



# St. John Lutheran Church

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

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## Serving Christ in Freedom

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### **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Sermon & Text: "The Lepers' Prayer" *Luke 17:11-19*

Order of Service: Morning Prayer *LSB pg. 235*

Hymns: 435 ~ 846 ~ 925 ~ 704

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### **WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS**

*Welcome to the services of God's House and the fellowship of our congregation. Enter in stillness...know that the Lord is God. Listen in reverence...it is God who has made us. Sing with delight...it is God who hears us. Speak with conviction...there is no other God. Depart in peace...it is God's gift for you. Serve with joy...it is your gift to God. Please fill out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and drop it into the baskets at the doors as you leave today.*

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### **SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING**

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Nolan Bickel, Cayden Ruffer, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Mike Maassel, Scott Van Valkenburg, Carey Damman, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Kathy Gruenhagen, Deb Wachtman, Nancy Short, *Altar Guild* ✠

**NEW ARRIVAL:** Brandon & Kayla (*Damman*) Jackman would like to announce the safe arrival of their son, *Caleb David*, on Wed., Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> at Fulton County Health Center. Mother and child are home and doing well. Big brother, Connor, is sure to enjoy his new brother, as well as, grandparents, Dave & Teresa Damman. Congratulations to the Jackmans!

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** this morning will continue our look into the Holy Supper of our Lord. Only during the last 500 years of Christian history have some churches stated that Jesus' words, "This is My body...This is My blood," mean "This represents My body...My blood." These churches no longer take the Lord's words at face value, but interpret them as symbolism. But this is Christ's last testament, bequeathed to us the night He was betrayed. Dare we play with the words of His last testament?



Join us for Bible study this morning as we grow together in grace, in the knowledge of the Lord, and in our appreciation for His gift of Holy Communion. The coffee is on!

In God's House This Week		Online church calendar: <a href="http://www.DynaCal.com/sjl">www.DynaCal.com/sjl</a>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	<b>Worship Service w/Communion following</b> Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; "The Lamp"
Mon.	6:00 PM	Basketball/Cheerleading Parent Meeting
Tue.	8:35 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>School Chapel</b> School Board Meeting Church Council Meeting
Wed.	6:15 PM	Midweek Confirmation Class ( <i>until 7:30 PM</i> )
Thurs.	7:00 PM	<b>Thursday Evening Worship</b>
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM 10:30AM	<b>Communion Service</b> Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; "The Lamp" Drive-thru Meal ( <i>see bulletin note</i> )
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
- ❖ *Esther Layton*, moved to Defiance Hospice Center
- ❖ *Military: Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Niermann, Jared Dishop, Jordan Lange*
- ❖ *Sue Hurst and Dave Crandall*, concerns relating to cancer
- ❖ *Steve Hurst*, now home and recuperating from recent heart surgery

**COMING UP IN WORSHIP**

- **Sunday, Oct. 30** The children of our school and Sunday School will be singing in worship
- **Sunday, Nov 6** The celebration of **All Saints** – *Remembering those who have departed this past year to be with the Lord*

**DRIVE-THRU MEAL:** The School Board is hosting a Drive-thru Meal on Sun., Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> with serving from 10:30 until gone. The menu will be Brisket, Pulled Pork, Chips, Applesauce, and Cookie. A freewill offering will be taken. Plan ahead...come out and support the school!

**WOMEN OF FREEDOM:** The next Women of Freedom meeting will be Tues., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. All ladies of St. John invited to come.

<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 9/25/22 (add'l)	\$1,810.00	\$55.00	\$75.00
Rec'd 10/02/22	\$7,516.00	\$130.00	\$195.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 35; Sunday – 146

**MEMORIALS** given for *Tom Kruse*: St. John Lutheran Cemetery - \$990.00  
St. John Lutheran Church Endowment–School Fund - \$66.00

# TRUNK-or-TREAT

**BE A TRUNKER, and help us provide this event for our community!** On Sunday, October 30 at 4:00 PM, St. John will be hosting its first ever community TRUNK-or-TREAT. The idea is for members of our congregation to provide this event for our community by getting involved as a **TRUNKER**. Your job will be to come with a trunk of treats (and games, optional) for trick-or-treaters from the community and church. Here's what's involved...



