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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "True Greatness" *Mark 9:30-37*

Order of Service: See printed Service folder

Hymns: [Baptism: **593, 805**] ~ **848**, stz. 1,4 ~ [Communion: **629, 605, 852**] ~ **861**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

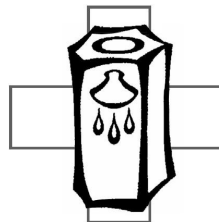
A warm welcome to all our guests. We are pleased that you chose to worship at St. John Church this morning. We hope that this time spent with our God and with friends in Christ will prove spiritually uplifting to you. Please fill out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and pass it to the center aisle during the offering this morning.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✘ Tyne Rosebrock & Bailey Johnson, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Jerry & Nancy Short, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Delbert & Marian Damman, *Visitation* ✘
- ✘ Al Damman, Andy Damman, Tim Hodson, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Kathy Badenhop, Sandy VonDeylen, Mary Rettig, *Altar Guild* ✘

BAPTISM TODAY – This morning we rejoice to witness the baptism of **Chase Daniel Kruse**, infant son of **Nick & Yajaira Kruse**. **Chase** was born on August 11th at the Henry County Hospital. His baptismal sponsors are Todd Kruse and Amy Allison (*Nick's brother and sister*). Chase's grandparents are Vern & Diana Kruse and Ruben & Carmen Cruz. May God bless this family on this day of rejoicing, and on the day of Jesus Christ bring to completion what He has begun in Chase this day.



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

Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "Time To Spare"
Mon.	5:00 PM	V-ball: Gr. 5&6 Girls; 6:00 PM – Gr. 7&8 Girls vs. Monclova (H)
Tue.	8:35 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Chapel led by Gr. 3&4; Offering: Orphan Grain Train Exercise Class Women of FREEDOM Meeting (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Wed.	6:15 PM 6:30 PM	Midweek Confirmation Class Adult Hand Bell Practice
Thurs.	9:00 AM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class V-ball: Gr. 5&6 Girls; 6:30 PM – Gr. 7&8 Girls vs. St. Pats-Bryan (A) Thursday Evening Praise
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Sunday School; LYF Ice Cream Social (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Willie Stottlemyer</i> , St. Stephen Lutheran, Defiance

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*, recuperating at Greenbriar Assisted Living from a recent fall
- ❖ Servicemen *Justin Atkinson, Kyle Elling, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, and Connor Gerken*
- ❖ *Don Dickmann*, now at home with home health care services
- ❖ *Lawrence Langenhop*, recuperating at The Lutheran Home following hip surgery
- ❖ *Hildegard Behrmann*, hospitalized recently
- ❖ *Susan Nye*, recuperating following recent knee surgery

LYF

We're getting together today!

Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) is the senior high youth ministry here at St. John. Our first meeting this new school year will be THIS AFTERNOOON at 4:30 p.m. With the national youth gathering coming up next year in New Orleans, there is a lot to discuss and plan. We'll have pizza together and chart the year ahead!

LYF ICE CREAM SOCIAL – The LYF will be hosting its annual Ice Cream Social on Sun., Sept. 27, with serving from 10:30 to 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. There is a signup sheet on the table in the narthex for donations of desserts. On the menu: *Chicken Sandwiches, Sloppy Joe's, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Salad, Chips, Pies, Cakes, Cupcakes, Beverage and Schwan's Ice Cream*. Freewill offering! Carryouts available also! Thrivent Financial will be matching funds for this event. Come out and support the youth of our congregation!

PORTALS OF PRAYER BOOKLETS for the quarter of October, November, and December are on the desk in the narthex. There are also large print copies available.

ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS -

#1 – Cross Explorations for Adults

Pastor Niermann will lead an adult study of the same Scriptures the Sunday School students are hearing that day. All interested adults are invited, and we especially encourage Sunday School parents to join us, so they can be equipped for home discussions about God's Word. Toward the end of the session, at 10:50 a.m., the students will join us for EXPRESS, an activity related to the day's Scripture.



#2 – Cross; We Suffer with Jesus

Vicar Yaeger will lead this study from the Lutheran Spirituality series. How do we understand the suffering we experience in our Christian life? Should we avoid it? Or embrace it? What do Baptism and temptation have to do with suffering? Come hear what Jesus has to say to us in the study, **'Cross: We Suffer With Jesus.'**

Sunday School / Christian Education

It's a new season of Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes at St. John! The schedule is from 10:15 or 10:20 to 11:05 a.m. each Sunday, and it breaks down as follows....



PRESCHOOL will meet in the Preschool Classroom

GRADES K-6

10:15-10:25 – ENGAGE

- Grades K-6 will begin in the sanctuary for the worship opening.

