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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "The Table is Set" *Isaiah 55:1-5*

Order of Service: *See printed Service folder*

Hymns: 774 ~ 589 ~ 699 ~ 775 ~ [Communion: 628, 633] ~ 643

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.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✦ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✦ 1st Service: ✦ Jacob Gillen & Brady Gerken, *Acolytes* ✦
- ✦ 2nd Service: ✦ Lexi Woods & Cally Bialorucki, *Acolytes* ✦
- ✦ Tom & Sandy VonDeylen, *Greeters* ✦
- ✦ Richard Elling & Harold Behrmann, *Visitation* ✦
- ✦ Carey Damman, Craig Drewes, Scott VanValkenburg, *Ushers* ✦
- ✦ Karan Niebergall, Karen Lulfs, Kaylee & Ronda Wentworth, *Altar Guild* ✦

FLOWERS TODAY:

- ❖ Altar flowers are placed today in celebration of the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Alan & Lori Gruenhagen. Alan & Lori's anniversary is Tues., Aug. 5th. Their family (*and the congregation*) would like to congratulate them and wish them many more happy years together. God's blessings to the Gruenhagens'!
- ❖ Piano flowers are placed in honor of the marriage of Jake Myles and Marlea Rolander, which took place yesterday, August 2nd here at St. John. May God bless this union with years of happiness as they begin life's journey together. Congratulations to the Myles'!

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

Date	Time	Activities
Today	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:30AM 1:00 PM	Early Communion Service; Induction of <i>Vicar Reed Shoaff</i> Reception for <i>Vicar Shoaff</i> and Family Late Communion Service; Induction of <i>Vicar Reed Shoaff</i> 4-H Meetings (All 3 Clubs)
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class School Board & Stewardship Board Meetings
Wed.	7:00 PM	Sunday School Planning Meeting
Thurs.	6:30 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Breakfast at Hill's Restaurant, Napoleon Exercise Class Summer Evening Praise Worship
Sat.	3:00 PM	Wedding Ceremony – <i>Juergen Goertz / Cheri Atkinson</i>
Sun.	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:30AM	Early Worship Service w/Communion following Adult Bible Class Late Worship Service
Mon.- Sat.	7:20 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. John Holyer</i> , St. Paul Lutheran, Napoleon

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

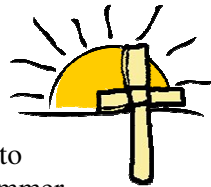
- Our Homebound Shut-Ins: Stan Moll, Marian Fitzenreiter, and Donald & Sue Landry
- Pauline Dishop and Marie Damman, residing at The Lutheran Home, Napoleon
- Magdalena Volkman, residing at Heartland Nursing Home, Wauseon
- Anna Brodman and Marian Buchhop, residing at Country View Haven
- Helen Norden, 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
- Don Flory (Teresa Damman's father), currently at home battling cancer

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 7/27/14	\$4,752.00	\$363.00	\$443.00

ATTENDANCE: 7/27/14 – 1st Service: 115; 2nd Service: 75; Thurs. 7/24/14 Service – 48

Add'l Memorial for *Lucy Rosebrock*: \$20.00 – St. John Lutheran School

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!

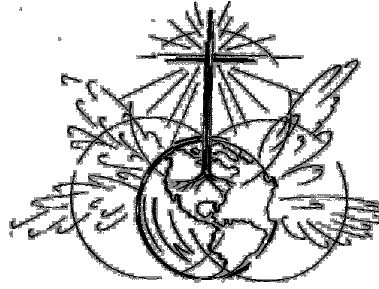


145th Anniversary Service

Two weeks from today, on Sunday, August 17, we will gather as God's family to celebrate 145 years of ministry in Freedom Township. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Paul Grime, Dean of the Chapel and professor in the Pastoral Ministry and Missions department at *Concordia Theological Seminary* in Fort Wayne.

Our anniversary theme is Psalm 67:7, "***The Lord shall bless us, that all the ends of the earth may fear Him.***" This verse reminds us that God blesses His people not just for their own sake, but that we might be instruments to spread God's fame near and far, that many more may come to fear and love Him.

- **DATE: Sunday, August 17**
- **COMBINED WORSHIP: 10:30 a.m.**
- **POTLUCK DINNER & PROGRAM** to follow in the fellowship hall



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Psalm 67:7

AUGUST OFFICE HOURS: The church/school office hours during the month of August will be Monday thru Friday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be there. Thank you!

NEW FAMILY: Congratulations to Rev. Matt & wife, Kim Rosebrock, on the arrival of their first child, Isaac Matthew, on Tues., July 29th. All are doing fine. Grandparents Dave & Karen Rosebrock are very proud and can't wait to meet little Isaac.

LADIES AID: There will be no Ladies Aid meeting in August. Our next meeting will be Thurs., Sept. 12. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend!

SHARE THE BOONTY – Gardens are doing well this year! If you've got more garden produce than you can use, why not share it with your brothers and sisters in Christ? A "**Share the Bounty**" table will be set up under the carport each Sunday (through September). You can share your extra garden produce by placing it on that table. **Everyone is free to take whatever they can use** --- OR, if you know someone else who can use it, please take some them and give it to them with an invitation to join us in God's House!



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.

ST. JOHN FAIR BOOTH: St. John Church & School is hosting a booth at the Henry County Fair this year. What better way to get involved and promote our Christian school in the community. We are looking for volunteers to man the booth throughout the week. If you can give a few hours of your time, please sign up at the table in the narthex. We welcome young and old alike!

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 year 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 will be an on-going fundraiser for the Right Hand of Fellowship gift matching campaign.

SAVE THE DATE! Come one, come all, to the Arts & Craft Show to be held here at St. John on Sat., Nov. 1st. The money raised will go toward the Right Hand of Fellowship campaign. Please contact Diane Norden (419-598-8234) or Jackie Ripke (419-267-5574) with questions. Vendor applications are available on the table in the narthex. More information to come as it draws near.

SPORTS PHYSICAL FORMS: Those St. John students in Grades 4 – 8 must complete an Emergency Medical Authorization Form in order to participate in the sports programs offered at St. John. Only students entering Grades 7 & 8 are required to have a sports physical. Forms are available in the "School Info" rack outside the school office.

PARENT HANDBOOKS: The 2014-15 Parent Handbooks will be available via the new FastDirect Communication network. Handbooks will only be printed for those St. John families that do not have internet access via computers, cell phones, i-Pads, etc. We are currently working on getting the handbook finalized and it should be available very soon.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

For home improvement, worship together with your family.

"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4)