



St. John Lutheran Church

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon: "God's Holy and Peculiar Nation" *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 5-6*
Service: Morning Prayer (LSB pg. 235)
Hymns: **950 ~ 566 ~ 646 ~ 936** (*canticle hymn*) ~ **411**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome all who have come to worship our God with us today! Each day we live is a priceless gift from God, loaded with possibilities to learn something new, to gain fresh insights into His great truths. May we be showered with those blessings as we together profess His Name today. Please fill out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the baskets by the doors as you leave today.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✧ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✧
- ✧ Denny Von Deylen, Jerry Short, Dan Wiechers, Dave Badenhop, *Ushers* ✧
- ✧ Kaylee Buchhop, Ronda Wentworth, Karan Niebergall, Karen Lulfs, *Altar Guild* ✧

OUTDOOR SERVICE THANK YOU – There are many people who helped make possible our outdoor service last Sunday. It's too bad there wasn't anyone to turn on the outdoor air-conditioning, and it was hot – but it was a blessed morning together in the Lord.

Thank you to the **Outdoor Service Committee** who prepared the asphalt pad and set up our outdoor chancel with trailer and sound equipment. Thank you to the **Stewardship Board** who provided the Java Joy for us. Thank you, **Sharon Damman**, for recording the piano music to lead us in song.

Thank you also to the **LYF Youth** who participated in the ribbon cutting for the Y&FC rededication; to **Mike Nicol** for lending us his musical talents; to the **Church Council** and the **Youth & Family Center planning committees** for taking time Saturday morning to clean the Y&FC for the open house.

Thank you!

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

| Date | Time | Activities |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Today | 9:00AM 10:20AM | Worship Service Adult Bible Study |
| Mon. | 8:20AM | PS 4/5-yr old class begins (dismiss at 2:45 PM) |
| Tues. | 8:35 AM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM | School Chapel Shepherd Committee Meeting Board of Elders |
| Wed. | 8:20 AM 6:15 PM | PS 3-yr old class begins (dismiss at 11:20 AM) Jr. High Confirmation Class (<i>until 7:30 PM</i>) |
| Thurs. | 6:30 AM 7:00 PM | Men's Bible Breakfast in fellowship hall (<i>see bulletin note</i>) Thursday Evening Worship |
| Sun. | 9:00AM 10:20AM | Communion Service Adult Bible Class |
| Mon.- Sat. | 7:30 AM | Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. James Fundum</i> , Immanuel Lutheran – Hamler |

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
- ❖ *Kay Heilman and Esther Layton*, currently dealing with health issues
- ❖ *Denny Behnfeldt*, recovering at home from a successful knee replacement surgery
- ❖ *Beretta Doctor*, (infant daughter of Steve & Abby (Weller) Doctor,) recovering from successful surgery this past week at Cleveland Clinic
- ❖ *Denny Damman*, for knee replacement surgery on Mon., Aug. 30th at Fulton Co Health Center
- ❖ *Jamison Carothers*, three-month old great-grandson of Don & Karan Niebergall, who will have surgery on Monday at the U-of-M Hospital to repair a cleft palate and lip

MY DEVOTIONS for September, October, and November are available 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.

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!

MORE EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS

Now that our new *Youth & Family Center* has been dedicated, we take this opportunity once again to thank everyone who helped make this project possible. We are thankful for each and every one of you who made any kind of contribution, whether monetary or material, large or 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; Sausser Excavating; 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 now use our new *Youth & Family Center* to His glory!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY THIS MORNING

Provoking Proverbs ♦ Third Commandment

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.” Most people forget that God's Third Commandment in Exodus 20 is not just about rest, but includes the command to work. That's because this commandment is all about keeping a proper balance in life between work and worship, labor and the Lord, vocation and vacation.

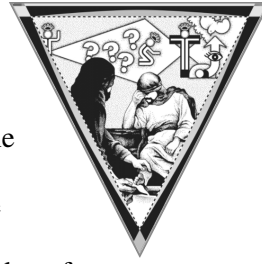
In our Sunday Adult Bible Study, we are looking at the biblical Proverbs categorized according to the Ten Commandments. Join us this morning as the *Proverbs provoke* us to properly balance work and rest in our lives. **Each session is a study unto itself, so don't feel like you shouldn't come if you weren't there for previous sessions.** Bible Study is a wonderful time of growth in God's Word and of Christian fellowship. **Oh, and we have coffee too!**



MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY meets again this Thursday, September 1st at 6:30 a.m. in the north fellowship hall. We gather for one hour, which should give you give time to get on your way with whatever your day may hold. It's a wonderful time of fellowship and of nourishment of body and soul! **The breakfasts are the best, and you don't want to miss it! Please join us. It's the best part of waking up!**

MID-WEEK CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1

ATTENTION ST. JOHN 7th & 8th GRADERS – A new season of Confirmation Instruction Ministry will get underway this **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.

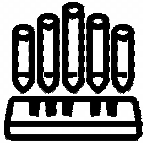
| <u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u> | Home Fund | Synod & Missions | Building Fund |
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| Weekly Need | \$9,792.78 | \$500.00 | \$961.54 |
| Rec'd 08/22/21 | \$6,051.00 | \$235.00 | \$270.00 |

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – N/A; Sunday – 172

MEMORIALS for *Sarah Stiles*: St. John Lutheran Church - \$1,145.00

WOMEN OF FREEDOM: Our next meeting is Tues., Sept. 21st at 7:00 PM. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.

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!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

To call yourself a child of God is one thing. To be called a child of God by those who watch your life is another thing altogether. *Max Lucado*

"Let your light shine before others, so that[a] they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matt 5:16)