- **Purchase candy and treats for the kids – no homemade treats, please**
- **Optionally, decorate the back end of your car and perhaps dress up in a coordinating costume (you can be as creative as you'd like, or do nothing).** Please stay away from really scary themes, and let's go more for fun! There are all kinds of ideas on the internet if you do a Google image search like "decorate for trunk or treat."
- **Bring along a quick little game (also optional)** for the kids to play at your trunk. Again, there are all kinds of ideas if you search "games for trunk or treat" or something like that. How about a ring toss onto a long pumpkin stem? Or engage them for a second treat in a game of tic-tac-toe using candy corn and mini marshmallows?
- **Maybe offer a little prize along with a treat.**
- **Arrive at the church on October 30<sup>th</sup> by 3:30 PM,** in time to find a parking spot (attendants will direct you) and to get your trunk all set up for trick-or-treaters at 4:00.

**To sign up as a TRUNKER,** there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or use the link on the church website ([sjl.org](http://sjl.org)) to sign up online. Let's get involved and make this happen for our community. Thank you in advance for your participation!

**LCMS DISASTER RESPONSE** – There is a lot going on right now in our nation that is causing human misery and suffering. When tragedy strikes, Thrivent clients and the community often want to reach out and help. We have heard the same response in regards to those impacted by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. Thrivent is coming along side of you to help those impacted by this devastation. Here are three ways for you to make a difference:

1. Make a donation and Thrivent will boost it! Donate online, and for every \$2 you donate through Thrivent's online giving platform to one of the following: *Convoy of Hope*, *LCMS Disaster Response*, *Lutheran Disaster Response*, or *Orphan Grain Train* (responding only to Hurricane Ian), Thrivent will add \$1. This match will continue until December 1, 2022.
2. Apply to lead a Thrivent Action Team. Input "SouthHurricane2022" in the Promo code field to expedite shipping. Gather family and friends and make this a service project for the victims.
3. Direct your Choice Dollars to organizations helping with Disaster Response efforts.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Children attending St. John Parochial and any of the Public Schools will be singing on Reformation Sunday, October 30th. We will begin practice each Sunday, before Sunday School during October, with Mrs. Weber. If public school parents would like the links to the music, please email Mrs. Weber at [cweber@sjl.org](mailto:cweber@sjl.org). We will meet on the 30th at 8:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Please make every effort to have your children join us in worship and song.

### **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.

**ATHLETIC PARENT MEETING:** On Mon., Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM there will be a Parent Meeting for **all basketball player and cheerleading parents** in the Fellowship Hall. Parents are strongly urged to attend this meeting. Details for the upcoming basketball season will be discussed.

**ATHLETIC BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP:** St. John Athletic Booster membership drive is underway. Fees remain the same as in the past with \$20 for husband/wife; \$10 for a single membership. Make checks payable to *St. John Boosters*. Forms available on the narthex table.

**PTL COOKBOOKS** – The “Recipes and Remembrances” cookbooks from PTL are still available for purchase. They have a very nice collection of great recipes in them and would make a neat gift for that “hard to buy” family member or friend. This is a PTL fundraiser and the cookbooks are available on the table in the narthex. The cost is \$10.00. If writing a check, please make it payable to: *St. John PTL*. We hope you enjoy it! Thank you for supporting the PTL!

**LARGE PRINT & CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY BULLETINS** are available today on the table in the narthex. The Children’s Bulletins are coordinated with the Bible texts for each Sunday, and provide activities that tie in with the weekly themes. Pick one up today for your child.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** – The Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on a few radio stations in our area. They cover many interesting topics relevant to today’s issues. Broadcasts are Sundays on: Archbold’s WMTR 96.1 at 7:30 AM and **Napoleon’s WNDH 103.1 at 9:00 AM.**

**SCRIP AT ST. JOHN:** The *SCRIP* campaign has begun and will run for the remainder of the school year. For those that don't know, *SCRIP* is gift cards that you purchase through PTL for full face value. They work for both in store purchases and online shopping. PTL works through a company that

purchases these gift cards in bulk from participating retailers. A percentage of the purchase stays with PTL and a percentage goes to the student’s family toward enrollment/tuition. Think ahead--if you give out gift cards for Christmas consider purchasing them from PTL instead of at the store so that a portion of that sale stays with St. John Lutheran School. Order forms and program information are posted on FastDirect under ‘Links,’ titled *SCRIP Order Forms* and *SCRIP Program Info*.

Order forms are available outside the school office and also on the narthex table in the back of church. Please feel free to share with family and friends. Payment must accompany orders and checks should be made out to St. John PTL. **Any questions about SCRIP can be directed to the SCRIP**

**Coordinator Kristyn Honemann at 419-966-0207 or email at [honemann@embarqmail.com](mailto:honemann@embarqmail.com).**



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**Food For Thought...**

**The key to heaven was hung on a nail!**

*“O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav’nly home.” (LSB 357, stz 5)*