

St. John Lutheran Church

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Pastoral Vacancy

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Church: 419-598-8961

School: 419-598-8702

Church Website: www.sjl.org

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Like Sheep Without A Shepherd" *Mark 6:30-44*

Order of Service: Divine Service, Setting Four (pg. 203)

Hymns: 861 ~ 644 ~ [Communion: 510, 910] ~ 793

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

- ✠ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✠ Evelyn Szabo, Erin Damman, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Derek Damman, Dave Myles, Tim Badenhop, Denny Bockelman, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Lou Ann Rosebrock, Diane Von Deylen, *Altar Guild* ✠



SUMMER ADULT BIBLE CLASS - This morning we will take "A Longer Look at the Lessons." These week-by-week studies take a more in-depth look at the Scripture readings that are read in worship that morning. Each Sunday is a study unto itself, so that if you have to miss one Sunday, you can easily pick up again the following Sunday. **Please join us in the fellowship hall.**

SHARE THE BOUNTY – Has your garden produced a bounty of beans? A crush of cucumbers? An excess of eggplants? If you've got more than you can use, consider sharing the bounty with your friends at church. A table is located outside under the carport where you can drop off the garden produce you *can't* use, and where you can also pick up what you *can* use. It's a wonderful way to share the blessing!



In God's House This Week

Online church calendar: <https://74058984.view-events.com>

Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Study
Mon.	5:00 PM 5:30 PM	Annual School Cleaning (<i>see note</i>) <i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry
Tues.	10:00AM	Girls Basketball Open Gym (<i>see note</i>)
Wed.	10:00AM 5:00 PM	Girls Basketball Open Gym (<i>see note</i>) Annual School Cleaning (<i>see note</i>)
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Study

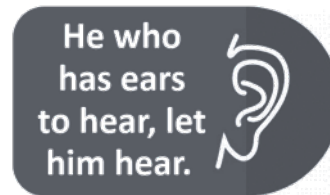
PASTORAL EMERGENCIES – In the event you require emergency pastoral care, please call Rev. Charles Kramer at 567-277-1339.

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

- ❖ Melba Elling, Norma Damman, and Elaine Hesterman, at Genacross
- ❖ Lawrence Behrmann, at Northcrest Nursing & Rehab
- ❖ Our Shut-Ins: Irene Joost, Leona Durham, and Elaine Mahnke
- ❖ Military: Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Carmon, Jordan Lange
- ❖ Lowell Petzoldt, for health concerns related to cancer
- ❖ Marietta Damman, recuperating at Fulton Manor following hip surgery

PREPARING OUR EARS TO HEAR – In today's Scripture readings we hear that *The Lord Jesus Shepherds His Church on Earth by the Ministry of the Gospel*

The Lord rebukes and removes “the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep” (Jer. 23:1). He gathers the flock, brings them back to the fold, and sets “shepherds over them who will care for them” (Jer. 23:3–4). He raises up the Son of David, the great Good Shepherd, to “reign as king and deal wisely” (Jer. 23:5). He is “our righteousness,” in whom we “dwell securely” (Jer. 23:6). He has compassion on all of us, who were “like sheep without a shepherd” (Mark 6:34). Not only does He teach us many things, but taking the bread, He blesses and breaks and gives it to the disciples “to set before the people” (Mark 6:41). He abundantly provides for His Church on earth, so that everyone is fed and fully satisfied in body and soul. He preaches peace “to you who were far off,” and “by the blood of Christ,” He brings you near (Eph. 2:13, 17). Though you were “separated from Christ” by your sin, “having no hope and without God in the world” (Eph. 2:12), now “you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God” (Eph. 2:19). **“He who has ears to hear, let him hear” (Matt 11:15).**



PORTALS OF PRAYER BOOKLETS for the next quarter, *July, August, September*, are on the desk in the back of the church. There are also large print booklets available for anybody to pick up.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 07/14/24	\$6,355.00	\$295.00	\$200.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (7/11/24) – 32; Sunday (7/14/24) – 92

MEMORIALS for *Steven Norden*: St. John Lutheran Endowment Fund – Capital Projects - \$2,195

ST. JOHN GIRLS B-BALL OPEN GYMS: Coach Schroeder will be holding open gyms for girls who are going into Grades K-6 next school year. These will be held at St. John from 10 – 11:30 AM on the following dates: **July 23, 24**. Informational flyers are available on the narthex table. Any questions...call Coach Schroeder at 419-591-6655.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Please note the church office hours during the summer months are Tuesday thru Friday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Closed over the lunch hour and all day on Mondays. If making a special trip, please call 419-598-8961 or 598-8702 to guarantee someone will be here.

