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### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Jesus Suffers With Us" *Matthew 22:1-14*

Order of Service: *Matins (LSB pg. 219)*

Hymns: *871 ~ Psalm 23 (tone B) ~ 516 ~ 739 ~ 729*

Children's Choir (*Early*): *Gr. 7 & 8 Bells ring "Holy God We Praise Thy Name"*

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*Welcome to the services of God's House and the fellowship of our congregation. Enter in stillness...know that the Lord is God. Listen in reverence...it is God who has made us. Sing with delight...it is God who hears us. Speak with conviction...there is no other God. Depart in peace...it is God's gift for you. Serve with joy...it is your gift to God. Please fill out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you to note your presence and pass it to the center aisle during the offering.*

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

- ✠ 1<sup>st</sup> Service: David Maassel, *Acolyte* ✠
- ✠ 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Bailey Johnson & Colin Johnson, *Acolytes* ✠
  - ✠ Elmer & Pat Maassel, *Greeters* ✠
  - ✠ Lawrence & Hildegard Behrmann, *Visitation* ✠
  - ✠ Al Damman, Andy Damman, Tim Hodson, *Ushers* ✠
  - ✠ Linda Riefers, Marian Damman, Ruth Mahnke, Mabel Bischoff, *Altar Guild* ✠

**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY TODAY** – This morning between services we will conduct the regular voters' meeting in the fellowship hall. The meeting will begin after the first service at approximately 9:30 a.m. On the agenda: 1) nominate a circuit visitor; 2) consider a gay marriage policy and bylaw; 3) allocate Lucy Rosebrock's planned gift; 4) consider terms of a spousal carve-out for the health plan of our St. John staff.

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES** are cancelled today to allow for the voters' assembly between services in the fellowship hall.

**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	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30AM	Early Worship Service w/Communion following Voters' Meeting <i>Java Joy</i> ; Sunday School; "Time To Spare" Late Worship Service
Tue.	8:35 AM 9:00 AM 12:45PM 7:00 PM	Chapel led by <i>Pastor Niermann</i> ; Offering – <i>Lutheran Church Charities</i> Exercise Class K-9 Parish Comfort Dogs Ministry assembly in the gym Church Council Meeting
Wed.	6:15 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Jr. Hi Confirmation Class ( <i>until 7:30 PM</i> ) Adult Bell Choir practice Adult Choir practice
Thurs.	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class PS 4/5-yr. old Grandparents' Day ( <i>until 11:00 AM</i> ) Wedding Rehearsal – Leonard / Rosebrock Scholastic Book Fair ( <i>until 8:03 PM</i> ) Parent Visitation Open House ( <i>until 8:00 PM</i> )
Fri.	8:30 AM 9:00 AM	Scholastic Book Fair open to the public PS 3-yr. old Grandparents' Day ( <i>until 11:00 AM</i> )
Sat.	3:30 PM	Wedding Ceremony – <i>Brad Leonard / Kailee Rosebrock</i>
Sun.	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:30AM	Early Communion Service Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "Time To Spare" Late Communion Service
Mon.- Sat.	7:20 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Lee Genter</i> , Lutheran Home Society, Napoleon

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

- ❖ Our Shut-Ins: *Stan Moll, Marian Fitzenreiter, Donald & Sue Landry, and Edwin Rosebrock*
- ❖ *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, Emily Niermann, and Connor Gerken*
- ❖ *Casen Lawrence*, as he has had on-going seizures resulting in hospitalization
- ❖ *Yvonne Volkman, Marvin Gruenhagen, and Lois Arps*, at home with health issues
- ❖ *Norma Damman*, rehabbing at The Lutheran Home – Napoleon from knee replacement
- ❖ *Joel Stier*, diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma and currently undergoing chemotherapy
- ❖ *Doug & Mary Kossow Family*, at the passing of Doug's father, *Erv Kossow* this past week



**JAVA JOY TODAY!** It's the second Sunday of the month, and that means **Java Joy** between services. Take a little time to enjoy a bite to eat and some fellowship. A table is set up in the front hallway. Your gifts to the "kitty" help keep **Java Joy** alive and going. We thank *Arlene Wallace* and *Esther Layton* for hosting Java Joy for October. (*NOTE: In order for everyone to enjoy the food items, we ask that you only*

*take 2 items when going through the line.*) Thank you!

Interested in being a **Java Joy** host? Please sign up on the table in the narthex. Don't let finances stop you – you are welcome to reimburse your expenses from the kitty if you wish.

**PASTOR & VICAR IN THE PEWS** – If you notice once in a while that the Pastor or Vicar are in the pews during a service, the purpose is to allow the Pastor to observe and evaluate the Vicar from the congregation's perspective, and to permit the Vicar to observe the Pastor. It also allows them a few precious opportunities to worship with their loved ones, and to be hearers of the Word with you.

