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EASTER DAY – The Resurrection of our Lord

- **7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service:** *Printed Service Folder*
Sermon & Text: "It Was Still Dark" *John 20:1*
Hymns: 481 ~ 457 ~ 488 ~ 477
Adult Choir: "Thine is the Glory" and "Risen, Risen"
- **9:30 a.m. Easter Festival Service:** *Printed Service Folder*
Sermon: "He is Risen Indeed" *1 Cor. 15:19-26*
Hymns: 465, stz.1-3 ~ 465, stz.4 ~ [Baptism: 594, 603] ~ 482 ~
[Communion: 464, 633, 486] ~ 457

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

CHRIST IS RISEN – HE IS RISEN INDEED! We greet those who are visiting with us today in the name of our Risen Savior. We are gathered as a community of Christians. Our center is Jesus Christ. We are here to know again the touch of His forgiving and healing hand. Please help us get to know who you are by

introducing yourself to our pastor and by filling out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you. Simply pass it to the center aisle during the offering this morning. Thank you!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

1st Service: ✠ Anna Gerken & Lexi Woods, *Acolytes* ✠

✠ Hope Buchhop, *Crucifer*; Matthew Buchhop, *Banner Bearer* ✠

2nd Service: ✠ Caleb Bockelman & Colin Johnson, *Acolytes* ✠

✠ Madison Bostelman, *Crucifer*; Holly Weller, *Banner Bearer* ✠

✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠

✠ Eldor & Rozella Gruenhagen, *Visitation* ✠

✠ Todd & Chris Hesterman, *Greeters* ✠

✠ Denny Behnfeldt, Elmer Maassel, Bob Norden, Ted Ripke, *Ushers* ✠

✠ Marietta Damman, Deb Wachtman, Sharon Badenhop, Nancy Short, *Altar Guild* ✠



In God's House This Week *Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl*

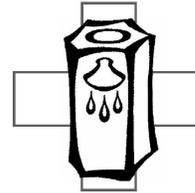
Date	Time	Activities
Today	7:00 AM 8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Easter Sunrise Service ; Offering: <i>Synod & Missions Fund (both services)</i> Fellowship Breakfast for everyone – Freewill Offering! (Till 9:15 AM) Easter Festival Service with Communion
Mon.	5:30 PM	NO SCHOOL – Easter Break <i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Exercise Class in gym Shepherd Committee Board of Elders
Wed.	6:15 PM	Junior Confirmation Class (6:15 – 7:30 PM)
Thurs.	9:00 AM	Exercise Class in gym
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM 1:00 PM	Communion Service Voters' Meeting; Sunday School; "Time To Spare" 4-H Meetings (All 3 Clubs)
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, Norma Damman, Don Dickmann, and Lucia Delventhal*
- ❖ *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
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Orchards of Northcrest - Napoleon
- ❖ Servicemen and women, *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Kyle Elling, Emily Schroeder, and Connor Gerken*
- ❖ *Betty Ashbaugh* (Clara Meyer's daughter), for health issues as she awaits hip replacement
- ❖ *Donna Kurtz* (daughter of Don & Delores Badenhop), recuperating at The Lutheran Home from her Feb. 26th car accident

***Easter Shower* - BAPTISM TODAY IN LATE SERVICE**

This morning we rejoice with **Vicar Aaron & Diana Yaeger** as they present their newborn daughter, **Lydia Ruth**, for Holy Baptism. Lydia was born at the Henry County Hospital in Napoleon last Sunday, March 20th (Palm Sunday). Her baptismal sponsors are *Rev. Dave & Sue Reed*. Lydia's grandparents are *Bob & Teresa Yaeger* (who will stand in today for the sponsors) and *Geoff & Janis Pascoe*. Great grandparents are *Edward & Elizabeth Eide*. We congratulate the Yaeger family, including brother **Simon** and sister **Adeline**, on this day of double rejoicing. Even as Christ died and rose again, Lydia, by baptism, dies with Him to sin and rises with Him to a newness of life – born again of water and Word!



BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL ARE CANCELLED TODAY. Sunday School will resume next Sunday. Bible Study will be cancelled next Sunday (Apr. 3) due to the Voters' Meeting.

Christ is Risen Indeed!

