



# St. John Lutheran Church

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### TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon Text: *Luke 12:22-40*

Order of Service: *See printed Service Folder*

Hymns: **949**, stz.2 ~ [Baptism: **Borning Cry, 588**] ~ **736** ~ **949**, stz.1 ~ **434**, stz. 3 ~ [Communion: **712, 739, 740**] ~ **726**

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*Welcome! We are here at the Savior's invitation; therefore let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, receiving mercy and finding grace to help in every time of need. If you have no church of your own, we invite you to make this your home church. 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.*

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### **SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING**

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Lydia Babcock & Emily Bostelman, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Esther Layton & Phyllis Silveus, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Harold Behrmann & Rich Elling, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Denny Behnfeldt, Elmer Maassel, Bob Norden, Ted Ripke, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Kathy Behnfeldt, Pat Maassel, Anita Badenhop, Deb Durham, *Altar Guild* ✠

### FLOWERS TODAY:

- ❖ The Altar flowers are placed today by Juergen & Cheri Goertz.
- ❖ The flowers on the piano are in celebration of the marriage of *AJ Call* and *Kara Elling* which took place here at St. John yesterday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. We rejoice with AJ & Kara as they begin their life together as husband and wife, and we wish them many years of happiness together. Congrats to the Calls!

**WOMEN OF FREEDOM:** The Women of FREEDOM will not be meeting in August. Our next meeting will be Thurs., Sept. 20. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend!

**In God's House This Week**Online church calendar: [www.DynaCal.com/sjl](http://www.DynaCal.com/sjl)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM 1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class 4-H Family Fun Day – ( <i>Gerald Busy Fingers Club</i> ) School Board Meeting
Mon.	5:00 PM	Girls' Volleyball Open Gym ( <i>see bulletin note</i> )
Tue.	9:00 AM	Exercise Class
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service with Communion following; Installation of Vicar Keller Adult Bible Class
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Stephen Niermann</i> , St. John Lutheran, Napoleon

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

- ❖ Our Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Don Dickmann, Lucia Delventhal, and Renetta Homan*
- ❖ *Pauline Dishop, Marie Damman, and Delora Winkelman*, at The Lutheran Home, Napoleon
- ❖ *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, and Emily Schroeder*
- ❖ *Connor Gerken*, serving in the military and now deployed to the Middle East for 6 months
- ❖ *Stan Moll*, for successful hip surgery from a fall he took recently

**A BIRTHDAY IN HEAVEN** – On Monday, Aug. 1, 2016, and on her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday, ***Magdalena Volkman*** received the gift of eternal life in heaven. While family and friends will miss her cheery face, we can rest assured she is right where she wants to be...with the Lord. Magdalena's funeral was held on Fri., Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM here at St. John and burial was in the St. John cemetery. Please keep Norville & Terry, LaVern, and Mary Lou & Larry in your daily prayers at this time of grieving.



**BAPTISM TODAY** – This morning we rejoice to witness the baptism of ***Nolan Damman Howard***, infant son of ***Joe & Krista (Damman) Howard***. Nolan was born at the Fulton County Health Center in Wauseon on July 15<sup>th</sup>. His baptismal sponsors are *Kayla Damman* and *Gina Howard*. Nolan's grandparents are *Dave & Teresa Damman* and *Ted & Denise Howard*. Let us rejoice together as Nolan is received in God's kingdom by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit. Today Nolan is God's own child. May the good work begun in baptism be brought to completion on the day of Jesus Christ!

**OFFICE HOURS:** The church/school summer office hours will be Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Closed on Fridays until school begins. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be there.

## **MANY THANKS:**

- I would like to thank everyone who remembered me with cards, prayers, visits, and food during my recent knee replacement surgery and hospital stay. Also, thank you Pastor Niermann and Vicar Yaeger for your visits and prayers. It was all appreciated very much.  
*Mary Rettig*
- I want to thank God for getting me through my recent surgery. Also, thanks to everyone for all the cards and prayers. I am still on the mend but getting stronger every day. God Bless you all, *Vern Kruse*

**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. Today we dig into the tenth and final chapter of this study about the holy days and years appointed by God for His people. As with all things in Leviticus, these holy times and seasons point us to Jesus Christ who fulfills them all. Come discover God's Word!

**NEW VICAR RECEPTION** – Next Sunday in the morning service, we welcome and install our new Vicar, **Brent Keller**. Brent hails from Sanger, Texas (just north of Dallas). He and his wife Hanne have a new baby daughter, Annalise Michelle, born on June 27th. Following the service we will have a little reception in the fellowship hall and take time to meet the Kellers in a less formal atmosphere.

- **Pantry Items for the new vicar** – Today and next Sunday we are gathering necessary items to help the new vicar and family get started in their apartment. Suggested items include: non-perishable foods, toilet paper, infant diapers and wipes, toothpaste and brushes and whatever else you can think of that they could use. Please drop off items in the designated spot in the narthex.
- **THANK YOU** to everyone who have helped Kellers make their transition to St. John and Napoleon – to Pres. Bob Norden for all his work lining up a place and organizing the move, to those who helped with the move, to all who have provided furnishings, and to those who are providing meals during their stay in the hotel. Well done, everyone!

