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### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon: Thursday Evening: "Getting In the Door" *Luke 13:22-30*  
Sunday Morning: "A Different Perspective" *Hebrews 12:4-24*  
Order of Service: See printed Service folder

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### 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. But above all, we invite you to come to worship with us at any time. If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself to the pastor as you leave the worship service this morning.*

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

- ✘ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✘ Maggie Weller & Brooks Behnfeldt, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Don & Karan Niebergall, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Delbert & Marian Damman, *Visitation* ✘
- ✘ Denny Behnfeldt, Elmer Maassel, Bob Norden, Ted Ripke, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Kathy Behnfeldt, Pat Maassel, Anita Badenhop, Deb Durham, *Altar Guild* ✘

**NEW ARRIVAL:** *Curtis & Sarah (Damman) Wilson* are very happy to announce the arrival of their second child, *Isaac Wilson*, born on August 4<sup>th</sup> in Melbourne, FL. All are doing well and getting settled in at home with big sister, Lyla, helping whenever she can. Proud grandparents, Dave & Teresa Damman, will be accumulating lots of frequent flyer miles now. Congrats to the Wilsons!

**THANKS, EVERYONE!** A GREAT BIG THANK-YOU to everyone who helped with the transition between vicars this summer. There was a lot to do this year – we needed to secure housing, get furniture coordinated and moved, provide meals, etc. Thanks especially to President Bob & Diane Norden for all the hours you put in arranging housing and moving. Thanks also to everyone who provided furniture items and food. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated by us all, and your labor in the Lord is never in vain. Well done, everyone, and thanks again!

**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	10:00AM 11:00AM 4:30 PM	Outdoor Service with Communion ( <i>see bulletin note</i> ) Classrooms open ( <i>till 12:00 PM</i> ); Pay school fees; Preschool Open House ( <i>till 1:00 PM</i> ) Jr. & Sr. LYF Meetings ( <i>see bulletin note</i> )
Mon.	5:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	<i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution ( <i>until 6:30 PM</i> ) Preschool Parents' Orientation Meeting ( <i>see bulletin note</i> ) Grade School (K-8) Parents' Orientation Meeting ( <i>see bulletin note</i> )
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Exercise Class Shepherd Committee Board of Elders
Wed.	8:20 AM	First Student Day of School; 8:35 AM Opening Chapel Service
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Class
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. James Strawn</i> , St. James Lutheran – Archbold

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

- ❖ Our Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Don Dickmann, Lucia Delventhal, and Renetta Homan*
- ❖ *Pauline Dishop, Marie Damman, and Delora Winkelman*, at The Lutheran Home, Napoleon
- ❖ *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, and Emily Schroeder*
- ❖ *Connor Gerken*, serving in the military and now deployed to the Middle East for 6 months
- ❖ *Stan Moll*, recuperating from hip surgery from a fall he took recently

**OUTDOOR SERVICE TODAY**

**Welcome to our annual Outdoor Worship Service.** We extend a special welcome to our musical guests this morning, Mike Nicol, his son Micah Nicol, their friend Terry Wooley, and our very own Matt Schroeder. For your enjoyment, they will provide 15 minutes of preservice music as well as another 20 to 30 minutes of post-service music. After worship, grab a cookie and a beverage, have a seat and enjoy their music. A song-sheet with many of the choruses for their songs is included in this morning's bulletin so that you can sing along with them.



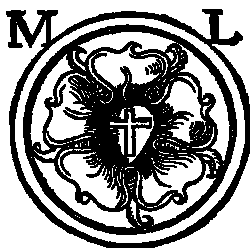
- **Procedure for Holy Communion** – This morning we are celebrating Holy Communion. We will follow the same basic pattern as any normal Sunday, forming two tables (of 10 or so people) on either side of the center aisle. Come up the center and return off to the sides as usual. We are using individual cups exclusively; baskets are positioned to deposit the empty cups as you return to your seat.

