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### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Guest Preacher: *Rev. Dale Kern*, Retired – St. John Lutheran, Stryker  
Sermon & Text: “Why Aren’t My Prayers Answered?” *Romans 8:27*  
Order of Service: *Divine Service, Setting 4 (LSB pg. 203)*  
Hymns: **761 ~ 496 ~ [Communion: 700, 663] ~ 804**

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*Now is the hour of worship. God speaks to us and we listen and respond with our hymns, prayers and praises. Together we bless the Lord whose purpose is to save us and keep us in His faithful flock. He is The God of Grace and The God of Glory. 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.*

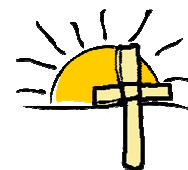
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### **SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE THIS MORNING**

- ✘ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✘ **1<sup>st</sup> Service:** ✘ Brady Gerken & Alex Stevens, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ **2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** ✘ Katelyn Drewes & Anna Gerken, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Jerry & Nancy Short, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Delbert & Marian Damman, *Visitation* ✘
- ✘ Denny Behnfeldt, Elmer Maassel, Bob Norden, Ted Ripke, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Kathy Behnfeldt, Pat Maassel, Anita Badenhop, Deb Durham, *Altar Guild* ✘

**SUMMER EVENING PRAISE** – If you’re going to be gone for a weekend, you can still make it to worship on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. We gather in the north end of the fellowship hall. Communion is offered on the Thursday prior to regular Communion Sundays. These services will be conducted throughout the summer months. Please join us!



**CHURCH NEWSLETTER** – *Deadline for articles is TODAY!* Submissions are encouraged from all groups active at St. John. Articles related to our synod, neighboring churches, and similar information is welcome from anyone.

<b>In God's House This Week</b>		<i>Online church calendar: <a href="http://www.DynaCal.com/sjl">www.DynaCal.com/sjl</a></i>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Today	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:30AM	Early Communion Service Adult Bible Class Late Communion Service
Mon.	9:30 AM	Girls' B-ball Open Gym ( <i>see bulletin note</i> )
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class LWML Society Meeting ( <i>see bulletin note</i> )
Wed.	9:30 AM	Girls' B-ball Open Gym ( <i>see bulletin note</i> )
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Summer Evening Praise Worship
Fri.	9:30 AM TBD	Girls' B-ball Open Gym ( <i>see bulletin note</i> ) LYF Retreat to Mount Gilead State Park ( <i>thru Sunday</i> )
Sun.	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:30AM	Early Worship Service Adult Bible Class Late Worship Service
Mon.- Sat.	7:20 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Joshua Schmidt</i> , St. John Lutheran, Defiance

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

- Our Homebound Shut-Ins: *Stan Moll, Marian Fitzenreiter, and Donald & Sue Landry*
- Pauline Dishop and Marie Damman*, residing at The Lutheran Home, Napoleon
- Magdalena Volkman*, residing at Heartland Nursing Home, Wauseon
- Anna Brodman and Marian Buchhop*, residing at Country View Haven
- Helen Norden*, residing at Greenbriar Assisted Living, Birmingham, AL
- Servicemen and women*, Justin Atkinson, Kyle Elling, Jason Rohrs, and Emily Niermann
- Edwin Rosebrock*, at home dealing with health issues at this time
- Casen Lawrence*, as he has had on-going seizures resulting in hospitalization
- Norma Damman*, recuperating at The Orchards of Northcrest, Napoleon

**LYF RETREAT:** The LYF will be going on a summer retreat to Mount Gilead State Park (*15 minutes east of Marion*) on July 25th-27th. We will spend this weekend exploring nature, doing team-building activities and making plans for the coming year. We hope this will be a great introduction to LYF for our incoming freshmen as well as a great send-off for our recent graduates. If you would like to attend, want more information, or have any questions, feel free to contact *Alex Gruenhagen* via email ([gruenhagen.4@buckeyemail.osu.edu](mailto:gruenhagen.4@buckeyemail.osu.edu)) or phone (419-966-7808).

**PRAYER CALENDAR NOTE:** Please be aware that if you would like your wedding anniversaries printed on the prayer calendars, you will have to post them each year. Just list them on the blank calendars posted on the bulletin board in the narthex throughout the year. Thank you!

