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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

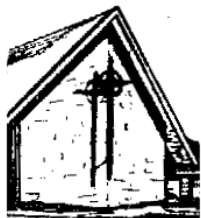
Sermon & Text: "God's Living Kingdom"

Order of Service: *Matins (LSB pg. 219)*

Hymns: *Psalm 1 (tone A) ~ 577 ~ 652 ~ 804*

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Now is the hour of worship. God speaks to us and we listen and respond with our hymns, prayers and praises. Together we bless the Lord whose purpose is to save us and keep us in His faithful flock. He is the God of Grace and the God of Glory. If you are our guest today, 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* ✠ Mitchell Kruse & Brooks Behnfeldt, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Lois Arps & Evelyn Rohrs, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Lawrence & Hildegard Behrmann, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Denny Behnfeldt, Elmer Maassel, Bob Norden, Ted Ripke, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Karan Niebergall, Kaylee & Ronda Wentworth, Karen Lulfs, *Altar Guild* ✠

JAVA JOY TODAY! It's the second Sunday of the month, and that means **Java Joy** after the service. 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 *Delbert & Marian Damman* and *Eldor & Rosie Gruenhagen* for hosting Java Joy for June.

Interested in being a **Java Joy** host? 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.



In God's House This WeekOnline church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl

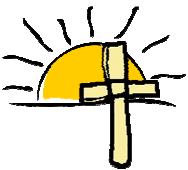
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM 1:00 PM 4:30 PM	Report Cards available on the Narthex table (<i>one envelope per family</i>) Worship Service w/Communion following <i>Java Joy</i> ; Adult Bible Class 4-H Meetings LYF Meeting
Tue.	9:00 AM 10:00AM	Exercise Class in gym Bible Study w/Vicar Shoaff
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class in gym Thursday Evening Praise (<i>with Communion</i>)
Fri.	5:30 PM	Wedding Rehearsal – <i>Wiechers / Decker</i>
Sat.	2:30 PM	Wedding Ceremony – <i>Eric Wiechers & Faith Decker</i>
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	♦ ♦ ♦ FATHER'S DAY ♦ ♦ ♦ Communion Service Adult Bible Class
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Charles Kramer</i> , St. Paul Lutheran, Napoleon

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

- ❖ Our Shut-Ins: *Stan Moll, Marian Fitzenreiter, Donald Landry, and Norma Damman*
- ❖ *Pauline Dishop, Marie Damman, and Delora Winkelman*, 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, Emily Schroeder, and Connor Gerken*
- ❖ *Susan Nye and Carey Damman*, recuperating from successful knee replacement surgery
- ❖ *Florence Fitzenreiter*, hospitalized this week

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!

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



THURSDAY 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 through October of this year. Please join us!

L.Y.F.

Get out the word! We will meet **TODAY at 4:30 p.m.** Join us for fellowship, food and some fun too. We'll discuss plans for the summer and for this next year leading up to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans at the Superdome. **Remember, all eighth grade graduates who will be high school freshmen next year are also welcome and encouraged to attend LYF!**

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED – Again this year, the Stewardship Board is planning a ***Right Hand of Fellowship*** fundraising auction in connection with the outdoor service on Sunday, August 30th (*proceeds to be matched*). Please be thinking about items you might be able to donate. We will begin collecting those items in August.

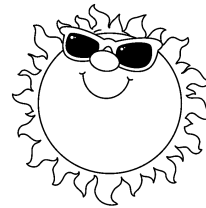
REPORT CARDS can be picked up in an envelope (*one per family*) in the narthex today. Parents of tuition students may pick up report cards the week of June 15 in the office from 10 to noon.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 6/07/15	\$9,599.00	\$367.00	\$1,040.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday Evening Service: 29; 6/07/15 Service: 269

COMING UP THIS SUMMER – It never hurts to mark your calendars early, so here are a few dates to consider for the summer of 2015.

- **THIS WEEK, June 15-23 (Mon-Tue) --- Youth Retreat to the Great Sand Dunes of southern Colorado** with the youth of St. James, Burlington.
- **June 28 (Sun) --- Fellowship on the Fairways** – first annual SJL golf outing at White Pines. (*see announcement elsewhere in this bulletin*)
- **July 26 (Sun) --- Farewell to Vicar Shoaff and family.** We'll have a potluck meal at 11:30 a.m. so you can either attend Bible study or head home to get your things together for the potluck.
- **August 9 (Sun) --- Welcome reception for the new vicar** after worship.
- **August 30 (Sun) --- Outdoor Worship Service** (*revised date*) at 10:30 a.m., followed by a fellowship meal (*meat provided*) and an auction to raise funds for the ***Right Hand of Fellowship*** campaign. Begin thinking about items you can provide for the auction.