May God grant you a very happy and blessed Easter! This is the day of days for us as Christians. The open and empty tomb proclaims that Christ's sacrifice was acceptable to God for our redemption from sin, that death has been utterly defeated, and that the way to heaven has been opened to all who believe in Christ! Our Easter schedule this morning is as follows:

- Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.
- Easter Fellowship Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
- Easter Festival Service at 9:30 a.m.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this day a wonderful celebration of Christ's victory for us – the musicians, choir and children; those who provided the flowers that grace our sanctuary; those who supplied and prepared our fellowship breakfast; ushers, acolytes, altar guild members and greeters, and everyone else who helped. Well done, good and faithful servants!



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION THIS MORNING – Because of the special flowers in the chancel this morning, we will not be able to use the center handrail during Communion distribution. For your safety, please step to the side instead and use the side handrails on the pulpit and lectern.

EASTER BREAKFAST – The Easter Breakfast will be served between the two services this morning from 8:00 to 9:15 AM. The menu is: *Scrambled eggs and ham, French bread, coffee cake, doughnuts, rolls, fruit, cookies, coffee and juice.* There will be a freewill donation which assists the Ladies of Freedom in their Adopt-A-Seminarian program and also Christian Growth. This is a Thrivent Action Team event.

EASTER OFFERINGS – Offerings on Easter that are not specifically designated on the envelope will be applied to the Synod & Missions Fund.

EASTER FLOWERS – Those who bought Easter flowers to beautify the sanctuary for Easter are listed in the bulletin insert today. You may take your flowers home after the 9:30 AM Easter Festival Service (*2nd Service*) today. Thank you for sharing their beauty once again!

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY is not scheduled to meet this week. During the month of April we will meet on the regular 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays and Tuesdays (April 4-5, 11-12, and 25-26). The Monday group meets at 7:00 p.m. and the Tuesday group meets at 10:00 a.m.

A SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING has been scheduled by the church council for **Sunday, April 3rd** immediately after the worship service. The purpose is to discuss two large projects: 1) the stained glass window project, which has received a significant gift from the estate of Juanita Thorpe (Pastor Maassel's daughter); and 2) the paving of the parking lot (copies of the quote are available in the narthex).

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 3/20/16	\$8,100.00	\$193.00	\$703.00

ATTENDANCE: 3/20/16 Service: 291

6TH LENTEN SERVICE (3/16/16): Lutheran World Relief - \$610.00; Attendance: 105

PORTALS OF PRAYER BOOKLETS for the next quarter, *April, May, June*, are on the desk in the narthex. There are also large print booklets available for anybody to pick up.

“HUNDREDS” FUNDRAISER: During the month of March, the Sr. High LYF is conducting another fundraiser for our trip to the National Youth Gathering. In the back of the church you will find envelopes with numbers from 1-100. We are asking you to pick one of these envelopes and donate the amount that is listed on the front. Please fill out the paper that is inside the envelope because we would like to thank you for your donation. You can return your envelope back to the church throughout the month of March. Just look for the big Kraft envelope that says "SJL Sr. High LYF" or you can return it to the church office throughout the month. Questions? Email Sarah Bartok at sbartok@sjl.org or you can call the church office. Thank you so much for supporting LYF!

FACEBOOK PAGE: Please "like" and "share" our page to bring all our St. John School news to your screen. Our Facebook page will be a great way to share lessons going on in the classroom, special student recognitions, important events, and announcements. The link is <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnlutheranschoolnapoleon/>

EAGLE NEWS: The Eagle News publication is available on the narthex table. It is also 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-March” in the “Everybody” column. Enjoy!

VOLUNTEER CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR - We are seeking a volunteer to direct a children's choir that includes all the children of St. John. Rehearsals would be each Sunday morning after Sunday School opening and prior to Sunday School classes (*taking the time we've been devoting this last quarter to crafts*). Anthems would be sung in worship one Sunday each month, with a few additional Sundays as planned. Please speak with Pastor Niermann if you are interested.

PRESCHOOL PACKETS ON FASTDIRECT: The Preschool Handbook and Registration Forms are now available online via FastDirect. They are located in the “Everybody” section, titled “Preschool Handbook” and “Preschool Registration & Physical Forms.” Please refer to this information as you consider enrolling in the 2016-17 Preschool program. You may also request a hard copy packet through Mrs. Bree at any time. Thank you!

