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### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Legion" *Luke 8:26-39*

Order of Service: Divine Service, Setting One (LSB pg. 151)

Hymns: 825 ~ 541 ~ (Communion: 570, 521, 528) ~ 849

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### A PRAYER UPON

#### ENTERING CHURCH

*Happy Father's Day!... and a special, grateful welcome to all fathers this morning. We bless and cherish you for the strong, reliable and confident provider you have been or continue to be to your families. We salute you in the name of our Lord. If you are visiting with us this morning, help us get to know you better by filling out the blue Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you. Simply pass it to the center aisle during the offering.*

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

- ✘ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✘ Emily Bostelman & Tyne Rosebrook, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Lois Arps & Evelyn Rohrs, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Delbert & Marian Damman, *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!

**OUTDOOR SERVICE CHANGE OF DATE** – The church council decided at its meeting last Tuesday to move up by one week the date of the outdoor service. The new date is Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> (*the Sunday before the new school year begins*). Please mark your calendar!

**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	♦ ♦ ♦ FATHER'S DAY ♦ ♦ ♦ Communion Service Adult Bible Class
Mon.	3:30 PM	Ladies Outing to Sunnyville Farm, Deshler ( <i>see bulletin note</i> )
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Women of Freedom Meeting
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Thursday Evening Worship
Fri.	6:30 PM	Wedding Rehearsal – <i>O'Neil / Gruenhagen</i>
Sat.	3:30 PM	Wedding Ceremony – <i>James O'Neil / Haley Gruenhagen</i>
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM 1:00 PM	Worship Service Adult Bible Class LYF Color Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Willie Stottlemyer, St. Stephen Lutheran, Defiance</i>

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

- ❖ Our Shut-Ins: *Stan Moll, Norma Damman, Don Dickmann, Lucia Delventhal, and Renetta Homan*
- ❖ *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*, recuperating at home from recent surgery
- ❖ *Mary Rettig*, recuperating at Henry County Swing Bed from knee replacement surgery
- ❖ *Dan Wiechers*, following surgery this past week at Toledo Hospital

**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 26th, 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 at <http://tinyurl.com/stjohncolorrun> or email Sarah Bartok at [sbartok@sjl.org](mailto:sbartok@sjl.org). See flyers in the hallway too!

**LADIES OUTING:** The Women of Freedom would like to invite anyone interested in touring the dairy operation of Sunnyville Farm, Deshler, OH, to show up in the church parking lot on Mon., June 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM. We will be caravanning to Sunnyville at that time. Bring your buckets – tee hee!!!

**PORTALS OF PRAYER BOOKLETS** for the next quarter, *July, August, September*, are on the desk in the back of the church. There are also large print booklets available for anybody to pick up.

**BOOK CLUB SUMMER READING** - Copies of *“House of Living Stones”* by Katie Schuermann will be available for pickup this morning following the service at the Church Library located in the hallway west of the sanctuary. We have extra copies so come and get one even if you did not sign up. They are free for everyone. We are discussing a time when those who read this book can get together for fellowship and a discussion of its story – stay tuned! And while at the Church Library, take some time to look over the materials available for self-serve checkout anytime. There are now well over 300 Christ focused books, videos, and children’s books in our library’s inventory.



**NEW VICAR PREPARATIONS** – One the second Sunday of August we will receive and install our new vicar, **Mr. Michael B. Keller** (*he goes by Brent*). Brent hails from Sanger, Texas (just north of Dallas). He and his wife Hanne are expecting their first this month. 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 Pres. 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 hall at the 7-8<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 7-8<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 no listed that you think may be helpful, please contact Pastor Niermann.*

**REPORT CARDS** can be picked up today in an envelope (one per family) in the narthex. Report cards can also be viewed on the FastDirect Communication network.

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL POSITION OPENINGS** – St. John Lutheran School is seeking persons to fill the following positions that are currently open for the upcoming 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.

<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec’d 6/12/16	\$6,383.00	\$298.00	\$403.00

**ATTENDANCE:** Thursday (6-09-16) Worship Service: 38; Sunday (6/12/16) Service: 160

**COMMUNED** in May: 349 members

**WHY SEND YOUR CHILD TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL?** Every day students enrolled at St. John Lutheran School hear and study the Word of God. It is also talked about in the academic subjects. Students pray at the beginning of the day, before and after meals, and at the end of the day. If you are interested in more information about the preschool through eighth grade education at St. John Lutheran School please call 419-598-8702 or e-mail us at [ckramer@sjl.org](mailto:ckramer@sjl.org).

**AREA EVENTS:**

- **Lutheran Home at Napoleon Auxiliary** is hosting its annual Ice Cream Social **today** with serving from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. This is a Thrivent Action Team event. See flyer!
- **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.
- **St. Mark's Lutheran Church** (*Domersville and Nagel Roads*), Defiance, is hosting its annual Ice Cream Social on **Sun., June 26<sup>th</sup>** with serving from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. 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!



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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**Give the devil an inch and he'll be your ruler!**

*"Do not give the devil a foothold." (Eph. 4:27)*