



# St. John Lutheran Church

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## Serving Christ in Freedom

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### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Your Faith has Saved You...Arise" *Mark 5:21-43*

Order of Service: *See printed Service folder*

Hymns: 818 ~ 948, stz.1,3-5 ~ 755 ~ 809

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*Welcome in the name of the Lord. We pray that through this time of stillness and song, prayer and proclamation, you may experience the Spirit of God at work in your life. If you do not have a local church home, we extend a warm invitation to you to become a part of our church family. Simply 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. Your presence is a blessing to us.*

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

- ✠ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✠ Anna Gerken & Tyne Rosebrock, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Marietta Damman and Arlene Wallace, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Eldoe & Rosella Gruenhagen, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Denny Behnfeldt, Elmer Maassel, Bob Norden, Ted Ripke, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Karan Niebergall, Kaylee & Ronda Wentworth, Karen Lulfs, *Altar Guild* ✠

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are placed in recognition of the marriage of *Blake Petzoldt* and *Kristin Zyskowski* on Sat., June 27<sup>th</sup> in Pittsburgh, PA. We rejoice with Blake & Kristin (*and their families*) as they begin their life together as husband and wife. Wishing them a lifetime of love and happiness! Congratulations!

**HEARTFELT THANKS:** We would like to thank everyone for all your prayers, cards and visits during this very difficult time. The outpouring of love and support we received from our St. John family is truly overwhelming. It means a lot to us that we can count on you for support now and in the days and weeks ahead. We are truly blessed to be a part of this congregation. Signed, *Alan Cori, Alex Haley, and Luke Gruenhagen; Marvin & Arlene Gruenhagen*

**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	9:00 AM 10:20AM 1:00 PM 1:30 PM	Worship Service Adult Bible Class 4-H Meetings 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual St. John Golf Outing ( <i>Fellowship on the Fairways</i> )
Tue.	9:00 AM 10:00AM 10:30AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class in gym Bible Study w/Vicar Shoaff Women of FREEDOM Day Trip to Wolcott House – Waterville Board of Elders
Thurs.	6:30 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Breakfast at Hill's Restaurant Exercise Class in gym Thursday Evening Praise
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "Time To Spare"
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. David Goehmann</i> , St. Luke Lutheran, Wauseon

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

- ❖ Our Shut-Ins: *Stan Moll, Marian Fitzenreiter, Donald Landry, and Norma Damman*
- ❖ *Pauline Dishop, Marie Damman, and Delora Winkelman*, 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 Schroeder, and Connor Gerken*
- ❖ *Susan Nye*, recuperating from successful knee replacement surgery
- ❖ *Florence Fitzenreiter*, recuperating at home now

**BAPTISM THIS MORNING** – This morning we rejoice with Joe & Catherine VonDeylen as they present their son, **Logan David VonDeylen**, for Holy Baptism.

*Logan* was born on April 14, 2015 at the Toledo Hospital in Toledo, Ohio. His baptismal sponsors are **Josh VonDeylen** (Joe's brother) and **Jon Fairs** (Cara's brother). Grandparents are **Dave & Jane VonDeylen** and **Dave & Debbie Fairs**.

We pray that the good work that is begun this day in Logan may be carried on to completion on the day of Jesus Christ when all of God's saints are gathered forever into His kingdom of glory! Congratulations to this family on this day of rejoicing!



**OHIO DISTRICT CONVENTION NEWS** – Pastor Niermann and Mark Elling represented St. John, Freedom at the **Ohio District Convention** this past Thursday through Saturday (June 25-27) in Ann Arbor. You can see the convention proceedings at the Ohio District's website ([oh.lcms.org](http://oh.lcms.org); click on the convention icon).

## **SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY!**

**Why Lutherans Sing What They Sing** – “A Lutheran hymn is not entertainment, but proclamation.” This is the second criterion suggested by Rev. Chad Bird for a hymn that is appropriate for God’s house and God’s people. Music as entertainment is, of course, a huge business in our nation, but it’s not what we’re after in Christ’s Church. If you’ve ever wondered why we sing what we sing in worship, and why we don’t sing other kinds of songs, like those we hear on the radio as “contemporary Christian music” (CCM), this study is for you! Join Pastor Niermann and Vicar Shoaff as they tag-team teach this study. We’ll meet this morning in the fellowship hall!

