

St. John Lutheran Church

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

16-035 CO. RD. U ♦ NAPOLEON, OH 43545

Serving Christ in Freedom

Worship • Stewardship • Mission

August 17, 2014

VOL. 79

NO. 33

Rev. Stephen J. Niermann, Pastor
Miss Mary K. Rettig, Principal

Church: 419-598-8961 Home: 419-598-8181
School: 419-598-8702 Home: 419-966-6160
Church Website: www.sjl.org

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Crumbs for Everyone" *Matthew 15:21-28*

Order of Service: *see printed Service folder*

Hymns: 816 ~ 825 ~ [Communion: 626, 811, 653] ~ 832

Adult Choir: "Beautiful Savior" and "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

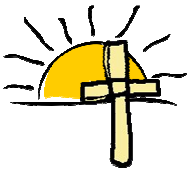
Now is the hour of worship. God speaks to us and we listen and respond with our hymns, prayers and praises. Together we bless the Lord whose purpose is to save us and keep us in His faithful flock. He is The God of Grace and The God of Glory. If you are visiting with us today, please fill out the Rite 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* ✠ Abby Weller & Anna Gerken, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Matthew Buchhop, *Banner Bearer* ✠ Rachel Niermann, *Crucifer* ✠
- ✠ Dan & Joyce Wiechers, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Delbert & Marian Damman, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Carey Damman, Craig Drewes, Scott VanValkenburg, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Karan Niebergall, Karen Lulfs, Kaylee & Ronda Wentworth, *Altar Guild* ✠

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are placed in honor of the 145th Anniversary of St. John Lutheran Church. We have been blessed at St. Johns for many years of "Serving Christ in Freedom."



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!

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

Date	Time	Activities
Today	10:30AM Noon	145 th Anniversary Celebration Service w/Communion Potluck Meal and Program
Mon.	6:30 PM	Annual School Cleaning (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Building Committee Meeting
Wed.	6:30 PM	Annual School Cleaning (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Summer Evening Praise
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. Theodore Rellstab</i> , St. John Lutheran, Holgate

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, recuperating at home from back surgery

SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY PREVIEW

A new season of Sunday School and Bible Study will get underway on Sunday, September 7.

Please take note of the following, and stay tuned for more details in the weeks ahead.

- **The Sunday School staff is gearing up for a great year in Christian education** – make the commitment now to take advantage of this ministry of our congregation!
- With a Vicar now serving us, two Bible study opportunities will be available on Sundays. Pastor will continue the study of the Screwtape Letters, and the Vicar Shoaff will be leading a study for younger adults and parents about family and parenting matters. We encourage all parents to lead their children by example and to join one of these Bible studies while the children are in Sunday School.

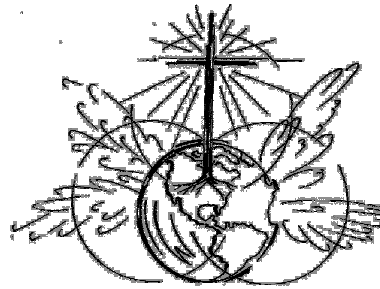
ST. JOHN LYF will hold their next meeting on Sun., Aug. 24th at 4:30 p.m. in Miss Rettig's classroom. We would like to see some new faces join us at this meeting. Hope to see you there!

Happy Anniversary St. John

Today we thank God for 145 years of His blessings. Our anniversary theme today 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.

We welcome as guests this morning those who were members of St. John in the past. They are an important part of our history, and it is good to have them with us again in God’s house! **WELCOME!**

After worship today, everyone is invited to the fellowship hall for a potluck dinner and program. Don’t worry if you didn’t bring food with you – there’s always plenty to go around. Please join us!



God Shall Bless Us
that all the ends of the earth will fear Him.
Psalm 67:7

PREVIEW OF THURSDAY EVENINGS THIS FALL – Starting September 7

Join us on Thursday evenings, starting the first Thursday of September, for more spiritual growth opportunities. Everything starts at 7:00 p.m.

- **Adult Information Class** – Pastor will review the basics of the Christian faith. This is a membership class for those who wish to join our church, or a refresher for our members. Invitational brochures will be available next Sunday. Be sure to invite a friend!
- **One Hour Bible Study with Vicar Shoaff** – the subject will be announced, and information for registering and getting materials will be available next Sunday.



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!

LWML FALL RETREAT – The Fall Retreat will be held on Saturday, September 20th, at St. John Family Center, Stryker, from 9:00 – 2:00 PM, with registration beginning at 8:30 AM. Registration fee is \$12.00 which includes lunch. See flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec’d 8/10/14	\$8,041.00	\$178.00	\$463.00

ATTENDANCE: 8/10/14 – 1st Service: 134; 2nd Service: 71; Thurs. 8/07/14 Service – 52

ADD’L MEMROIAL for Lucy Rosebrock - \$20.00

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!

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.

SCHOOL REFERRAL LETTERS & CARDS – We are again offering the “School Referral Discounts” this year to all school families encouraging them to help “market” St. John Lutheran School to their friends and neighbors. The referral letters and cards (*purple and teal*) are on the table in the narthex for any St. John member that may wish to help “market” our school within the community. We look forward to growing God’s kingdom through St. John Lutheran School.

FREEDOM’S FLOCK – St. John’s after school program will begin at 3:00 PM on the first day of school, August 27. The paid staff person will be *Karen Riefers*. Mrs. Riefers will be in charge Monday thru Friday. Please contact Karen Riefers to pre-register your child(ren) and pay the \$15 per family registration by August 27 if possible. You can also access the Freedom’s Flock Handbook and Registration/Medical forms on FastDirect. If any adult or student (16 or older) would like to volunteer to also help with the program, you may contact Karen at 419-598-8686.