**VICAR AARON YAEGER'S ADDRESS:** For anyone wishing to send *Vicar Yaeger & Diana* a note, here is their new mailing address: 1216 Rivermet Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

**LYF MEETING:** The Jr. & Sr. High LYF members will have a combined meeting on Sun., Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 PM. New 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome. We will be doing a servant event. A few parent volunteers are needed to help with this event. Please contact Sarah Bartok via email at [sbartok@sjl.org](mailto:sbartok@sjl.org).



**SHARE THE BOUNTY OF SUMMER** – This morning a table has been set up under the carport where you can bring any spare produce from your garden and share it with others in the congregation. Bring whatever you can and take whatever you can use, and share the bounty of summer! The table will be set up each Sunday through mid-September or so.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 7/31/16	\$7,363.00	\$503.00	\$758.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (7-28-16) Worship Service: 43; Sunday (7/31/16) Service: 168

LAWN SIGNS: Today we are making available **St. John Lutheran School** lawn signs for display in your front yard or any visible area you can think of. These free signs can be taken from the back of the narthex. You make take as many as you need in order to give our school some good advertising.

OUTDOOR SERVICE – Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

It's going to be a special morning with a special musical group being assembled to help lead us in worship (including Mike and Micah Nicol, Mrs. Niermann's brother and his son). Here's the schedule:



- **9:45 am** – Enjoy **15 minutes of special preservice music** by our musical guests
- **10:00 am** – **Worship with Holy Communion** (we'll use only the individual cups)
- **11:00 am** – **More special music.** Leave if you must, but you are encouraged to stay for a cup of coffee or juice and a doughnut as we enjoy another 20-30 minutes of music with our guests.

Please bring a chair with you, and reserve parking around the old school for those who need it most. To facilitate the celebration of Holy Communion, we will maintain an aisle for people to approach the Lord's Table. It would be helpful if we could balance the congregation on both sides of that aisle, so please consider that when finding your spot.

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. If interested in any of these positions and you would like more details, please speak with *Principal Kramer* or new Board Pres., *Sunday Griffith*.

- **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. This is a paid position.
- **School Janitor** – This individual will be responsible for all the janitorial duties involved with the functioning of the school. This is a paid position.
- **School Cook** – This individual will prepare daily lunches for the students and staff, as well as overseeing the operation of the lunch program at St. John School. This is a paid position.

VOLLEYBALL SEASON: *Chelsea Mouch* will be our grades 4-8 volleyball coach this season. Volleyball will be open for all girls involved in St. John Lutheran Church and School along with St. Augustine, Napoleon. Throughout the season we will be looking for parents and family members to assist with volleyball activities, this may include line-judging, scoreboard, concessions, and helping at the St. John Freedom Volleyball Invitational in October. Thank you all!

Girls' Volleyball Open Gym: St. John Girls' Volleyball Open Gym will be held every Monday from 5:00 – 6:30 PM until school starts. Any girl going into grades 4-8 for the 2016-17 school year is invited to attend. Hope to see you on Mondays!! *Coach Chelsea Mouch*

## UPCOMING SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ✓ **Parent's Meeting** – On **Mon., Aug. 22 at 7:00 PM** there will be a Parent's Meeting with children in Grades K-8 held in the Fellowship Hall. Parents will be informed about student expectations in the classrooms. **In conjunction with the school parent meeting, there will be a Preschool parent meeting at 6:00 PM. All parents (Preschool and School) are encouraged to attend this meeting.**
- ✓ **School Fundraiser** – The Magazine & Cookie Dough Sales for Grades Preschool thru 8 will begin on **Mon., Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM**. It will run through Wed., Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. The cookie dough will be delivered on Tues., Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** – The St. John School and Preschool will be holding an open house on Sun., Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 – 12:00 PM for Kindergarten thru Gr. 8; and from 11:00 – 1:00 PM for Preschool. Everyone is encouraged to come, parents and children, so you can meet the teachers and check out your classroom!

**BYLAWS PROPOSED CHANGES** – Recently a committee has been at work reviewing and revising the congregation's bylaws. A copy of their proposed changes is available today in the narthex. Most of the proposed changes are minor and are for the sake of consistency or to bring the bylaws in line with current congregational practices. A brief statement of rationale is included with each proposed change. The proposed changes have been presented to the Church Council and will be considered at the next Voters' Assembly meeting. The four most substantive changes are:

1. the addition of a sentence under the Church Council responsibilities that addresses a process for the periodic review and revision of the bylaws;
2. the addition of language that allows the first Voters' Assembly each year to take place in January *or February*, so that year-end financial reports have adequate time can be fully prepared and audited in time for that first meeting;
3. the addition of a sentence clarifying the president's *ex officio* status;
4. the addition of a paragraph under Board of Stewardship authorizing the Board to maintain accounts as deemed beneficial and to submit records of all accounts to the audit process.

In addition, the cemetery regulations have undergone significant revision, again, mostly for clarification. These changes, along with updated prices, have already been approved by Church Council and are available to you for your information.

**SPORTS PHYSICAL FORMS:** Those St. John students in Grades 4 – 8 must complete an Emergency Medical Authorization form in order to participate in the sports programs at St. John. **Only students entering Grades 7 & 8 are required to have a sports physical.** Forms are available in the "School Info" rack by the school office and also thru the FastDirect Communication system.

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### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**"My child, you worry too much. I've got this, remember?" ~Love, God**

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:6-7)*