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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon: "A Dying Man Doesn't Care" *Luke 14:1-6*

Service: *Divine Service, Setting One (LSB pg. 151)*

Hymns: 842 ~ 730 ~ (Communion: 628, 837) ~ 706

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome all who have come to worship our God with us today! Each day we live is a priceless gift from God, loaded with possibilities to learn something new, to gain fresh insights into His great truths. May we be showered with those blessings as we together profess His Name today. Please fill out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the baskets by the doors as you leave today.



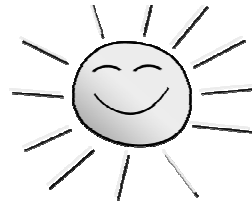
SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠
- ✠ Dave Badenhop, Denny Von Deylen, Jerry Short, Dan Wiechers, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Karen Germann, Mary Kossow, Diana Kruse, *Altar Guild* ✠

'INDOOR' OUTDOOR SERVICE THANKS!

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who helped with what turned out to be our **INDOOR Outdoor Service**. It was a wonderful morning together, despite the drippy weather! Thank you again to...

- those who prepared the pavement and grounds outside the Youth & Family Center; even though we ended up not using it, your labor in the Lord is never in vain!
- Sharon Damman, for recording the piano music for our singing and meditation
- Mike Nicol, for making the trip to bless us with your music
- parents, for bringing your children for the blessing of their backpacks
- the School Board for taking the lead on the wonderful meal we enjoyed
- Miss Germann and Mr. Benson, for coming to us as fellow servants of Christ



In God's House This Week		Online church calendar: https://74058984.view-events.com
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Study
Wed.	6:15 PM	Midweek Confirmation Class (until 7:30 PM)
Thurs.	6:30 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Breakfast Thursday Evening Worship w/Communion (in the sanctuary)
Sun.	9:00AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Study
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
- ❖ *Steve Hurst*, following recent heart surgery additional health concerns

REGULAR VOTERS' MEETING will be held three weeks from today, on **Sunday, September 18** after worship in the fellowship hall.

WOMEN OF FREEDOM: The next Women of Freedom meeting will be Tues., Sept. 20. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend!

ATTENTION ALL ST. JOHN 7th & 8th GRADERS

A couple of things are happening, about which you should have received word over these past weeks.

- **Acolyte Training** – is TODAY from about 11:15 AM to noon. We will gather in the sanctuary.
- **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.
- **JR HIGH LYF** – Todd Wachtman, our new youth leader, will be with us this Wednesday evening at the beginning of our first confirmation class session to explain plans for the JR HIGH LYF this year. For some of what's being planned, see the announcement elsewhere in this bulletin.

*7th & 8th
Graders*

NEW FACES AT ST. JOHN SCHOOL: We warmly welcome the following new staff members this school year: *Miss Tracy Germann* is our new Principal; *Mr. Stephen Benson* will be teaching Grades 5&6; *Mrs. Peg Adams*, who joins us as the school janitor; *Mrs. Mary Jo Moden*, who will be the 3-year old Preschool Teacher Aide; *Mr. Jeff Weber* who is coming on board as the STEM Instructor; and *Mrs. Susan Dickes* who is joining our staff as the Freedom Flock Aide. Welcome aboard everyone!

HOLY COMMUNION RESCHEDULED FOR TODAY – Because the Outdoor (Indoor) Service was held on the third Sunday of August (ordinarily a Communion Sunday), Holy Communion was rescheduled for today’s service. May God bless our participation in the body and blood of Christ, to the strengthening and preservation of our faith!

MY DEVOTIONS for September, October, and November are available this Sunday on the desk in the back of the church. Pick up your copy today! If you know of someone who would enjoy these, take one for them.

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES take place each week, May through October, at 7:00 p.m. Now that the school year is underway, we will resume gathering in the sanctuary for these services. Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Thursday service this week.

**Men's Breakfast
Bible Study**



MEN’S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY resume meeting again this Thursday, September 1st at 6:30 a.m. in the north fellowship hall. This week we will continue our study of Satan, “The Great Deceiver” --- how he seeks to destroy us by his lies, and how we counter his attacks as the people of God and win the victory.

We gather for one hour, which should give you give time to get on your way with whatever your day may hold. It’s a wonderful time of fellowship and of nourishment of body and soul! **The breakfasts are the best, and you don’t want to miss it! Please join us. It’s the best part of waking up!**

SHARE THE BOUNTY OF SUMMER – This morning a table is set up under the carport where you can bring any spare produce from your garden and share it with others in the congregation. Bring whatever you can and take whatever you can use, and share the bounty of summer!



<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	
	Building Fund		
	Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00
	Rec’d 8/21/22	\$6,963.00	\$150.00
			\$961.54
			\$550.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – NA; Sunday – 183

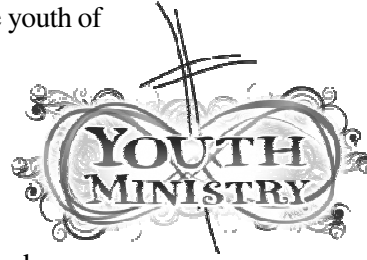
THREE WAYS TO GIVE YOUR REGULAR OFFERING

- 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!

LYF KICKOFF EVENT: Some exciting things are in the works for the youth of St. John, under the leadership of the new youth leader, Todd Wachtman. Join us for a new year of Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) in *The Upper Room* at the Youth & Family Center starting on Sunday, September 18th...Junior High @ 4:00pm; High School @ 5:00pm. Meal provided.



- We will explore examples of God's work through young leaders in the Bible. It's a four-part discussion series, so this will be wrapped up in time for Christmas!
- We will start making plans for the annual LYF Ice Cream Social Fundraiser right away! We'll brainstorm ideas for the next meeting and a future servant event.

Now that you have the first LYF meeting on the calendar, check your mailbox for more information on upcoming LYF dates and times. Didn't get anything in the mail? Come to the first meeting and we'll get you on the list! Questions? LYF@sjl.org

Join us for a new season of LYF!

SUNDAY SCHOOL / CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: It's time to gear up for another season of Christian education at St. John. **Sunday, Sept. 11th** - Regular Sunday School classes begin. Grades K-6 will be using the 'Enduring Faith' curriculum. While students are in Sunday School, all adults and Sunday School parents are invited to come to Adult Bible Study which is held in the north end of the fellowship hall. Meanwhile, preschool, junior and senior high classes will continue their normal schedule.

IF YOU'RE EVER IN A PINCH and could use a little help, the *Good Neighbor Fund* is there to assist you too! Please don't be bashful about asking – everything is strictly confidential. Just give Pastor Niermann a call, and we'll see what we can do!

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND FIRST DAY INFO: Open House will be held in two sessions (each day) on Thurs., Sept. 1 for those registered for the 4-5 year old class at 8:30-9:30 and 10:00-11:00. For the 3 year old class it will be held on Fri., Sept. 2, at 8:30-9:30 AM and 10:00-11:00. Students and parents will come to the classroom during the day to get a feel for how the preschool day is run. Parents will choose their session prior to the open house. During your visit, your child will also be able to drop off their school supplies, if necessary. Please click on the link below to sign up for a time to come to the open house. Be sure to sign up for the corresponding day for your child's age level. Sign up link: www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4EABAB2BA75-preschool

Per the July School Board meeting, the 4/5-yr preschool will begin on Tues., Sept. 6th at 8:20 AM. The 3-yr preschool will begin on Wed., Sept. 7th at 8:20 AM.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

A brush with death always helps us to live our lives better. ~Paulo Coelho

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom." Psa 90:12