



St. John Lutheran Church

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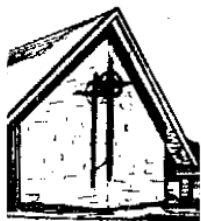
Sermon & Text: "Take My Life – Please!" 1 Kings 19:1-8

Order of Service: *Service of Prayer and Preaching (LSB pg. 260)*

Hymns: 610 ~ Psalm 34:1-8 (tone I) ~ 784 ~ 797

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. 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* ✘ Colin Johnson & Bailey Johnson, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Steve & Linda Miller, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Lawrence & Hildegard Behrmann, *Visitation* ✘
- ✘ Denny Bockelman, Jeff Buchhop, Dave Myles, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Linda Riefers, Marian Damman, Ruth Mahnke, Mabel Bischoff, *Altar Guild* ✘

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

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*.

WOMEN OF FREEDOM: The Women of FREEDOM will not be meeting in August. Our next meeting will be Thurs., Sept. 10. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend!

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

Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service with Communion following; <i>Vicar Yaeger</i> Induction New Vicar Welcome Reception
Tue.	9:00AM	Exercise Class
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Thursday Evening Praise
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class Sunday School Staff Meeting
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Stephen Niermann</i> , St. John 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 *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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW VICAR! – This morning we are privileged to witness the installation of **Aaron Yaeger** as our new vicar. Aaron was born on May 16, 1986 in Saginaw, Michigan. He attended Peace Lutheran School through grade three, and was then homeschooled through his senior year of high school. He took classes for two years at Delta Community College in Saginaw, and then transferred to Grove City College in Grove City, PA where he studied mechanical engineering for three years. After earning his Bachelor's degree in that field, he returned to Saginaw where for three years he worked as a district circulation manager for area newspapers.

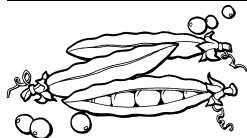


During this time a pastor at Grace Lutheran in Auburn, MI encouraged Aaron to attend the seminary to become a pastor. In the summer of 2012, Aaron enrolled at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, where he met his wife, **Diana Pascoe**, who had just completed her first year of studies at the seminary in the deaconess program. They were married in May of 2013, and headed to Baltimore, MD that July for Diana's deaconess internship, putting Aaron's education on hold for that year. Their son, **Simon**, was born on April 18, 2014 in Baltimore. The couple returned to Fort Wayne so that Diana could complete her internship at the Lutheran Life Villages (formerly the Lutheran Home). Aaron resumed his academic work at the seminary in the fall of 2014. Their daughter, **Adeline**, was born May 14, 2015.

Following worship this morning everyone is invited to a reception in the fellowship hall to welcome the new vicar and his family. Please join us as we receive this servant of God and his family into our midst for the coming year!

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.

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!



THANK YOU to *Kenny Freytag* (Linda Meyer's brother) for machining a key for the outside water system on the north side of the building.

FINANCIAL FACTS:	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 8/02/15	\$7,503.00	\$215.00	\$420.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday Evening Service: 51; 8/02/15 Service: 170

COMMUNED in July: 321 members; 9 guests

WILLING SERVANTS STILL NEEDED FOR OUR NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY

“**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).

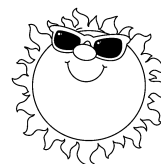


We would like to form at least three *CE Teams*, who would then lead the Sunday School on a rotating basis. Each team would consist of...

- **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.

You can sign up in the narthex to volunteer. **We will hold a staff meeting next Sunday, August 16th during the Sunday School hour (note the date change).** 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 up for more than one team.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE 2015 – On Sunday, August 30th 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!**



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.

LWML FALL RETREAT – The Fall Retreat will be held on Saturday, September 19th, at St. John Family Center, Stryker, from 9:00 – 2:00 PM, with registration beginning at 8:30 AM. Registration fee is \$12.00 which includes lunch. Registration forms are available on the table in the narthex. Sign up deadline is Friday, Sept. 11th. See flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

VICAR SHOAFF'S ADDRESS: For anyone wishing to send *Vicar Shoaff & Emily* a note or just communicate with them, here is their new mailing address: 1912 Vance Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. You can also email them at ReedShoaff@gmail.com.

