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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Guest Preacher: *Rev. Dale Kern*, Retired – St. John Lutheran, Stryker
Sermon & Text: “Why Isn’t Life More Fair?” *Psalm 73*
Order of Service: *Matins, LSB pg. 219*
Hymns: *752 ~ 645 ~ 818 ~ 651*

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

- ✧ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✧
- ✧ Scott & Kim VanValkenburg, *Greeters* ✧
- ✧ Eldor & Rozella Gruenhagen, *Visitation* ✧
- ✧ Denny Behnfeldt, Elmer Maassel, Bob Norden, Ted Ripke, *Ushers* ✧
- ✧ Kathy Behnfeldt, Pat Maassel, Anita Badenhop, Deb Durham, *Altar Guild* ✧

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.



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!

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	Early Worship Service Adult Bible Class Late Worship Service
Mon.	5:30 PM	<i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise class Board of Elders
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise class Summer Evening Praise w/Communion
Sun.	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:30AM 1:00 PM	Early Communion Service; Induction of Vicar Reed Shoaff Reception for Vicar Shoaff and Family Late Communion Service; Induction of Vicar Reed Shoaff 4-H Meetings (<i>All 3 Clubs</i>)
Mon.- Sat.	7:20 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Dale Kern</i> , Retired – St. John Lutheran, Stryker

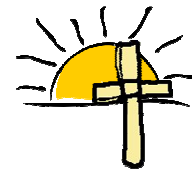
MATTERS FOR PRAYER – Please keep these people in your prayers:

- 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*, recuperating at The Orchards of Northcrest, Napoleon
- Don Flory* (Teresa Damman's father), currently at home battling cancer

<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 7/20/14	\$7,354.00	\$248.00	\$288.00

ATTENDANCE: 7/20/14 – 1st Service: 133; 2nd Service: 95; *Thurs. 7/17/14 Service – Cancelled*

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!



AUGUST OFFICE HOURS: The church/school office hours during the month of August will be Monday thru Friday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be there. Thank you!

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!

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.

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP REPORT – During the first half of 2014, our gifts to God for the *Right Hand of Fellowship* gift matching campaign totaled **\$10,480** (including all your gifts plus funds from the Ladies Night Out and the Potato Bar meal). A letter has been submitted to the LC-MS Foundation requesting that amount in matching gifts. **That brings the total since last October to \$48,418.** From the original gift of \$75,000 there still remains \$26,582 to be matched. **Thank you to everyone who has so generously supported this campaign. Let's see if we can retire this project by years end.** To give a gift toward this campaign, please use one of the special envelopes you received with your envelope set, or simply indicate the gift on the outside of your regular offering envelope.



RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP FUNDRAISER: The Stewardship Board is offering “for sale” the Ultimate Cloth® as a fundraiser. These are a MiraFiber® technology cloth that cleans with water only. More effective than harsh cleaning chemicals and soaps. See *Karen Norden* (419-267-3477) for more information and pricing. This will be an on-going fundraiser for the Right Hand of Fellowship gift matching campaign.

SAVE THE DATE! Come one, come all, to the Arts & Craft Show to be held here at St. John on Sat., Nov. 1st. The money raised will go toward the Right Hand of Fellowship campaign. Please contact *Diane Norden* or *Jackie Ripke* with questions. More information to come as it draws near.

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.

SPORTS PHYSICAL FORMS: Those St. John students in Grades 4 – 8 must complete an Emergency Medical Authorization Form in order to participate in the sports programs offered at St. John. **Only students entering Grades 7 & 8 are required to have a sports physical.** Forms are available in the “School Info” rack outside the school office.

COACH NEEDED: Anyone interested in getting acquainted with a great group of girls (Gr. 4-8) and coaching the St. John Volleyball program should contact *AD Jason Foor* (419-906-5074) ASAP.

TEST RESULTS: The Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA) and Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS), administered to students in Grades 1-8, are ready to be picked up this morning (one per family) on the table in the narthex.

PROJECT CONNECT – There are many free booklets in the rack in the narthex. Be sure to check for some good reading. Some titles are: “*Why Do Bad Things Happen To Me,*” “*Has God Abandoned Me,*” “*Dealing with Depression,*” “*Coping with Cancer,*” “*Who Is Jesus,*” “*Just Stress?*”, “*Overcoming A Painful Childhood,*” “*Where’s God in All of This?*”, “*Why Should I go to Church?*” and many more. These booklets are furnished through the Lutheran Hour Ministries.

CHURCH LIBRARY – The church library, located in the hall next to the sanctuary, is growing to contain a lot of excellent books that will edify your faith. 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. Please check out the selection. To borrow a book, just take it with you, then return it to the basket when you’ve finished reading.

CHURCH HISTORY BOOKS – If at any time during the year you need a gift for a current or former member of St. John, why not consider one of our Church History Books. This book is full of interesting facts about St. John’s and is available in the church office at a cost of \$12.00.

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.

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!

SENDING YOU A NOTE... You are invited to dine with us at the Henry County Senior Center. For those folks age 60+, you may not know that we serve meals daily at 11:45 AM Monday – Friday. Please RSVP for the meal or stop in to enjoy the Salad Bar. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3.00, for guests under 60, \$5.75. Contact Sandy Schlosser, Senior Nutrition Manager, at 419-599-0033 with any questions or information about this program.

BLOODMOBILE – The Bloodmobile Unit will be at the Ridgeville American Legion on Monday, July 28th, from 12:00 to 6:00 PM. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Walk-ins are always welcome!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

"Life's tough, it's even tougher if you're stupid." ~John Wayne

“The righteous is delivered from trouble, and the wicked walks into it instead.” (Prov. 11:8)