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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sermon & Text: "Forgotten" *Acts 1:12-26*
Order of Service: *Service of Prayer & Preaching (LSB pg. 260)*
Hymns: 475 ~ 493, stz. 1,5-6 ~ 539 ~ 517, stz. 13,3 ~ 479
Chime Choir: *Gr. 5&6 play "What Wondrous Love Is This"*

A PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Happy Mother's Day!... and a special, grateful welcome to all mothers this morning. We bless and cherish you for the care and nurture you gave or are giving now to your children. We salute you in the name of our Lord who loved His mother and provided for her. If you are visiting with us this morning, help us get to know you better by filling out the blue Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you. Simply pass it to the center aisle during the offering.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✘ Lydia Babcock & Bailey Johnson, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ The Niermann Family, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Lawrence & Hildegard Behrmann, *Visitation* ✘
- ✘ Dave Badenhop, Denny VonDeylen, Jerry Short, Dan Wiechers, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Karan Niebergall, Kaylee & Ronda Wentworth, Karen Lulfs, *Altar Guild* ✘

2016 CONFIRMATION CLASS

– This year's confirmands have several important dates coming up.

- This Wednesday, May 11th, the confirmands will meet at 6:15 p.m. to prepare for public examination.
- Public examination is this Thursday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the north end of the fellowship hall.
- Confirmation is next Sunday, May 15th.

HOLY COMMUNION

will be offered this morning following the service. Those who wish to attend should fill out a card from the pew rack in front of you and give it to the usher as you leave your pew this morning. Return immediately to the front pews in the sanctuary.

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

| Date | Time | Activities |
|-------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Today | 9:00 AM 10:20AM 4:30 PM | Worship Service w/Communion following <i>Java Joy</i> ; Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "Time To Spare" Jr. Hi LYF Meeting (<i>see bulletin note</i>) |
| Tue. | 9:00 AM 7:00 PM | Exercise Class; 8 th Grade Quiz Bowl at NWOESC, Archbold Church Council Meeting |
| Wed. | 6:15 PM | All Confirmands meet for class |
| Thurs. | 9:00 AM 7:00 PM | Exercise Class Confirmation Public Questioning |
| Sun. | 9:00 AM 10:20AM 4:00 PM | Confirmation and Communion Service Adult Bible Class; "Time To Spare" 4-H Meetings (All clubs) |
| Mon.-Sat. | 7:30 AM | Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM |

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, Vernon Kruse, and Ross Damman*, recovering from and dealing with health issues
- ❖ *Ralph Kortman* (Mike Myers' uncle), suffering with worsening emphysema
- ❖ *Betty Ashbaugh*, back in Toledo Hospital with continuing serious health problems

WEDDING BLESSINGS: Today we would like to recognize the marriage of *Adam VonDeylen* and *Chelsea Kirkum* which took place at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Holgate, yesterday; May 7th. We rejoice with Adam & Chelsea as they begin their life together as husband and wife, and wish them many years of happiness together. Congrats to the happy couple!



JAVA JOY TODAY! It's the second Sunday of the month, and that means **Java Joy** after worship. Take a little time to enjoy a bite to eat and some fellowship. A table is set up in the front hallway. Your gifts to the "kitty" help keep **Java Joy** alive and going. We thank *Ryan & Renee Bostelman* and *Mike & Cheryl Dietrich* for hosting Java Joy for May. Feel like hosting a **Java Joy** on the second Sunday of the month? Please sign up on the table in the narthex. Don't let finances stop

you – you are welcome to reimburse your expenses from the kitty if you wish.

BIBLE STUDY THIS MORNING

- **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. Currently we are studying the section of Leviticus sometimes called “God’s Manual of Purity.” Here there are many regulations stipulating what makes a person “impure” and how they can be made “clean” again for purposes of right worship. Come discover how it all points to Jesus Christ!
- **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.

ARCHIVES DISPLAY: The Archives Committee members have put up a display of past Confirmation classes ranging from 1936 (*80th anniversary*) to 2011 (*celebrating their 5th anniversary*). Come and check it out in the showcases in the hallway by the church.

JR. HI LYF: Today from 4:30 – 6:00 PM the Jr. Hi youth will be gathering at the church for games, snacks, a Bible study, and fun. Come if you can and enjoy some great fellowship together!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

- **There are a few holes to fill in the Sunday School Staff. We need a few more teachers in the rotation for Preschool and Grades 3-6,** and perhaps also a few people who could be stand-by teachers. Teachers rotate on a three-week schedule, teaching every third Sunday. Please pray about this, and step up to serve by talking with Pastor Niermann or Superintendent Sarah Rosebrock. Thanks!
- **Today is the final day of Sunday School for this season. Our thanks to everyone who helped out with teaching, openings, activities, etc. There is no more important work the Lord has given His Church to do than to bring the little ones to Him, baptizing and teaching them!** As we prepare for a new season in the fall, please be prepared to stand up and take a role in this vital ministry to our children!



