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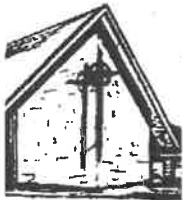
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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Serious Sinfulness" *Mark 9:38-50*
Order of Service: Divine Service, Setting One (pg. 151)
Hymns: 870 ~ 555 ~ 437 ~ 850, vs. 1, 4

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS *You are among Christian friends today. We all have come to the Lord's House to hear what He has to say and to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. We pray that His grace will touch and move you. 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.*



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✠ Westen Cowell, Piper Speiser ✠
- ✠ Ted Ripke, Denny Behnfeldt, Bob Norden, Elmer Maassel, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Kaylee Buchhop, Ronda Wentworth, Karen Lulfs, Karan Niebergall, *Altar Guild* ✠

ALTAR FLOWERS today are placed by Todd & Chris Hesterman, in honor of what would have been Ron & Elaine Hesterman's 69th Wedding Anniversary on Sept 25th, and in memory of Chris' parents, Norman & Anita Bair who would have celebrated 63 years today, September 29th.

LYF ICE CREAM SOCIAL – The LYF will be hosting its annual Ice Cream Social today, with serving from 10:30 to Noon in the Fellowship Hall. On the menu: *Chicken Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Chips, Beverage and Schwan's Ice Cream.* Freewill offering! Carryout available also! The youth will be raising funds for upcoming group events. Come and help support the youth of our congregation!

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER: *Lawrence Behrmann* is turning 95 years old on Monday, Sept. 30th. We would like to generate a birthday card shower for him. Anyone wishing to send a card to Lawrence should send it to Northcrest Nursing & Rehab, 240 Northcrest Drive, Napoleon, OH. He will be so happy and thankful that you thought of him.

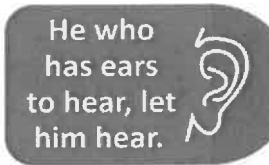
In God's House This Week		Online church calendar: https://74058984.view-events.com
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:20AM	Adult Bible Class; Sunday School
	10:30AM	LYF Ice Cream Social (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Tues.	8:35 AM	School Chapel
	6:30 PM	Athletic Parent Meeting
Wed.	6:15 PM	Midweek Confirmation Class (<i>until 7:30 PM</i>)
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir Practice
Thurs.	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study Breakfast
	7:00 PM	Thursday Evening Worship with Communion
Sun.	9:00 AM	Communion Service
	10:20AM	Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; "The Lamp" begins

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES – In the event you require emergency pastoral care, please call Pastor Gary at 989-770-0005.

- MATTERS FOR PRAYER** – Please keep these people in your prayers:
- ❖ *Melba Elling, Norma Damman, and Rozella Gruenhagen* 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, and Cody Hoffman*
 - ❖ *Lowell Petzoldt*, for health concerns related to cancer
 - ❖ *Marietta Damman and Willie Joost*, dealing with health related concerns
 - ❖ *Cheryl Yaw*, recently diagnosed with cancer and will undergo surgery in the future

PREPARING OUR EARS TO HEAR – In today's Scripture readings we hear that *Christ Jesus, the Son of God, Cares for Us and Serves Us with the Forgiveness of Sins*

When the people of Israel wept, complaining that they had no meat to eat (Num. 11:4), Moses cried out to the Lord that "the burden of all this people" was too heavy for him and that he was "not able to carry all this people alone" (Num. 11:11–14). So the Lord had Moses gather "seventy men of the elders of Israel" (Num. 11:16), and the Lord "took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders" (Num. 11:25), so that Moses would not carry the burden alone. All who thus labor are honored, and all the people are cared for, in the name of the Lord (Mark 9:39–41). Everything is done with reference to Christ Jesus. So we cling to Him, and we flee from all sins that would separate us from Him (Mark 9:42–48). The life of the Church is one of repentant faith in Christ. Christians confess their sins to one another, and they "pray for one another," that each would be raised up and healed by the Lord Jesus, who covers "a multitude of sins" and saves our souls from death (James 5:15–20)



PORTALS OF PRAYER BOOKLETS for the quarter of October, November, and December are on the desk in the narthex. There are also large print copies available.