LIBRARY BOOK CLUB: The next selection for our church's book club will be *Broken: 7 "Christian" Rules That Every Christian Ought to Break as Often as Possible* by Jonathan Fisk. A sign-up sheet is available in the back of the church so we will know how many copies to order. Pastor and Vicar will be reading the book as well so they can answer questions you may have while reading it yourself. Please sign up by then end of June. The books are provided free of charge by our St. John Library located in the hallway west of the sanctuary.

FELLOWSHIP ON THE FAIRWAYS – Our first annual St. John Golf Outing is set for Sunday, June 28 at *White Pines Golf Course* (Road 2 just north of Road V)



- Enjoy an afternoon scramble – teams can be any mixture of women and men
- Gather by 1:00 p.m. for a 1:30 shotgun start
- Prizes for closest to pin and closest to center of fairway, longest drive and longest putt
- Meal afterwards includes brats and burgers, beans and potato salad
- Bring a side dish or dessert to share (*can be refrigerated for the afternoon*)

Forms are available in the narthex – sign up as full or partial team or as an individual – any mixture of men and women. Cost is \$35 per person, which includes golf, cart, meal and prizes. This event is being planned by your Stewardship Board as a fundraiser for the *Right Hand of Fellowship* campaign. All proceeds will be matched.

A NEW APPROACH TO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Starting Fall of 2015

“**CROSS EXPLORATIONS**” (*CE*) is a curriculum and a new model for Sunday School (*grades K-6*) published by *Concordia Publishing House*. Instead of traditional classrooms, *CE* places students into two groups (*grades K-3 and 4-6*) who rotate to three different sites called **Engage** (*a worship opening*), **Explore** (*the day’s Bible lesson*) and **Express** (*activities related to the day’s lesson*).



The advantages for students are that they will engage more of their senses in learning, and will be provided a break from the traditional classrooms they are in all week long. For adult volunteers, it’s much less of a time commitment. Instead of one teacher having all of the students for the full class period, volunteers lead one rotation each, lasting only 15 or 20 minutes, and then they’re done for the morning.

We would like to form at least three *CE Teams*, who would then lead the Sunday School on a rotating basis. Each team would consist of...

- **One ENGAGE Leader** – leads all students, grades K-6, in an opening worship from approximately 10:15 to 10:25 a.m. (*including hymns, songs, readings, etc.*)
- **Four EXPLORE Leaders** (*a leader and a helper for each group*) – lead the day’s Bible lesson from 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. (*materials similar to what we’ve been using*).
- **Two EXPRESS Leaders** – collaborate to lead the activities in the gym related to the day’s lesson from 10:50 to 11:05 a.m. Activities may include crafts, games, or skits.

Sign up for staff positions has begun. For more information and to look at some sample materials, see the display in the narthex. If you’d like to volunteer on a *CE Team*, you can sign up at the display table in the narthex, and feel free to sign up for more than one team.

LIVE LUTHERAN CHAPEL SERVICES...Begin your work week by listening to Morning Chapel from Kramer Chapel on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne, IN. The services stream LIVE weekdays at 9:35 a.m. at www.issuesetc.org.

GARDEN PRODUCE SHARING – When you plant your gardens this spring, keep in mind our produce swap later in the summer. There will be a table under the carport to which you can bring your produce to share, or from which you can take any produce you can use. It's a great way for us to share the bounty of God's good gifts!

ALTAR FLOWERS: For anyone wishing to place flowers on the altar for Sunday worship, please contact *Mabel Bischoff* at 419-598-8757. Remember that it is your responsibility to call Mabel either way; if you would like the Women of Freedom to order the flowers or if you are going to take care of ordering the flowers yourself. This will alleviate any confusion.

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 *Nancy Hogrefe*, *Marian Damman*, *Mabel Bischoff*, *Lois Rosebrock*, or *Karan Niebergall* if you would like to see or purchase any of these items.

4-H: The Gerald Busy Fingers, Cloverbuds, and Freedom Royal Farmers 4-H Clubs will be having their meeting today at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

AREA EVENTS:

- **The Lutheran Home of Napoleon's** Annual Ice Cream Social will be held today from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. See flyer!
- **St. John Lutheran Church, Stryker**, is sponsoring their LYF Ice Cream Social today from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Church Family Center. See flyer!
- **St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1075 Glenwood Ave., Napoleon**, is hosting a Harlan's Grilled Chicken Dinner on Father's Day, June 21st with serving beginning at 10 AM. See flyer!

SAVE THE DATE: The 8th *Annual Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing* will be held on Sat., July 25th, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Registration forms available on the narthex table!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Tomorrow's forecast – God reigns and His Son shines.

*“My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets.”
(Malachi 1:11)*



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David sang songs of praise to God.