10:30-10:45 - EXPLORE

- Grades K-3 will meet in the 1st & 2nd Grade Classroom for the lesson
- Grades 4-6 will meet in 5th & 6th Grade Classroom for the lesson

10:50 – EXPRESS

- Grades K-6 will meet in the fellowship hall with adults for a related activity

11:05 - Dismissal

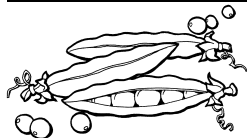
JUNIOR HIGH will meet in 7th & 8th Grade Classroom

SENIOR HIGH "Time to Spare" will meet in the Cry Room

EAGLE NEWS TODAY: The Eagle News publication is available online via FastDirect. Just go to <http://www.fastdir.com/stjohnfreedom/>, click on "Links" at the top of the page, then click on "Eagle News-September" in the "Everybody" column. There will still be printed copies passed out at the end of the service today. Hope you enjoy it!

MILITARY OUTREACH – Once again we are teaming up with *Faith Comes by Hearing* to provide BibleSticks audio Bibles for troops in our nation’s armed forces. So far, nearly half a million of our troops have received these BibleSticks, and the demand is still huge. This morning at the end of our service we will watch a brief video about this unique ministry. After the service there will be a basket on the table in the narthex where you can donate for this cause. It takes \$25 to put one of these BibleSticks into the hand of one troop.

SHARE THE BOUNTY - GARDEN PRODUCE SHARING – If your garden is producing more than you can eat, how about sharing the bounty with your friends in faith here at St. John. Each Sunday there is a table under the carport where you can place any food you bring. Share what you have, and also take what you can use. It’s a great way for us to share the bounty of God’s good gifts!



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!

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec’d 9/13/15	\$9,038.43	\$172.00	\$488.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday Evening Service: 31; 9/13/15 Service: 253

COMMUNED in AUGUST: 297 members; 10 guests

WOMEN OF FREEDOM: The next meeting will be Tues., Sept. 22nd at 7:00 PM. Our speaker will be *Kelly Wallace*, Admissions/Marketing Director at The Lutheran Home in Napoleon. She will be discussing the many services that the Lutheran Home has to offer to the community. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend!

The fall Quarterly and Odes Magazines are here. All ladies are encouraged to pick up a copy from the table in the back of the church.

FILL UP THOSE LWML MITE BOXES! By now, all the children should have an LWML Mite Box into which they can be depositing those coins from the clothes dryer or under the sofa cushions, the pocket change from the end of the day, or other gifts. The children still have two more weeks to fill their boxes. Then on **LWML Sunday (October 4th)** the children will be invited forward in the service to offer their mites to the Lord in His house. Their mites will be combined with the gifts of children from all over the LCMS community to do mighty things in the Lord’s mission. For a list of the mission projects supported by these mites, please visit the LWML website at <http://lwml.org/missions/mission-grants/>.



- *If your child does not yet have one of these Mite Boxes, please pick one up in the narthex from the table.*

LWML SUNDAY – Celebrate with Women in Mission A special worship service is planned for Sun., Oct. 4, 2015, to celebrate all that God has done through the LWML. LWML wants all women to find joy in Bible study, mite giving, mission service, and reaching the lost and hurting for Christ. Check out our website at www.lwml.org.

2016 NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICES – Very soon now the Stewardship Board will begin the process of nominating and appointing people for the various offices of our congregation. As they prepare to do so, 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!

SUNNY D LABELS – Throughout the school year please save labels from *Sunny D* drinks. Classrooms that save 20 *SunnyD* labels earn 20 FREE books. Here's how it works. **COLLECT** *SunnyD* UPC labels from these eligible products: 1, 2, or 3 liter bottles; 16 oz., 48 oz., 64 oz., 96 oz., or 128 oz. bottles; 6.75 oz.- 6, 8, or 24 pack outer wraps; 6.75 oz.-12 pack cardboard case; 11.3 oz.-6 or 24 pack outer wraps; 12 oz.-12 or 24 pack cans outer wraps. **SEND** the UPC labels to the school office at any time. We can redeem these labels for free children's books for our library or classrooms.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION, AND POP TABS: Our school also collects *Box Tops For Education*, and aluminum pop tabs all year long. *Box Tops For Education* is an ongoing PTL fundraiser earning 10¢ per box top for the PTL. They too have expanded their sponsors, so be sure to check over your grocery items carefully so you don't miss any box tops. The pop tabs collected all go to support the Ronald McDonald House in Toledo. There are collection boxes in the school office for each of these. **NOTE: Please turn in your Labels For Education and Box Tops For Education labels in separate Ziploc bags or envelopes. Do not combine them.** Thank you!

ST. JOHN CRAFT SHOW! Come one, come all, to the Arts & Craft Show to be held here at St. John on Sat., Nov. 7th. The money raised will go toward the Right Hand of Fellowship campaign. There will also be a booth/table set up for donated homemade craft items from our congregation members who wish to contribute to and support the Right Hand of Fellowship. Please contact *Diane Norden* (419-598-8234) or *Jackie Ripke* (419-267-5574) with questions.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Autumn leaves, but Jesus never does!

*"Be strong and courageous...for it is the LORD your God who goes with you.
He will not leave you or forsake you." (Deut. 31:6)*