NEW VICAR ASSIGNED – On April 26th at the Vicarage placement service at our Fort Wayne seminary a vicar was assigned to St. John for the coming year. His name is **Michael B. Keller** who hails from Sanger, Texas (just north of Dallas). He and his wife Hanne are expecting their first child in June. Vicar Keller will begin his year of service among us when he is installed on Sun., Aug. 14th.

- **Former Vicar Reed Shoaff** received his first call to the pastoral ministry on Wednesday, Apr. 27th. He will be installed as the pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in London, Arkansas (about 120 miles due south of Branson, Missouri).

2015 CHURCH ANNUAL is available on the desk and table in the narthex. If there are any corrections to be made, please contact Joyce in the office. Pick up your copy today!

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| <u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u> | Home Fund | Synod & Missions | Building Fund |
| Weekly Need | \$9,792.78 | \$500.00 | \$961.54 |
| Rec'd 5/01/16 | \$11,490.00 | \$184.00 | \$482.00 |

ATTENDANCE: 5/01/16 Service: 272

COMMUNED in April: 336



NEXT SUNDAY IS PENTECOST! Pentecost is one of the high festivals of the church year, and takes its place alongside Christmas and Easter as one of the most important events in the story of our salvation. On this day we remember how Christ, as promised, sent His Spirit to fill His disciples, who then proclaimed the Gospel of salvation for all! Thus began the history of the Christian Church in these latter days. The Spirit, it turns out, is more than the gentle dove we often see depicted in Christian symbolism. As the first disciples found out, He can be quite dangerous in His call to faith and action! Be sure to assemble with God's people next Sunday – if you dare! Who knows what the Holy Spirit may do in you?

BULLETIN NOTES: With Thursday night services starting, bulletin announcements need to be turned in to the office by Wednesday of each week in order to be included in the Thursday and Sunday bulletin. Please make a note of this. Thank you!

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES BEGINNING – From now through October; you will have the opportunity of worshipping on **Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** Until school is out for the summer, these services will be held in the sanctuary; once school is out, they will move to the north end of the fellowship hall. These services will use the readings and hymns for the following Sunday. Holy Communion will be offered on the Thursdays prior to regular Communion Sundays.

HELP FOR WOMEN CAUGHT UP IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING - The human trafficking of women is a big problem in NW Ohio, in Toledo especially. Some of the women caught up in this world have only ever known life on the streets. To help these women, the Sisters of Notre Dame in Toledo, and the organization STOP (Stop Trafficking of Persons) are working to give them food and toiletries, along with a phone number they can call to get the help they need. **CAN YOU HELP?** In the narthex we will have a collection box where you can bring items for this ministry of mercy. Please consider giving such items as peanut butter or cheese crackers, fruit bars, toiletries such as hotel sized deodorant, toothpaste and brushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, lip balm and washcloths. Items will be assembled into baggies and given to these women with the phone number hidden inside. Thank you for helping "the least of these" and doing this for Jesus.

A BIG DAY ON SUNDAY, MAY 22 – Two weeks from today, there will be a lot happening here at St. John – be sure you're in God's house!

- **SJLS Graduation** – With prayer and congratulations, we will graduate the SJLS class of 2016.
- **Potluck Dinner** – Graduates will be our guests of honor as we gather for food and fellowship at 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring a dish to share!
- **Field Day** – After lunch, the children and youth will head outside for some fun field day events; parents may want to bring lawn chairs to take it all in.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION – On Sunday, May 29th we invite all of you to gather with us in the worship service for graduate recognition. We'll remember your confirmation theme, we'll ask you about your plans for the future, and commend those plans to God in prayer. In the meantime, we'd appreciate having a picture of each graduate that we can project during the recognition. Email them to *Pastor Niermann* at sniermann.sjl@gmail.com, or drop off in the office.



***LifeLight* Bible Study – SUMMER**

Sign up has begun for anyone who is interested in summertime *LifeLight Bible Study* to be held on three Monday mornings each month in June through August.

