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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon: "Two Sides of the Same Coin" *James 2:1-10, 14-18*
Service: Divine Service, Setting One (LSB pg. 151)
Hymns: 797 ~ 980 (*printed in bulletin*) ~ (Communion: 852, 844) ~ 848

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* ✠ Alex Wachtman, Brice Baumert, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Ted Ripke, Elmer Maassel, Bob Norden, Denny Behnfeldt, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Diana Kruse, Mary Kossow, Karan Germann, *Altar Guild* ✠

A NEW SEASON OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Next Sunday (Sept. 12) we will begin a new season of Sunday Christian education at St. John Lutheran. Sunday School is a primary educational ministry of the church to assist parents in raising their children in fear and love the Lord. Thank you to our Sunday School teachers for your loving work on behalf of our congregation's children and youth.

- YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL will meet in the cafeteria side of the fellowship hall
- THE LAMP Youth Bible Study will meet in the new *Youth & Family Center*
- ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets in the north end of the fellowship hall.

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.

HURRICANE IDA DISASTER RESPONSE – Currently we are exploring ways we can be of help to those who have been devastated by Hurricane Ida and its aftermath. Please keep an eye on future announcements, and we will get more information to you soon.

In God's House This Week		<i>Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class
Mon.		NO SCHOOL – In observance of Labor Day
Tues.	8:35 AM 7:00 PM	School Chapel Stewardship Board and School Board Meetings
Wed.	6:15 PM	Jr. High Confirmation Class (<i>until 7:30 PM</i>)
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00AM 10:20AM 3:00 PM 4:00 PM	Worship Service Sunday School & “The Lamp” begin; Adult Bible Study Jr High LYF Kick-off Meeting Sr High LYF Kick-off Meeting
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Willie Stottlemyer</i> , St. Stephen Lutheran – Defiance

FOR THOSE LISTENING FROM THE PARKING LOT

Tune your FM radio to 87.7

Drive-thru Communion after worship under carport

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*, currently dealing with health issues
- ❖ *Denny Behnfeldt and Denny Damman*, recovering at home from knee replacement surgery
- ❖ *Beretta Doctor*, (infant daughter of Steve & Abby (Weller) Doctor,) recovering from successful recent surgery at Cleveland Clinic
- ❖ *Kay Heilman*, whose MRI showed severe spinal stenosis of her back
- ❖ *Jamison Carothers*, three-month old great-grandson of Don & Karan Niebergall, recovering from surgery to repair a cleft palate and lip
- ❖ *Hildegard Behrmann*, hospitalized this past week and now in rehab at Northcrest Rehab

LWML FALL RETREAT – Ladies, hurry, hurry, hurry! The registration deadline was last Fri., Sept. 3rd, but late registrations will still be accepted. Please consider attending the LWML Fall Retreat at St. John Lutheran Church, Routes 6 & 66, on Sat., Sept. 18. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the program running until 2 p.m. The theme is “The Wonderful Surprise.” Guest speaker is *Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer*. Bring your Bible. The cost for the Retreat is \$14, which includes a light breakfast and lunch. Registration forms are available on the narthex table. Due to late registrations, please **call** Linda Bostelman, Antwerp, OH at **419-258-3373**. All ladies invited – come join us!!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY THIS MORNING
Provoking Proverbs ♦ Fourth Commandment



“You shall honor your father and your mother.” It is no coincidence that the increase of wickedness in these last days coincides with what St. Paul called “*disobedience to parents.*” (1 Tim 3:2) When children no longer learn to honor parents and other authorities, political, social and moral chaos ensues. Wise is the nation that teaches its children well to love, honor and respect those whom God has placed in authority over us, starting with our parents.

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 honor those to whom God has given authority. **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!**

VOTERS’ MEETING – Sunday, Sept, 19

Two weeks from today we will gather in the fellowship hall after worship to consider the business of God’s house. Please watch for agenda announcements.

LUTHERAN LIFE MAGAZINE: We have about 40 Lutheran Life magazines for congregation members to pick up with their Portals of Prayer or My Devotion booklets at the desk in the narthex. These were sent with our Concordia Publishing House book orders this summer and have a lot of good stories that celebrate the joys, trials, vocations, and differences of many God-given families. Enjoy!

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.



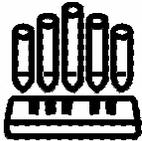
OPTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION DURING COVID - During this time of pandemic, we are making Holy Communion available in the following ways:

- **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.

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!



<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 08/29/21	\$6,916.00	\$405.00	\$210.00
ATTENDANCE:	Thursday – 47;	Sunday –102	

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.

