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ALL SAINTS DAY (observed)

Sermon & Text: "Blessed Are You" *Matthew 5:1-3*
Order of Service: See printed Service Folder
Hymns: 677 ~ 982 ~ 670 ~ 781 ~ [Communion: 725, 671, 667] ~ 510

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we gather at the Lord's Table today, we also unite with all the saints to celebrate God's feast of victory. Here He nourishes us with the food and drink of the full assurance of our salvation in Him. Please fill out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and place it in the basket at the door as you leave today.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✘ Cayden Ruffer & Brayden Damman ✘
- ✘ Joe Badenhop, Nick Sonnenberg, Neil Badenhop, Doug Dietrich, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Elaine Buenger, Deb Von Deylen, Teresa Weller, *Altar Guild* ✘

TODAY IS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Today we commemorate the saints in Christ who have gone before us, with thanks to God for their salvation through Christ our Lord. On this day each year we place a white rose near the baptismal font in remembrance of our sisters and brothers in faith from St. John who departed this life in the last year to be with the Lord in glory. This year we remember especially...

Esther Layton
Walter Rosebrock
Marvin Gruenhagen
Darrel Bockelman



Hildegard Ludemann
Lorna Von Deylen
Larry Rohrs

An eighth rose is placed in remembrance of all our Christian loved ones who died in Christ since November 1st (All Saints Day) last year. If a Christian friend or family members of yours passed away during that year, please take a moment before the service to write their name on the list in the narthex, to be included in our remembrance of the saints.

In God's House This Week		Online church calendar: https://74058984.view-events.com
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	All Saints Service with Communion Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; "The Lamp"
Mon.	5:00 PM	School Board Meeting
Tues.	8:35 AM 10:00AM	School Chapel <i>GriefShare</i> Support Group
Wed.	12:30PM 6:15 PM	Preschool Parent Conferences Midweek Confirmation Class (<i>until 7:30 PM</i>)
Thurs.	3:30 PM	Parent/Teachers Conferences (PreS thru Gr. 7)
Fri.	10:00AM	NO SCHOOL
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service with Communion following Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; "The Lamp"

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

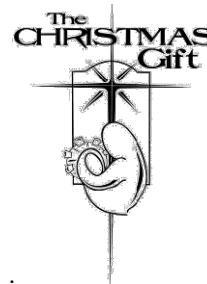
- ❖ *Melba Elling and Norma Damman*, at Genacross – Napoleon
- ❖ *Lawrence Behrmann*, at Northcrest Nursing & Rehab
- ❖ Our Shut-Ins: *Irene Joost, Leona Durham, and Elaine Mahnke*
- ❖ Military: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Carmon, Jared Dishop, Jordan Lange*
- ❖ *Alan Gruenhagen, Sue Hurst, Dave Crandall, Eddie Harris*, health concerns related to cancer
- ❖ *Marian Damman*, who broke a hip from a fall and is recovering at Fulton Manor – Wauseon
- ❖ *Ruth Moll*, who is experiencing complications related to her recent pacemaker replacement

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE PLANS – The children's service comes

early this year, on **Sunday, Dec. 17** (one week before Christmas Eve). We have scheduled the service a little earlier as well at 5:00 p.m. since there is school the following day. The script is ready, and its time to begin identifying the children who will be participating, so that parts can be assigned. Here are a few things to note:

- **Parents, please sign up your children.** There is a form in the narthex to let us know your children will be participating. Alternatively, SJLS parents can sign up their children by simply responding to the email from Principal Germann.
- Music rehearsing will begin right away at SJLS, and soon in Sunday School.
- The first rehearsal and read-through will take place on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 26. Rehearsals take place during Sunday School on the Sundays of December (3, 10 and 17).

We are looking for a person or team of people who can lead and direct rehearsals. Please speak with Pastor Niermann to review the script if interested.



THE NOMINATION PROCESS BEGINS – The Stewardship Board would like to announce that letters will be going out early this week to members of our congregation asking if they would be willing to serve in one of the offices of our congregation. Please keep this process in your prayers and if asked, please give it serious consideration. **We are so thankful to God for all those who choose to serve!**

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 10/29/23	\$6,336.62	\$40.00	\$215.00

ATTENDANCE: Sunday – 136

Opportunities for Growth in Faith this week...

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS --- *A Longer Look at the Lessons*

"*Blessed are you,*" says Jesus in His well-known Beatitudes. Many preachers preach the Beatitudes as if they were more laws prescribed for us to fulfill, so that we can be blessed of God. But this misses the point entirely. It is hardly a blessed thing to have more requirements heaped upon you when you can't even fulfill the old requirements.

We hope you can join us for Bible study this morning as we take a look more deeply at today's readings. Please join us for *A Longer Look at the Lessons*. The coffee is on!

THE LAMP (Youth Bible Study) is changing things up a bit this year. The Lamp will not be in session on the Sundays that the LYF meetings are being held. The devotion and topic will be done at the meeting. We want to welcome all youth and young adults to join us at the Youth Center across the road for Bible Study, snacks, games, discussions and fellowship!! Staying in God's Word is so important in this crucial time in life! Come join us for food for the soul and body!



GRIEF SHARE is a grief and loss support ministry to help those dealing with grief by giving them valuable, Christian-based guidance and tips leading to healing, comfort, and peace of mind. The group is led by our member, *Nancy Nemoyer*, a commissioned Deaconess of the LCMS.

You can learn more details on our GRIEF SHARE registration web page at: www.griefshare.org/groups/175717 (this link is also on our church webpage, sjl.org). It is never too late to join us.

