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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Created For a Better World" *Romans 8:18-27*

Order of Service: Divine Service, Setting 1 (LSB pg. 151)

Hymns: 772 ~ 769 ~ [Communion: 620,700,550] ~ 818

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. If you have no church of your own, we invite you to make this your home church. If you are a visitor, 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.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Hope Buchhop & Madison Bostelman, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Tom & Sandy VonDeylen, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Eldor & Rozella Gruenhagen, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Carey Damman, Craig Drewes, Scott VanValkenburg, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Karan Niebergall, Kaylee & Ronda Wentworth, Karen Lulfs, *Altar Guild* ✠

CHANGE OF COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR JULY – The second communion service for July will be today.

VOTERS' MEETING: There will be a Voters' Meeting held on Sun., July 30th immediately after the church service. Items to be discussed: 1) Kindergarten Teacher position change; 2) Constitution and Policy changes. Copies of the Constitution and Policy changes are available for you to review (prior to the meeting) on the table in the narthex.

In God's House This Week		<i>Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class
Mon.	5:30 PM	<i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Shepherd Committee; followed by Board of Elders at 7:30 PM
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Thursday Evening Worship
Fri.	6:30 PM	Wedding Rehearsal – <i>Grothman - Durham</i>
Sat.	10:00AM 3:30 PM	Ohio Flags of Honor at the Ridgeville American Legion Wedding Ceremony – <i>Ray Grothman – Darci Durham</i>
Sun.	7:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:20AM	Ohio Flags of Honor at the Ridgeville American Legion (<i>until 2:00 PM</i>) Worship Service Voters' Meeting following the Worship Service
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Dale Kern (retired)</i> , St. John Lutheran – Stryker

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

- ❖ Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Renetta Homan, Stan Moll, Delores Badenhop*
- ❖ *Delora Winkelman, Marian Buchhop, and Anna Brodman*, at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Lucia Delventhal*, at Fulton Manor, Wauseon
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Ohio Veteran's Home, Sandusky
- ❖ Armed Services: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, Connor Gerken, Seth Handy*
- ❖ *Shirley Sonnenberg*, dealing with health issues
- ❖ *Melba Elling*, recuperating at Genacross Lutheran Home following a recent fall
- ❖ *Harold Behrmann*, home now and recuperating nicely

CHURCH/SCHOOL SECRETARY ON VACATION: Please make note that Joyce Wiechers will be out of the office from July 24 – July 31 for vacation. The bulletin next Sunday (7-30) will have limited information in it. Any additional information for that Sunday will be announced by Pastor Niermann on the 30th. Thank you!

PRAYER & CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR: The August Prayer Calendar and the Church Calendar will not be published until Sun., Aug. 6th. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS ARE DIFFERENT! They have educators who model spiritual leadership. They study God's Word, share their personal faith, apply Law and Gospel appropriately, equip God's people for service, care for others, demonstrate integrity, and pray. To find out more information about St. John Lutheran School, please call the office at 419-598-8702.

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

FURNITURE LOANED TO VICAR - If you loaned an item of furniture to the vicar and would like to have it back, please confirm this with *Pastor Niermann* or *Vicar Keller*. Also, the Kellers do not need the couch that was loaned to them, so whoever owns this couch, please contact the Kellers (940-390-3065) or the church office (419-598-8961).

FAREWELL POTLUCK & MOVING FOR VICAR KELLER: We will be hosting a farewell potluck for Vicar Keller, Hanne, and Annie on Sun., Aug. 6th at 11:00 AM. Plan to attend and wish the Kellers “the best” as they prepare to enter another chapter in their ministry lives back at Fort Wayne, IN. Following the potluck (at about 1:00 PM) we will be meeting at the Kellers apartment to load and move them back to Fort Wayne. Any strong, able bodied men and women available to help with this move are welcomed to show up at 316 W. Main Street, Napoleon (right across from the Central School).