If you are interested in being part of this study group, please sign up in the narthex. On the sign-up sheet are included four options for the study topic: 1) End

Times; 2) Heaven and Hell; 3) The Miracles of Jesus; and 4) The Parables of Jesus. When you sign up, please check off two of these topics that would especially interest you.

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.**

***Growing Together* MARRIAGE RETREAT – May 20-21**

“It's so hard to find time together...” “I can't remember the last time we had a date...”

“It's like we're living separate lives...” “I wish we had time to reconnect...”

For the second year St. John is teaming up with sister congregations in our area to provide a marriage retreat opportunity for all interested married or engaged couples. This retreat

is scheduled for May 20-21 (Friday evening and Saturday) at the beautiful

Lial Renewal Center in Whitehouse. Information on this retreat is

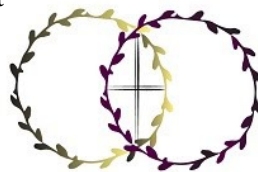
available in the narthex or online at www.sjl.org. For just \$20 each

couple will have a wonderful time away when they can focus on growing

together. The cost includes a Friday evening wine and cheese party,

and Saturday breakfast and lunch. Lodging at Lial has filled up, so

you can either camp, stay at a hotel, or drive home on Friday.



Growing Together

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL POSITION OPENING – St. John Lutheran School is seeking a person to fill the following position that will be opening after this school year.

- **Freedom's Flock Care Provider** – This individual is responsible for the care of the students in our after-school program each day from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

If interested in more information, please speak with Principal Kramer or Board Pres., Brad Rosebrook.

GREAT JOB ST. JOHN STUDENTS & STAFF!!! “Alice in Wonderland Jr” was a big success this weekend. Everyone did fantastic! We received nothing but compliments on both performances. Even though things get a little “crazy” when trying to put on a musical of this magnitude, when it comes down to performing it, you (*the students and staff*) came through like a rock!

PTL THANK YOU (Laundry detergent fundraiser): A really “BIG THANK YOU” to everyone who placed orders, to those who came with lots of muscles to help unload and sort the 130+ units that were ordered, and to the families who quickly came to pick up their orders that same day (Wed., Apr. 27). Your participation made this first time detergent sale a PTL profit of \$900+. Once again, you came thru for St. John School. Thank you!

WHY NOT CONSIDER ST. JOHN? Saint John Lutheran School offers preschool to 8th grade Lutheran education. Students are taught the Word of God. In addition all the other subjects are taught. Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of athletics. Bus transportation is available to students in all the local school districts. If you have any questions about enrollment or would like a tour of the school please call the church office for an appointment.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL AT ST. JOHN will be Thurs., May 26th with early dismissal at 2:00 PM. Closing Day festivities include: Closing chapel at 12:40 PM; as well as Kindergarten graduation, awards, prizes. All parents are welcome to come. This is for students in K-garten through Grade 8. Academic and Attendance Awards will be handed out as well as other awards. **Please note: This service will include Kindergarten Graduation.**

PRESCHOOL’S GRADUATION will be Thurs., May 19th at 6:30 PM in the church. There will be a short program followed by light refreshments in the fellowship hall.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE: The Ridgeville Corners Memorial Day service to remember those who served our country will be held on **Mon., May 30 at 10:30 AM** at the Ridgeville American Legion. **Flag Drill:** Children age PreK thru 4th Grade are invited to participate in the flag drill during the Ridgeville Memorial Day service. Call *Laura Bickel* at 419-267-5203 or *Jenny Behnfeldt* at 419-267-5636 for questions or more info on the flag drill.

HOSPICE BAZAAR: The 10th Annual Hospice of Henry Co. Bazaar will be held on Thurs., May 12 from 10:00AM – 8:00 PM at the Napoleon American Legion. The Bazaar will feature vendors, Grannies Attic, a Bake Sale, craft items, plant sale, and silent auction. The Live Auction will begin at noon. A freewill luncheon will also be served. The evening features a quarter auction. Come, support, and enjoy!

RIDGEVILLE FIRE DEPT. AUXILIARY will be hosting a Drive Thru Chicken BBQ on Sun., May 15th at the Ridgeville Fire Station. Serving begins at 11:00 AM until gone. Menu consists of: *½ Chicken (Brookview), Potatoes, Coleslaw, Roll, and Butter.* Freewill offering. Come and support your local Fire Dept. Sponsored by Ridgeville Fire Department Auxiliary.

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MOTHER’S DAY FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

“If you bungle raising your children, I don’t think whatever else you do well matters very much.” *Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis*

“These words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

You shall teach them diligently to your children.” (Deut. 6:6-7)