ANNUAL SCHOOL CLEANING DATES have been set for **Mon., July 22 and Wed., July 24** starting at 5:00 PM both nights. Please read the Parent Participation Policy in FastDirect with all the details about family requirements for School Cleaning. Carpets will be cleaned on Tues., July 23.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT – *Help spread the word about our preschool program!* St. John Lutheran Preschool is still accepting enrollment applications for 2024-25 school year. **Both classes still have several open spots to fill for next year.** Please help us fill these 3-yr and 4-yr old spots quickly. Anyone interested in our preschool program should contact the school office at 419-598-8702 to request an enrollment packet.

SCHOOL JANITOR POSITION OPEN – St. John Lutheran School is seeking an individual to fill the janitorial position for the school. This person is responsible for ordering supplies, daily cleaning of the school proper, cafeteria, hallways, restrooms, etc. This would average 15 hours per week. Applicant must submit references and obtain a background check. Please contact the school office at 419-598-8702 or Principal Germann at tgermann@sjl.org.

FULL-TIME SCHOOL SECRETARIAL POSITION: **We are now accepting résumés from anyone interested in applying for the full-time position of School Secretary.** This is a fulltime position, working year-round. Requirements are a high school diploma, an accounting background, a good familiarity with Word, Excel, and Google Drive, computer use, and the ability to maintain a strict confidence. An Associate Degree in the secretarial field is a bonus. Applicants must be willing to submit a résumé, obtain a background check, supply three references, and must adhere to the religious beliefs of St. John Lutheran Church. Resumes should be emailed to tgermann@sjl.org, or dropped off at the school office.

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 the church office a call, and we'll see what we can do!

PROJECT CONNECT – There are many free booklets in the rack in the narthex. Be sure to check for some informative reading. Some titles are: “*Alzheimer’s: Facing the Loss of a Lifetime*,” “*Talking with God*,” “*Forgiveness is a Choice*,” “*Talking Openly with Kids*,” “*Setting Priorities*,” “*Your Place in God’s Plan*,” “*Stressed but Connected*,” “*Beyond Divorce*,” “*For Better, For Worse*,” “*What Is Faith in Jesus?*” and many more. These booklets are furnished through the Lutheran Hour Ministries.

OHIO ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN: The Ohio Division OGT is located in the north end of the Culligan Water Conditioning building on Independence Drive in Napoleon. Someone is usually there to receive items on the first Tuesday of the month from 9:30-11:30 AM. If you need to drop off items at another time, please contact *Nancy Helmke* (419-758-3539), *Diann Meyer-Grieser* (419-267-3485), or *Vicki Grieser* (419-445-2986), and they will be happy to meet you and open the facility to receive your donations! PLEASE do not drop off items at the warehouse when it is closed. Thank you!

TURN YOUR OLD USED CELL PHONE INTO A GIFT FOR THE POOR AND FOR YOUR CHURCH! Informed sources tell us that the average American household has 5 to 6 old unused cell phones lying around. Now you can put those phones to good use AND keep them out of the landfills. Bring them to church and deposit them in the large white box in the narthex. They will be forwarded to a company that sorts them and prepares them to be given to poor families for emergency use, and sends us a check. Old cell phones range in value from \$1 up to \$50.



HEARING ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE: If hearing in worship has been a problem for you, pick up one of the receiver units for our hearing assistance system. An usher will assist you and you’ll hear much more clearly. (*Also, please let us know how the system is working for you.*)

For those who use the hearing assistance system regularly and for the sake of hygiene, we ask that you claim one of the ear buds as your own and keep it with you in your purse, pocket, etc. Bring it with you when you come to church, and simply plug it into one the receivers. At the end of the service, unplug the ear bud to take with you until the next time.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Locally you can listen to the Lutheran Hour Ministries broadcast on WMTR 96.1 FM, Archbold at 7:30 AM or on WNDH 103.1 FM, Napoleon at approximately 9:00 AM every Sunday. They cover many interesting topics relevant to today’s issues.

HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL: On **Sun., July 21st from 11am – 1pm, Zion Lutheran Church in Ridgeville Corners** will be hosting a homemade Ice Cream Social at the church. They will be serving hot chicken sandwiches, hot dogs, cheesy potatoes, Cole slaw, baked beans, chips, pie, cake and a beverage. Freewill donation and carryout available. Come and enjoy!

SAVE THE DATE! The 16th Annual Stephanie Kossow Memorial Golf Outing will be held at White Pines Golf Course on **Sat., July 27th, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start.** Forms available today!

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Thought for the Week...

Jesus is an investment that never loses interest.