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY – FROM ALEXANDER CAMPBELL TO MARTIN

LUTHER: *Vicar Keller's Journey to the Lutheran Church.* Many of you know that Vicar Keller came to the Lutheran Confession as an adult. Some of you have heard portions of his journey, but he has not told all of it. During the Adult Bible Hour this month, he will explain his background and how he came to the Lutheran Church and to the right teaching on important doctrines such as baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Original Sin. In his attempt to prove the Lutherans wrong, he became a Lutheran. On this 500th anniversary of the Reformation, as always, it is important for us to hear stories such as this, and be reminded of the blessed heritage that is ours in the pure and right teaching of the Word of God. In addition, Vicar Keller is also asking if there are theological topics that you would like covered that would be seen through his former lens and how Scripture explains them.

THIS WEEK: The Vicar will complete his series this morning by talking about the Lord's Supper and the Office of Holy Ministry. If he has time, he will also speak about the difference is worship between his old church and the Lutheran Church.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 07/16/17	\$8,771.91	\$205.00	\$255.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (7/13/17) Service: 48 Sunday (7/16/17) Service: 129

STAINED GLASS FROM THE OLD CHURCH – The word is that there are a few members of the congregation who have in their possession pieces of stained glass from the windows in the old church. If you are willing to part with these, we could incorporate that glass into the new stained glass windows that are currently being planned and built. This would provide a beautiful and interesting link to our history. Contact Pastor Niermann if you have some of that old glass you'd like to contribute.

SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE A SIGN: Tell your friends and neighbors about St. John Lutheran School by picking up a corrugated plastic yard sign in the back of the church. Place it in your front lawn or other obvious place to promote the school. Thank you for telling others about our school!

ITBS RESULTS: The ITBS testing results have arrived for Grades K, 1, and 2 students. They are available, by family name, on the table in the narthex. Please pick your envelope up today! Nothing received on the OAA testing results for the 3rd thru 8th grade students. Stay tuned!

ORDINATION OF FORMER VICAR AARON YAEGER – It's an exciting time for our former vicar *Aaron Yaeger* and his wife *Diana* and their children as they make their move to Lynchburg, Virginia and settle in for the ministry of the Word in that community. *Aaron* has been called to serve as pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Lynchburg. He will be ordained into the holy ministry and installed as pastor today at 4:00 p.m. Let's shower these special people with our words and greetings of love and prayer. If you would like to send your greetings, the address is: **Rev. Aaron Yaeger ♦ Our Savior Lutheran Church ♦ 2940 Link Road ♦ Lynchburg, VA 24503**

CELEBRATING
150
YEARS

IT'S TIME TO FORM A 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE! In about a year and a half, we will turn the calendar to the year 2019 – the year our congregation will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its founding in 1869. It's an anniversary we will want to celebrate in many ways with joy and thanksgiving. If you would like to be part of the anniversary committee, please speak with Pastor Niermann, and we will have our first meeting this fall.

UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ✓ **Annual School Cleaning** has been set for **Mon., July 31** and **Wed., Aug. 2** starting at **6:00 PM** both nights. **Thursday (Aug.3) and Friday (Aug. 4), if needed.** Please read the Parent Participation Policy on FastDirect with all the details about family requirements for School Cleaning. The carpets will be cleaned on Tues., Aug. 1.
- ✓ **SJL Fundraiser** – Plans are in motion for the 1st Annual “Soar With the Eagles” St. John Lutheran School Fundraiser to be held at the Ridgeville American Legion Hall on Fri., Nov. 10, 2017. There will be a meal, along with a live and silent auction. Stay tuned !

ST. JOHN SCHOOL POSITION OPENINGS – St. John Lutheran School is seeking several people to fill the following positions that will be open for the 2017-18 school year.

- **Music Instructor** – This individual is responsible for classroom music one day per week for Grades K thru 8. This is a paid position.
- **School Cook** – This individual is responsible for preparing and serving daily lunches for the students and staff, and submitting reports in regard to the lunch program at St. John. This is a paid position.

If you are interested in more information on any of these positions, please speak with Principal Kramer or the chairman of the School Board, Karen Gerken.

AREA EVENTS:

- **Ridgeville American Legion** is hosting the Ohio Flags of Honor Memorial on **Saturday and Sunday, July 29th & 30th** at the legion hall. See flyer for more details!
- **Northwest Ohio CASA** will be conducting training classes for volunteers in September 2017. The need for volunteers is always great. If you would like more information about becoming a CASA volunteer, please call their office at 419-592-9455.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...
I pray only on days that end in 'y'!

"Pray without ceasing." (1 Thess. 5:17)