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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Guest Preacher: *Rev. Dale Kern*, Retired – St. John Lutheran, Stryker

Sermon & Text: “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” *Psalm 145:4*

Order of Service: *Divine Service, Setting 3 (LSB pg. 184)*

Hymns: *868 ~ 699* ~ [Communion: *570, 684*] ~ *524*

WELCOME TO OUR FRIENDS AND VISITORS

Warm greetings and love in Christ are extended to all members and guests. We trust that you will experience the warmth of Christian fellowship, the inspiration of worship and the peace that comes from an awareness of God’s presence. If you are a visitor, we ask that you fill out a Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and pass it to the center aisle during the offering this morning. Your presence is a blessing to us.



SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✘ 1st Service: ✘ Abigail Weller & Jade Lange, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ 2nd Service: ✘ Cally Bialorucki & Conner Bialorucki, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Tom & Sandy VonDeylen, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Harold Behrmann & Richard Elling, *Visitation* ✘
- ✘ Denny Behnfeldt, Elmer Maassel, Bob Norden, Ted Ripke, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Kathy Behnfeldt, Pat Maassel, Anita Badenhop, Deb Durham, *Altar Guild* ✘

GUEST PASTOR – This morning we welcome Pastor Dale Kern, who is filling in for Pastor Niermann. May God bless his preaching of the Word and our hearing. Welcome, Pastor Kern!

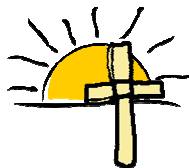
BIBLE STUDY TODAY – Join Pastor Kern in the fellowship hall for Bible Study this morning. The topic is from Partners in the Gospel and titled, *Philippians – Joy In Christ*. See you there!

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.

In God's House This Week		<i>Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:30AM 1:00 PM	Early Communion Service Adult Bible Class Late Communion Service 4-H Meetings (<i>All 3 Clubs</i>)
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Church Council Meeting
Wed.	12:30PM 7:00 PM	Ladies Afternoon Outing (<i>see bulletin note</i>) School Board Meeting
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Summer Evening Praise
Sun.	10:30AM 11:30AM	Outdoor Worship Service Congregational Meal followed by an Auction Fundraiser
Mon.- Sat.	7:20 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Joshua Schmidt, St. John Lutheran, Defiance</i>

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, Napoleon
- Magdalena Volkman*, residing at Heartland Nursing Home, Wauseon
- Anna Brodman and Marian Buchhop*, 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*, took another fall and is at The Orchards of Northcrest, Napoleon



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!

BE A JAVA JOY HOST! Every second Sunday of the month after worship, we aim to have a time of fellowship with coffee, juice and snacks called **Java Joy**. If you would like to host one of these, please sign up in the narthex. Don't let finances stop you – you are welcome to reimburse your expenses from the kitty if you wish.



JULY OFFICE HOURS: Please note the church office hours during the month of July are Monday thru Friday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be here. Thank you!

LADIES AID IN JULY: We are planning another interesting outing for our July meeting. This will take place on **Wed., July 9th** beginning with a 12:30 PM lunch at either Tropical Freeze or Ten Pin Tap both in Ridgeville Corners. Following lunch (*about 1:30 PM*) we will travel down the road to St. John Lutheran Church (*corner of 6 & 66*) to view their stained glass windows and visit their quilters for a bit. Our last stop will be at Steve & Sue Hurst's stained glass studio (*located at their home*) to get an inside look at how the windows are designed and built. All are invited to attend this event.

<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 6/29/14	\$7,688.73	\$263.00	\$822.00

ATTENDANCE: 6/29/14 – 1st Service: 153; 2nd Service: 73; *Thurs. 6/26/14 Service – 34*

CHURCH NEWSLETTER – It's time again to submit articles or news item for the church newsletter. Submissions are encouraged from all groups active at St. John. Articles related to our synod, neighboring churches, and similar information is welcome from anyone. ***Please turn in material for the newsletter to the church/school office by Sunday, July 20th.***

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS need to be turned in to the office by Wednesday of each week in order to be included in the Sunday bulletin. Please make a note of this. Thank you!

LYF RETREAT: The LYF will be going on a summer retreat to Mount Gilead State Park (*15 minutes east of Marion*) on July 25th-27th. We will spend this weekend exploring nature, doing team-building activities and making plans for the coming year. We hope this will be a great introduction to LYF for our incoming freshmen as well as a great send-off for our recent graduates. If you would like to attend, want more information, or have any questions, feel free to contact *Alex Gruenhagen* via email (gruenhagen.4@buckeyemail.osu.edu) or phone (419-966-7808).

REPORT CARDS can be picked up today in envelopes (*one per family*) at the narthex table.

OUTDOOR SERVICE NOTES – ONE WEEK FROM TODAY, July 13

A very special day is being planned --- mark your calendar, invite a friend, and join us!

- **OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 a.m. under the big tent on the west side of the building (this is a change in plans we're going to try).** This will be the only service that morning. Bring a chair with you.
- **PICNIC UNDER THE TENT** – After worship, the Stewardship Board is planning a congregational meal underneath the tent near. **Meat provided – please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.** You can leave them in the kitchen/fellowship hall when you arrive.
- **AUCTION** – Like last year at the fairgrounds, Ted Ripke will be auctioning off donated items with proceeds to be matched in our ***Right Hand of Fellowship Campaign*** to pay for the fellowship hall renovations. Auction items will be displayed in the fellowship hall as you arrive for the morning.

To contribute items for the auction, please bring them to church and place them on the tables located in the coat foyer next to the narthex.

UPDATE ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE VICAR – Church Council 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:

- **Throughout the month of July** we will gather non-perishable food items to fill the pantry for the Shoaff family. Items can be left in a box in the narthex.
- **Reed & Emily and children will be moving to Napoleon tomorrow.** A crew of some of our men will be assisting with the move, and we thank them for their kind help!
- **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 card shower for their new baby. Instead of showering them with lots of things, monetary gifts enclosed with a card would be most helpful.
- The building committee will be working soon to partition off the vicar's office.
- **ITEMS NEEDED** – The Shoaff family has asked if anyone has a **dining table and chairs for five** they could borrow for the year or purchase.

ANNUAL SCHOOL CLEANING DATES have been set for Mon., Aug. 18 and Wed., Aug. 20 starting at 6:30 PM both nights. Due to extremely low turnouts in the past few years, **all School Parents are asked to help with this project.** The carpets will be cleaned on Tues., Aug. 19.

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

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.

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 9:00-11:00 AM. If you need to drop off items at another time, please contact *Nancy Helmke* (419-758-3539), *Diann Meyer-Grieser* (419-267-3485), *Vicki Grieser* (419-445-2986), or *Harold Behrmann* (419-598-8311) 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!

GOLF FLYERS AVAILABLE & 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 deadline is Fri., July 19th.** Forms are available on the table in the narthex.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

A Bible falling apart belongs to someone who isn't.

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32)