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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

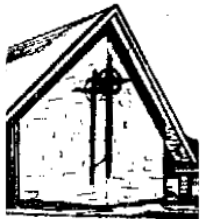
Order of Service: *Divine Service, Setting Five (LSB pg. 213)*

Hymns: 512 ~ 943 ~ 549, stz.1,6,7 ~ 470, stz.1-4, 7-9 ~ 953 ~ 507, stz.4
~ 434, stz.1 ~ [Communion: 490, 467] ~ 937 ~ 487

Adult Choir: "Hallelujah!" and "A Communion Meditation"

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. May God richly bless your worship today! 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.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✘ Hope Buchhop & Emily Bostelman, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Elmer & Pat Maassel, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Harold Behrmann & Richard Elling, *Visitation* ✘
- ✘ Carey Damman, Craig Drewes, Scott VanValkenburg, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Linda Riefers, Marian Damman, Ruth Mahnke, Mabel Bischoff, *Altar Guild* ✘

A SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING has been scheduled by the church council for **TODAY** 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 (quote copies are available in the narthex).

THE 2016 CONFIRMATION CLASS AND PARENTS will meet after Sunday School today for brief information and planning meeting. We will gather in the 5th & 6th grade classroom (next to the church office).

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

| Date | Time | Activities |
|---------------|---|---|
| Today | 9:00 AM 10:20AM 11:15AM 1:00 PM | Communion Service Voters' Meeting; Sunday School; "Time To Spare"; Adult Bible Class 2016 Confirmation Class and Parents Meeting (<i>Gr. 5&6 classroom</i>) 4-H Meetings (<i>All 3 Clubs</i>) |
| Mon. | 7:00 PM | PTL Meeting; <i>Trinity LifeLight</i> Bible Study |
| Tue. | 9:00 AM 10:00AM 10:20AM 7:00 PM | Exercise Class in gym <i>Trinity LifeLight</i> Bible Study Late Start-Up due to Teacher In-Service at 9:00 AM Stewardship Board & School Board Meetings |
| Wed. | 6:15 PM | Junior Confirmation Class (<i>6:15 – 7:30 PM</i>) |
| Thurs. | 6:30 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM | Men's Bible Breakfast at Hill's Restaurant Exercise Class in gym Constitutional review committee |
| Sun. | 9:00 AM 10:20AM 4:30 PM | Worship Service w/Communion following Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "Time To Spare" St. John Athletic Banquet |
| Mon.- Sat. | 7:30 AM | Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Jeff Corder</i> , St. John Lutheran, Stryker |

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*
- ❖ *Lois Rosebrock*, having hip surgery tomorrow at Fulton County Health Center

ENROLLMENT OF SPONSORS - This morning after the Collect of the Day, we will enroll Rev. Dave & Sue Reed as baptismal sponsors for *Lydia Ruth Yaeger*, infant daughter of Vicar Aaron & Diana Yaeger. Lydia was baptized into Christ last Sunday during the second Easter service when Rev. & Mrs. Reed were not able to be present. Vicar Yaeger's parents stood in as proxies for the Reeds. Now that the Reeds are able to be with us, we will enroll them today as Lydia's baptismal sponsors. May God bless the Reeds in their witness to Lydia and hear their prayers on her behalf!

BE A JAVA JOY HOST! Every second Sunday of the month between services, 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.

Christ is Risen Indeed!

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make Easter at St. John such a wonderful celebration of Christ's victory for us – the musicians, choir and children; those who provided the flowers that graced 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!



THE LADIES OF FREEDOM – would like to thank those who came and supported the Easter Breakfast, to those who so generously donated food items, and to the LYF members for your help throughout the morning. It was greatly appreciated! Thank you once again!

BIBLE STUDY THIS MORNING (TIME PERMITTING)

- **Leviticus** – This ancient book is filled with laws regulating the religious and civil life of God's people, Israel. Though many of the regulations no longer apply in this time of Christ, they greatly enrich our understanding of Christ. Now our study moves on to the priesthood itself. Aaron and his sons from the tribe of Levi were appointed to serve as intermediaries between God and His people, and as such are a picture of Christ who mediates our relationship with God. Join Pastor Niermann in the study of this ancient book of the Israelites. We'll meet in the north fellowship hall.
- **Marriage and Family** – Vicar Yaeger is leading a Bible Study in the south fellowship hall, especially for our Sunday School parents and anyone else interested. We'll look at such topics as: Foundations of Marriage and Family in Creation; Biblical Intimacy, Exercising Faith and Love, More Than Romance, and Leaving a Legacy for the family.