**2015 NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICES** –The Stewardship Board has begun the process of nominating and appointing people for the various offices of our congregation. Letters were mailed this past week. Please take note of the following:

- If there is an office in which you'd like to serve, please offer your name to the Stewardship Board for consideration. Speak with *Pastor Niermann*.
- If you are approached about serving in an office, give it careful and prayerful thought. You are being asked because the Stewardship Board, with prayers for God's guidance, has identified you as someone whose service in that office will be a blessing to us all!

<b>FINANCIAL FACTS:</b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 10/05/14	\$8,024.00	\$299.00	\$609.00

**ATTENDANCE:** 10/05/14 – 8:15 Service: 152; 10:30 Service: 119

**STUDENT ASSEMBLY AND YOU'RE INVITED!** On Tues., Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> we have the pleasure of hosting the Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Parish Comfort Dog Ministry here at St. John. This assembly will begin at 12:45 PM in the gym, and will be followed by "Rosie" the Comfort Dog getting acquainted with each classroom. **This is open to all congregation members.** Please invite your family and friends to this assembly. Should be very informative and fun-filled! Come and get to know Rosie up close and personal! There are brochures on the narthex table with more information about the K9 Parish Comfort Dogs Ministry.

**LWML MEETING:** The next LWML meeting will be Tues., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Our speaker will be *Vicar Shoaff*. The fall Quarterlies and Odes are on the table in the back of the church. Pick up a copy today!

**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!

**RECYCLING PROGRAM KICKOFF:** Inserted in the bulletin today is a green flyer explaining the recycling program being implemented at St. John Lutheran School. Please contact school board member, Renee Bostelman (419-758-3335) with any questions concerning this program.

**ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL & YOUNG ADULTS:** Join us in the Cry Room after church each Sunday for Bible Study, fellowship, and snacks. Feed your soul and your body to start your week out right! Looking forward to having you join us each week! *Sharon Damman*

**Friendship Sunday – November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

As part of our efforts under the “WITNESS, Mercy, Life Together” emphasis, we will be planning *Friendship Sundays* periodically, the first of which we’ve scheduled for Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The purpose of a *Friendship Sunday* is to provide you an opportunity to invite friends and family to a worship and fellowship event that is especially geared to our guests. Our first *Friendship Sunday* will take place around a theme that is strong in the Scripture readings that day – **GATHERED**. Much planning needs to take place. If you’d like to help plan our first *Friendship Sunday*, please speak with Pastor Niermann.



**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. Contact 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.

**FLYERS - ST. JOHN CRAFT SHOW!** If you want to help in a special way with the craft show, how about grabbing a few flyers from the narthex table and posting them somewhere out in the community? The St. John Arts & Craft Show will be held here at St. John on Sat., Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The money raised will go toward the Right Hand of Fellowship campaign. We will have a congregational booth set up for donated homemade craft items from members who wish to support the Right Hand of Fellowship. Please contact *Diane Norden* (419-598-8234) or *Jackie Ripke* (419-267-5574) with questions. If you wish to set up your own table, vendor applications are still available on the table in the narthex.

**THRIVENT ELECTION DINNER:** The Henry County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be holding their annual Election Dinner on Sun., Nov. 2. This will be held at the Filling Memorial Home – Napoleon. Reservation deadline is Mon., Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Please contact *Jean Cohrs* at 419-599-8280 or email her at [jean.cohrs@gmail.com](mailto:jean.cohrs@gmail.com) to make reservations.

**THRIVENT CHAPTER BOARD** – The Henry County Thrivent Chapter Board would like to have a representative from St. John’s to sit on the Chapter Board. It would involve roughly one meeting per month, along with getting to know a lot of great people. Indication is that this is the last year for the Henry County Thrivent Chapter. Please contact Joyce in the office if you are interested in getting involved in something like this.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** – St. John PTL will be having a **Scholastic Book Fair** which is open to the public on **Thursday, October 16**, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM; and again on **Friday, October 17** from 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM. A lot of help is needed, so call *Sara Buchhop* (419-598-8882) if you can help.

**PARENT VISITATION & OPEN HOUSE** – St. John School has scheduled their Parent Visitation Open House for Thursday, October 16, from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. **NOTE: Each family is asked to bring one dozen cookies to the open house for refreshments.** The open house will run in conjunction with the PTL Scholastic Book Fair in the fellowship hall.

**PRESCHOOL GRANDPARENTS' DAY** – **Preschool Grandparents' Day** will be held from 9:00 – 11:00 AM on **Thurs., Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> for the 4 & 5-year old class** and same time on **Fri., Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> for the 3-year old class.** Grandparents should plan to arrive at 9 AM and report to the gym. Grandparents will also have the opportunity to take their grandchild through the PTL Scholastic Book Fair those days. Come and enjoy all the fun in Preschool!!!

