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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "In Whose Name" *Mark 9:38-50*

Order of Service: *See printed Service Folder*

Hymns: 700 ~ [Baptism: "*Borning Cry*", 594, stz.1] ~ 505 ~ 768

Children's Choir: Grades K-4 sing "God Is So Good"

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Warm greetings and love in Christ are extended to all members and guests. We trust that you will experience the warmth of Christian fellowship, the inspiration of worship and the peace that comes from an awareness of God's presence. 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* ✠ Madison Bostelman & Emily Bostelman, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Scott & Kim VanValkenburg, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Eldor & Rozella Gruenhagen, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Al Damman, Andy Damman, Tim Hodson, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Kathy Badenhop, Sandy VonDeylen, Mary Rettig, *Altar Guild* ✠

FLOWERS HERE, FLOWERS THERE...and flowers on the altar and piano are placed in recognition of three different milestone wedding anniversaries for several members of our congregation. They are the **60th Wedding Anniversary of Ron & Elaine Hesterman** (*Altar flowers*), who celebrated on Fri., September 25th. **The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Jim & Nancy Hogrefe** (*Harvest wreath*), who also celebrated on September 25th. And the **40th Wedding Anniversary of Alan & Kathy Damman** (*Piano flowers*), who celebrate today, September 27th. God has truly blessed these three couples with a total of 150 happy years together, and we pray He will continue to grant them many happier, healthy years together. Congratulations...“times three!”

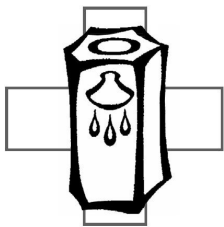
In God's House This Week

Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl

Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Sunday School; LYF Ice Cream Social (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Mon.	5:00 PM 5:30 PM	V-ball: Gr. 5&6 Girls; 6:00 PM Gr. 7&8 Girls vs. St. John-Defiance (H) <i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution
Tue.	9:00 AM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class V-ball: Gr. 5&6 Girls; 6:00 PM Gr. 7&8 Girls vs. St. Paul-Napoleon (H) Board of Elders
Wed.	6:15 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Midweek Confirmation Class Adult Hand Bell Practice Adult Choir Practice
Thurs.	6:30 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Breakfast at Hill's Restaurant, Napoleon Exercise Class Thursday Evening Praise
Sat.	9:00 AM	St. John Gr. 7&8 Invitational Volleyball Tournament
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*, 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*, recovering after recent hospitalization
- ❖ *Susan Nye*, recuperating following recent knee surgery
- ❖ *Rozella Gruenhagen*, recuperating at home now from recent back surgery
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, hospitalized at St. Luke's Hospital following a stroke



BAPTISM TODAY – This morning we rejoice to witness the baptism of **Lakyn Grace Kehnast**, infant daughter of Greg & Jenna (*nee Damman*) Kehnast. Lakyn was born on August 18th the Fulton County Health Center in Wauseon. Her baptismal sponsors are Derek & Stephanie Damman (Jenna's brother & sister-in-law). Lakyn's grandparents are Dennis & Deb Damman and Jim & Sue Kehnast. 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 Lakyn this day.

ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS - Cross; We Suffer with Jesus

Vicar Yaeger is leading 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.**’

LYF ICE CREAM SOCIAL is today with serving from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the LYF servant events and future youth conventions. On the menu: *Chicken Sandwiches, Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs, Salad, Baked Beans, Chips, Pies, Cakes, Cupcakes, Beverage and Schwan’s Ice Cream.* Freewill offering! Carryout available! Thrivent will be Matching Funds! 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 CHOIRS:

- ✚ **Bell Choir** meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. We are always looking for new members to join us. If you think you’d like to get involved and share your talents, please contact *Karan Niebergall* at 419-598-8251.
- ✚ **Vocal Choir** starting this Wednesday, Sept. 30th at 7:30 in the church balcony. If you’ve been thinking about joining the choir, now is a good time to become a member. We are always looking for more members to sing His praises, and could use a few more tenors and sopranos.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec’d 9/20/15	\$7,473.00	\$87.00	\$493.00

