



# St. John Lutheran Church

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## Serving Christ in Freedom

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### **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Sermon: "Which Is Better?" *James 5:7-8*  
Service: Service of Prayer & Preaching (LSB pg. 260)  
Hymns: 435 ~ 718 ~ 607 ~ "In God We Believe"

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**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS** *You are among Christian friends today. We all have come to the Lord's House to hear what He has to say and to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. We pray that His grace will touch and move you. Please fill out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you to note your presence and drop it into the basket by the doors as you leave today.*

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

- ✧ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✧ Garrison Kruse & Maddox Oyer, *Acolytes* ✧
- ✧ Ted Ripke, Elmer Maassel, Bob Norden, Denny Behnfeldt, *Ushers* ✧
- ✧ Diana Kruse, Mary Kossow, Karen Germann, *Altar Guild* ✧

**HEAVEN SENT** – We mourn the loss of *Donald Badenhop*, 94, who passed away on Sat., September 18, 2021, at Vancrest Nursing Home, Holgate, Ohio. Donald's funeral was held here at St. John Lutheran Church on Fri., Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM and burial followed in St. John's Cemetery. Many will miss Donald's pleasant demeanor and his words of wisdom. He was a friend to many of us. Please continue to pray for his children Donna (*Charles*) Kurtz, Darlene (*Dennis*) Hoffman, Dean, Dan (*Letty*), and David (*Suzanne*), and their families as they grieve the loss of their father, grandfather, great grandfather, and great-great grandfather.

**LYF ICE CREAM SOCIAL TODAY:** This is a Drive-thru Ice Cream Social similar to last year's social with **preorders** only. Drive-thru times are from 10:30 AM – noon. The menu is: *Chicken or Hot Dog Sandwich, Baked Beans, Chips, and Schwan's Ice Cream*. Freewill offering! A Thrivent Action Team event! Funds raised today will support the youth of our congregation as they continue to equip the Youth Center; and also begin to raise funds for the next LCMS Youth Gathering in 2022!

**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 10:30AM	<b>Worship Service</b> Sunday School; Adult Bible Study LYF Drive-thru Ice Cream Social
Mon.	5:30 PM	<i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution
Tues.	<b>8:35 AM</b>	<b>School Chapel</b>
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	<b>Communion Service</b> Sunday School; "The Lamp"; Adult Bible Study
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Lee Genter</i> , Christ Our Savior Lutheran – Defiance

**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
- ❖ *Hildegard Behrmann*, in rehab at Northcrest Rehab & Nursing Facility
- ❖ *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 and Kay Heilman*, currently dealing with health issues
- ❖ *Beretta Doctor*, recovering nicely from recent surgery at Cleveland Clinic

**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.

**TEACHER CALLED:** At the Voters' Meeting last Sunday the voters extended a call to Mrs. Patricia Kramer to become a Called Teacher in our school. After prayerful consideration, Mrs. Kramer has accepted the call to teach the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at St. John School. We praise God for guiding Mrs. Kramer in accepting her call at St. John.

**BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER:** On Thurs., Sept., 30<sup>th</sup>, *Ruth Mahnke* will be turning 80 years old. As she is currently at Genacross Lutheran Home in Napoleon, we would like to ask anyone interested in sending her a birthday card, to do so. She would be very appreciative of hearing from many of you. Here is her mailing address: Ruth Mahnke, c/o Genacross Alpine Village, 1032 S. Perry St., #310, Napoleon, OH 43545.

## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY THIS MORNING --- The Epistle of St. James**

*Join Rev. Kramer this morning for Adult Bible Class!*

You may have noticed that on these past few Sundays we have been reading epistle lessons from the epistle (or letter) of St. James; James, the brother of Jesus. This letter to scattered Jewish Christians deals with very practical matters related to faith and life in the church. Martin Luther once called it a “straw epistle.” Just as mundane straw is characterized by its usefulness, the letter of James deals with “mundane” topics that are useful to us in the church.

**HATS FOR HURRICANE HELP** – This past week the students of St. John Lutheran School have been paying a dollar per day for the privilege of wearing hats to school. It’s all part of their “**Hats for Hurricane Help**” fundraiser 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. Students who wore hats to school every day this week contributed \$5.00 to the cause.



**Today you can join their effort by matching their gifts. After worship a number of our hatted students will be at the sanctuary doors with cowboy hats in hand to receive your matching gift of \$5.00 (or whatever other amount you choose).** All gifts will be combined, and the proceeds will be sent to **LCMS Disaster Response** to support our church body’s immediate and long-term relief response to this hurricane. With your \$5.00 gift (or any other gift), we will do as St. James says and show our faith in Christ by our deeds of love for others!

<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 09/19/21	\$7,223.00	\$270.00	\$635.00
ATTENDANCE:	Thursday – 33;	Sunday – 131	

### **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.

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

We have begun 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** 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.

**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.

**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!

**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.**

**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.

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**Life sometimes stinks. We have a pew for you!**

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Psa 46:1)*