**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.

**UPDATE ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE VICAR –**

- **The Shoaff's have arrived.** Our thanks to the crew who went to Fort Wayne to get them moved – Denny & Rhonda Bockelman, Jerry & Lori Langenhop, Dean Badenhop, Brian Badenhop, Jerry Short.
- **Stock their pantry!** Throughout July we are collecting food items to help the Shoaffs stock their kitchen pantry. Items may be dropped off in the narthex.
- **Induction of Vicar Shoaff will take place in both services on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.**
- **Welcoming Reception for the Shoaffs** will be held between the services on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at approximately 9:30 a.m. Come and get to know them!
- **Baby Card Shower** – During the reception we'll also have a card shower to help the Shoaffs welcome their newest family member, due in mid-August. Instead of showering them with lots of things, monetary gifts with your card are encouraged and would be most helpful to them. Boy or girl? It's a surprise!
- The building committee is working to partition off the vicar's office – you can check out the progress halfway down the back hall.

**LWML:** Our next LWML Meeting will be held on July 22nd at 7:00 PM. *Diana Grim* will portray Mary Magdalene and *Janet Koch* will lead a discussion. They are from St. John Lutheran Church, Defiance. Come hear how Mary Magdalene was the first person to report to the disciples the miracle of the Resurrection. Bring your Mite Boxes. The LWML Summer Quarterlies are available on the table in the narthex.

<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	<b><u>Home Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Synod &amp; Missions</u></b>	<b><u>Building Fund</u></b>
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 7/13/14	\$5,589.00	\$338.00	\$568.00

**ATTENDANCE:** 7/13/14 – 1<sup>st</sup> Service: 160; *Thurs. 7/10/14 Service – 37*

**MEMORIALS** for *Lucy Rosebrock*: St. John Lutheran School - \$1,320.00 and TBD - \$1,320.00

**ANNUAL SCHOOL CLEANING DATES** have been set for Mon., Aug. 18 and Wed., Aug. 20 starting at 6:30 PM both nights. Due to extremely low turnouts in the past few years, **all School Parents are asked to help with this project.** The carpets will be cleaned on Tues., Aug. 19.

**OPEN GYM:** Shawna Schroeder will be conducting basketball open gyms at St. John for girls in Grades 3-8 on the following dates: July 21, 23, and 25 from 9:30 – 11:00 AM.

**COACHES NEEDED:** Anyone interested in getting acquainted with a great group of girls (Gr. 4-8) and coaching the St. John Volleyball program should contact *AD Jason Foor* (419-906-5074) as soon as possible.

**TEST RESULTS:** The Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA) and Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS), administered to students in Grades 1-8, are ready to be picked up this morning (one per family) on the table in the narthex.

**A NICE DAY AND A GREAT BLESSING!** The Outdoor Service was complete with nice weather. The potluck meal following the service had some delicious food (as usual), and the live/silent auction was very well attended. Thank you to everyone for your support of this fundraising event. The auction netted \$4,573.50 to be put toward the Right Hand of Fellowship gift matching campaign. A BIG thank you to the Stewardship Board for organizing the food and auction, and to auctioneer, Ted Ripke, for keeping everyone entertained (*yet bidding*) while conducting the auction.

**RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP REPORT** – During the first half of 2014, our gifts to God for the *Right Hand of Fellowship* gift matching campaign totaled **\$10,480** (*including all your gifts plus funds from the Ladies Night Out and the Potato Bar meal*). A letter has been submitted to the LC-MS Foundation requesting that amount in matching gifts. **That brings the total since last October to \$48,418.** From the original gift of \$75,000 there still remains \$26,582 to be matched. **Thank you to everyone who has so generously supported this campaign. Let's see if we can retire this project by years end.** To give a gift toward this campaign, please use one of the special envelopes you received with your envelope set, or simply indicate the gift on the outside of your regular offering envelope.

**RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP FUNDRAISER:** The Stewardship Board is offering “for sale” the Ultimate Cloth® as a fundraiser. These are a MiraFiber® technology cloth that cleans with water only. More effective than harsh cleaning chemicals and soaps. See *Karen Norden* (419-267-3477) for more information and pricing. This fundraiser will run for several weeks.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Come one, come all, to the Arts & Craft Show to be held here at St. John on Sat., Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. The money raised will go toward the Right Hand of Fellowship campaign. Please contact *Diane Norden* or *Jackie Ripke* with questions. More information to come as it draws near.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Zion Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners, is hosting a Homemade Ice Cream Social TODAY with serving from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Carry Out available! Freewill donation! Come and Enjoy! See flyer for more info.

**Maumee Valley Civic Theatre** presents...*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!* Showtimes are July 24, 25, 26 at 7:30 PM and the John L. Johnson Auditorium, Napoleon. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens, and under 18, and children 5 and under are free.

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#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

**“Television - a medium. So called because it is neither rare nor well-done. --Ernie Kovacs**  
*“Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” (Philippians 4:8)*