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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Lord, Save Me!" Matthew 14:22-33

Order of Service: *Service of Prayer & Preaching (LSB Pg.260)*

Hymns: 752 ~ 717, stz.1-*2 ~ 717, stz. *3-4 ~ 726

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. 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

✠ 1st Service: ✠ David Maassel, *Acolytes* ✠

✠ 2nd Service: ✠ Lydia Schroeder, *Acolytes* ✠

✠ Dan & Deb Wachtman, *Greeters* ✠

✠ Lawrence & Hildegard Behrmann, *Visitation* ✠

✠ Carey Damman, Craig Drewes, Scott VanValkenburg, *Name, Ushers* ✠

✠ Karan Niebergall, Karen Lulfs, Kaylee & Ronda Wentworth, *Altar Guild* ✠

FLOWERS TODAY:

- ❖ Altar flowers are placed in celebration of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of *Denny & Deb Damman*, which is today. We congratulate them and wish them many more happy and healthy years together. God's blessings to the Dammans'!
- ❖ Piano flowers are placed in recognition of the marriage of *Juergen Goertz and Cheri Atkinson*, which took place yesterday, August 9th here at St. John. May God bless them as they begin life's journey together. Juergen & Cheri would also like to remember both of their fathers who have passed on but are truly in their hearts at this time. Congratulations to the Goertzs'!

In God's House This Week		<i>Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:30AM	Early Worship Service w/Communion following <i>Java Joy</i> hosted by <i>Glenn & Kathy Badenhop</i> ; Adult Bible Class Late Worship Service
Tue.	9:00 AM NOTE:	Exercise Class No Church Council this Tuesday
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Summer Evening Praise (with Communion)
Sun.	10:30AM Noon	145 th Anniversary Celebration Service w/Communion Potluck Meal and Program
Mon.- Sat.	7:20 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Stephen Niermann</i> , St. John 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
- Ruth Mahnke, undergoing back surgery tomorrow at Toledo Hospital

VICAR'S FIRST SERMON AT ST. JOHN – This morning we welcome our new vicar, *Reed Shoaff*, to the pulpit for the preaching of God's holy Word. May the words of his mouth and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to God, our Rock and our Redeemer!

BUNDLE OF JOY: *Bobby & Kara Cowell* are very happy to announce the birth of their second child, a little girl, *Lanny Marie*, on Wed., Aug. 6th at Fulton County Health Center, Wauseon. Big brother *Westen* can't wait to give his little sister some hugs. Grandparents *Larry & Cheryl Sausser* are sure to enjoy holding and hugging Lanny too. Congratulations to the Cowells'!

MARRIAGE BLESSINGS! On Sat., Aug. 9th *Ryan Mouch* and *Chelsea Dietrich* were united in marriage at Little Flower Catholic Church in Toledo. We wish Ryan and Chelsea many blessings as they begin their life together as husband and wife. Congratulations to the Mouchs'!

HOLY COMMUNION will be offered this morning following the Early Worship service. Those who wish to attend should fill out a card from the pew rack in front of you and give it to the usher as you leave your pew this morning. Return immediately to the front pews in the sanctuary.

THANK YOU: Dear Brothers and Sisters, My wife and I want to offer our sincerest and most heartfelt thanks to you for the abundant and generous gifts we received for "Baby Shoaff Number 3." I can truly echo the words of St. Paul when he says, "I thank my God every time I remember you!" (*Phil. 1:3*) Since arriving in Napoleon we've felt so welcome by the members of St. John. We very much look forward to spending the year ahead getting to know each and every one of you. Again, we are so very grateful for your outpouring of Christian love!" Your Brother-in-Christ, *Vicar Shoaff*

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!

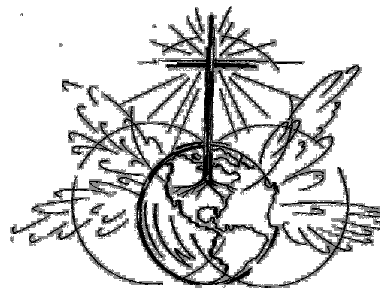
145th Anniversary Service

More than 300 former members of St. John have been contacted and invited to join us **NEXT SUNDAY, August 17**, when 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.

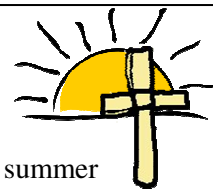
- **DATE: NEXT SUNDAY, August 17**
- **COMBINED WORSHIP: 10:30 a.m.**
- **POTLUCK DINNER & PROGRAM** to follow in the fellowship hall

As you prepare for the potluck, keep in mind that an anniversary cake for 80 will be served as well.



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Psalm 67:7

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!



<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 8/03/14	\$8,544.00	\$213.00	\$845.00

ATTENDANCE: 8/03/14 – 1st Service: 158; 2nd Service: 72; Thurs. 7/31/14 Service – 30

COMMUNED in June: 337 members; 5 guests In July: 320 members; 11 guests

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS need to be turned in to the office by Wednesday of each week in order to be included in the Sunday bulletin. Please make a note of this. Thank you!

LADIES AID: There will be no Ladies Aid meeting in August. Our next meeting will be Thurs., Sept. 11. 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 for them and give it to them with an invitation to join us in God's House!



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Screwtape Letters – In this classic book by *C.S. Lewis* we meet Screwtape, a fictitious devil with vast experience in the art of temptation. In a series of 31 letters, he teaches his craft to an apprentice devil by the name of Wormwood. It is a fascinating and eye-opening look into the craftiness of our enemy as he works tirelessly to draw us away from our Savior.

CS LEWIS
Screwtape
LETTERS

This Bible study will be modeled as a book club. Each week we will read a few of the letters, then come together on Sundays to discuss what we've read, and to compare it with God's Word. This is a classic piece of literature that every Christian ought to read.

CHURCH LIBRARY – The church library, located in the hall next to the sanctuary, is growing to contain a lot of excellent books that will edify your faith. The books in this library have been screened to assure that they are true to the Word of God and can be trusted to be theologically sound. Please check out the selection. To borrow a book, just take it with you, then return it to the basket when you've finished reading.

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!

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 contact Miss Rettig at 419-966-6160 or mrettig@sjl.org. We welcome young and old!

LADIES AID SCHOLARSHIPS: Here is another opportunity to encourage and help young people prepare for service to the church as pastors, teachers, lay workers, deaconesses, and parish workers. \$500 per year Ladies Aid Scholarships are available to any young person attending one of our synodical schools. Simply contact any Ladies Aid member for more details about this.

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.

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.

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 will be posting the handbook to FastDirect early next week. Simply go to www.fastdir.com/stjohnfreedom and click on “Links” on the left side of page.

SCHOOL AND PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – The St. John School and Preschool will be holding an open house on Sunday, August 24th from 9:30-10:30 AM for PS, Kindergarten, and Gr. 1-8. Everyone is welcome to come, parents and children. Come and meet the teachers and check out the classrooms!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

The church is a gift from God. Some assembly required.

*“Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works;
not forsaking our own assembling together.” (Hebrew 10:24-25)*

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

John 8

