.	1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Girls B-ball Open Gym ( <i>see bulletin note</i> ) Church Council Meeting
Thurs.	1:00 PM <b>7:00 PM</b>	Girls B-ball Open Gym ( <i>see bulletin note</i> ) <b>Thursday Evening Worship</b>
Sun.	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:20AM	<b>Communion Service</b> Adult Bible Study
Mon.-Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM

**FOR THOSE LISTENING FROM THE PARKING LOT**

**Pick up your bulletin and service by driving through the carport before worship**

**Tune your FM radio to 87.7**

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

- ❖ *Melba Elling, Lorna Von Deylen, Norma Damman, Evelyn Rohrs*, at Genacross – Napoleon
- ❖ *Ruth Mahnke*, at Assisted Living – Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Harold Behrmann*, at Fulton Manor, Wauseon
- ❖ *Donald Badenhop*, at Vancrest Nursing Care Facility, Holgate
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Ohio Veteran’s Home, Sandusky
- ❖ Military: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, Jared Dishop, Jordan Lange*
- ❖ *Sue Hurst, Rev. Logan Scheiwe, Eileen Fitzenreiter*, for health concerns relating to cancer
- ❖ *Don Lawrence*, with thanksgiving for healing from Covid and for great progress in his battle to regain health
- ❖ *Esther Layton*, recovering from recent surgery
- ❖ *Mabel Bischoff*, with thanksgiving to God for successful back surgery and relief from pain
- ❖ *Steve Miller*, recuperating following recent back fusion surgery this past week
- ❖ *Our School Board and Principal*, as they search for a 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science/Math Teacher

**VBS PLANS CALLED OFF** – With thanks to those who signed up to help, we need to cancel plans for VBS this year due to lack of volunteer help and because our director has to back down because of scheduling changes and conflicts. We will take up VBS again next summer when Covid is hopefully nothing but a distant memory and life is more normal again.



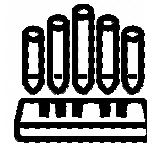
**VOICES NEEDED** – Jr & Sr High LYF and anyone else who wants to join them, i.e. young adults, former SJL students, parents of students, etc. are invited to sing in the July 25<sup>th</sup> Worship Service. These will be very easy and familiar songs, so come join us! We will be doing very short practices after church today and next Sunday. Come when you can! Thank you!

**SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE A SIGN:** Tell your friends and neighbors about St. John Lutheran School by picking up a corrugated plastic yard sign in the back of the church. Place it in your front lawn or other obvious place to promote the school. Thank you for telling others about our school!

**LYF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** If any of the Sr High LYF members would like to volunteer to help serve the meal at the Stephanie Kossow Golf Outing on Sat., July 31<sup>st</sup>, please contact Miss Bartok at 734-752-9893 by today. The Scholarship Fund will in turn make a donation to each of those LYF volunteer's National Youth Gathering account. The golf outing committee thanks you in advance!

**INTERESTED IN PLAYING THE ORGAN? BEING A CHURCH ORGANIST?**

Through a generous gift to the *LCMS Ohio District* from a family that loves Lutheran worship and hymnody, grant money is available for you to take organ lessons with an eye toward serving as a church organist. This grant can fund lessons for beginners, for pianists transitioning to organ, or for current organists wanting to hone their skills. Of course the other side of taking lessons is finding a teacher, and Pastor Niermann will be happy to work with you on that. Speak with the Pastor if you are interested!



<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 07/04/21	\$15,005.52	\$220.00	\$355.00
ATTENDANCE:	Thursday – 51;	Sunday – 87	

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Upcoming Events**

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

- ✓ **Sun. July 25 Retirement Celebration** – Come one, come all to the retirement celebration of long-time St. John teacher Lowell Petzoldt. Mr. Petzoldt will be recognized for his 44 years in the teaching ministry (all at St. John). There will be a short program followed by comments and well-wishes from various guests. These festivities will be held under a tent on the west lawn off the fellowship hall. It will be a catered meal by Brookview Farm Meats.
- ✓ **Sun. Aug. 22 Outdoor Service and Rededication** of the old school as the new St. John Youth & Family Center. Rain date is the following Sunday (8/29).

**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.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** Please note the church office hours during the month of July 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. Thank you!

**PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY**... You're invited to attend the Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: Mark & Mollie Hemingway, Jack Phillips, Robert George, Lawrence Rast, Bryan Wolfmueller and Will Weedon. Registration is \$150 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For info, visit [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) or call (618) 223-8385.

**ANNUAL SCHOOL CLEANING** has been set for **Mon., July 26** at 6:00PM. No cleaning on Tues., July 27 as carpets will be shampooed. On **Wed., July 27** starting at 6:00 PM put furnishings and desks back into classrooms, and clean other areas of the building. **Thurs., July 28** at 6:00 PM (if needed) finish cleaning remainder of building and putting furnishings and desks back into all classrooms. Please contact a School Board member if evenings do not work for you. Please read the Parent Participation Policy on FastDirect with all the details about family requirements for School Cleaning.

**ST. JOHN GIRLS B-BALL OPEN GYM**: Coach Schroeder will be holding open gyms for girls who will be going into Grades 3-8 next school year. These will be held at St. John from 1:00 – 2:30 pm on the following dates: July 13, 16, 20, 22. Any questions...Call Coach at 419-591-6655.

**ST. JOHN SCHOOL POSITION OPENINGS** – St. John Lutheran School is seeking a few people to fill the following positions that are open for the next school year.

- **Computer Instructor** – This individual is responsible for computer instruction one day per week for Grades K thru 8. Must have a teaching license and background check.
- **Music Instructor** – This individual is responsible for classroom music instruction one day per week for Grades K thru 8. Must have a background check.
- **School Cook** – This individual is responsible for ordering/purchasing, preparing, and serving lunch for approximately 55-60 students and staff; and the clean up after lunch. This would average 15 hours per week. Must be willing to have a FBI/BCI background check.
- **Science & Math Teacher** – This individual would be teaching Science and Math fulltime to Grades 5-8. This individual must have a valid teaching license, acquire a background check, furnish references, and be interviewed.

If interested in any of these positions, please contact Principal Kramer at the school (419-598-8702) or school board president, Joel Stier at 419-277-1142.

**GOLF OUTING**: **The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing will be on Sat., July 31<sup>st</sup> with a 1:00 PM** shotgun start. The meal provided with your golf registration is *½ BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert, and Lemonade*. Non-golfers interested in a “meal only” Chicken Dinner may contact Chris Hesterman at 419-783-2013 with your reservation by Fri., July 19<sup>th</sup>. The “meal only” reservation is a carryout meal and will be available at 5pm the day of the outing. The cost is \$20 (which goes into the Scholarship Fund). Flyers available on the narthex table!

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**“Sin is like a credit card – enjoy it now, pay for it later!”**

*“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. (Prov 14:12)*