<<<LYF NOTEWORTHY NEWS>>>

- **SEPTEMBER LYF MEETING** - On Sunday, September 12th, the Jr. High and Sr. High will have their first LYF meeting of the year. Jr. High youth will meet from 3:00 - 4:00 PM and Sr. High youth will meet from 4:00-5:00 PM. Come join us for some snacks, games, a Bible study, and fellowship. We will also be talking about jobs for the Ice Cream Social!
- **LCMS YOUTH GATHERING PARENT MEETING** - On Sunday, September 12th, there will be a parent/youth meeting for those interested in attending the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. This event is open to all current 8th graders and high school youth. The meeting will take place right after church in the youth room at the St. John Youth and Family Center. We will be discussing possible costs, registration, expectations, possible transportation, etc. at this meeting.
- **LYF ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** The LYF is hosting its annual ice cream social on Sun., Sept. 26th. This will be a Drive-thru Ice Cream Social similar to last year's social with preorders only. Drive-thru times from 10:30 AM – Noon. Order forms are available on the narthex table and also on the school or church's Facebook page under "Events". All preorders must be turned in by Monday, September 20th. The menu will be: *Chicken or Hot Dog Sandwich, Baked Beans, Chips, and Schwan's Ice Cream*. Freewill offering! This is a Thrivent Action Team event! Come out and support the youth of our congregation as they continue to raise funds for the Youth Center; and also begin to raise funds for the next LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, TX in 2022!
- **LYF REMINDERS** - Parents if you have not already done so, please sign up for alerts on Remind 101. This will help keep you up to date on meetings, events, and fundraiser opportunities. Sr. High parents (9th-12th grade) can message the number "81010" with the message "@srhighlyf". Jr. High parents (6th-8th grade) can message the number "81010" with the message "@jrhighlyf".

ICE CREAM SOCIAL DONATIONS: In an effort to give as much of the profit from the Ice Cream Social to the youth traveling to the LCMS Youth Gathering in 2022, we are asking if congregation members would like to help by donating items for the food prep for the social. A signup sheet is at the narthex table listing grocery/food items needed to prepare the menu for the social. If you are able to help, please list your name and the item(s) you are able to donate on the sheet. A signup sheet can also be found on the church's Facebook page. Please have items to the church/school by Tues., September 21st. If there are any questions, please contact Sarah Bartok through the church office. Thank you!

PTL: The first PTL Meeting will be held on Mon., Sept. 13th at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. This will be a business meeting to get organized for the year. Please plan to attend and support the school!

PTL OFFICER NOMINATIONS: We are currently seeking nominations for PTL officers. Please consider getting involved with PTL by becoming an officer. This is just one way of supporting St. John School and bringing new ideas to the forefront for school activities and fundraisers.

ST. JOHN SCRIP CONTINUES: You may begin ordering SCRIP again. Order forms are on the table in the narthex. Please turn those orders in on Wednesdays, with payment to *St. John School PTL Scrip Program*. The gift cards will be sent home the following week on Tuesday. Payment must accompany orders. **Any questions about SCRIP can be directed to 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. Our programs here at St. John give our students a sense of sportsmanship, discipline, structure and self-confidence needed to go out into the world.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS need to be turned in to the office by Wednesday of each week in order to be included in the Thursday and Sunday bulletin. Please note this. Thank you!
Paste this hymn in somewhere...

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!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – The Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on a few radio stations in our area. They cover many topics relevant to today's issues. Broadcasts can be heard Sundays on: Archbold's WMTR 96.1 FM at 7:30 AM; **Napoleon's WNDH 103.1 FM at 9:00 AM**; Fort Wayne's WOWO 1190 AM at 10:30 AM.

AREA EVENTS: (*get your running shoes on for these events!*)

- CPC Women's Health Resource 35th Annual Walkathon and 5K Color Run on Sat., Sept. 18th at 8:00 AM at MacDonald-Ruff Ice Arena, Bryan Ohio. See flyer on bulletin board.
- Redhead Run 5K will also be held on Sat., Sept. 18th at 9:00 AM. This race starts and ends at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Florida. Contact Jen Schwiebert at 419-777-5356 to register.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Without labor, nothing grows but weeds.

*“Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread,
but he who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense.” (Prov 12:11)*

980 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain

Je - su, Je - su, Fill us with Your love, Show
us how to serve The neigh-bors we have from You.

1 Kneels at the feet of His friends, Si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor, Var - ied in col - or and
3 These are the ones we will serve; These are the ones we will
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, Si - lent - ly wash - ing their

Refrain

feet, Mas - ter who pours out Him - self for them.
race; Neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
love; All these are neigh - bors to us and You.
feet: This is the way we will live with You.