FINANCIAL FACTS:	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 09/22/24	\$6,335.00	\$190.00	\$240.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (9/19/24) – 30; Sunday (9/22/24) – 125



VENMO IS HERE! Exciting News... St. John now accepts donations via Venmo! We are thrilled to announce that you can now make your offering donations using Venmo! Simply scan the QR code beside this announcement with your Venmo app to go directly to our donation page.

PTL DETERGENT FUNDRAISER (deadline is Oct. 4th): This *Profitable Solutions* Liquid Laundry Detergent & Fabric Softener fundraiser is sponsored by the PTL. It involves selling bulk laundry detergent (including pods!), softener, scent booster, dish soap, dishwasher pods and trash bags! All products are comparable to name brands. You will be receiving 42% more detergent (350-500 loads!) for the same price you'd pay in store! **Order forms are available today on the narthex table.** Please direct any questions to Nicole Stier at 419-966-7376.

TRUNK OR TREAT – Four weeks from today

We had such a good time last year that we're offering it again. **On Sunday, October 27 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. we will turn our parking lot into a Halloween Trunk-or-Treat** for all the children of our church, school and community.

Our first order of business is to sign up 'Trunkers' – all of you who will decorate your car trunks or hatch backs, and maybe costume up for this event, to supply candy and treats for all the Trunk-or-Treaters who may come our way. This is also a mission event that introduces families and children to this body of Christ at St. John, and elevates our presence in the community. Would you consider doing this as a service to the children? **Sign up at the narthex table or in the school/church office to be a Trunker!**



GRANDPARENTS' DAY: On Thursday, November 7, we will celebrate our grandparents. Grandparents of the 4-year-old preschool class, as well as grandparents of students in grades K-5 are invited to come to school from 9:30-12. From 9:30-11:30 there will be a variety of activities available as well as time to visit the book fair. From 11:30-12 we will head to the church for some songs and prayers. Students will be dismissed early that day. If your child's grandparents will be taking them home at noon after Grandparents' Day, please make sure to inform your child's teacher.

Grandparents' Day for the 3-year-old preschool class will be held the day before on Wednesday, November 6 from 10-11:20.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER NEEDED: St. John is currently looking for a long-term sub for Grades 1&2 from October 2nd thru December 20th. If you know of anyone or you are interested in this, please contact the school at 419-598-8702 or email Principal Tracy Germann at tgermann@sjl.org

ATHLETIC PARENT MEETING: A Parent Meeting is planned for Tues., Oct. 1, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. **This is for all basketball player and cheerleading parents.** Parents are strongly urged to attend this meeting. Details for the upcoming basketball season will be discussed.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP: Membership is now being taken for the Athletic Booster Club. Prices are \$20.00 for a couple and \$10.00 for an individual. **Make checks payable to St. John Boosters** and send to school with your child. Forms are available on the narthex table or contact any of the Booster officers. Join today and help out the children's athletic program.

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. 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 are available outside the school office. 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.**



ST. JOHN CHURCH LIBRARY – Stop in and check out the number of books available in the church library. The books in this library have been screened to assure that they are true to the Word of God and can be trusted to be theologically sound. To borrow a book, just take it with you, and then return it to the basket. A complete list of the books in the church's library can be found by clicking on the "Book Inventory" link on the library page of our church's website. <http://www.sjl.org/library.html>

CUTLERY FOR SALE: The Women of Freedom sell Rada Cutlery products. These items are not on display for safety reasons. Check out the display board to see if you are interested in purchasing any of these items: Paring Knives, Stubby Butcher Knives, Pie Servers, Vegetable Peelers, Slicer Knives, Granny Forks, Carving Forks, Pizza Cutters, Tomato Slicer, and Small Spatula. Contact officers *Sharon Damman, Pat Maassel, or Nancy Glaser*, if you would like to purchase any of these items.

