



# St. John Lutheran Church

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## Serving Christ in Freedom

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### TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Building Up" Ephesians 4:1-16

Order of Service: Divine Service, Setting Four

Hymns: 654 ~ 646 ~ (Communion: 645, 628, 655) ~ 857

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*Welcome guests to this place of praise and prayers as we gather together as part of the family of our Heavenly Father. We invite you to join us now and return again to celebrate the salvation we have in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. 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.*

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### **SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING**

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Brady Gerken & Caleb Bockelman, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Elmer & Pat Maassel, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Harold Behrmann & Richard Elling, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Denny Bockelman, Jeff Buchhop, Dave Myles, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Linda Riefers, Marian Damman, Ruth Mahnke, Mabel Bischoff, *Altar Guild* ✠

**WELCOME REV. VON BERLIN** – This morning we are privileged to have with us as our guest preacher **Rev. Von Berlin**. Rev. Berlin graduated from our Fort Wayne seminary in 1990 and served among other places at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sydney, Ohio. He is now retired and living in Bowling Green, and has recently completed his training for *Intentional Interim Ministry* (experienced pastors who minister in congregations transitioning to a new pastor). We welcome Rev. Berlin with open arms, and pray that God will richly bless his preaching and our hearing of God's Word!

### **SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY!**

**Ephesians: Living in God's Household** – Rev. Von Berlin has recently been studying Paul's letter to the Ephesians, and this morning would like to share with you some of what he has learned. Join him for Bible Study in the fellowship hall.

**In God's House This Week**Online church calendar: [www.DynaCal.com/sjl](http://www.DynaCal.com/sjl)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class
Tue.	7:00 PM	School Board & Stewardship Board Meetings
Thurs.	6:30 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Breakfast at Hill's Restaurant, Napoleon Thursday Evening Praise
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM 10:45AM	Worship Service with Communion following; <i>Vicar Yaeger</i> Induction New Vicar Welcome Reception Sunday School Staff Meeting
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM

**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*
- ❖ *Dawn Dickmann*, recuperating from back surgery
- ❖ *Don Dickmann*, recuperating at The Orchards of Northcrest - Napoleon

**NEW ARRIVAL:** Congratulations to *Joe & Abbie Badenhop* on the recent birth of their daughter, *Halle Grace*, at Henry County Hospital on Wed., July 15<sup>th</sup>. Mother and daughter are home and doing fine. Halle was welcomed home by big brother, Reid, and grandparents *Neil & Anita Badenhop*, who will be sure to enjoy their new little granddaughter every chance they get.

**WELCOMING VICAR YAEGER** – Next Sunday our new vicar, **Aaron Yaeger**, will be inducted into office during the morning service. Following the service we will have a reception in the fellowship hall to welcome the new vicar and his family. Please join us as we receive this servant of God into our midst for the coming year!

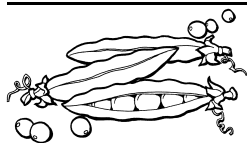
**VICAR TRANSITION** – Our thanks to the crews of people who served this past week to move the vicars to and from Fort Wayne and to prepare the house. Your willingness to serve is an example to all of us of faithful stewardship of our time, talents and resources. Well done!

**OFFICE HOURS:** The church/school summer office hours will be Monday thru Friday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be there.

**BOOK CLUB:** Due to popular demand we ran out of “Broken” books when they were first distributed. More have since been ordered and have arrived. If you would like a copy simply pick one up from the center of the library bookcase or contact *Darrel Behrmann*.

**VICAR SHOAFF'S ADDRESS:** For anyone wishing to send *Vicar Shoaff & Emily* a note or just communicate with them, here is their new address: 1912 Vance Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

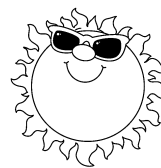
**SHARE THE BOUNTY - GARDEN PRODUCE SHARING** – If your garden is producing more than you can eat, how about sharing the bounty with your friends in faith here at St. John. Each Sunday there is a table under the carport where you can place any food you bring. Share what you have, and also take what you can use. It's a great way for us to share the bounty of God's good gifts!



<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 7/26/15	\$6,831.50	\$122.00	\$480.50

**ATTENDANCE:** Thursday Evening Service: 34; 7/26/15 Service: 225

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE 2015** – On Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> we'll gather outdoors in the old school yard for our annual outdoor service. Worship that day will be held at 10:30 a.m. followed by a congregational meal in the fellowship hall. The meat will be provided for this meal – just bring as side dish, salad or dessert to share if you can. Following the meal there will be an auction to raise funds for the Right Hand of Fellowship campaign. **Be sure to join us for this special congregational event!**



### **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).



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. **We will hold a staff meeting on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at approximately 10:45 a.m. (after the new vicar reception).** 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.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> (proceeds to be matched). Please be thinking about items you might be able to donate. We will begin collecting those items in August.

**SCRIP ORDERS:** Just a reminder that beginning Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, any SCRIP orders will be applied toward your 2015-2016 enrollment/tuition fees. For questions, please contact SCRIP Coordinator, *Kristyn Honemann* at 419-966-0207 or [honemann@embarqmail.com](mailto:honemann@embarqmail.com).

**ANNUAL SCHOOL CLEANING DATES** have been set for Mon., Aug. 3 and Wed., Aug. 5 starting at 5:00 PM both nights. Please read your message in FastDirect with all the details about this, as well as the Parent Participation Policy. The carpets will be cleaned on Tues., Aug. 4.

**HELP WANTED:** The Lutheran Laymen's League is asking for some volunteer time to help man the LLL booth at the Henry County Fair on Sat., Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex table for anyone interested in helping out. The time slots are broken down into 2-hour increments beginning at 10:00 AM and concluding at 10:00 PM. If you cannot fulfill a 2-hour time slot, we would accept any time that fits into your schedule. Sign-up deadline is Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact *Carlan Badenhop* (419-337-9106) for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Come one, come all, to the Arts & Craft Show to be held here at St. John on Sat., Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. 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.

#### **AREA EVENTS:**

- **Ice Cream Social** hosted by Zion Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners, OH, Sun., Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Free will donation! See flyer!
- **Williams County Health Dept.** hosting **FREE** Health Care Services on Sat. and Sun., Aug. 8 & 9, respectively at the Williams County Fairgrounds. For questions contact Williams Co. Health Dept. at 419-485-3141 or see the flyer on the bulletin board.
- **Harlan's Chicken BBQ/Vendor Event/Silent Auction Fundraiser** will be held on Sun., Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM – 4:00 PM at the Napoleon American Legion. See flyer!

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#### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**Faith is not blind, but sets its eyes on Jesus.**

*"...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus."  
(Hebrews 12:2-3)*