PARENT HANDBOOKS: The 2014-15 Parent Handbooks are now available via the 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. Simply go to www.fastdir.com/stjohnfreedom and click on “Links” icon at the top of the 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!

GIRLS’ BASKETBALL OPEN GYM: Girls in grades 4-8 will be having open gym on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 25 & 26 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at St. John.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP: Membership is now being taken for the Athletic Booster Club. Prices are \$20.00 for a couple and \$10.00 for an individual. Make checks payable to St. John Boosters. Forms are available on the table in the narthex. Join today and help out the children's athletic program. Our programs here at St. John give our students a sense of sportsmanship, discipline, structure and self-confidence needed to go out into the world.

PTL COOKBOOKS – “Recipes and Remembrances,” our PTL cookbook contains fantastic recipes from dearly departed ones we remember with love and fondness. Many still living but now in their later golden years have also left us “secret family recipes!” Get copies now for extended family members, your children and grandchildren who don't attend our church, the newly married and those going off to college. They are available on the table in the side hallway.

Remember all those listed below and many more who have contributed to the 1992 and 2011 editions (*both are contained and reprinted together in this one cookbook*) for only \$10.

Irma Koppenhofer, Carolyn Plassman, Arlene Leonhart, Elnora Rsebrock, Phyllis VonDeylen, Florence Gunter, Jo Rettig, Anna Damman, Jean Williams, Hazel Riggs, Norma Behnfeldt, Lillian Ruetz, Evelyn Freet, Olga Bockelman, Martha Gruenhagen, Laura VonDeylen, Mildred Vajen, Irene Bickel, Joan Badenhop, Henrietta Huner, Ruth Hogrefe, Jan Norden, Helen Fredricks, Margaret Miller, Dorothy Gerken, Arlene Adams, Lu Wachtman, Myrna Wines, Dorothy Maringer, Judi Fleyle-Caver, Carolyn Sharbeck, Jane Green, Carmen Wiechers, and Irene Ruff

COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES: If your son or daughter has or will soon be heading off to college, please notify the church office so we can have a record of where they are attending. This way we will be able to mail them the church newsletter. This will be our means of keeping them informed on church happenings. You can either call the church office or e-mail jwiechers@sjl.org.

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.

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!

✘ ✘ ✘

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

“His gifts came from His bounteous hand for many years like grains of sand.”

From a hymn by August Behnfeldt

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.” (Eph. 1:3)

SCHOOL NOTES:

- ✓ **1st DAY OF SCHOOL** for St. John is Wed., Aug. 27 , with classes beginning at 8:20 AM. Students arriving after that time will need to report to the school office.
- ✓ **OPEN HOUSE** – (PS, Gr.K-8) On Sunday, August 24th, from 9:30 – 10:30 AM, all classrooms will be open and we invite parents and students to come in and bring in their school supplies.
- ✓ **PRESCHOOL PARENTS MEETING** – There will be a Preschool Parents Meeting on Mon., Aug. 25 beginning at 7:00 PM. This will include an overview of the FastDirect Communication information system we have implemented at St. John.
- ✓ **SCHOOL OFFICE** will be open on Sunday, August 24th from 9:30 - 10:30 AM for anyone that wants to pay their enrollment fee and purchase supplies from the book store. Payment of fees can also be mailed to St. John Lutheran School, 16035 County Road U, Napoleon, Ohio 43545. The office will also be open from 8:30 – Noon on Mon., Aug. 25 and Tues., Aug. 26 for payments. **Please return any St. John Library books from last school year at this time also.**
- ✓ **OPENING SERVICE** will be at 8:35 AM in the church. Following the service, *Principal Mary K. Rettig* will welcome our new students. Once back in their rooms the children, by classrooms, will have the opportunity to purchase school supplies from our book store if they have not already done so. **All are welcome to attend this Opening Service!**
- ✓ **LUNCH MENUS** – These will be available on FastDirect Communication.
- ✓ **MEAL TICKETS** will be sold August 27, the first day of school. Meal ticket prices remain the same. They are: PS 4/5 - \$2.20, Gr. K-4 - \$2.40, Gr. 5-8 - \$2.50. We have put Preschool for one price, Grades K-4 together for one price, and Grades 5-8 for one price. Extra milk is 40¢. The adult meal price remains the same at \$2.60 and \$3.00 w/milk. Meal tickets may be purchased for any amount of days each week or for the entire month.
- ✓ **BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP** – St. John Booster membership for the 2014-15 school year. Dues are: \$20.00 for husband and wife; \$10.00 for single. Make checks payable to *St. John Boosters*.
- ✓ **SCHOOL PICTURES** will be taken by *Emilie Parsons* of Emilie's Photo Design this year and are scheduled for Thurs., Sept., 11th at 9:00 AM for the 4/5-year old Preschool class and Gr. K-8; and Fri., Sept. 12th at 9:00 AM for 3-year old Preschool class and anyone absent on Sept. 12th. Order forms will be sent home shortly after school starts.
- ✓ **EMERGENCY PROCEDURE(pink), STATE FUNDS(light blue), AND EARLY CLOSING(green) CARDS** will be available on a table outside the school office as a handout on Sun., Aug. 24th. They can be completed and turned in with your fees that Sunday or turned in to the school office by the first day of school. Write all family members on one card.
- ✓ **SCRIP PROGRAM** will be offered again this school year. Anyone willing to help the PTL with this fundraiser can contact Karen Gerken at 567-454-0087.