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## Serving Christ in Freedom

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### NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Seek First the Kingdom" *Matthew 6:33*

Order of Service: *See printed Service Folder*

Hymns: **902 ~ 947**, stz.1,3 ~ **830** ~ [Communion: **619, 763, 735**]

Adult Choir: "Seek Ye First" and "Come Find Forgiveness and Love"

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*You are among Christian friends today. We all have come to the Lord's House to hear what He has to say and to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. We pray that His grace will touch and move you. 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* ✘ Emily Bostelman & Bailey Johnson, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Tom & Sandy VonDeylen, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Harold Behrmann & Richard Elling, *Visitation* ✘
- ✘ Denny Behnfeldt, Elmer Maassel, Bob Norden, Ted Ripke, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Marietta Damman, Deb Wachtman, Sharon Badenhop, Nancy Short, *Altar Guild* ✘

**LWML SUNDAY IS TODAY!** The students of our Sunday School and school have been collecting mites in their LWML mite boxes for a few weeks now. Today they will bring their mites forward to present them as an offering to the Lord. Their mites will be combined with mites from children and women all around the LCMS to do some mighty things for missions. For full list with descriptions of the missions and ministries, please visit the LWML website (<http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants>). You will quickly discover that the *Lutheran Women's Missionary League* is an LCMS mission organization that deserves our full support! (Students who did not return their mite box offerings today may drop them off in the office throughout the week.)



**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	LWML Sunday & Communion Service Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "Time To Spare"
Mon.	5:00 PM	V-ball: Gr.4-6 Girls vs. BG Christian (H)
Tue.	9:00 AM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class V-ball: Gr. 4-6 Girls; 6:00 PM Gr. 7&8 Girls vs. Monclova (A) School Board & Stewardship Board Meetings
Wed.	10:20AM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Late Start-up due to Teacher In-Service at 9:15 AM Jr. Hi Confirmation Class ( <i>until 7:30 PM</i> ) Adult Bell Choir practice Adult Choir practice
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thursday Evening Praise
Fri.	6:30 PM	Wedding Rehearsal – <i>Riefers / Maggert</i>
Sat.	3:30 PM	Wedding Ceremony – <i>Eric Riefers / Kayleigh Maggert</i>
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service with Communion following Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "Time To Spare"
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Jeff Corder</i> , St. John Lutheran, Stryker

**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*, recuperating at Greenbriar Assisted Living from a recent fall
- ❖ Servicemen *Justin Atkinson, Kyle Elling, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, and Connor Gerken*
- ❖ *Don Dickmann*, now at home with home health care services
- ❖ *Lawrence Langenhop*, recuperating at The Lutheran Home following hip surgery
- ❖ *Susan Nye*, recuperating following recent knee surgery
- ❖ *Rozella Gruenhagen*, recuperating at home now from recent back surgery
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, hospitalized at St. Luke's Hospital following a stroke
- ❖ *Delores Badenhop*, hospitalized at UT Medical College following surgery for a broken leg as a result of a fall at home

**THANK YOU:** We wish to thank everyone for the cards, best wishes and prayers for our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. May God bless you! *Ron & Elaine Hesterman*

**LYF ICE CREAM SOCIAL THANKS** – A special "thank you" goes out to all who supported the LYF sponsored Ice Cream Social last Sunday. We had a nice turnout and lots of good help. Thank you to everyone that donated all the delicious desserts. Hope to see you all next year!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENINGS; A REQUEST** – This year we are holding openings for the Sunday School in the sanctuary immediately after worship. In weeks past we have noticed that it is difficult to hold these openings and to gain the attention of the students when there is a lot of noise and commotion. We are therefore requesting that adults in the narthex after worship be mindful that these openings are taking place and help hold down the level of sound. Thank you so much for helping us in this matter!

**ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - Cross; We Suffer with Jesus**

What does our Baptism have to do with Jesus' cross? What is the connection between baptismal water and the death of Christ? Vicar Yaeger is leading this study from the Lutheran Spirituality series. Suffering is often misunderstood as an important part of our life with Christ. Should we avoid it? Or embrace it? Come hear what Jesus has to say to us in the study, '**Cross: We Suffer With Jesus.**'

<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 9/27/15	\$7,073.00	\$137.00	\$798.00

**ATTENDANCE:** Thursday Evening Service: 32; 9/27/15 Service: 245

**SHARE THE BOUNTY - GARDEN PRODUCE SHARING** – Thank you to everyone who shared your garden produce this summer through *SHARE THE BOUNTY*. It is surely a God-pleasing thing when we share with another from the bounty of our blessings, for God has said, "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (*Hebrews 13:16*)

**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.



**2016 NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICES** – Very soon now the Stewardship Board will begin the process of nominating and appointing people for the various offices of our congregation. As they prepare to do so, please take note of the following:

- If there is an office in which you'd like to serve, please offer your name to the Stewardship Board for consideration. Speak with *Pastor Niermann*.
- If you are approached about serving in an office, give it careful and prayerful thought. You are being asked because the Stewardship Board, with prayers for God's guidance, has identified you as someone whose service in that office will be a blessing to us all!

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING COMMITTEE:** Word has been received that the group of individuals who have been so diligent in decorating the church and surroundings for the past 15+ years would like to retire as of this year. That being said, we are looking for some energetic individuals to step up, when the time comes, to decorate the church and surroundings this year. If no one volunteers, this responsibility would revert back to the School Board, as was done in the past. So please give it some thought, and contact the church office if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!

**S.T.O.P. PENNY DRIVE** – The PTL Fall Penny Drive at St. John School begins on Mon., Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> and runs thru Fri., Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. Send your pennies in to school with your child or grandchild. The winning classroom will be awarded a pizza party.

**PRESCHOOL GRANDPARENTS' DAY** – **Preschool Grandparents' Day** will be held from 9:00 – 11:00 AM on **Thurs., Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> for the 4 & 5-year old class** and same time on **Fri., Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> for the 3-year old class**. Grandparents should plan to arrive at 9 AM and report to the gym. Grandparents will also have the opportunity to take their grandchild through the PTL Scholastic Book Fair those days. Come and enjoy all the fun in Preschool!!!

**PARENT VISITATION & OPEN HOUSE** – St. John School has scheduled their **Parent Visitation Open House** for the evening of **Thursday, October 22**, from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. This will run in conjunction with the PTL Scholastic Book Fair in the fellowship hall.

**SCRIP:** Coordinator *Kristyn Honemann* will be out of town from October 15-25, so there will be no SCRIP orders placed during this time period. Any questions, please contact *Kristyn* at 419-966-0207.

**SUNNY D BOOK SPREE** – The St. John School students hope you can help them make their classroom sunnier! Classrooms that save 20 *SunnyD* labels earn 20 FREE books. Here's how it works. **COLLECT *SunnyD* UPC labels** from these eligible products: 1, 2, or 3 liter bottles; 16 oz., 48 oz., 64 oz., 96 oz., or 128 oz. bottles; 6, 7.5, 8, or 24 pack outer wraps; 6.75 oz.-12 pack cardboard case; 11.3 oz.-6 or 24 pack outer wraps; 12 oz.-12 or 24 pack cans outer wraps. **SEND the UPC labels to your child's classroom. One way to collect *SunnyD* labels would be to consider serving *SunnyD* at your upcoming Halloween parties...it is orange!** It's as easy as that!

**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. Contact Karen Norden (419-267-3477) for more information and pricing.

**ST. JOHN CRAFT SHOW!** Come one, come all, to the Arts & Craft Show to be held here at St. John on Sat., Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. The money raised will go toward the Right Hand of Fellowship campaign. There will also be a booth/table set up for donated homemade craft items from our congregation members who wish to contribute to and support the Right Hand of Fellowship. Please contact *Diane Norden* (419-598-8234) or *Jackie Ripke* (419-267-5574) with questions.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** – St. Luke Lutheran Church, State Hwy 108, Wauseon, is having their Ice Cream Social Sunday, October 11, serving from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. *Menu: Hot Sandwiches, Cold Potato Salad, Pie, Cake, Ice Cream, and Drink.* Freewill Offering! See flyer!

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**Better than any lifeguard, our Savior walks on water!**

*“Do not trust in princes, in mortal men, in whom there is no salvation.”  
(Psalm 146:3)*