



St. John Lutheran Church

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **(OUTDOOR SERVICE)**

Sermon & Text: "The Razed Temple Raised" *Isaiah 29:11-19*
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

✠ Denny Von Deylen, Jerry Short, Dan Wiechers, Dave Badenhop, *Ushers* ✠
✠ Kaylee Buchhop, Ronda Wentworth, Karan Niebergall, Karen Lulfs, *Altar Guild* ✠

WELCOME TO OUR ANNUAL OUTDOOR SERVICE!

It is good at times to be outdoors to worship God in the sanctuary of His good creation.
*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (LSB 809)*

We have a full morning of worship and fellowship! We welcome those who are our guests today, and pray that you may be blessed in this hour of worship. We welcome our musical guest, **Michael Nicol** (*Bonnier Niermann's brother*).

- There will be a children's sermon this morning.
- We will have prayer and a blessing for our school staff for the beginning of the school year.
- At the end of the regular service we will move to the front doors of the new *Youth & Family Center* for a service of dedication.
- Following that, the Y&FC will be open for you to tour, and the Stewardship Board is hosting *Java Joy*.

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

Date	Time	Activities
Today	10:00AM 11:20AM	Outdoor Worship Service at the Old School Property Re-dedication of the Youth and Family Center
Mon.	10:00AM 5:30 PM	Administering Medications Training for Staff @ St. Paul – Napoleon <i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution
Tues.	6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Classrooms open; Meet Teachers; Fees Payment (<i>see bulletin notes</i>) Shepherd Committee Meeting; 7:30 PM Board of Elders Stewardship Board
Wed.	8:20 AM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	First Student Day; 8:35 AM Opening Chapel Parent Meeting Preschool 3-yr old Parent Meeting Preschool 4/5-yr old
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Study
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Carl Rockrohr</i> , Zion Lutheran – Ridgeville Corners

FOR THOSE LISTENING FROM THE PARKING LOT

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, Eileen Fitzenreiter, and Don Lawrence*, for health concerns relating to cancer
- ❖ *Esther Layton*, recovering from recent surgery
- ❖ *Kay Heilman*, for extreme sciatic back pain as she awaits an MRI
- ❖ *Beretta Doctor, (infant daughter of Steve & Abby (Weller) Doctor,)* for surgery at Cleveland Clinic this past Tuesday
- ❖ *Pat Kramer*, recovering from surgery to prepare her for a prosthetic leg
- ❖ *Denny Behnfeldt*, for knee replacement surgery this past week

MY DEVOTIONS for September, October, and November are available this Sunday on the desk in the back of the church. Pick up your copy today! If you know of someone who would enjoy these, take one for them.

OLD THEOLOGY, NEW TECHNOLOGY... 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 teachings include: Stewardship, Jesus Teaches Nicodemus, The Book of Lamentations, 5th Century North African Bishop Augustine and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider

EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS to all who helped make the Y&FC possible

This morning we are so grateful to God for all the people who helped bring the *Youth & Family Center* project to completion. There are so many that we cannot possibly mention them all. God knows who they are, and we thank Him for their generous contributions, monetary and material, large and small. In addition, we thank the following:

- **The Youth & Family Center Committees** (Building and Finance)
Denny Damman, Mark Elling, Rich Elling, Cathy Gerken, Alan Gruenhagen, Todd Hesterman, Wayne Michaelis, Brad & Amy Rosebrook, Roger Sonnenberg, Dan Wachtman, Dave Von Deylen
- **St. John Members and Friends**, for all the generous gifts and for contributions of materials, equipment, and physical labor that helped bring this project to completion.
- **Denny Damman, Construction Superintendent**, for his leadership in planning and for his many hours of work in the actual renovation of the building.
- **Area Businesses**, for contributions and discounts on equipment, materials or labor
Elling's Plumbing & Heating; The Gerken Companies, Inc.; Sausser Excavating, LLC; Damman Ditching; Dan Kruse Landscaping, LLC; Kurtz Glass & Mirror; Tom Speiser Electric

Through these people and businesses, and so many others, God has now provided us with a beautiful facility for ministry to youth and families. To God be all glory as we dedicate our new *Youth & Family Center* to Him.

THREE WAYS TO GIVE YOUR REGULAR OFFERING

- Deposit your offering in the narthex when you come to worship, or if you're listening to the FM broadcast, give your offering to the usher or deacon when they hand you your bulletin.
- Use the '**Give Now**' online giving page – a link (the blue button) is on our website.
- Mail your offering to the church.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 08/15/21	\$8,160.00	\$345.00	\$590.00
ATTENDANCE:	Thursday – 36;	Sunday –84	

OPTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION DURING COVID - During this time of pandemic, we are making Holy Communion available in the following ways:

- **Thursday evening Communion services** prior to first and third Sundays
- **First and Third Sundays each month** – in the Sanctuary, and drive-thru after the service
- **Second Sundays** – after the service in the sanctuary

Drive-thru Communion is on the first and third Sundays for those who have participated in the Divine Service from the parking lot.

