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THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "The Only True Renewable Resource" Acts 2:1-4, 17

Order of Service: See printed Service Folder

Hymns: 498 ~ 503 ~ 496, sts. 1, 2, 4-5 ~ 502 ~ 795

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome to every member, friend, and visitor. You have entered this church, not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. May your worship here enable you to see your Savior more clearly, love Him more dearly, follow Him more nearly, and serve Him more sincerely. If you have no church home of your own, we invite you to join the St. John family. 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.

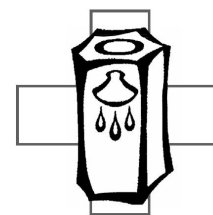


SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Renee Petzoldt, Organist ✘ 1st Service: ✘ David Maassel, Acolytes ✘
- ✘ 2nd Service: ✘ Jacob Gillen, Acolytes ✘
- ✘ Steve & Linda Miller, Greeters ✘
- ✘ Lawrence & Hildegard Behrmann, Visitation ✘
- ✘ Al Damman, Andy Damman, Tim Hodson, Ushers ✘
- ✘ Diane VonDeylen, LouAnn Rosebrock, Jeannette Bostelman, Altar Guild ✘

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are placed today in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Lester & Dianne Behnfeltdt by their family. Lester & Dianne were married on June 7, 1964. May they have many more happy years together. Congratulations!

BAPTISM TODAY – This morning in the late service, Adam & Cori Niese will present their infant son, Casen Thomas, for Holy Baptism. Casen was born on April 18th at the Fulton County Health Center. His big brother is Ashton. Baptismal sponsors are Kylee Staup (Cori's sister); Alan Niese and Amy Stoner (Adam's brother and sister). Grandparents are Tom & Sandy VonDeylen, Rick Niese, Karen Hill, and Jim & Danette Rosebrock. The piano flowers are in celebration of Casen's addition to the Niese family and to God's family through the washing of Baptism!



In God's House This Week		<i>Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	8:15 AM	Early Worship Service w/Communion following
	9:30 AM	<i>Java Joy</i> ; Adult Bible Class
	10:30AM	Late Worship Service
	6:15 PM	Vacation Bible School (<i>Thru Thursday until 8:30 PM</i>)
Mon.	6:15 PM	Vacation Bible School (<i>Thru Thursday until 8:30 PM</i>)
Tue.	9:00 AM	Exercise Class in gym
	6:15 PM	Vacation Bible School (<i>Thru Thursday until 8:30 PM</i>)
	7:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
Wed.	6:15 PM	Vacation Bible School (<i>Thru Thursday until 8:30 PM</i>)
Thurs.	9:00 AM	Exercise Class in gym
	11:00AM	Ladies Aid hosting an outing to Grand Rapids, OH (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
	6:15 PM	Vacation Bible School (<i>until 8:30 PM</i>)
	7:00 PM	Summer Evening Praise
Fri.	6:30 PM	Wedding Rehearsal – <i>Weddelman / Rosebrock</i>
Sat.	3:30 PM	Wedding Ceremony – <i>Ben Weddelman / Michelle Rosebrock</i>
Sun.		Report Cards available on the Narthex table (<i>one envelope per family</i>)
	8:15 AM	Early Communion Service
	9:30 AM	Adult Bible Class
	10:30AM	Late Communion Service
Mon.- Sat.	7:20 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Keith Witte</i> , St. Paul Lutheran, Liberty Center

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

- Our Homebound Shut-Ins: *Stan Moll, Marian Fitzenreiter, and Donald & Sue Landry*
- Pauline Dishop* and *Marie Damman*, residing at The Lutheran Home
- Magdalena Volkman*, residing at Heartland Nursing Home, Wauseon
- Marian Buchhop* and *Anna Brodman*, residing at Country View Haven
- Helen Norden*, residing at Greenbriar Assisted Living, Birmingham, AL
- Servicemen and women*, Justin Atkinson, Kyle Elling, Jason Rohrs, and Emily Niermann
- Edwin Rosebrock*, at home dealing with health issues at this time
- Casen Lawrence*, as he has had on-going seizures resulting in hospitalization
- Norma Damman*, rehabbing at home following a fractured hip

HOLY COMMUNION will be offered this morning following the Early Worship service. Those who wish to attend should fill out a card from the pew rack in front of you and give it to the usher as you leave your pew this morning. Return immediately to the front pews in the sanctuary.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Office hours during the month of June are Mon. thru Fri.: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Closed over the lunch hour. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be here. Thank you!



