



St. John Lutheran Church

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon: "Faith in Trial" *Hebrews 12:1-3*

Service: *Matins (LSB pg. 219)*

Hymns: **809 ~ 655 ~ 667 ~ 941 (Te Deum) ~ 575**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome! We are here at the Savior's invitation; therefore let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, receiving mercy and finding grace to help in every time of need. If you have no church of your own, we invite you to make this your home church. If you are a visitor, please fill out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and pass it to the center aisle during the offering this morning.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠

✠ Dave Badenhop, Denny Von Deylen, Jerry Short, Dan Wiechers, *Ushers* ✠

✠ Karen Germann, Mary Kossow, Diana Kruse, *Altar Guild* ✠

HOLY COMMUNION RESCHEDULED – Because the third Sunday this month will be our Outdoor Service, we will reschedule Communion for the fourth Sunday of the month, August 28, when we are back in the sanctuary.

SIDE NOTE – ALTAR FLOWERS: The bright altar flowers last Sunday (Aug. 7th) were in recognition of Elmer Maassel's 75th birthday, which was on Aug. 6th. They were placed by his family. This announcement got overlooked due to the office secretary's vacation. Sorry Elmer! I hope you were able to celebrate your big day regardless! Happy 75th Birthday, Elmer!

NO THURSDAY SERVICE PRIOR TO OUTDOOR SERVICE – Please note that there will be no Thursday evening worship service this coming week (August 18) since we are having the Outdoor Service and special congregational events the following Sunday.

In God's House This Week		<i>Online church calendar: https://74058984.view-events.com</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00AM 10:20AM	Worship Service w/Communion following Adult Bible Study
Sun.	10:00AM 11:20AM	Outdoor Worship Service; Installation of Principal and 5&6th Grade Teacher; Blessing of the Backpacks Congregational Meal; SJLS Open House
Mon.-Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM

MATTERS FOR PRAYER – Please keep these people in your prayers:

- ❖ *Melba Elling, Lorna Von Deylen, Norma Damman*, at Genacross – Napoleon
- ❖ *Lawrence Behrmann*, at Northcrest Nursing & Rehab and in hospice care
- ❖ *Military: Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Niermann, Jared Dishop, Jordan Lange*
- ❖ *Esther Layton, Sue Hurst, Eileen Fitzenreiter, and Dave Crandall*, concerns relating to cancer
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, at Ohio Veteran’s Home, Sandusky, and battling lung cancer
- ❖ *Denny Von Deylen and Steve Hurst*, following recent heart bypass surgery

THANK YOU for your thoughts by sending cards or saying prayers during my recent surgery and recovery of my cracked vertebrae. It made the healing process much better knowing there were friends praying for me. I appreciate each one of you. Signed, *Irene Joost*

SUMMER SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

“Disciples at the Lord’s Table”

Join us this morning in our new Sunday Bible study, “Disciples at the Lord’s Table.” The purpose of this Bible study, as part of discipleship series, is to help Christians dig into Scripture to explore some of the primary teachings of Jesus. That’s how disciples are made—by the power of His Word. Therefore, this study is for people who, led by Christ, want to be His disciples, but are perhaps puzzled by certain biblical teachings and want to find answers for their heartfelt questions. *Join us in the fellowship hall! The coffee is on!*



ATTENTION ALL ST. JOHN 7th & 8th GRADERS

A couple of things are happening, about which you should have received word this past week.

- **Midweek Confirmation Instruction** – will begin on **Wednesday, August 31st at 6:15 p.m.** in the classroom nearest to the sanctuary. Parents are invited to be present for the first 10 or 15 minutes to receive information about the year ahead, expectations of the catechumens, and dates related to confirmation in the spring.
- **Acolyte Training** – will be held next Sunday after the Sunday School hour, from about 11:15 AM to noon. We will gather in the sanctuary.
- **Acolyte Scheduling** – Pastor Niermann sent out information related to acolyte scheduling. Please read it carefully and respond to him so that a schedule can be handed out next Sunday during training.

*7th & 8th
Graders*

WOMEN OF FREEDOM: The Women of Freedom will not be meeting in August. Our next meeting will be Tues., Sept. 20. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend!

