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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "A Big Lie" *Jeremiah 23:16-29*

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

Hymns: 655 ~ 589 ~ 578

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 visiting with us 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 this morning.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✘ Aden Foor & Landon Willeman, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Dave & Sara Myles, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Lawrence & Hildegard Behrmann, *Visitation* ✘
- ✘ Denny Behnfeldt, Elmer Maassel, Bob Norden, Ted Ripke, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Kathy Behnfeldt, Pat Maassel, Anita Badenhop, Deb Durham, *Altar Guild* ✘

NEW VICAR RECEPTION – This morning we welcome to St. John our new vicar, **Brent Keller**. Brent is from Sanger, Texas. He is married to **Hannelore** (*Hanne for short*), and they have a daughter, **Annalise Michelle**, born on June 27th. Vicar Keller will be installed during our service this morning. Following worship, we will gather in the fellowship hall for a welcoming reception. Join us for some coffee cake and refreshments, and for a less formal opportunity to get to know our new vicar. Welcome, Kellers, to St. John.

- **THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped the Kellers make their transition to St. John, especially those who have arranged housing and have provided furniture and food or have provided items to help fill their pantry. Well done!

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

Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service with Communion following; Installation of Vicar Keller Welcome Reception for Vicar Keller
Tue.	9:00 AM	Exercise Class
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Thursday Evening Worship
Fri.	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting
Sun.	10:00AM 11:00AM 4:30 PM	Outdoor Service with Communion (<i>see bulletin note</i>) Classrooms open (<i>till 12:00 PM</i>); Pay school fees; Preschool Open House (<i>till 1:00 PM</i>) Jr. & Sr. LYF Meetings (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Theodore Rellstab</i> , St. John Lutheran, Holgate

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*, recuperating from hip surgery from a fall he took recently

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY is cancelled today and next Sunday. We will resume our study of Leviticus on Sunday, August 28th. Keep an eye on the bulletin for announcements about upcoming Bible study opportunities as we gear up for a new season of Christian instruction.

OUTDOOR SERVICE –Next Sunday, August 21st

It's going to be a great morning with a special musical group to help lead us in worship (*including Mike and Micah Nicol*). 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** (*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 cookie 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.

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. 21st at 4:30 PM. New 6th to 8th 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.



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.

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!

TV CONVERTER BOX: Remember these boxes???? The school is in need of one of them. Check your closets and basements for one you may have tucked away. If you are willing to give it up, please drop it off at the school office. Thank you!

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.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 8/07/16	\$9,271.00	\$181.00	\$896.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (8-04-16) Worship Service: 51; Sunday (8/07/16) Service: 192

COMMUNED in July: 261 members; 6 guests

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.

THANK YOU: A special thank you to all the school families who teamed up to tackle the big job of cleaning the school building. There was a lot of support this year again, and because of that, the cleaning went very smoothly. Great job St. John families!!

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*.

- **Athletic Director** – This individual is responsible for overseeing all the athletic functions and events involving St. John Lutheran 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.

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. 29th at 8:30 AM**. It will run through Wed., Sept. 7th. The cookie dough will be delivered on Tues., Oct. 11th.

PARENT HANDBOOKS: The 2016-17 Parent Handbook will be posted and available via the FastDirect Communication network early next week. A message will be sent to each family through FastDirect. Handbooks will only be printed for those St. John families that do not have internet access via computers, cell phones, i-Pads, etc. Simply go to www.fastdir.com/stjohnfreedom and click on "Links" at top of page.

SCHOOL REFERRAL LETTERS & CARDS – We are again offering "School Referral Discounts" to all school families encouraging them to help "market" St. John Lutheran School to their friends and neighbors. The referral letters and cards (*purple and teal*) are available in the school office for any St. John member that may wish to help "market" our school within the community. We look forward to growing God's kingdom through St. John Lutheran School.