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY** is cancelled today. We will resume our study of Leviticus next Sunday, August 28th. Keep an eye on the bulletin for announcements about upcoming Bible study opportunities as we gear up for a new season of Christian instruction. One Bible study we will be signing up for next Sunday is the *LifeLight* study, “**Heaven and Hell.**” The *LifeLight* Bible study series offers in-depth studies on many Bible books and topics designed to give growth in faith to all who participate. The “Heaven and Hell” study includes these sessions:

- 1: A Guided Tour of Heaven and Hell
- 2: Daddy, What Happens When We Die?
- 3: The Justice of God and the Fate of the Wicked, Part 1
- 4: The Justice of God and the Fate of the Wicked, Part 2
- 5: The Mercy of God and the Fate of the Redeemed
- 6: Behold, the Dwelling Place of God is With Men
- 7: And They Will Be His People
- 8: For the Healing of the Nations
- 9: Living Heavenward



**LYF NEWS:** The Jr. High and Sr. High will be meeting tonight from 4:30-6:00 PM. We will be putting together goodie bags and delivering them to the sheriff and police departments in Napoleon. We will then return to the church from some ice cream. Parent drivers are needed for this event. If you can drive, please contact Sarah Bartok at (734)752-9893. All incoming 6th graders to 12th grade are welcome to attend!



**WEDNESDAY EVENING CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION** resumes on **Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:15 p.m.** Young people going into the 7<sup>th</sup> grade should have received a letter announcing this. If for some reason you didn't get the letter, please call the Pastor for more information or to ask any questions you may have. We're looking forward to a great year of growth in God's Word as we study together the Small Catechism and its six chief parts of Christian teaching.

**TV CONVERTER BOX:** Remember these boxes???? The school is in need of one of them. Check your closets and basements for one you may have tucked away. If you are willing to give it up, please drop it off at the school office. Thank you!

**VICAR AARON YAEGER'S ADDRESS:** For anyone wishing to send *Vicar Yaeger & Diana* a note, here is their new mailing address: 1216 Rivermet Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 8/14/16	\$7,831.00	\$163.00	\$433.00

**ATTENDANCE:** Thursday (8-11-16) Worship Service: 36; Sunday (8/14/16) Service: 159

**YOUR DAILY LUTHERAN BIBLE CLASS...Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Saints in Heaven, Good Works, The Movie "Ben-Hur," The Martyrdom of John the Baptist, Sacramental Vessels & Linens and more. You can listen on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

**LCMS DISASTER RESPONSE** – There is a lot going on right now in our nation that is causing human misery and suffering, and presenting as Christians a way of extending God's mercy and love.



With a gift to LCMS Disaster Response, you can join your resources with those of thousands of other donors to make a difference in the lives of people who are suffering right now because of fires (in California) and flood (in Louisiana). To

learn more about what's going on, visit the LCMS Disaster Response

webpage at: <https://www.lcms.org/disaster> Use the "GIVE NOW" link to make a gift. Also stay tuned as we ponder other ways in which we might be able to extend help.

**SHARE THE BOUNTY OF SUMMER** – This morning a table has been set up under the carport where you can bring any spare produce from your garden and share it with others in the congregation. Bring whatever you can and take whatever you can use, and share the bounty of summer! The table will be set up each Sunday through mid-September or so.



**POSITION OPENING** – St. John Lutheran School is seeking someone to fill the position of **Athletic Director**. This individual is responsible for overseeing all the athletic functions and events involving St. John Lutheran School. This is paid position. If interested in this position or you would like more details, please speak with *Principal Kramer* or Board Pres., *Sunday Griffith*.

**UPCOMING SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- ✓ **Parent's Orientation Meeting** – On **Mon., Aug. 22 at 7:00 PM** there will be a Parent's Meeting with children in Grades K-8 held in the Fellowship Hall. Parents will be informed about student expectations in the classrooms, such as respect for authority, changes in Accelerated Reader, and new staff personnel. It will last approximately one hour. The last half of the meeting will allow parents to go to the classrooms. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents will meet to discuss their class trip. **All school parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.**
- ✓ **Preschool Parent's Meeting** – In conjunction with the school parent meeting, there will be a Preschool parent meeting at 6:00 PM. **All parents Preschool parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.**
- ✓ **School Fundraiser** – The Magazine & Cookie Dough Sales for Grades Preschool thru 8 will begin on **Mon., Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM**. It will run through Wed., Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. The cookie dough will be delivered on Tues., Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**LAWN SIGNS:** Today we are making available **St. John Lutheran School** lawn signs for display in your front yard or any visible area you can think of. These free signs can be taken from the back of the narthex. You make take as many as you need in order to give our school some good advertising.

**IF YOU'RE EVER IN A PINCH** and could use a little help, the ***Good Neighbor Fund*** is there to assist you too! Please don't be bashful about asking – everything is strictly confidential. Just give Pastor Niermann a call, and we'll see what we can do!

**PARENT HANDBOOKS:** The 2016-17 Parent Handbook information is posted and available via the FastDirect Communication network. A message was sent to each family through FastDirect. Handbooks will only be printed for those St. John families that do not have internet access via computers, cell phones, i-Pads, etc. Simply go to [www.fastdir.com/stjohnfreedom](http://www.fastdir.com/stjohnfreedom) and click on "Links" at top of page.