JAVA JOY TODAY! It's the second Sunday of the month, and that means **Java Joy** after worship. Take a little time to enjoy a bite to eat and some fellowship. A table is set up in the front hallway. Your gifts to the "kitty" help keep **Java Joy** alive and going. We thank the *Bob & Diane Norden, Elmer & Pat Maassel, and Ted & Jackie Ripke* for hosting Java Joy for June.

Be a **Java Joy** host. Every second Sunday of the month we aim to have this time of fellowship. If you would like to host one of these, please sign up on the table in the narthex. Don't let finances stop you – you are welcome to reimburse your expenses from the kitty if you wish.

VBS NOTES – VBS begins today!

- **You can still enroll your children** using the enrollment brochure in the narthex, or online by following the link on the church website.
- **Our thanks to the folks who are sponsoring VBS crafts and providing snack items!** Your generosity will be a blessing to our students!
- **Daily Offerings** – Each day we encourage the VBS students to bring an offering as part of their worship. These offerings will be given in their entirety to **Gospel Nets** to provide Bibles, Sunday School materials, bicycles (for pastors to use in getting from village to village), and church roofs for churches in Africa, South America and Asia.

THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS Bible Study

- Make him preoccupied with ordinary, "real" life.
- Make him disillusioned with the church by highlighting people he self-righteously thinks are strange or hypocritical.
- Annoy him with daily "pin pricks" from his mother.



These temptations sum up the first three of "**The Screwtape Letters,**" a classic book by C.S. Lewis about a fictitious devil, Screwtape, with vast experience in the art of temptation. In a series of 31 letters, he teaches an apprentice devil named Wormwood how to tempt his "patient." It is a fascinating and eye-opening look into the craftiness of our enemy as he works tirelessly to draw us away from our Savior. Join us. Even if you don't have the book, copies of the letters will be made available during Bible study!

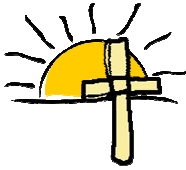
<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	<u>Home Fund</u>	<u>Synod & Missions</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 6/01/14	\$9,618.00	\$305.50	\$1,048.50

ATTENDANCE: 6/01/14 – 1st Service: 152 2nd Service: 79

COMMUNED in May: 360 members; 17 guests

MEMORIALS received for *Hilda Kruse*: St. John Lutheran Memorial Fund - \$990.00;
St. John Lutheran School - \$100.00

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!



SUMMER EVENING PRAISE – If you’re going to be gone for a weekend, you can still make it to worship on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. We gather in the north end of the fellowship hall. Communion is offered on the Thursday prior to regular Communion Sundays. These services will be conducted throughout the summer months. Please join us!

UPDATE ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE VICAR – Church Council has appointed a task force to work on everything that needs to be done to receive and welcome Vicar ***Reed & Emily Shoaff*** at the beginning of August. Here are a few things of note:

- During July we will gather pantry items to stock their pantry before they arrive.
- Induction of Vicar Shoaff will take place in both services on Sunday, August 3rd.
- On that Sunday, we will have a reception between services that will include a baby shower – watch for more details.
- Sauder Woodworking has graciously donated office furniture for the vicar. The building committee will be working soon to partition off the vicar’s office.
- Reed Shoaff is already looking forward to getting here and serving, and plans are underway for enhancing ministry during his presence here.

REPORT CARDS can be picked up in an envelope (*one per family*) in the narthex on Sun., June 15th. Parents of tuition students may pick up report cards the week of June 16 in the office from 10 to noon.

REGISTRATION UNDERWAY: The 7th *Annual Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing* will be held on Sat., July 26th, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Registration is underway and flyers are available on the table and desk in the narthex. Hope to see you there!

ORGAN RECITAL: Steve Basselman will offer an informal organ recital on Fri., June 13 at 7:00 PM at St. Martin’s Lutheran Church, 203 S. Defiance Street, Archbold. The program will include classical organ literature, modern hymn arrangements, and some hymn singing.

ICE CREAM SOCIALS:

- **The Filling Homes’** Annual Ice Cream Social featuring the Napoleon Community Bank will be held on Sat., June 14th at 1:30 PM. See flyer!
- **St. John Lutheran Church, Stryker,** is sponsoring their LYF Ice Cream Social on Sun., June 15th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Church Family Center. See flyer!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

You have a friend request...Jesus.

Confirm

Not Now

“Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” (2 Cor. 6:2)