**S.T.O.P. PENNY DRIVE** – The PTL Fall Penny Drive at St. John School runs thru Sat., Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Send your pennies in to school with your child or grandchild. The winning classroom will be awarded a pizza party. *NOTE: Since starting this fundraiser in October 1992, the PTL has raised \$15,950.20 for the school.* Let's keep it up!

**SCRIP AT ST. JOHN:** The *SCRIP* campaign has begun and will run for the remainder of the school year. *Make a Note* – The final order before Christmas break is due on Wed., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> for delivery on Mon., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. For those that don't know, *SCRIP* is gift cards that you purchase through PTL for full face value. They work for both in store purchases and online shopping. PTL works through a company that purchases these gift cards in bulk from participating retailers. A percentage of the purchase stays with PTL and a percentage goes to the student's family toward enrollment/tuition. This fundraiser nets the PTL approximately \$300 each year. Think ahead--if you give out gift cards for Christmas consider purchasing them from PTL instead of at the store so that a portion of that sale stays with St. John Lutheran School. Order forms and program information are posted on FastDirect under 'Links,' titled *SCRIP Order Forms* and *SCRIP Program Info*. There are also hard copies in the 'School Info' rack outside the office and on the table in the narthex. Please feel free to share with family and friends. Payment must accompany orders. **Any questions about SCRIP can be directed to the following SCRIP Coordinators: Karen Gerken at 567-454-0087 or email at [kgerken564@gmail.com](mailto:kgerken564@gmail.com); or Kristyn Honemann at 419-592-0643 or email at [honemann@embarqmail.com](mailto:honemann@embarqmail.com).**



**UPDATE - SALE OF TABLES:** Because of the dilapidated condition of the old white tables that we have occasionally loaned out, the Council has decided it is time for the church to be rid of them. A sale of these old tables by free-will donation will be held. **Anyone interested in the tables should contact Dan Wiechers at 419-598-8360 (leave message) by Fri., Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> to make pick up arrangements.** After that date, they will be removed from the old school and disposed of accordingly. It was also decided that with this change, we would also no longer loan out the chairs.

**'BREAD FROM HEAVEN' FOOD PANTRY** – At any time you can make a food donation for our pantry – **just drop off items in the box by the Archives display cases.** Monetary gifts can be given to the *Good Neighbor Fund* (note it on your offering envelope). **Food items especially needed at this time are: canned peaches, mixed fruit, pineapple, spaghetti sauce, cereal, mac n' cheese, saltines & any crackers, hamburger helper, chicken noodle soup and tomato soup.** Any and all contributions are always greatly appreciated. Thank you so much! As we learned in the meaning of the Fifth Commandment, “*We should fear and love God that we...help and support our neighbor in every physical need.*” (*Small Catechism*)

**EXERCISE CLASS:** Need to work off a few pounds or just want to exercise your heart? St. John hosts an exercise class in the gym. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-10 AM and the cost is \$5 per class (pay as you come). This is a light aerobics and strengthening program. (If you have your own weights, bring them with you.) Please contact *Nancy Glaser* (419-598-8432) with any questions.

**COUNCIL MINUTES** – This is just a reminder that council meeting minutes are not published until they are approved a month later. If you would like to read about the most recent council meeting, an unofficial and unapproved copy of the minutes is available for viewing in the church office.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** – St. Luke Lutheran Church, State Hwy 108, Wauseon, is having their Ice Cream Social today with serving from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. *Menu: Hot Chicken, Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs, Cold Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Vegetables and dip, Pie, Cake, Homestead Ice Cream, and Drink.* Freewill Offering! See flyer!

**FALL SOUP & PIE DINNER** – St. Paul Lutheran Church, 8074 County Road T, Liberty Center, is having their Fall Soup & Pie Dinner today with serving from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. *Menu: Chili, Chicken Noodle, Bean, and Vegetable Soup, BBQ Pork, Chicken, Hot Dog Sandwiches, Salads, Pies, and Beverages.* Freewill Offering! See flyer!

**COUNTRY CORNER CRAFT BAZAAR** – Sunday, October 19, St. John Lutheran Church, Stryker, at the corner of St. Rt. 6 & 66, is hosting a craft show and luncheon from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM. Freewill offering for the luncheon! *Craft items **only** will also be sold the following Saturday, October 25, from 9:00 to 3:00 PM.* See flyer!

**LADIES' VOLLEYBALL** – The ladies from St. Paul Lutheran, 1075 Glenwood Ave., Napoleon, would like to invite the ladies from St. John to join them on Monday evenings from 7:30 – 9:00 for volleyball. They play every Monday night, as long as St. Paul has had school that day also. What better way to stir up some good fellowship with a sister church.

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#### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

#### **A parent's life is a child's guidebook.**

*“Train up a child in the way he should go;  
even when he is old he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)*