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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon: "A Little Rich" *Mark 10:24-25*
Service: Divine Service, Setting Three *LSB pg. 184*
Hymns: 907 ~ 730 ~ [Communion: 632, 392, 748] ~ 814 ~ 694

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

The Lord calls all of us to a new way of living under His wonderful grace in our Savior. If you are our guest this morning, it is a pleasure to have you worshipping with us. Please fill out the blue Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the basket at the doors as you leave today.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✘ Addison Naveau, Peyton Naveau, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Scott Van Valkenburg, Mike Maassel, Carey Damman, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Sandy Von Deylen, Mary Kay Rettig, Kathy Badenhop, *Altar Guild* ✘

A NEW HOME IN HEAVEN! On Wed., October 6, 2021, St. John lost its oldest church member, *Harold F. Behrmann*, who passed away at the age of 97. Harold was a faithful, lifelong member who could strike up a conversation with anyone at any time. Harold's funeral was held here at St. John on Mon., Oct. 11, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. with burial following the service in St. John Lutheran Cemetery. Please keep Lawrence & Hildegard, and Darrel Behrmann, along with the Vorwerk Families in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Harold.

TEACHER INSTALLATION NEXT SUNDAY – Mrs. Pat Kramer

At the past Voters' Meeting, the congregation elected to call **Mrs. Pat Kramer** as a teacher in our school for the term of this school year. Next Sunday (Oct. 24) during the morning service, Mrs. Kramer will be officially installed into her teaching office. Following the service, the School Board will host a JAVA JOY for Mrs. Kramer in the front hallway. Please join us!

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

Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "The Lamp"
Tues.	8:35 AM 7:00 PM	School Chapel Women of Freedom Meeting
Wed.	6:15 PM	Jr. High Confirmation Class (<i>until 7:30 PM</i>)
Thurs.	6:30 AM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study Breakfast St. John Board Game Night (<i>see bulletin note</i>) Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "The Lamp" LYF Halloween/Reformation Party (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Stephen Niermann</i> , St. John Lutheran – Napoleon

FOR THOSE LISTENING FROM THE PARKING LOT**Pick up your bulletin and service by driving through the carport before worship****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
- ❖ *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*
- ❖ *Esther Layton, Sue Hurst, Eileen Fitzenreiter, and Don Lawrence*, for health concerns relating to cancer
- ❖ *Clara Meyer and Beretta Doctor*, for current health related issues
- ❖ *Robin Showman*, recovering from successful surgery to remove a spot of cancer
- ❖ *Kurtis & Kylee (Von Deylen) Staup*, who are grieving the death of their stillborn twin girls, *Avery Arlene and Bailey Phyllis*. They were interred in our cemetery last Sunday. In times of confusion and loss, may this family and all of us find consolation in the love of our Savior!
- ❖ *Jamie Damman, (Chad Damman's wife)*, recovering from back injuries sustained in a bad car accident a few weeks ago

ADULT BIBLE STUDY THIS MORNING --- Get ready for Reformation Day!***Join Rev. Kramer this morning for Adult Bible Class!***

Two weeks from today we will be celebrating Reformation Sunday, thanking God for all that He did through His servant, Martin Luther, to bring to light the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Rev. Kramer will be leading a discussion of sections of Paul's epistle (letter) to the Romans. It was by means of this epistle that God enlightened Luther's mind and heart with the Gospel, "*the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes.*" This Gospel teaches of "*a righteousness of God that is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith.'*" (Rom. 1:16-17) Please join us!

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Check out the table in the hallway by the cry room! The Women of Freedom have put out boxes of Christmas Cards for sale. The dish cloths have been discontinued.

LYF HALLOWEEN/REFORMATION PARTY – Join us on Sunday, Oct. 24th for a Halloween/Reformation party at the Youth & Family Center. Find your favorite costume or dress up with a friend to have a “spooktacular” time. We will have Halloween/Reformation themed games and snacks. Sr & Jr High youth will meet together from 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Youth are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend to join the fun!

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 10/10/21	\$10,630.07	\$225.00	\$255.00
ATTENDANCE:	Thursday – 42;	Sunday – 141	

A REMINDER: If you are the LAST person to leave the building at the end of the day or after a meeting, etc., please make sure that the hallway lights are turned off and that the main entry doors (*where the buzzer is located*) are closed. With a tight budget, every little bit of electrical savings will benefit the church and closing the doors assures the safety of the building. Thank you!

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.

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.

POSITION OPENING: The school cook position is open again. We are feverishly looking for someone to fill this position. Until further notice, parents will have to continue packing lunches for their children. Thank you all for your patience!

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.

PTL SOAP SALE! The *Profitable Solutions* Liquid Laundry Detergent & Fabric Softener Fundraiser has begun! **This fundraiser will end this Friday, 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.

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.**

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 at 7:30 AM; Napoleon's WNDH 103.1 at 9:00 AM.

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!

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.

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.

CHURCH HISTORY BOOKS – If at any time during the year you need a gift for a current or former member of St. John, why not consider one of our Church History Books. This book is full of interesting facts about St. John's and is available in the church office at a cost of \$12.00.

GERALD HISTORY BOOKS – If you didn't get one yet, you can still do so. Stop in at the church office to purchase your copy or you can also send \$12 to Robert L. Stockman, 1218 Spoonbill Landing Circle, Bradenton, FL 34209, and he will mail your copy to you via USPS.

If at any time during the year you need a gift for a current or former member of St. John, why not consider this history book about the development of Gerald? This book is full of interesting facts about Gerald, Freedom Township, and St. John Church. Get your copy today!

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA: The Ridgeville Sons of the American Legion are asking you to join them in their mission to place "wreaths across America" in 2021. National Wreaths Across America Day is Dec. 18, 2021. Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local, community cemeteries each December. Wreath Sponsorship Forms and more information is available on the narthex table. Wreaths may also be sponsored online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org. Order deadline is Nov. 15, 2021.

FILLING FALL FLING – On Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021, the Filling Home Women's Guild will hold their *Annual Filling Fall Fling*. This will be held from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Therapy Center on the Filling Home campus. See flyer on the bulletin board for more info!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Children, respect your parents. They passed school without Google!

"Children, listen to the instruction of a father, and be attentive in order to know insight." (Prov 4:1)