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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Out of Hell, Into Heaven" *Luke 10:25-37*

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

Hymns: 842 ~ 553 ~ 950 ~ 683

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. If you are a visitor, we ask that you fill out a Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and pass it to the center aisle during the offering this morning. Your presence is a blessing to us.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✠ Aden Foor & Colin Johnson, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Peter & Karen Gerken, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Lawrence & Hildegard Behrmann, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Carey Damman, Craig Drewes, Scott VanValkenburg, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Diane VonDeylen, LouAnn Rosebrock, Jeannette Bostelman, *Altar Guild* ✠

JAVA JOY TODAY! It's the second Sunday of the month, and that means **Java Joy** following the service. Take a little time to enjoy a bite to eat and some fellowship. A table is set up in the front hallway. Your gifts to the "kitty" help keep **Java Joy** alive and going. We thank *Jerry & Nancy Short* for hosting Java Joy for July. Thank you!

Interested in being a **Java Joy** host? Please sign up on the table in the narthex. Don't let finances stop you – you are welcome to reimburse your expenses from the kitty if you wish.



In God's House This Week *Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl*

Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM 1:00 PM 4:30 PM	<i>Commissioning of Nat'l Youth Gathering Youth</i> Worship Service w/Communion following <i>Java Joy</i> ; Adult Bible Class; Sr. High LYF Meeting (<i>see note</i>) 4-H Meetings Jr. High LYF Fun
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Church Council Meeting
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	LYF leaves for NYG in New Orleans, LA (<i>returning on July 21</i>) Exercise Class Thursday Evening Worship with Communion
Fri.	6:30 PM	Wedding Rehearsal – <i>McCarthy / Hesterman</i>
Sat.	4:30 PM	Wedding Ceremony – <i>Nick McCarthy / Jenelle Hesterman</i>
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Lee Genter</i> , Christ Our Savior Lutheran, Defiance

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, Mary Rettig, and Dan Wiechers*, recuperating at home now
- ❖ *Trevor Rubin and Melanie Hodson* (Tim & Renee Hodson's daughter) united in marriage yesterday in Toledo, OH

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING COMMISSIONING SERVICE

During worship today, we will formally commission and send off the youth of our congregation and chaperones who will be heading to New Orleans later this week for the LCMS National Youth Gathering. We have 9 youth attending this year. **They are deeply appreciative of the congregation's support of all the fund raisers for this trip, including the Color Run/Walk.** Let's all surround these young people with our love and prayers as they head south for this unique, exciting and inspirational event.



ARCHIVES DISPLAY: The Archives Committee has a new display in the two showcases in the side hallway. This display has a wealth of information and history on our church as it highlights our former pastor, *Rev. George Maassel*. Come and check it out! You'll be glad you did!

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 way God's makes us holy, after which we will look at the Holy Days and Years of Israel and wrap up this study. Come discover how it all points to Jesus Christ!

SR HIGH LYF meeting for the National Youth Gathering trip will be today after church in Miss Bartok's classroom.

JR HIGH LYF will be meeting today from 4:30-6:00 PM at the church. Please bring a towel, bathing suit, and an extra change of clothes. Join us for some fun water games, snacks, and fellowship!

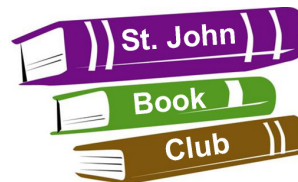
JULY OFFICE HOURS: Please note the church office hours during the month of July. They are Monday thru Thursday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be here. Thank you!

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 7/03/16	\$10,027.00	\$375.00	\$815.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (6-30-16) Worship Service: 46; Sunday (7/03/16) Service: 146

WHY SEND YOUR CHILD TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL? Lutheran schools consistently out perform their public school counterparts. Their test scores are above the curve, and students are better prepared entering ninth grade upon graduation. 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.

BOOK CLUB SUMMER READING – This summer we are reading “*House of Living Stones*” by Katie Schuermann. It's the story of the people of Zion Lutheran Church in the little town of Bradbury. The backdrop of this delightful novel is the hiring of a new choir director that sets in motion a chain of events that turns the life of his congregation upside down. You will laugh as you read the antics of Zion's members, and perhaps even see a little bit of yourself in some of the characters. All of our SJL copies have been claimed, but you can still order a copy from CPH.org (\$12.99) or from Christianbook.com (\$9.99) --- just type the title in the search box.



- **SJL BOOKCLUB DISCUSSION** – We have set **Wednesday, July 27th** as a date for gathering to discuss this book together. Would anyone be willing to host this discussion group in your home? Please speak with the Pastor or Vicar.

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

GIRLS' BASKETBALL OPEN GYM: St. John Girls' Basketball Open Gym will be July 18 & 19 from 3:30 – 5:00 PM. Any girl going into grades 4-8 with interest in playing basketball during the 2016-17 school year is invited to attend. If you are a returning player, please bring your uniform to be turned in. Have any questions – call a coach!! Hope to see you there!! *Coaching staff: Krista Gerken, James Wagner, Todd Wachtman*

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. If interested in any of these positions and you would like more details, please speak with *Principal Kramer* or new Board Pres., *Sunday Griffith*.

- **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. This is a paid position.
- **School Janitor** – This individual will be responsible for all the janitorial duties involved with the functioning of the school. This is a paid position.
- **School Cook** – This individual will prepare daily lunches for the students and staff, as well as overseeing the operation of the lunch program at St. John School. This is a paid position.

NEW VICAR PREPARATIONS – On 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 7-8th Grade classroom where we will collect the items. If you can either loan or donate any of these items, please bring them to the 7-8th 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.*

ANNUAL SCHOOL CLEANING DATES have been set for Mon., Aug. 1 and Wed., Aug. 3 starting at 5:00 PM both nights. Please read the Parent Participation Policy in FastDirect with all the details about family requirements for School Cleaning. The carpets will be cleaned on Tues., Aug. 2.

AREA EVENTS:

- **The Historical Society of Grand Rapids Ohio** presents "The Wizard of Oz" **today** at Grand Rapids Town Hall. Show time is 2:30 PM. Our very own Lydia Babcock is playing the role of Dorothy in this musical presentation. See flyer on bulletin board!
- **Homemade Ice Cream Social** hosted by Zion Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners, OH on **Sun., July 24th** with serving from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Free will donation! See flyer!
- **The 9th Annual Stephanie Kossov Memorial Golf Outing** will be held on **Sat., July 30th**, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Registration forms available on the narthex table!