**JULY OFFICE HOURS:** Please note the change in church office hours during the month of July. They are Monday thru Friday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be here. 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.

**BE A JAVA JOY HOST!** Every second Sunday of the month after worship, we aim to have a time of fellowship with coffee, juice and snacks called **Java Joy**. If you would like to host one of these, please sign up in the narthex. Don’t let finances stop you – you are welcome to reimburse your expenses from the kitty if you wish.



**AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED** – Again this year, the Stewardship Board is planning a *Right Hand of Fellowship* fundraising auction in connection with the outdoor service on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> (*proceeds to be matched*). Please be thinking about items you might be able to donate. We will begin collecting those items in August.

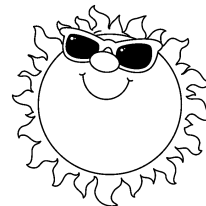
## **TAKE THE DAY OFF...**

- **Who:** Anyone who would like to spend an enjoyable, interesting, educational afternoon. Bring a friend to share the day!
- **What:** A lunch, followed by a guided tour of the Wolcott House, museum and grounds
- **Where:** Lunch at Dale’s Diner in Waterville; Wolcott House on River Road, Maumee
- **When: Tuesday, June 30, 2015** – Leaving church parking lot at 10:30 AM
- Detailed flyer in today’s bulletin and sign-up sheet on the table in narthex.

This enjoyable day is being organized by your *St. John Women of FREEDOM*. Please join us!

**COMING UP THIS SUMMER** – It never hurts to mark your calendars early, so here are a few dates to consider for the summer of 2015.

- **July 26 (Sun) --- Farewell to Vicar Shoaff and family.** We’ll have a potluck meal at 11:30 a.m. so you can either attend Bible study or head home to get your things together for the potluck.
- **August 9 (Sun) --- Welcome reception for the new vicar** after worship.
- **August 30 (Sun) --- Outdoor Worship Service** (*revised date*) at 10:30 a.m., followed by a fellowship meal (*meat provided*) and an auction to raise funds for the *Right Hand of Fellowship* campaign. Begin thinking about items you can provide for the auction.



**REPORT CARDS** can be picked up today in envelopes (*one per family*) at the narthex table.

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR POSITION:** As of the end of the school year, St. John's has an opening for the position of Athletic Director (as Jason Foor has decided to step away from this position). Anyone interested in applying for this paid position should contact School Board President, *Matt Schroeder* (until July 1<sup>st</sup>). After July 1<sup>st</sup> please contact incoming Board President *Brad Rosebrook*.

**GARDEN PRODUCE SHARING** – When you plant your gardens this spring, keep in mind our produce swap later in the summer. There will be a table under the carport to which you can bring your produce to share, or from which you can take any produce you can use.

<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 6/21/15	\$5,053.00	\$172.00	\$458.00

**ATTENDANCE:** Thursday Evening Service: 34; 6/21/15 Service: 188

**PROJECT CONNECT** – There are many free booklets in the rack in the narthex. Be sure to check for some good reading. Some titles are: “*Why Do Bad Things Happen To Me,*” “*Has God Abandoned Me,*” “*Dealing with Depression,*” “*Coping with Cancer,*” “*Who Is Jesus,*” “*Just Stress?*”, “*Overcoming A Painful Childhood,*” “*Where's God in All of This?*”, “*Why Should I go to Church?*” and many more. These booklets are furnished through the Lutheran Hour Ministries.

**EXTENSION FUND** –Your savings earn interest for you, while providing loans to congregations for building God's kingdom. To learn more about investment opportunities call 1-800-901-2297 for current rates of interest and application forms.

**LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT** – *How You Can Help?* If you have used **prescription or nonprescription** glasses or sunglasses in your drawers, desks, or closets, you can donate them now! Children's glasses are especially needed. Both plastic and metal frames are accepted. There is a box on the table in the narthex for the collection of these used glasses.

**AREA EVENTS:**

- **Summer Concert** presented by The Henry County Chorale today at 7:00 PM at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1075 Glenwood Ave., Napoleon. A free will offering will be taken benefiting both the chorale and St. Paul Lutheran Church.
- **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing** will be held on Sat., July 25<sup>th</sup>, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. **Registration deadline is Fri., July 17th!**

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**May all your days be filled with Son shine!**

*“For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ” (2 Cor. 4:6)*