YOUR FAMILY TREE: Through the years, some people have wondered about their family ancestry. Who were they and where did they come from? Perhaps you have already searched old records at the court house, checked birth and death certificates, checked your family Bibles or searched on ancestry.com.

Like many of us here in Freedom Township and in Henry County we come from a line of German lineage. In September 2014, there were eight Rabe family members who did their Rabe ancestry search in Germany over five full days in the Visselhovede area. For more than a year prior to the trip, Lester Rabe's sister, Lori Esch from Lebanon, Ohio made contact with a gentleman named *Walter Homann* who lives in Walsrode, Germany. He was a godsend and thrives on family genealogy. Well, *Walter Homann* is coming to stay with Lester & Janice Rabe on Mon., Sept. 7th for one week. If you have any interest in finding more information on your family members who lived around Visselhovede Germany, perhaps Walter can help. Walter works for a nominal fee to cover his time and other expenses. He speaks High German, so we have found an interpreter to help with the communication barrier! If interested, talk to *Lester* or *Janice Rabe* or call them at 419-598-8801 and they'll see if Walter can help you with your family ancestry too.

VOLLEYBALL SEASON: *Chelsea Mouch* will be our grades 4-8 volleyball coach this season. Volleyball will be open for all girls involved in St. John Lutheran Church and School along with St. Augustine, Napoleon. If interested in participating please send a reply to this message or email to wagner24920@gmail.com. Coach Mouch is looking for assistants. If you or someone you know is interested please text *James Wagner* at 419-722-8847.

Throughout the season we will be looking for parents and family members to assist with volleyball activities, this may include line-judging, scoreboard, concessions, and helping at the St. John Freedom Volleyball Invitational in October. Thank you for any and all assistance you provide this season. *James Wagner, AD*

PARENT HANDBOOKS: The 2015-16 Parent Handbooks will be available via the new FastDirect Communication network. Handbooks will only be printed for those St. John families that do not have internet access via computers, cell phones, i-Pads, etc. We will be posting the handbook to FastDirect early next week. Simply go to www.fastdir.com/stjohnfreedom and click on "Links" at top of page.

SCHOOL AND PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – The St. John School will be holding an open house on Sunday, August 23rd from 10:00 – 11:00 AM for Kindergarten thru Gr. 8. Preschool open house will also be on the 23rd but will run from 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to come, parents and children. Come and meet the teachers and check out the classrooms!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – The Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on several radio stations in our area. They cover many interesting topics relevant to today’s issues. Broadcasts can be heard Sundays on: Holland’s WPOS 102.3 at 7:00 AM; Archbold’s WMTR 96.1 at 7:30 AM; Defiance’s WONW (AM)1280 at 10:30 AM; Napoleon’s WNDH 103.1 at 12:00 PM.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION, AND POP TABS: Our school also collects *Box Tops For Education*, and aluminum pop tabs all year long. *Box Tops For Education* is an ongoing PTL fundraiser earning 10¢ per box top for the PTL. They too have expanded their sponsors, so be sure to check over your grocery items carefully so you don’t miss any box tops. The pop tabs collected all go to support the Ronald McDonald House in Toledo. There are collection boxes in the school office for each of these. ***NOTE: Please turn in your Labels For Education and Box Tops For Education labels in separate Ziploc bags or envelopes. Do not combine them.*** Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE! Come one, come all, to the Arts & Craft Show to be held here at St. John on Sat., Nov. 7th 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.

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. 15th. 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 9th. Please contact *Carlan Badenhop* (419-337-9106) for more information.

AREA EVENTS:

- **Ice Cream Social** hosted by Zion Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners, OH, today from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Free will donation! See flyer!
- **Williams County Health Dept.** hosting **FREE** Health Care Services today at the Williams County Fairgrounds. See the flyer on the bulletin board.
- **Harlan’s Chicken BBQ/Vendor Event/Silent Auction Fundraiser** will be held today from 11:30 AM – 4:00 PM at the Napoleon American Legion. See flyer!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

A grateful mind is a great mind!

“When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.” (Deut. 8:10)

SUNDAY SCHOOL



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Excitement!