



# St. John Lutheran Church

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### EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: *To be announced*

Order of Service: *To be announced*

Hymns: *To be announced*

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*Welcome guests to this place of praise and prayers as we gather together as part of the family of our Heavenly Father. We invite you to join us now and return again to celebrate the salvation we have in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. 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.*

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

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Hope Buchhop & Kaleb Woods, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Dan & Deb Wachtman, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Jim & Linda Meyer, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Carey Damman, Craig Drewes, Scott VanValkenburg, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Karan Niebergall, Kaylee & Ronda Wentworth, Karen Lulfs, *Altar Guild* ✠

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are placed in celebration of the wedding ceremony of Ray Grothman and Darci Durham held here at St. John yesterday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. We wish the newlyweds the best as they begin their married life together. May God be with them where ever they go. Congratulations to the Grothmans!

**VOTERS' MEETING:** There will be a Voters' Meeting today, 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**Online church calendar: [www.DynaCal.com/sjl](http://www.DynaCal.com/sjl)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Today	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 Adult Bible Class
Mon.	6:00 PM	Annual School Cleaning ( <i>see bulletin note</i> )
Tue.	7:00 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Classroom Carpets cleaned Exercise Class Stewardship Board & School Board Meetings
Wed.	6:00 PM	Annual School Cleaning ( <i>see bulletin note</i> )
Thurs.	6:30 AM 9:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Breakfast at Hill's Restaurant Exercise Class Annual School Cleaning ( <i>if needed</i> ) Thursday Evening Worship with Communion
Fri.	6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Annual School Cleaning ( <i>if needed</i> ) Wedding Rehearsal – <i>Howard / Willeman</i>
Sat.	3:30 PM	Wedding Ceremony – <i>Jay Howard / Amber Willeman</i>
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM 11:00AM 1:00 PM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class Farewell Potluck for Vicar Keller ( <i>see bulletin note</i> ) Load trailer to move Vicar Yaeger and family ( <i>see bulletin note</i> )
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Eric Moquin</i> , St. John Lutheran - Sherwood

**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

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

**OFFICE HOURS:** The church/school summer office hours will be Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Closed on Fridays until school begins. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be there.

**LUTHERAN PRAYER BOOKS:** There are several copies of The Lutheran Prayerbook available on the narthex table. This is a collection of prayers and inspirations for every Lutheran. We hope you can use and enjoy it!

**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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

CELEBRATING  
**150**  
YEARS

**IT'S TIME TO FORM A 150<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 !

**LUTHERAN SCHOOLS ARE DIFFERENT!** They are governed by board members who clearly understand their role and focus on the vision that effectively govern the operation of the school. To find out more information about St. John Lutheran School, please call the office at 419-598-8702.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. 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 **today** at the legion hall. This will conclude at 2:00 PM.
- **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...**

**Jesus said “I shall return” long before General MacArthur did.**

*“And if I go and make ready a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me, that where I am you also may be.” (John 14:3)*