



# St. John Lutheran Church

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

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## Serving Christ in Freedom

*Worship • Stewardship • Mission*

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### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon: "To Tame the Tongue" *James 3:1-12*  
Service: Printed Service Folder  
Hymns: **870 ~ 784 ~ 554 ~ 528**

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*A warm welcome to all our guests. We are pleased that you chose to worship at St. John Church this morning. We hope that this time spent with our God and with friends in Christ will prove spiritually uplifting to you. 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.*

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

- ✘ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✘ Paul Sausser, Dakota Szabo, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Ted Ripke, Elmer Maassel, Bob Norden, Denny Behnfeldt, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Diana Kruse, Mary Kossow, Karan Germann, *Altar Guild* ✘

### A NEW SEASON OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

– Today we 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 of 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.

### VOTERS' MEETING – Sunday, Sept, 19

One week from today we will gather in the fellowship hall after worship to consider the business of God's house. The agenda will include: 1) School's current enrollment numbers; 2) First reading to amend church constitution for Call Committee guidelines

**In God's House This Week** *Online church calendar: [www.DynaCal.com/sjl](http://www.DynaCal.com/sjl)*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Today	<b>9:00AM</b> 10:20AM 10:20AM 3:00 PM 4:00 PM	<b>Worship Service w/Communion following</b> Sunday School & "The Lamp" begin; Adult Bible Study Parent Information Meeting for 2022 Youth Gathering ( <i>see bulletin note</i> ) Jr High LYF Kick-off Meeting Sr High LYF Kick-off Meeting
Mon.	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Parent Sports Meeting ( <i>see bulletin note</i> ) PTL Meeting
Tues.	<b>8:35 AM</b> 7:00 PM	<b>School Chapel</b> Church Council Meeting
Wed.	6:15 PM	Jr. High Confirmation Class ( <i>until 7:30 PM</i> )
Thurs.	6:30 AM <b>7:00 PM</b>	Men's Bible Study Breakfast <b>Thursday Evening Worship</b>
Sun.	<b>9:00AM</b> 10:20AM	<b>Communion Service</b> Sunday School & "The Lamp" begin; Adult Bible Study
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Jacob Stuenkel</i> , St. Peter Lutheran – Florida

**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 Behnfeltd and Denny Damman*, recovering at home from knee replacement surgery
- ❖ *Beretta Doctor*, (infant daughter of Steve & Abby (Weller) Doctor,) recovering from recent surgery at Cleveland Clinic
- ❖ *Kay Heilman*, whose MRI showed severe spinal stenosis of her back
- ❖ *Hildegard Behrmann*, hospitalized recently and now in rehab at Northcrest Rehab
- ❖ *Mike Williams*, father of our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Amanda Bockelman, who is hospitalized and fighting Covid

**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.

## 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!**

**HATS FOR HURRICANE HELP** – St. John Lutheran School is announcing a fund-raiser to assist people whose lives were devastated by Hurricane Ida. This terrible storm made landfall in Louisiana on August 29 and left a path of destruction through the south and east to the coast. To assist those who lost so much, the students of our school will “pay for the privilege” of wearing hats to school the week of Sept. 20-24. Each day they wear a hat to school, they will “pay” one dollar, or a week total of five dollars.



**This is where the congregation comes in.** To lend our support, we will have the opportunity to match their gifts. **On Sunday, Sept. 26 a number of our hatted students will be at the sanctuary doors after worship to receive your matching gift of \$5.00** (or whatever amount you’d like to give). Your gifts will be combined with theirs, and the proceeds will be sent to ***LCMS Disaster Response*** to support our church body’s immediate and long-term needs following this hurricane. Have a five-dollar bill ready that day, and as St. James says, let’s show our faith in Christ by our deed of love for others!

**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.**

Men's Breakfast  
Bible Study



**MEN’S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY** meets again this Thurs., Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 a.m. in the north fellowship hall. We gather for an hour, which gives you 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!**

## <<<LYF NOTEWORTHY NEWS>>>

- **LYF MEETING** - Today the Jr. High and Sr. High will have their first LYF meetings 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** – After church today 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. 26<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**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!

**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!

**RECYCLING RELIGIOUS MATERIALS FOR MISSIONS:** *St. Paul United Methodist Church* in Napoleon is offering an opportunity for the community to donate Bibles and other religious educational materials (regardless of condition) that are no longer being used and/or wanted. Items that are collected will be distributed to various global missions. Those items that are too badly worn or damaged will be respectfully retired. They cannot, however, accept used hymnals. Collection boxes will be set up in our fellowship hall and in the narthex of the church until Thurs., Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. No late donations accepted. Any questions may be directed to the Methodist Church office at 419-592-0611.

**SHARE THE BOUNTY OF SUMMER** – A table is set up under the carport where you can bring any spare produce from your garden and share it with others. 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.

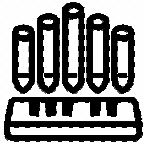


<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 09/05/21	\$8,050.00	\$165.00	\$160.00
ATTENDANCE:	Thursday – 43;	Sunday –85	

**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.

**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!

**PTL:** The first PTL Meeting will be held on Mon., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SPORTS MEETING:** Prior to the PTL meeting on Monday, and at 6:00 PM, there will be a Parent Meeting for those parents with students in Grades 4 thru 7. If your child is planning to play basketball, Athletic Director Joe Badenhop would like to meet with you to update/discuss with you the upcoming basketball season here at St. John.

**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.

**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.**

**GOT SOME TIME?** Why not be an adult volunteer at St. John School. You could listen to children read, talk about your time in the military, work with flash cards, or tell children about a hobby or craft you enjoy doing. The possibilities are endless and your time with them will be priceless!

If you would be interested in volunteering in the school, please call the school office at 419-598-8702 and give us your name and a contact number. The school will contact you. Thank you in advance for thinking about volunteering at our school.

**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!

**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 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Walkathon and 5K Color Run on **Sat., Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 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. 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM**. This race starts and ends at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Florida. Contact Jen Schwiebert at 419-777-5356 to register.
- **Ridgeville Sons of the American Legion** are hosting a BBQ Chicken Dinner on **Sun., Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> with serving from 11:00 – 1:00**. This is a “drive-thru only” and will be held at the Ridgeville Legion Hall. Dinner includes: ½ chicken, baked potato, dinner roll, and cookie. Cost is \$10.

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**The tongue has no bones, but is strong enough to break a heart.**

**Be careful with your words.**

*“I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak.”*

*(Matthew 12:36)*