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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon: "I Have a Hankerin', but for What?" *Amos 5:6*
Service: Matins *LSB pg. 219*
Hymns: "Shalom" ~ 507 ~ 814 ~ 694

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Now is the hour of worship. God speaks to us and we listen and respond with our hymns, prayers and praises. Together we bless the Lord whose purpose is to save us and keep us in His faithful flock. He is The God of Grace and The God of Glory. If you are new to our community, we hope you will consider making this your church home. Fill out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the baskets at the door as you leave the church this morning.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✠ Garrison Kruse & Zeb Kramer, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Scott Van Valkenburg, Mike Maassel, Carey Damman, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Sandy Von Deylen, Mary Kay Rettig, Kathy Badenhop, *Altar Guild* ✠

ADULT BIBLE STUDY THIS MORNING

Provoking Proverbs ♦ Fifth Commandment

"You shall not murder." The Catechism teaches us that there is much more to murder than a violent act by which we take someone's physical life. Indeed, we should not even "hurt or harm our neighbor in his body."



In our Sunday Adult Study, we are looking at the biblical Proverbs categorized according to the Ten Commandments. Join us this morning as the *Proverbs provoke us* to take better care of our neighbors by helping and supporting them in every physical need. **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!**

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

Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00AM 10:20AM	Worship Service w/Communion following Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "The Lamp"
Tues.	8:35 AM 7:00 PM	School Chapel Church Council Meeting
Wed.	6:15 PM	Jr. High Confirmation Class (<i>until 7:30 PM</i>)
Thurs.	6:30 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study Breakfast Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "The Lamp"
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Dale Kern, (Retired)</i> , St. John Lutheran – Stryker

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
- ❖ *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
- ❖ *Clara Meyer*, who took a fall earlier this week and has been hospitalized. Nothing broken – just bruised and sore
- ❖ *Robin Showman*, recovering from successful surgery to remove a spot of cancer
- ❖ *The family of Harold Behrmann*, grieving Harold's death this past Wednesday, yet rejoicing that God gave him long life here and eternal life hereafter

CORRECTION TO BABY NEWS: Please note that Jake & Marlea Myles' little girl's name is **Harlow June**. It was misspelled in last Sunday's bulletin. An apology to the Myles's for this mistake.

TWINS ARRIVE IN MINNESOTA! Former member and now pastor, Rev. Justin & Jessi Hesterman of Eagle Bend, MN, would like to announce the arrival of their twins, Nathaniel Todd and Elizabeth Grace, who were born on Sept 23, 2021, in St Cloud MN. The babies are doing very well for being born prematurely, and Jessi is doing well also. Grandparents Todd & Chris Hesterman and Great Grandparents Ron and Elaine Hesterman couldn't be happier. Nathaniel and Elizabeth will be in the NICU for a while, so please keep them and their parents in your prayers at this time.

SINGING IN OCTOBER: All St. John Students and children attending Sunday School classes will be singing in the 9:00 AM Worship Service on Sunday, Oct. 31st. Those in Sunday School will begin practicing today. Please plan to attend and sing on the 31st!! See you today, for your first practice! Thanks, *Char Weber - St. John Music Director*

WOMEN OF FREEDOM: The next Women of Freedom meeting will be on Tues., Oct. 19th at 7:00 PM. This will be a Mission Meeting so bring your Quarterlies and Mite Box (if you have one). There are always interesting articles to be found in the Quarterlies and Odes that are available in the tract rack in the narthex. Pick up your copy today! All ladies of St. John are invited to come to our meetings.

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Reformation Day – Sunday, October 31

In this Festival Service we will meet up with Jehoiakim, one of the last kings of David's dynasty, and one of the very first paper shredders. Despising God's Word, he literally shredded it with a knife. But to no avail – God's Word forever shall remain! It withstood onslaughts by both kings and popes, and will always be our firm foundation. Such is the promise of the Reformation.

All Saints Sunday – November 7

This day on the Christian calendar is poignant, as we remember the saints who've gone before us to heaven; and we anticipate the day when we will reunite with them in Christ's kingdom forever.

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.

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.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 10/03/21	\$9,715.88	\$152.00	\$200.00
ATTENDANCE:	Thursday – 29;	Sunday – 139	

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE: We are making copies of the "Parent Newsletter" available on the narthex table each Sunday. It is printed on goldenrod colored paper. This newsletter goes out every Monday to school families and is a key source of information with what's going to be happening at St. John School throughout the upcoming week(s). Please pick up a copy today and stay connected with the school.

EAGLE NEWS: The Eagle News is available on the narthex table. Eagle News is also available online via FastDirect by going to <http://www.fastdir.com/stjohnfreedom/>, click on “Links” at the top of the page, then click on “Eagle News – October 2021” in the “Everybody” column.

PTL SOAP SALE KICKOFF! The *Profitable Solutions* Liquid Laundry Detergent & Fabric Softener Fundraiser has begun! This fundraiser will run until Oct. 22, 2021. Order forms are available on the narthex table. This has proven to be a very good fundraiser for the PTL, and parents benefit too by getting laundry detergent and softener in bulk and at a great price. Please direct any questions to Nicole Stier at 419-966-7376!

BOARD GAME NIGHT! St. John is hosting a Family Board Game Night in the Fellowship Hall/Cafeteria on Thurs., Oct. 21st from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. We would welcome all families in the congregation to join us. No need to worry about supper, because we will be serving hotdogs, chips, apples, cookies, and lemonade throughout the evening. This is a Thrivent Action Team event, so come and have some fun! While you’re here, we would also invite you to stroll down to the church for our Thursday Worship Service beginning at 7 PM.

ARE YOU A WOODWORKER? If so, we have a project for you. Grades 1&2 are in need of a computer charging stand (picture will be provided) in their classroom. It would be an open cart on wheels with several shelves inside. No doors needed. Please contact the school office if you are interested in seeing what is needed.

SCRIP ORDER FORM: Why not start your Christmas shopping early! There are so many vendors on the Scrip order form, that you can’t go wrong. Check it out and submit your order on Wednesdays. Orders are placed on Fridays and then delivered on the following Tuesday. The order form is posted on FastDirect under ‘Links,’ titled SCRIP Order Forms and SCRIP Program Info, There are also hard copy order forms in the tract rack in the 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.**

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!

“LIVE GENEROUSLY” T-SHIRTS: There are still extra Thrivent t-shirts available today on a table beside the “bread” table. They are separated by sizes, so please try to keep them organized. Feel free to take as many as you want and “live generously.”

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Store the Bible in your heart, not on your shelf.

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.” (Deut 6:6)