STEWARDSHIP BOARD MEETING – This **Tuesday, August 24**, the Stewardship Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. to begin work on nominations to church offices for the year 2022. Please keep them in your prayers as they do this important work, and please keep an open mind if you should be approached about a nomination or an appointment. Remember, the church is not a cruise ship where many people are served by a few; the church is a battleship with all hands on deck as we fight for God’s kingdom against the powers of this world.

MID-WEEK CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1

ATTENTION ST. JOHN 7th & 8th GRADERS – A new season of Confirmation Instruction Ministry will get underway on **Wed., Sept 1st at 6:15 p.m.** We will meet in the east room of the new *Youth & Family Center*. Our course of study this year is titled, *See Through the Scriptures*. This curriculum is designed to help students see the Bible’s “big picture” and how the story of salvation flows from the first verses of Genesis to the last chapter of Revelation. A letter has gone out to families with more information. Parents are asked to join us for the first 10 or 15 minutes of our first session for a class orientation. We look forward to a great year together as we grow in our knowledge of God’s holy Word!



Sunday School / Christian Education

It’s time to gear up for another season of Christian education at St. John. **Sunday, Sept. 12th** - Regular Sunday School classes begin. Grades K-6 will be using the “Enduring Faith” curriculum. While 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.

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

NEW FACES AT ST. JOHN SCHOOL: We warmly welcome the following new staff members this school year: *Mrs. Pat Kramer*, who is joining us as the 7th & 8th Grade Teacher; *Mrs. Michelle Schaffner*, who will be the Teacher Aide; *Mrs. Char Weber* who will be our Music Teacher; *Mr. Joel Stier* taking over the Physical Education classes; and *Mrs. Susan Dickes* who joins our staff as the Freedom Flock Aide. Welcome aboard everyone!

SHARE THE BOUNTY OF SUMMER – This morning a table is 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 September or so.



PARENT HANDBOOKS: The 2021-22 Parent Handbook is posted and available via the FastDirect Communication network. A message was 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”.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL POSITION OPEN – St. John Lutheran School is seeking someone to fill the following position that is open for this school year.

- **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.

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

UPCOMING SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ▶ **School Open House** – The St. John School will be holding an open house on **Tues., Aug. 24th 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 **Wed., Aug. 25 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.**

FREEDOM'S FLOCK – St. John's after school program will begin at 3:00 PM on the first day of school, August 25. Please contact Director *Karen Riefers* to pre-register your child(ren) and pay the \$15 per family registration by August 25, 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.

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. Speak with the Pastor if you are interested!

COUNCIL MINUTES – This is just a reminder that council meeting minutes are not published until they are approved a month later. If you would like to read about the most recent council meeting, an unofficial and unapproved copy of the minutes is available for viewing in the church office, usually within a week after the meeting.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Feed your faith to starve your fears to death.

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.." (Psa 56:3)

SCHOOL NOTES:

- ✓ **1st DAY OF SCHOOL** for St. John is Wed., Aug. 25 , with classes beginning at 8:20AM. Students arriving after that time will need to report to the school office.
- ✓ **OPEN HOUSE** – (Gr.K-8) On Tuesday, August 24th from 6:00-7:00PM for Kindergarten thru Gr. 8. See note above in the bulletin.
- ✓ **OPEN HOUSE FOR PRESCHOOL** - On Wednesday, Aug. 25th at 6:30PM there will be a Parent Meeting for the incoming 3-yr old Preschoolers. Then at 7:30PM there will be a Parent Meeting for the 4&5-yr old Preschoolers. See note above in bulletin.
- ✓ **SCHOOL OFFICE** will be open on Tues., Aug. 24th from 8:30 – 11:30AM and 1:30 – 3:00PM for anyone that wants to pay their enrollment fee and purchase supplies from the book store.
- ✓ **OPENING CHAPEL SERVICE** will be Aug. 25th at 8:35AM 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. Final arrangements are being scheduled yet. Order forms will be sent home shortly after school starts.
- ✓ **LUNCH PROGRAM** – Still searching for a cook. So until one is hired, parents will be packing lunches for their children. When our hot lunch program is back up and running, lunch prices will 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 Athletic Booster membership fees for the 2021-2022 school 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.