



# St. John Lutheran Church

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### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Jesus Gave Him to His Mother" *Luke 7:11-17*

Order of Service: *Divine Service, Setting Four (LSB pg. 203)*

Hymns: **697 ~ 552** (1, 7-8, 4) ~ (Communion: **615, 632, 461**) ~ **741** (1,3,6,8)

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*Welcome to every member, friend, and visitor. You have entered this church, not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. May your worship here enable you to see your Savior more clearly, love Him more dearly, follow Him more nearly, and serve Him more sincerely. If you have no church home of your own, we invite you to join the St. John family. 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.*

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

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Maggie Weller & Emily Bostelman, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Dan & Deb Wachtman, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Harold Behrmann & Richard Elling, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Tom VonDeylen, Doug Dietrich, Neil Badenhop, Roger Lulfs, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Karen Germann, Diana Kruse, Mary Kossow, *Altar Guild* ✠

**BIBLE STUDY** will be held this morning in the north end of the fellowship hall. We will continue our study of **Leviticus**. This ancient book is filled with laws regulating the religious and civil life of God's people, Israel. Though many of the regulations no longer apply in this time of Christ, they greatly enrich our understanding of Christ. Currently we are studying the section of Leviticus sometimes called "God's Manual of Purity." Here there are many regulations stipulating what makes a person "impure" and how they can be made "clean" again for purposes of right worship. Come discover how it all points to Jesus Christ!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE OUTDOOR SERVICE** – This year the annual Outdoor Service has been scheduled for Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> (*the first Sunday after the school year resumes*).

**In God's House This Week**

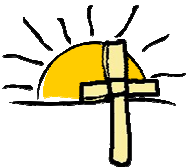
Online church calendar: [www.DynaCal.com/sjl](http://www.DynaCal.com/sjl)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class School Board & Stewardship Board Meetings
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM 1:00 PM	Worship Service Adult Bible Class 4-H Meetings (All 3 Clubs)
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Keith Witte</i> , St. Paul Lutheran, Liberty Center

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

- ❖ Our Shut-Ins: *Stan Moll, Norma Damman, Don Dickmann, and Lucia Delventhal*
- ❖ *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
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Orchards of Northcrest - Napoleon
- ❖ Servicemen, *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Kyle Elling, Emily Schroeder, and Connor Gerken*
- ❖ *Vernon Kruse*, at home now and still weak from recent lung surgery
- ❖ *Betty Ashbaugh*, recuperating at home now and still in need of prayers
- ❖ *Mary Rettig*, undergoing knee replacement surgery tomorrow, June 6<sup>th</sup> at FCHC
- ❖ *Clinton Linebaugh* (Dean & Sharon Badenhop's grandson), undergoing open heart surgery tomorrow, June 6<sup>th</sup> at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** Please note the church office hours during the month of June are Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Closed over the lunch hour and all day on Fridays. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be here. Thank you!



**THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP** – 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!

<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 5/29/16	\$5,892.00	\$78.00	\$338.00

**ATTENDANCE:** Thursday (5-26-16) Praise Service: 36; Sunday (5/29/16) Service: 184

**NEW VICAR PREPARATIONS** – A few weeks ago a vicar was assigned to St. John for the coming year. His is **Michael B. Keller** (*he goes by Brent*) who hails from Sanger, Texas (*just north of Dallas*). He and his wife Hanne are expecting their first child in June. Vicar Keller will begin his year of service among us when he is installed on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. As we prepare for the Keller's arrival here in Freedom Twp. there are a few things we need to do to get prepared.

1. **A place to live** – We are looking for a house or apartment we can rent for the vicar and his wife and child. If you have any places available or know of any, please speak with Congregation President, *Bob Norden*.
2. **Furnishings** – The Kellers inform us they don't have much for furnishings, so we will be trying to pull together some items. A list of needed items is posted in the narthex and in the front hallway by the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade classroom where we will collect the items. If you can either loan or donate any of these items, please bring them to the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade classroom for summer storage, then check the item off the list posted next to the door. *If you have any items not listed that you think may be helpful, please contact Pastor Niermann.*