CHURCH HISTORY BOOKS – If at any time during the year you need a gift for a current or former member of St. John, why not consider one of our Church History Books. This book is full of interesting facts about St. John’s and is available in the church office at a cost of \$12.00.

PTL FUNDRAISER: A *Profitable Solutions* Liquid Laundry Detergent & Fabric Softener Fundraiser sponsored by the PTL is being held from now until Thurs., March 31st. This fundraiser is selling bulk laundry detergent (including pods!), softener, scent booster, dish soap, dishwasher pods and trash bags! All products are comparable to name brands. You will be receiving 42% more detergent (350-500 loads!) for the same price you'd pay in store!

We would like to have all orders, along with payment, turned in to the school office by 3/31. Once the final order is placed it should only take a couple weeks to receive the product. We will keep you informed as to when pick up will be as we will need all orders picked up as quickly as possible since they could occupy quite a lot of space! Please direct any questions to *Zoe Foor*, 419-906-1773 or another PTL officer and we will find an answer as quickly as possible!

LABELS FOR EDUCATION ENDING – We have some sad news. In the past few years participation in *Labels for Education* has declined and as a result, Campbell has come to the very difficult decision to wind down the LFE program. The good news is nothing changes this program year. These changes will be starting August 1, 2016. We will continue to support American kids through our *Grand Stand for Schools*SM sweepstakes and our community efforts which we annually contribute \$70 million in food and funding to tackle obesity and hunger.

Please continue to collect and turn in your “labels for education” points until we are given a cutoff deadline. More info to follow!

K-CLINIC & ELIGIBILITY CHANGES for students entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2016! The K-clinic will be held on Tuesday, April 12th beginning at 12:45 PM. There WILL BE Kindergarten class until 11:30 AM on April 12th. Letters were mailed this past week. If you did not receive a letter and would like to enroll, please contact the school office as soon as possible. **The eligibility is: A child must be 5 yrs old on or before Aug. 1 to enroll in Kindergarten.**

SILENT AUCTION HOSTED BY THE BOOSTERS: The Athletic Boosters are hosting a silent auction for the booster popcorn machine. They are purchasing a new machine. So, here is the information you will need in order to make a wise decision on your bid amount:

1. Bids will be closed at the Athletic Banquet on Sun., April 10th.
2. Bids can be turned at the school office.
3. Individuals should put their name, phone number, and bid amount on the bid tickets. The highest bidder will be announced and contacted at the Athletic Banquet.
4. We want to point out that the machine is being sold as is and no warranty provided! It has been used during the current basketball season.
5. There is a minimum bid of \$50 being placed on the machine.
6. The proceeds will benefit the school athletic programs.
7. Individuals can contact any booster officer if they have questions: *Becky Michaelis, Krista Gerken, Jody Meller, or Amy Rosebrook.*

GRANDPARENT'S DAY: A reminder that Grandparent's Day at St. John School for Grades K-8 will be held on **Friday, May 6** from 12:30 - 3:00 PM. *Lunch is not included.*

ST. JOHN SCRIP CONTINUES: You may begin ordering SCRIP again. Please turn those orders in on Wednesdays, with payment to *St. John School PTL Scrip Program*. The gift cards will be sent home the following week on Tuesday. Payment must accompany orders. **Any questions about SCRIP can be directed to SCRIP Coordinator Kristyn Honemann at 419-966-0207 or email at honemann@embarqmail.com.**

ALTAR FLOWERS: For anyone wishing to place flowers on the altar for Sunday worship, please contact *Mabel Bischoff* at 419-598-8757. **NOTE:** **The price for flowers through the Women of Freedom has increased to \$21.00.** Please make checks payable to Women of Freedom. Remember that it is your responsibility to call Mabel either way; if you would like the Women of Freedom to order the flowers or if you are going to take care of ordering the flowers yourself. This will alleviate any confusion.

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.

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, usually within a week after the meeting.

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!

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! PLEASE do not drop off items at the warehouse when it is closed. Thank you!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

**Awake, thou wintry earth—fling off thy sadness!
Fair vernal flowers, laugh forth your ancient gladness! Christ is risen!**

Thomas Blackburn, An Easter Hymn

“Let all things praise the name of the Lord.” (Psa. 148:5)