Bible Study



MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST will meet this Thursday morning (4/7) at 6:30 a.m. at Hill's Restaurant in Napoleon. We will be taking a look ahead to the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday. This is a great way to begin your day, satisfying the body with good food, and the soul with good fellowship and God's Holy Word. Cost is \$7.00 which includes the tip. ***Please join us!*** There's room at the table for you.

QUARTERLIES & ODES: The Quarterlies and Odes for the Women of Freedom are ready to be picked up from the table in the narthex. Our next meeting will be Tues., April 26th at 7:00 PM.

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.

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/stjohnlutherschoolnapoleon/>

LifeLight Bible Study –The Holy Trinity

We have seen how the doctrine of the Holy Trinity is revealed to us in part in the Old Testament, and more clearly in the New Testament. We have also studied some of the controversies surrounding this doctrine. Next up, we take a good look at God's attributes, all those things that describe the God we know and love, such as omniscience, mercy, love, and justice. Join us as we take a closer look at these attributes which are so important for a right understanding of our Triune God.



LifeLight Bible in April 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.; the Tuesday group meets at 10:00 a.m.

LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL – It's time to renew your subscription to the Lutheran Witness for this year. To subscribe or renew your subscription, **simply place \$17.00 in an envelope**, along with your name and address, and place it in the Sunday collection plate or bring it down to the church office. **Deadline for subscriptions is May 16th.**

ATHLETIC BANQUET: The St. John Athletic Banquet is scheduled for Sun., April 10th at 4:30 PM with a potluck meal. Honorees will be all St. John athletes (Gr. 4-8), the Mini-Eagles (Gr.1-3). Everyone welcome!

| <u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u> | Home Fund | Synod & Missions | Building Fund |
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| Weekly Need | \$9,792.78 | \$500.00 | \$961.54 |
| Rec'd 3/27/16 | \$5,866.00 | \$4,322.00 | \$643.00 |

ATTENDANCE: 3/27/16 Sunrise Service: 227; Late Service: 260

MAUNDY THURSDAY SVC. (3/24/16): Luth. Home Chapel Services - \$730.00; Attendance: 124

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE (3/25/16): Home Fund - \$1,700.00; Attendance: 161

COMMUNED in March: 458 members; 7 guests

THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES will begin on the first Thursday of May, which is May 5th, at 7:00 p.m. Until the school year is finished, we will gather in the sanctuary. Holy Communion will always be on the Thursday evenings prior to regular Communion Sundays.

“HUNDREDS” FUNDRAISER: The Sr. High LYF is conducting a 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. Just look for the big Kraft envelope that says "SJL Sr. High LYF" or you can return it to the church office. Questions? Email Sarah Bartok at sbartok@sjl.org or you can call the church office. Thank you so much for supporting LYF!

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*

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!

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.**



CHURCH LIBRARY – The church library, located in the hall next to the sanctuary, is growing to contain a lot of excellent books that will edify your faith. The books in this library have been screened to assure that they are true to the Word of God and can be trusted to be theologically sound. Please check out the selection. To borrow a book, just take it with you, then return it to the basket when you’ve finished reading.

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.*

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!

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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – The Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on several radio stations in our area. They cover many interesting topics relevant to today’s issues. Broadcasts can be heard Sundays on: Holland’s WPOS 102.3 at 7:00 AM; Archbold’s WMTR 96.1 at 7:30 AM; Defiance’s WONW (AM)1280 at 10:30 AM; Napoleon’s WNDH 103.1 at 12:00 PM.

“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!

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION, AND POP TABS: Our school 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 pop tabs and Box Tops For Education labels in separate Ziploc bags or envelopes. Do not combine them.*** Thank you!

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.

USE OF THE FELLOWSHIP HALL – If you would like to use the Fellowship Hall for any occasion, on a certain date this year, **please contact the church/school office at 419-598-8961 or 419-598-8702.** In addition to calling the office, you may want to check the online master calendar at <http://www.dynacal.com/sjl/> (*you can also link to it from www.sjl.org*).

4-H MEETINGS – The Gerald Busy Fingers 4-H Club, the Freedom Royal Farmers 4-H Club, and the Cloverbuds will be having their meeting today at 1:00 PM at St. John Lutheran School.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Easter is the one time it’s perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket.

“Trust in the Lord with all your hearts.” (Prov. 3:5)