**SCHOOL REFERRAL LETTERS & CARDS** – We are again offering "School Referral Discounts" to all school families encouraging them to help "market" St. John Lutheran School to their friends and neighbors. The referral letters and cards are available in the school office for any St. John member that may wish to help "market" our school within the community. We look forward to growing God's kingdom through St. John Lutheran School.

**FREEDOM'S FLOCK** – St. John's after school program will begin at 3:00 PM on the first day of school, August 24. The Freedom Flock Aide will be *Betty Cole*. Mrs. Cole will be in charge Monday thru Friday. Please contact Director Karen Riefers to pre-register your child(ren) and pay the \$15 per family registration by August 24, if possible. You can also access the Freedom's Flock Handbook and Registration/Medical forms on FastDirect. If any adult or student (16 or older) would like to volunteer to also help with the program, you may contact Karen at 419-598-8686.

**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. 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 all!

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**"The goal of God's discipline is restoration - never condemnation."**

*"For the LORD disciplines those He loves." (Heb. 12:6)*

## **SCHOOL NOTES:**

- ✓ **1st DAY OF SCHOOL** for St. John is Wed., Aug. 24 , with classes beginning at 8:20 AM. Students arriving after that time will need to report to the school office.
- ✓ **OPEN HOUSE** – (PS, Gr.K-8) On Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM for Kindergarten thru Gr. 8. All classrooms will be open and we invite parents and students to come in and bring in their school supplies. Preschool open house will also be on the 21<sup>st</sup> but will run from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come, parents and children.
- ✓ **SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL PARENTS' MEETING** – There will be a School & Preschool Parents' Orientation meeting on Mon., Aug. 22 beginning at 6:00 PM for Preschool and at 7:00 PM for Gr. K-8 Parents in the fellowship hall. This will include an overview of the FastDirect Communication information system we have implemented at St. John.
- ✓ **SCHOOL OFFICE** will be open on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM for anyone that wants to pay their enrollment fee and purchase supplies from the book store. Payment of fees can also be mailed to St. John Lutheran School, 16035 County Road U, Napoleon, Ohio 43545. The office will also be open from 8:30 – Noon on Mon., Aug. 22 and Tues., Aug. 23 for payments. **Also return any St. John Library books from last school year at this time.**
- ✓ **OPENING SERVICE** will be Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:35 AM in the church. Following the service, *Principal Charles Kramer* will welcome our new students. Once back in their rooms the children, by classrooms, will have the opportunity to purchase school supplies from our book store if they have not already done so. **All are welcome to attend this Opening Service!**
- ✓ **LUNCH PROGRAM** – The Lunch Program is still being determined. We are still searching for a cook. There is a possibility that students will need to pack lunches for the first few days. Be patient as we continue our quest for a lunchroom cook.
- ✓ **MEAL TICKETS** – Meal ticket prices remain the same. They are: PS 4/5 - Gr. 4 - \$2.50, Gr. 5-8 - \$2.75. We have put Preschool and Grades K-4 together for one price, and Grades 5-8 for one price. Extra milk is 50¢. The adult meal price increased to \$3.00 and \$3.50 w/milk. Meal tickets may be purchased for any amount of days each week or for the entire month.
- ✓ **BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP** – St. John Booster membership for the 2016-17school year are: \$20.00 for husband and wife; \$10.00 for single. Make checks payable to *St. John Boosters*.
- ✓ **SCHOOL PICTURES** will be taken by *Emilie Parsons* of Emilie's Photo Design this year and are scheduled for Thurs., Sept., 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM for the 4/5-year old Preschool class and Gr. K-8; and Fri., Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM for 3-year old Preschool class and anyone absent on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. Order forms will be sent home shortly after school starts.
- ✓ **EMERGENCY PROCEDURE AND EARLY CLOSING FORMS (pink)** will be available on a table outside the school office as a handout on Sun., Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>. They can be completed and turned in with your fees that Sunday or turned in to the school office by the first day of school. Write all family members on one card.
- ✓ **STATE FUNDS (light green)** is to be filled out by parents, one per family, listing the names of your children and their grade level. We need to keep this in our files every year as required by the State of Ohio. Return this light green card the first day of school.
- ✓ **SCRIP PROGRAM** will be offered again this school year. Anyone willing to help the PTL with this fundraiser can contact *Kristyn Honemann* at 419-592-0643.