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 7/31/22	\$12,670.58	\$595.00	\$115.00
	ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 42; Sunday – 77		
Rec'd 8/07/22	\$6,701.00	\$100.00	\$120.00
	ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 40; Sunday – 86		

THREE WAYS TO GIVE YOUR REGULAR OFFERING

- Deposit your envelope or offering in the offering plate being passed during the service.
- Use the '**Give Now**' online giving page – a link (the blue button) is on our website.
- Mail your offering to the church.

Family Fun
Event

SOMETHING IS BREWING IN THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD for a family fun event. All we can say right now is to mark your calendar for the evening of Sunday, October 30th. More details will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead. Let's just say it will be a treat for our mouths and for our eyes!

HAWKS COMMUNITY DAY IS HERE! On Sat., August 20th, Hawks Pizza in Napoleon will be donating 10% of their total sales that day to St. John School. This is a community fundraising event they have chosen us to participate in. **Flyers are now available on the narthex table!**

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: St. John School will be holding an open house on **Sun., Aug. 21st** following the 10 AM Outdoor Service. This is for Kindergarten thru Gr. 6 families. Students may stop by their classroom to meet and greet their teacher. They can also drop off school supplies and find their locker or cubby.

PARENT MEETING: On Mon., Aug. 22nd from 6-7PM there will be a Parent Meeting for families of Kindergarten thru Grade 6. We will meet first in the Fellowship Hall. That will be a time to introduce our staff members and set the tone for the school year. After meeting in the Fellowship Hall students can drop off materials in their classrooms, meet teachers, and pay fees in the school office.

FREEDOM'S FLOCK – St. John's after school program will begin at 3:00 PM on the first day of school, August 24. Please contact Director *Brittany Pescara* to pre-register your child(ren) and pay the \$15 per family registration by August 24, if possible. You can also access the Freedom's Flock Handbook and Registration/Medical forms on FastDirect. If any adult or student (16 or older) would like to volunteer to also help with the program, you may contact Brittany at 480-352-9830.

PARENT HANDBOOKS: The 2022-23 Parent Handbook is posted and available via the FastDirect Communication network. A message was sent to each family through FastDirect. Handbooks will only be printed for those St. John families that do not have internet access via computers, cell phones, i-Pads, etc. Go to www.fastdir.com/stjohnfreedom and click on “Links”.

SCHOOL NOTES:

- ✓ **1st DAY OF SCHOOL** for St. John is Wed., Aug. 24 , with classes beginning at 8:20AM. Students arriving after that time will need to report to the school office.
- ✓ **OPEN HOUSE** – (Gr.K-6) On Sun., Aug. 21st following the 10:00 AM Outdoor Worship Service. This is for Kindergarten thru Gr. 6. See note above in the bulletin.
- ✓ **PARENT MEETING** – (Gr. K-6) On Mon., Aug. 22nd from 6:00 – 7:00 PM there will be a Parent Meeting for families in the Fellowship Hall. See note above also.
- ✓ **SCHOOL OFFICE** will be open on Mon. and Tues., Aug. 22 & 23 from 9-noon for anyone that wants to pay their school fees for the upcoming school year.
- ✓ **OPENING CHAPEL SERVICE** will be Aug. 24th at 8:35AM in the church. Following the service, *Principal Tracy Germann* will welcome our new students. **All are welcome to attend this Opening Service!**
- ✓ **SCHOOL PICTURES** will be taken by *Emilie Parsons* of Emilie’s Photo Design. The dates for these are Sept. 15th and Sept. 16th. Order forms will be sent home shortly after school starts.
- ✓ **LUNCH PROGRAM** – We will serve hot lunches again this school year. Lunch prices will remain the same. We have put Preschool and Grades K-4 together for one price, and Grades 5-6 for one price. They are: PS 4/5 - Gr. 4 - \$2.75, Gr. 5-6 - \$3.00. Extra milk is 50¢. The adult meal price is \$3.25 and \$3.75 w/milk. Money sent in for lunches are posted to each families lunch account in FastDirect Communication. You can view your balance by clicking on the Finance icon at the top of the FastDirect home page.
- ✓ **BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP** – St. John Athletic Booster membership fees for the 2022-2023 school year are: \$20.00 for husband and wife; \$10.00 for single. Make checks payable to *St. John Boosters*.
- ✓ **SCRIP PROGRAM** will be offered again this school year. Anyone willing to help the PTL with this fundraiser can contact *Kristyn Honemann* at 419-592-0643.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Duct tape is a good fix, but it took three nails to make everything as good as new.

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Rev. 21:5