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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Adultery, Parables, and Two Kinds of Sinners"
Luke 7:36-50; 2 Samuel 11:26-12:14

Order of Service: *Service of Prayer and Preaching* (LSB pg. 260)

Hymns: 555, stz. 1-6 ~ 555, stz. 7-10 ~ 524 ~ 702

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Now is the hour of worship. God speaks to us and we listen and respond with our hymns, prayers and praises. Together we bless the Lord whose purpose is to save us and keep us in His faithful flock. He is the God of Grace and the God of Glory. If you are our guest today, 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.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Bethann Gerken, *Pianist* ✘ Landon Willeman & Caleb Bockelman, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Todd & Chris Hesterman, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Lawrence & Hildegard Behrmann, *Visitation* ✘
- ✘ Tom VonDeylen, Doug Dietrich, Neil Badenhop, Roger Lulfs, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Karen Germann, Diana Kruse, Mary Kossow, *Altar Guild* ✘

NEW PARENTS: *Brad & Kailee* (Rosebrock) *Leonard* were blessed with the birth of their first child, *Levi James*, on Tues., May 31, 2016, at Henry County Hospital. The Leonards are doing well and enjoying their new bundle of joy. Grandparents Dave & Karen Rosebrock and Scott & Juleen Leonard are sure to enjoy Levi too. Congratulations to everyone!

BIBLE STUDY will be held this morning in the north end of the fellowship hall. We will continue our study of **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." Come discover how it all points to Jesus Christ!

In God's House This Week		<i>Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM 1:00 PM	Worship Service Adult Bible Class 4-H Meetings
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Church Council Meeting
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Thursday Evening Worship (with Communion)
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Logan Scheiwe</i> , St. Paul Lutheran, Napoleon

MATTERS FOR PRAYER – Please keep these people in your prayers:

- ❖ Our Shut-Ins: *Stan Moll, Norma Damman, Don Dickmann, Lucia Delventhal, and Renetta Homan*
- ❖ *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, *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Kyle Elling, Emily Schroeder, and Connor Gerken*
- ❖ *Vernon Kruse*, at home now and still weak from recent lung surgery
- ❖ *Betty Ashbaugh*, recuperating at home now and still in need of prayers
- ❖ *Mary Rettig*, recuperating at Henry County Swing Bed from knee replacement surgery
- ❖ *Clinton Linebaugh* (Dean & Sharon Badenhop's grandson), recuperating very well from open heart surgery this past week at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus
- ❖ *Rodney Rosebrock*, recuperating at home from a heart ablation procedure this past week

Java Joy TODAY! Be sure to stop out in the front hallway this morning for some refreshments and fellowship. Our hosts today are the *Delbert & Marian Damman* and *Eldor & Rozella Gruenhagen*, and we thank them for their generosity.

- **WOULD YOU CONSIDER HOSTING JAVA JOY?** *Hosting does not have to be expensive – you are welcome to reimburse some or all of your expenses, if you wish, from the 'kitty' – so please don't let that hold you back. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for all the second Sundays of the year. Please sign up, and pick up the sheet of guidelines from the table. Thank you!*



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Please note the church office hours during the month of June are Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Closed over the lunch hour and all day on Fridays. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be here. Thank you!

LYF COLOR FUN RUN/WALK FUNDRAISER – Join our Senior High LYF youth as we prepare for the National Youth Gathering in July. We are just shy of our goal for expenses and are doing one last fundraiser before we go on our trip. On Sunday, June 26th, at 1:00 PM we will be hosting a Color Run/Walk on our church grounds. Come run or walk around the designated route and get covered with different colors. Food and water will also be available and are included in the price. The price to participate is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. Please, no pets during the race and throughout the course. Please sign up for the event at <http://tinyurl.com/stjohncolorrun> or email Sarah Bartok at sbartok@sjl.org. See flyers in the hallway too!

LADIES OUTING: The Women of Freedom would like to invite anyone interested in touring the dairy operation of Sunnyvillle Farm, Deshler, OH, to show up in the church parking lot on Mon., June 20th at 3:30 PM. We will be caravanning to Sunnyvillle at that time. Bring your buckets – tee hee!!!

NEW VICAR PREPARATIONS – A few weeks ago a vicar was assigned to St. John for the coming year. His is **Michael B. Keller** (*he goes by Brent*) 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 Sunday, August 14th. As we prepare for the Keller's arrival here in Freedom Twp. there are a few things we need to do to get prepared.

1. **A place to live** – We are looking for a house or apartment we can rent for the vicar and his wife and child. If you have any places available or know of any, please speak with Congregation President, *Bob Norden*.
2. **Furnishings** – The Kellers inform us they don't have much for furnishings, so we will be trying to pull together some items. A list of needed items is posted in the narthex and in the front hall at the 7-8th Grade classroom where we will collect the items. If you can either loan or donate any of these items, please bring them to the 7-8th Grade classroom for summer storage, then check the item off the list posted next to the door. *If you have any items not listed that you think may be helpful, please contact Pastor Niermann.*

REPORT CARDS can be picked up today in an envelope (one per family) in the narthex. Parents of tuition students may pick up report cards the week of June 13th in the school office from 9 to Noon. Report can also be viewed on the FastDirect Communication network.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL POSITION OPENINGS – St. John Lutheran School is seeking persons to fill the following positions that are currently open for the upcoming school year.

- **School Janitor** – As of the June 7, 2016 School Board meeting, this paid position is open. Anyone interested in applying for this position should contact School Board President, *Brad Rosebrook* at 419-966-3099.
- **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*.

4-H: The Gerald Busy Fingers, Cloverbuds, and Freedom Royal Farmers 4-H Clubs will be having their next meeting today at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 6/05/16	\$9,302.00	\$260.00	\$575.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (6-02-16) Worship Service: 55; Sunday (6/05/16) Service: 199

DID YOU KNOW? The free Pepperidge Farm bread, cookies, and crackers available on Sundays down by the gym lobby have the "Labels For Education" UPC codes on the wrappers. Be sure to clip them off and bring them to the school/church office at your convenience.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE OUTDOOR SERVICE – This year the annual Outdoor Service has been scheduled for Sunday, August 28th (*the first Sunday after the school year resumes*).

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.

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 at JCPlayZone.

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!

AREA EVENTS:

- **St. John Lutheran Church, Stryker**, is sponsoring their **LYF Ice Cream Social** today from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Church Family Center. The menu includes *hot chicken sandwiches, homemade ice cream, and pie*. Proceeds support our youth group's summer trip to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. See flyer!
- **15th Annual Black Swamp Benefit on June 17 & 18** at the Fulton County Fairgrounds.
- **Lutheran Home at Napoleon Auxiliary** is hosting its annual Ice Cream Social on **Sun., June 19th** from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. This is a Thrivent Action Team event. See flyer!
- **The 9th Annual Stephanie Kossov Memorial Golf Outing** will be held on **Sat., July 30th**, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Registration forms available on the narthex table!
- **150th Anniversary Concert Series** at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 203 S. Defiance St., Archbold on Friday, June 24th at 7:00 PM continues with an Organ Recital presented by Steve Basselman, Organist.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Tomorrow's forecast – God reigns and His Son shines.

*"My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets."
(Malachi 1:11)*