



# St. John Lutheran Church

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

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## Serving Christ in Freedom

*Worship • Stewardship • Mission*

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### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon: "War and Peace" *James 3:10-4:10*  
Service: Divine Service, Setting Three (LSB pg. 184)  
Hymns: **663 ~ 668 ~ (Communion: 570, 716) ~ 652**

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*Warm greetings and love in Christ are extended to all members and guests. We trust that you will experience the warmth of Christian fellowship, the inspiration of worship and the peace that comes from an awareness of God's presence. 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* ✘ Mitch Rosebrock, Reagan Dietrich, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Ted Ripke, Elmer Maassel, Bob Norden, Denny Behnfeldt, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Diana Kruse, Mary Kossow, Karan Germann, *Altar Guild* ✘

**VOTERS' MEETING** – 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; 3) Teacher Call to Mrs. Pat Kramer, for 7-8 grade teacher.

### **A NEW SEASON OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS UNDERWAY!**

Last Sunday we began 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 the 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** *gather in the fellowship hall after worship*
- **THE LAMP Youth Bible Study** *meets in the new Youth & Family Center*
- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY** *meets in the north end of the fellowship hall.*

**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	<b>Communion Service</b> Sunday School & "The Lamp"; Adult Bible Study
Tues.	<b>8:35 AM</b> 7:00 PM	<b>School Chapel</b> Women of Freedom Meeting
Wed.	6:15 PM	Jr. High Confirmation Class ( <i>until 7:30 PM</i> )
Thurs.	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Thursday Evening Worship</b>
Sun.	<b>9:00AM</b> 10:20AM 10:30AM	<b>Worship Service</b> Sunday School; Adult Bible Study LYF Drive-thru Ice Cream Social – <b>Pre-orders only</b> ( <i>see bulletin note</i> )
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Donald Luhring</i> , St. John 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 nicely from recent surgery at Cleveland Clinic
- ❖ *Kay Heilman*, whose MRI showed severe spinal stenosis of her back
- ❖ *Hildegard Behrmann*, now in rehab at Northcrest Rehab
- ❖ *Mike Williams*, father of our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Amanda Bockelman, who is hospitalized and fighting Covid

**THANK YOU:** Wilbur & Irene Joost would like to thank everyone for the cards sent and prayers given during both of their recent health procedures. It was greatly appreciated!**NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT PROCESS IS UNDERWAY** – The Stewardship Board has begun the process of identifying individuals to fill the various offices of our congregation for service to Christ and His people. We ask that everyone please keep this process in your prayers, praying that God would incline the hearts of those nominated or appointed to accept. If you receive a letter or oral request to take an office, please give the matter prayerful consideration. The Stewardship Board has prayed for you, that God might use you and the gifts He has given you, for His service and glory.

**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!**

**LYF ICE CREAM SOCIAL: All preorders must be turned in by tomorrow, Sept. 20th.**

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”. 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!

**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!

**PORTALS OF PRAYER BOOKLETS** for the quarter of October, November, and December are on the desk in the narthex. There are also large print copies available.

**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	\$10,842.00	\$245.00	\$440.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 53; Sunday – 111

**HATS FOR HURRICANE HELP** – St. John Lutheran School is having a fundraiser this week 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 this coming week. 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. **Next 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.**

**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.

**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!

### **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.

**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.

**SCRIP AT ST. JOHN:** Let's plan ahead! Scrip is great for having "extra money" in your wallet. Purchase gift cards to use for personal shopping or going out to eat. Plan ahead now for birthdays and holidays! Scrip orders will be received on Wednesdays, ordered on Fridays and delivered on Tuesdays.



For those that don't know, *SCRIP* is gift cards that you purchase through PTL for full face value. They work for both in store purchases and online shopping. PTL works through a company that purchases these gift cards in bulk from participating retailers. A percentage of the purchase stays with PTL and a percentage goes to the student's family toward enrollment/tuition. This fundraiser nets the PTL approximately \$300 each year. Think ahead--if you give out gift cards for Christmas consider purchasing them from PTL instead

of at the store so that a portion of that sale stays with St. John Lutheran School. Order forms and program information are posted on FastDirect under 'Links,' titled SCRIP Order Forms and SCRIP Program Info. There are also hard copies in the 'School Info' rack outside the office and on the table in the church narthex. Please feel free to share with family and friends. Payment must accompany orders. **Any questions about SCRIP can be directed to the SCRIP Coordinator Kristyn Honemann at 419-966-0207 or email at [honemann@embarqmail.com](mailto: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.

**BBQ CHICKEN DINNER TODAY:** **Ridgeville Sons of the American Legion** are hosting this 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...**

**"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us STAY HOME from the house of the LORD.'"**

*Isolations 24:7*

*The real verse: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us GO to the house of the LORD!'" (Psa 122:1)*

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