FREEDOM'S FLOCK – St. John's after school program will begin at 3:00 PM on the first day of school, August 24. The Freedom Flock Aide will be *Betty Cole*. Mrs. Cole will be in charge Monday thru Friday. Please contact Director Karen Riefers to pre-register your child(ren) and pay the \$15 per family registration by August 24, if possible. You can also access the Freedom's Flock Handbook and Registration/Medical forms on FastDirect. If any adult or student (16 or older) would like to volunteer to also help with the program, you may contact Karen at 419-598-8686.

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*

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

"The truth remains the truth, no matter how sweet the lie may taste." ~Michael Johnson

Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." (John 17:17)

SCHOOL NOTES:

- ✓ **1st DAY OF SCHOOL** for St. John is Wed., Aug. 24 , with classes beginning at 8:20 AM. Students arriving after that time will need to report to the school office.
- ✓ **OPEN HOUSE** – (PS, Gr.K-8) On Sunday, August 21st from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM for Kindergarten thru Gr. 8. All classrooms will be open and we invite parents and students to come in and bring in their school supplies. Preschool open house will also be on the 21st but will run from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come, parents and children.
- ✓ **SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL PARENTS' MEETING** – There will be a School & Preschool Parents' Orientation meeting on Mon., Aug. 22 beginning at 6:00 PM for Preschool and at 7:00 PM for Gr. K-8 Parents in the fellowship hall. This will include an overview of the FastDirect Communication information system we have implemented at St. John.
- ✓ **SCHOOL OFFICE** will be open on Sunday, August 21st from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM for anyone that wants to pay their enrollment fee and purchase supplies from the book store. Payment of fees can also be mailed to St. John Lutheran School, 16035 County Road U, Napoleon, Ohio 43545. The office will also be open from 8:30 – Noon on Mon., Aug. 22 and Tues., Aug. 23 for payments. **Also return any St. John Library books from last school year at this time.**
- ✓ **OPENING SERVICE** will be Aug. 24th at 8:35 AM in the church. Following the service, *Principal Charles Kramer* will welcome our new students. Once back in their rooms the children, by classrooms, will have the opportunity to purchase school supplies from our book store if they have not already done so. **All are welcome to attend this Opening Service!**
- ✓ **LUNCH PROGRAM** – The Lunch Program is still being determined. We are still searching for a cook. There is a possibility that students will need to pack lunches for the first few days. Be patient as we continue our quest for a lunchroom cook.
- ✓ **MEAL TICKETS** – Meal ticket prices remain the same. They are: PS 4/5 - Gr. 4 - \$2.50, Gr. 5-8 - \$2.75. We have put Preschool and Grades K-4 together for one price, and Grades 5-8 for one price. Extra milk is 50¢. The adult meal price increased to \$3.00 and \$3.50 w/milk. Meal tickets may be purchased for any amount of days each week or for the entire month.
- ✓ **BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP** – St. John Booster membership for the 2016-17school year are: \$20.00 for husband and wife; \$10.00 for single. Make checks payable to *St. John Boosters*.
- ✓ **SCHOOL PICTURES** will be taken by *Emilie Parsons* of Emilie's Photo Design this year and are scheduled for Thurs., Sept., 8th at 9:00 AM for the 4/5-year old Preschool class and Gr. K-8; and Fri., Sept. 9th at 9:00 AM for 3-year old Preschool class and anyone absent on Sept. 8th. Order forms will be sent home shortly after school starts.
- ✓ **EMERGENCY PROCEDURE AND EARLY CLOSING FORMS(pink)** will be available on a table outside the school office as a handout on Sun., Aug. 21st. They can be completed and turned in with your fees that Sunday or turned in to the school office by the first day of school. Write all family members on one card.
- ✓ **STATE FUNDS(light green)** is to be filled out by parents, one per family, listing the names of your children and their grade level. We need to keep this in our files every year as required by the State of Ohio. Return this light green card the first day of school.
- ✓ **SCRIP PROGRAM** will be offered again this school year. Anyone willing to help the PTL with this fundraiser can contact *Kristyn Honemann* at 419-592-0643.

