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REFORMATION SUNDAY

Sermon: "V-D-M-A" *Jeremiah 36:23*
Service: See printed Service Folder
Hymns: 904 ~ 506 ~ 656 ~ [Communion: 555, 655] ~ 578
Children's Choir: "Hallelu, Hallelujah!" and "Praise Him, Praise Him"

A PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH *We thank God this day for His work through Martin Luther to bring to light the Gospel of Jesus. May He reform us and renew us as we seek His purposes under the power of this Gospel. The church gathers under the Gospel of Christ. It is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes. You are welcome as our guest this morning. 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

- ✘ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✘ Reagan Dietrich, Olivia Foor, *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 ♦ Sixth Commandment

"You shall no commit adultery." God would have us "lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do." (*Small Catechism*) The culture, however, totally disregards this will of God and would have us express ourselves sexually in whatever way we wish or feels best. When it comes to sexual ethics, we are reliving days of Israel's judges in which "everyone did what was right in their own eyes." (*Judges 21:25*)



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 sexual purity in what we say and do, contrary to the culture and as witnesses to God. **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!**

Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00AM 10:20AM	Reformation Worship Service Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; "The Lamp"
Tues.	8:35 AM 6:00 PM	School Chapel School Board 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.	2:00 AM 9:00AM 10:20AM	Turn your clocks back one hour All Saints Sunday & Communion Service Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; "The Lamp"
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Carl Rockrohr</i> , Zion Lutheran – Ridgeville Corners

FOR THOSE LISTENING FROM THE PARKING LOT

Pick up your bulletin and service by driving through the carport before worship

You can give your offering to the deacon at the same time

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*, returned to Northcrest Nursing & Rehab recently
- ❖ *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, Beretta Doctor, and Robin Showman*, for current health related issues
- ❖ *Jamie Damman, (Chad Damman's wife)*, recovering from back injuries sustained in a bad car accident a few weeks ago

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – Next Sunday, November 7

Once again this year, we will commemorate ALL SAINTS DAY as we give thanks to God for the lives and for the salvation of twelve of our fellow members who passed away since the last commemoration of All Saints. They are:



Leroy Bischoff (†11/25/20); **Elmer Badenhop** (†12/10/20); **Lester Rabe** (†12/10/20); **Sharon Badenhop** (†2/24/21); **Annetta Rosebrock** (†3/6/21); **Phyllis Silveus** (†3/7/21); **Renetta Homan** (†3/25/21); **Ron Germann** (†5/7/21); **Don Badenhop** (†9/18/21); **Harold Behrmann** (†10/6/21); **Avery & Bailey Staup** (†10/7/21).

A white rose will be placed near the baptismal font symbolic of the righteousness of Christ in which all the saints are clothed for the eternal feast of heaven.

TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK: Remember to turn your clocks back this coming weekend, Sunday, November 7th at 2:00 AM. Daylight saving time ends!

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES THROUGH THANKSGIVING

At its last meeting the church council decided that Thursday services should continue through Thanksgiving. The final regular Thursday service will be on Thursday, Nov. 18th. The following week there will be a Wednesday evening Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:00 p.m. Then the week after that we begin regular Advent midweek services on the Wednesday evenings, Dec. 1, 8, and 15.

MOVING TOWARD NORMALCY – The elders, at their meeting last Tuesday, discussed how we might begin to return to some normalcy as the threat of the Covid virus diminishes.

HOLY COMMUNION: The elders discussed returning to our normal Communion practices, and would like to solicit your thoughts and input. There are two matters specifically:

- What are your thoughts about returning to the Communion rail for the Lord's Supper? What if we had only five people at each 'table' so that we aren't kneeling shoulder-to-shoulder?
- What are your thoughts about returning to the Common Cup, with the option, of course, of the individual cup for those who prefer?

BULLETINS: It was decided that we would soon begin handing out the bulletins, since research indicates that it is highly unlikely that the Covid virus can be transmitted on surfaces. If you still prefer to pick up your own bulletin, a stack will be available on the narthex table.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE 2021 – After last year's cancellation of the Christmas Children's Service, it will be good to see the children once again this Christmas, telling that old, old story of Jesus coming to this earth to save us, and singing His praises!

The Children's Christmas Service is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 19 at 7:00 p.m. A memo has gone out to all families with children so that we can get an accurate list of this year's participants. Response slips need to be returned by

Sunday, Nov. 14 so that we can assign parts to the children (they can be returned to SJLS or Sunday School teachers). In the meantime, the students of our school and Sunday School will begin practicing music for this service.

POINSETTIA SALE BEGINS! The poinsettia sale for Christmas is now underway, and pink order forms are inserted in today's bulletin. **The deadline for ordering is Thurs., Nov. 18th.** The cost is \$8.00 per plant. You may put your order form and check payable to *St. John Lutheran School* in the box on the narthex table. Be sure to fill in the line, "In Loving Memory of" or "In Honor of". This information will be published in the church bulletin as an insert the Sunday the poinsettias are placed in the sanctuary.



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.

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 10/24/21	\$6,015.00	\$160.00	\$223.00
ATTENDANCE:	Thursday – 38;	Sunday – 137	

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.

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 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.**

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!

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. 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.

STEM CLASSES BEGIN: Our Music Teacher's husband, Mr. Jeff Weber, is volunteering to come in to school to conduct classes in the STEM Lab. We thank Mr. Weber for volunteering to oversee this aspect of education at St. John. He recently retired from Automatic Feed in Napoleon in the mechanical engineering field. Mr. Weber will be a valuable addition to the staff of St. John.

WE NEED YOU! The School Board is looking for individuals from the congregation who are willing to join a "marketing meeting" where we will strategize and plan how to: 1) retain current families/students; and 2) recruit new families. If you are interested in joining this team please let Joel Stier (419-277-1142) know by Fri., Nov.5.

BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL SEASON: The 2021-2022 basketball season is fast approaching with practices scheduled to begin November 1st and 2nd. The 3-6 grade teams (*both boys and girls*) will consist of any active church member's children that are currently in grades 3 to 6 and are interested in participating this year. **Girls Practices begin Mon., Nov. 1st from 3:45PM to 5:15PM. Boys practice will begin Tues., Nov. 2nd from 5:30PM to 7:00PM.** Additional practice dates and times will be given out at practices. Please contact Athletic Director – Joe Badenhop (419) 438-5435 if your child is interested.

SPORTS SCHEDULE NOTE: With *Joe Badenhop* as our Athletic Director, please go to the "Calendar" icon in Fast Direct frequently as this is where he will post the sports schedules and any changes to the sports schedules. Keep in mind that in order to view the games for the basketball season, you can go to either FastDirect directly (*thru the school*) or you can enter the church's website (www.sjl.org), click on "School" at the top of page, click on "FastDirect School Info. System" on the left side of page, click on "BulletinBoard/Calendar" on the left side of page, and then scroll down to Joe Badenhop, Athletic Director and click on **his** "Calendar".

HOCKEY NIGHT WITH THE TOLEDO WALLEYE! St. John Church and School will be heading to the Toledo Walleye hockey game on Fri., Nov. 19th. The game starts at 7:15 PM. Ticket prices are \$17 per person. Payment is due upon signup in order to hold your ticket. Please see a St. John teacher after services on Sundays or contact the church office to reserve your tickets. Thursday Night Worship attendees can sign up at the narthex table and a staff member will contact you. Ticket purchase deadline is Fri., Nov. 12th. Any questions? Please contact Sarah Bartok at sbartok@sjl.org.

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!