LADIES OF ST. JOHN: The 2024 Booklet for the *Women of Freedom (LWML)* is being edited. All women of the Lutheran Church are considered members of the LWML. If you would like to be listed as an *active* member, please contact *Linda Riefers*. Call 419-267-3366 or e-mail rie307w@bright.net. Current members please note any change of address or phone contact; and also, if you would like to have your e-mail added. *Women of Freedom* meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month with no meetings in January, February, June, August and December. Special optional activities are planned in February, June, and December. We serve funerals on request and volunteer our services as needed in the church. A warm welcome to any and all!

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP – Mark your calendar for **Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, Nov. 22**, for our Thanksgiving Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. As always, we encourage you to consider two offerings that evening – the regular monetary offering for Christmas Cheer, and the offering of food items for our *Bread From Heaven Food Pantry*. Nothing says thanks to God like helping your neighbor!



POINSETTIA SALE

The poinsettia sale for Christmas is now underway, and pink order forms are inserted in today's bulletin and also available on the narthex table. **The deadline for ordering is Wed., Nov. 15th.** The cost is \$9.00 per plant. You may put your form and check payable to *St. John Lutheran School* in the poinsettia 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.



SAVE THE DATE(S): (note date change in black)

- ❖ **Sunday, Nov. 12th at 4:00 PM** we would like to recognize Pastor Niermann for his 25 years of service to the St. John congregation. We will honor him with a potluck meal (which he really enjoys). Plan to attend and congratulate Pastor Niermann on his special day!
- ❖ **Sunday, Dec. 10th from 2-5 PM** the Women of Freedom will be hosting their Christmas Party with the theme, "Party with a Purpose." There will be snacks and treats provided. This is open to any women in the congregation. We hope you can make it!

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS – Coming Thursday, November 16

The holidays present unique challenges for people who are grieving.

- "What will the holidays be like without my loved one here?"
- "Should I keep things the same at the Thanksgiving table now that he's not here, or do something different?"
- "She always decorated the tree. Should I even put one up this year?"

To help you cope, we are offering "*Surviving the Holidays*," a single two-hour event by *GriefShare* to support and equip you with coping tools for the holiday season. You'll see a video with folks sharing their struggles, you'll meet people with whom you can discuss your experiences (or just listen), and you'll receive a holiday survival guide with practical tips for facing the holidays after loss.

This session will be held on the Thursday prior to Thanksgiving, November 16, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the lounge near the sanctuary, and will be led by our *GriefShare* leader, Nancy Nemoyer. An optional half hour craft will follow in acknowledgement of your grief and in memory of your loved one.

Registration is not required, but is recommended. Use the link on our church webpage, www.sjl.org, or go to www.griefshare.org/holidays/events/50154. Alternatively, you can register by signing up in the narthex. Feel free to extend the invitation to anyone you think may benefit.



PTL MEETING: The next PTL meeting will be held Mon., Nov. 13th at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The success of the PTL depends on parental involvement. We are still in need of PTL officers for this school year. Please plan to attend the meeting, bring your ideas, and support the school.

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.

SPORTS SCHEDULE: To view the most recent sports schedule, please go to AD Joe Badenhop's "Calendar" in Fast Direct, as this is where he will post the sports schedules and any changes. Simply 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, then click on "BulletinBoard/Calendar" on the left side of page, and scroll down to Joe Badenhop, Athletic Director and click on **his** "Calendar".

GIRLS' BASKETBALL PRACTICE: The 2023-2024 basketball season is fast approaching with girls' practices underway on Mon/Wed/Fri from 4-5:30 PM. The 4-6 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. Please contact Coach Schroeder at 419-591-6655 if your daughter is interested.

SCRIP: Plan to get a jump start on your Christmas shopping this year. The SCRIP Order Form has been inserted in today's bulletin. Additional order forms are available on the narthex table and in the "School Info" rack outside the school office is you should need more. Thank you and happy shopping!

IT'S CHRISTMAS CHEER TIME AGAIN! Henry County Christmas Cheer is beginning its annual campaign for monetary donations **ONLY** for the purchase of food for low income and needy persons in Henry County. The campaign runs from now through December 3rd. If you would like to make a donation, please drop it in the container marked "Christmas Cheer" on the narthex table. **Make checks payable to Henry County Christmas Cheer.**

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 2023. National Wreaths Across American Day is Sat., Dec. 16, 2023. 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.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0229P or via the QR code on the sponsorship form. **Order deadline is Wed., Nov. 18th.**

AREA EVENTS:

- **St. Martin's 2023-2024 Concert Series** kicks off on **Friday, Nov. 10th** at 7pm with *Marty's Birthday Bash Hymn Festival*. This celebrates Martin Luther's 540th birthday with hymns of the church year spanning 1529-2023. Traditional Lutheran hymns will be presented as well as music from across the globe with the help of St. Martin's own musicians. Come ready to sing! The church is located at 203 S. Defiance Street, Archbold, OH. See flyer on bulletin board.
- **Napoleon Zone Christian Life Workshop** will be held on Sat., Nov. 11th at 8:30 AM at St. Paul Lutheran, Liberty Center, 8074 County Road T. Join us in fellowship and Bible study! See posted flyer!

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Food For Thought...

Let us say, 'We belong to Jesus'. Every saint had this on their tongue.

"Then look to Christ. Bind yourself to Christ and you will know God's love. Say to Him, "I'm yours. Save me."

John Staupitz to Martin Luther, when Luther struggled to find a merciful God.

All Saints Day

*The Lord redeems the life of
his servants;
none of those who take refuge
in him will be condemned.*

Psalm 34.22