**SUMMER READING:** The next selection from the St. John Church Library Book Club is “House of Living Stones” by Katie Schuermann. The novel revolves around a fictional Lutheran congregation in Bradbury, Illinois. It should be a more casual summer read than our previous selections. The Concordia Publishing House website says the book is “a whimsical and touching story about small-town life, misconceptions, and the power of forgiveness.” Join Pastor, Vicar, and other members of our congregation in reading this novel which will further our understanding of forgiveness through Christ. Please use the sign-up sheet at the back of the church to reserve your copy provided free of charge by the St. John Church Library. **Sign-up deadline is today!**

**LYF COLOR FUN RUN/WALK FUNDRAISER** – Join our Senior High LYF youth as we prepare for the National Youth Gathering in July. We are just shy of our goal for expenses and are doing one last fundraiser before we go on our trip. On Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM we will be hosting a Color Run/Walk on our church grounds. Come run or walk around the designated route and get covered with different colors. Food and water will also be available and are included in the price. The price to participate is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. Please, no pets during the race and throughout the course. Please sign up for the event on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1723337247948007/>) or email Sarah Bartok at [sbartok@sjl.org](mailto:sbartok@sjl.org). See flyers in the hallway too!

**REPORT CARDS** can be picked up in an envelope (one per family) in the narthex on Sun., June 12<sup>th</sup>. Parents of tuition students may pick up report cards the week of June 13<sup>th</sup> in the school office from 9 to noon.

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL POSITION OPENING** – St. John Lutheran School is seeking a person to fill the following position that will be opening after this school year.

- **Freedom's Flock Care Provider** – This individual is responsible for the care of the students in our after-school program each day from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

If interested in more information, please speak with Principal Kramer or Board Pres., Brad Rosebrook.

**HELP FOR WOMEN CAUGHT UP IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING** - The human trafficking of women is a big problem in NW Ohio, in Toledo especially. Some of the women caught up in this world have only ever known life on the streets. To help these women, the Sisters of Notre Dame in Toledo, and the organization STOP (*Stop Trafficking of Persons*) are working to give them food and toiletries, along with a phone number they can call to get the help they need.

CAN YOU HELP? In the narthex Mitch and Anika Rosebrock have set up a collection box where you can bring items for this ministry of mercy. Please consider giving such items as peanut butter or cheese crackers, fruit bars, toiletries such as hotel sized deodorant, toothpaste and brushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, lip balm and washcloths. Thank you for helping and doing this for Jesus.

**USE OF THE FELLOWSHIP HALL** – If you would like to use the Fellowship Hall for any occasion, on a certain date this year, **please contact the church/school office at 419-598-8961 or 419-598-8702.**

**4-H:** The Gerald Busy Fingers, Cloverbuds, and Freedom Royal Farmers 4-H Clubs will be having their next meeting on Sun., June 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

#### **AREA EVENTS:**

- **Friends of Orphan Grain Train** will be hosting a **Bake Sale, Food Stand and Basement sale** at Zion Lutheran Church, located at 20141 County Road X, Ridgeville Corners, on **June 10 & 11** during the Community Garage Sale Days. Stop in to enjoy great food from the lunch stand or baked items from the Bake Sale and help support this worthy cause!
- **St. John Lutheran Church, Stryker**, is sponsoring their **LYF Ice Cream Social on Sun., June 12<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Church Family Center. The menu includes hot chicken sandwiches, homemade ice cream, and pie. Proceeds support our youth group's summer trip to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. See flyer!
- The Henry County Historical Society will be hosting their annual **Strawberry Festival Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** at the Dr. Bloomfield House (229 W. Clinton St.) from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Enjoy sandwiches, strawberries, shortcake, pies, ice cream and beverages all for a free will donation! Entertainment will be provided by the Second Street Stringers, a hammered dulcimer ensemble, plus VMCCA Antique Car Show and the River City Rodders Car Show. We hope to see you there!
- **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Swamp Benefit on June 17&18** at Fulton County Fairgrounds. See flyer!
- **The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Stephanie Kossov Memorial Golf Outing** will be held on **Sat., July 30<sup>th</sup>**, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Registration forms available on the narthex table!
- **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert Series** at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 203 S. Defiance St., Archbold on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM continues with an Organ Recital presented by Steve Basselman, Organist.

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

**Religion says, 'Do.' The Gospel says, 'Done!'**

*"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (Col. 1:13-14)*