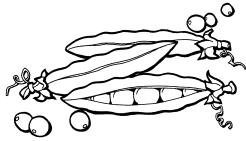
ATTENDANCE: Thursday Evening Service: 37; 9/20/15 Service: 228

LWML SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY! The students of our Sunday School and school have been collecting mites in their LWML mite boxes for a few weeks now. Next Sunday is the day to bring those back to church where the students will present them up front as their offering to the Lord. Their mites will be combined with mites from children and women all around the LCMS to do some mighty things for missions. The *Lutheran Women’s Missionary League* is an LCMS mission organization that deserves our full support! Join us next Sunday.



LWML SUNDAY – Celebrate with Women in Mission Next Sunday, Oct. 4th has been designated as LWML Sunday here at St. John. The women of the LWML invite the entire congregation to celebrate together as the body of Christ under the theme, “Seek First the Kingdom of God.” Join us and learn how the Lord has worked through the LWML in bringing the lost and erring into fellowship with Him through mission and ministry.

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!

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!

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!

S.T.O.P. PENNY DRIVE

– The PTL Fall Penny Drive at St. John School begins on Mon., Oct. 5th and runs thru Fri., Oct. 30th. Send your pennies in to school with your child or grandchild. The winning classroom will be awarded a pizza party.

PARENT VISITATION & OPEN HOUSE

– St. John School has scheduled their **Parent Visitation Open House** for the evening of **Thursday, October 22**, from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. This will run in conjunction with the PTL Scholastic Book Fair in the fellowship hall.

HEARING ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE:

If hearing in worship has been a problem for you, pick up one of the receiver units for our hearing assistance system. An usher will assist you and you'll hear much more clearly. (*Also, please let us know how the system is working for you.*)

For those who use the hearing assistance system regularly and for the sake of hygiene, we ask that you claim one of the ear buds as your own and keep it with you in your purse, pocket, etc. Bring it with you when you come to church, and simply plug it into one the receivers. At the end of the service, unplug the ear bud to take with you until the next time.

SUNNY D BOOK SPREE

– The St. John School students hope you can help them make their classroom sunnier! 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 your child's classroom. **One way to collect *SunnyD* labels would be to consider serving *SunnyD* at your upcoming Halloween parties...it is orange!** It's as easy as that!

ST. JOHN WEBSITE: Did you know you can listen to *Pastor Niermann's* sermons on the internet? Just click on the "Media" tab on our website. There is also a "For Kids" tab which allows you to listen to the Children's Sermons at St. John, or follow the link to fun and games.

"WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS": "Worship for Shut-Ins" has joined the WLMB-TV40 line up. If you have a relative or friend who is homebound, hospitalized, or recovering from a recent surgery, you may suggest this 30-minute LCMS worship service to them. So tune in to WLMB-TV40 on Sundays at 6:30 AM and get your Sunday started off right!

LABELS FOR EDUCATION (*formerly Campbell's Labels for Ed*): Our school collects labels all year long. **Labels For Education have expanded and now include UPC labels from Post Cereals, BIC, Pop-Secret, and several others.** For a complete listing of sponsors go to www.labelsforeducation.com. These labels earn points for St. John to be redeemed for many school supplies. **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!

OHIO ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN: The Ohio Division OGT is located in the north end of the Culligan Water Conditioning building on Independence Drive in Napoleon. Someone is usually there to receive items on the first Tuesday of the month from 9:00-11:00 AM. If you need to drop off items at another time, please contact *Nancy Helmke* (419-758-3539), *Diann Meyer-Grieser* (419-267-3485), *Vicki Grieser* (419-445-2986), or *Harold Behrmann* (419-598-8311) and they will be happy to meet you and open the facility to receive your donations!

ZACH'S RECYCLING PROGRAM – Please make a note to bring your recyclables directly to Zach's Recycling on Filmore Street in Napoleon. **Do not bring them to St. John School.** When taking them to Zach's, simply tell them to put your recyclables on the St. John Lutheran School account. That's it---very simple!

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.

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.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Been taken for granted? Imagine how God feels.

*"Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?
Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"
(Luke 17:17-18)*