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!

A REMINDER: If you are the LAST person to leave the building at the end of the day or after a meeting, etc., please make sure that the hallway and restroom lights are turned off and that the main entry doors (*where the buzzer is located*) are closed. With a tight budget, every little bit of electrical savings will benefit the church and closing the doors assures the safety of the building. Thank you!

COLLECTING STAMPS: The LWML is collecting stamps “For Missions.” A box is on the table in the narthex. Here is what you do: Cut the stamps from the envelopes allowing ¼ inch margin or more around the stamp. The stamp may not be damaged and the perforations around the stamp must be perfect. You need not trim the stamp; we have someone who trims and sorts the stamps. Do not remove stamps from envelopes, albums, and older postcards. An “old” postcard is usually from 1930 or before. The most valuable stamps are commemorative, foreign, and stamp denominations larger than 46 cents. Collecting stamps is an easy way to participate in a mission project sponsored by the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League.

COUNCIL MINUTES – This is just a reminder that council meeting minutes are not published until they are approved a month later. If you would like to read about the most recent council meeting, an unofficial and unapproved copy of the minutes is available for viewing in the church office, usually within a week after the meeting.

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.

SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE A SIGN! Tell your friends and neighbors about St. John Lutheran School by picking up a corrugated plastic yard sign in the back of the church. Place it in your front lawn or other obvious place to promote the school. Thank you for telling others about our school!

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.

LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT – How You Can Help? If you have used prescription or nonprescription glasses or sunglasses in your drawers, desk, or closet, you can donate them now! Children’s glasses are especially needed. Both plastic and metal frames are accepted. There is a box under the narthex table for the collection of these used glasses.

AREA EVENTS:

- ❖ **St. Martin’s Lutheran Church, Archbold, OH** will be hosting Organ Mania on **Sun. Sept. 29th**, with a pipe organ show-and-tell demo from 2:00 – 3:45 PM; followed by a pipe organ pops concert with Matt Gerhard at 4:00 PM. This is part of their 2024-2025 Concert Series.
- ❖ **St. Paul – Napoleon’s Annual Vendor Market** on **Sat., Nov. 16th** from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM in the gymnasium. **There are still open slots for vendors.** If interested in being a vendor, contact Faith Wiechers at fwiechers@stpaulnapoleon.org.

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Thought for the Week...

Love is never afraid of giving too much!



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.

THE LAMP (Youth Bible Study) is getting ready to start up classes 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 LYF 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!

Please note that due to the Ice Cream Social (hosted by the LYF) today, the first Lamp Bible Study will be October 6th. See you there!



ONE-ON-ONE meetings with Pastor Gary: As part of the information gathering for the Transition Interim Ministry, Pastor Gary would like to meet with as many families of St. John as is possible. He has set aside two weeks (Sept. 30 - Oct. 13) for these interviews. You will fill out a questionnaire ahead of time and sign up for a 45-minute visit with Him. Sign-up sheets and questionnaires are in the church office. Please sign-up, pick up a questionnaire (one per person), and plan to share your thoughts and ideas with Pastor Gary. Thanking you in advance for your time.

THANK YOU! St. John School would like to thank everyone who participated in the Hawk’s Community Day fundraiser held on September 14th. **We received a check for \$453.00**, which was 10% of the total sales that day. They are amazed every year when they see the overwhelming support given by our church members and school families toward this fundraiser. We hope they include us again next year. Thanks again...and stay tuned!

ADULT CHOIR – Adult Choir has begun weekly practices on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the church balcony. We encourage anyone interested in joining the choir to come on Wednesdays. They will be happy to see you!

Bible Study



MEN’S BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST THIS THURSDAY!

Join us bright and early this Thursday, Oct. 3rd at 6:30 AM for Men’s Bible Breakfast. It’s a great way to start your day! Great food, good friends, and a good Word from God! It’s the best part of waking up! **We hope you can join us!**

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!

