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EASTER DAY – The Resurrection of our Lord

• **7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service: *Printed Service Folder***

Sermon & Text: "The Insecure Tomb" *Matthew 27:62-28:10*

Hymns: 456 ~ 457 ~ 480 ~ 525 ~ 465

Adult Choir: "Crown Him Lord This Easter Day!"

Adult Bell Choir: "Fanfare for Easter"

• **9:30 a.m. Easter Festival Service with Communion: *Printed Service Folder***

Sermon & Text: "Your Redeemer Lives to Impart all Blessings" *Matt 28:1-10*

Hymns: 459 ~ 461 ~ 463 ~ [Communion: 633,474,477] ~ 465

Adult Choir: "He is Risen, Hallelujah!" and "Crown Him Lord This Easter Day!"

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

CHRIST IS RISEN – HE IS RISEN INDEED! We greet those who are visiting with us today in the name of our Risen Savior. We are gathered as a community of Christians. Our center is Jesus Christ. We are here to know again the touch of His forgiving and healing hand. Please help us get to know who you are by

introducing yourself to our pastor and by filling out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you. Simply pass it to the center aisle during the offering this morning. Thank you!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

1st Service: ✠ Hannah Wachtman & Zak Schroeder, *Acolytes* ✠

✠ Hope Buchhop, *Crucifer*; Matthew Buchhop, *Banner Bearer* ✠

2nd Service: ✠ Madison Bosetlman & Taylor Dietrich, *Acolytes* ✠

✠ Hope Buchhop, *Crucifer*; Holly Weller, *Banner Bearer* ✠

✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠

✠ Delbert & Marian Damman, *Visitation* ✠

✠ Jerry & Nancy Short, *Greeters* ✠

✠ Tom VonDeylen, Doug Dietrich, Neil Badenhop, Roger Lulfs, *Ushers* ✠

✠ Linda Riefers, Marian Damman, Ruth Mahnke, Mabel Bischoff, *Altar Guild* ✠



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

Date	Time	Activities
Today	7:00 AM 8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Easter Sunrise Service Fellowship Breakfast for everyone – Freewill Offering! (Till 9:15 AM) Easter Festival Service with Communion
Mon.	7:00 PM	NO SCHOOL – Easter Break Adult Instruction Class
Tue.	8:35 AM 9:00 AM 9:15 AM 7:00 PM	Chapel led by Pastor Kramer Exercise Class ITBS Testing for Kindergarten, Grades 1&2 (thru Friday) Women of Freedom Meeting
Wed.	6:15 PM	Junior Confirmation Class (6:15 – 7:30 PM)
Thurs.	9:00 AM	Exercise Class
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM 11:30AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; “Time To Spare” Teacher & Staff Anniversary Recognition Potluck
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Donald Luhring</i> , St. John Lutheran, Defiance

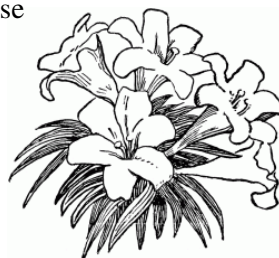
MATTERS FOR PRAYER – Please keep these people in your prayers:

- ❖ Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Renetta Homan, Florence Fitzenreiter, and Delores Badenhop*
- ❖ *Delora Winkelman, Marian Buchhop, and Anna Brodman*, at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Ohio Veteran’s Home, Sandusky
- ❖ Servicemen, *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, Connor Gerken, and Seth Handy*
- ❖ *Annetta Rosebrock, Evelyn Rohrs, and Shirley Sonnenberg*, all dealing with health issues
- ❖ *Don Dickmann*, moved to the Orchards of Northcrest for rehab this past week
- ❖ *Lucia Delventhal*, undergoing PT at Fulton Manor, Wauseon, after a recent fall
- ❖ *Ron Germann*, at home recuperating from knee surgery this past week
- ❖ *Richard Wagner* (Renee Petzoldt’s father), receiving radiation and chemo treatments

BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL are cancelled today, but will resume next Sunday.**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTUION THIS MORNING** – Because of the special flowers in the chancel this morning, we will not be able to use the center handrail during Communion distribution. For your safety, please step to the side instead and use the side handrails on the pulpit and lectern.**EASTER BREAKFAST** – The Easter Breakfast will be served between the two services this morning from 8:00 to 9:15 AM. The menu is: *Egg Casseroles, French bread, fresh fruit, coffee cake, doughnuts, cinnamon rolls, cookies, coffee and juice*. There will be a freewill donation which assists the Ladies of Freedom in their Adopt-A-Seminarion program and also Christian Growth.

EASTER FLOWERS – Those who bought Easter flowers to beautify the sanctuary for Easter are listed in the bulletin insert today. You may take your flowers home after the 9:30 AM Easter Festival Service (2nd Service) today. Thank you for sharing their beauty once again!

LENT & EASTER THANKS! We all owe a big debt of gratitude to all those who make our commemoration of Lent and our celebration of Easter such special times of the year. Thank you to the youth who provided the Lenten meals each Wednesday evening. Thank you to all those who prepared and provided music and anthems for our worship. Thanks also to everyone who served as ushers, greeters, altar guilders, and acolytes. This morning we especially thank everyone who ordered Easter flowers to adorn our worship of the risen Savior and those who provided and prepared the food for our Easter breakfast. **Well done, good and faithful servants!**



LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY is not scheduled to meet this week. This Bible Study group meets on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays and Tuesdays. The Monday group meets at 7:00 p.m. and the Tuesday group meets at 10:00 a.m.

LWML QUARTERLIES: The Quarterlies for the Women of Freedom are ready to be picked up from the table in the narthex. Our next meeting will be Tues., April 18th at 7:00 PM. April is a Mite Box meeting, so be sure to bring your mite boxes with you on the 18th.

JAVA JOY COORDINATOR NEEDED - Java Joy on the second Sunday of each month has been a real blessing, but the individual who has coordinated it in the past needs to step away from that task. We're looking for a replacement. The task is fairly simple. It would mean watching the Java Joy sign-up list to make sure someone is signed up for each second Sunday. If no one is signed up, it would mean approaching people to ask if they would consider hosting. If you are interested to serve in this way, or for more information on what this task entails, please speak with Rosella Gruenhagen or Pastor Niermann. Thanks for thinking about it!



<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 04/09/17	\$7,607.00	\$101.00	\$1,707.00

ATTENDANCE: Sunday (04/09/17) Service: 266

ARCHIVES DISPLAY: The Archives Committee members have put up a display of past Confirmation classes ranging from 1937 (80th anniversary) to 2012 (celebrating their 5th anniversary). Come and check it out in the showcases in the hallway by the church. We are sure you will find a familiar face in the display.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY: A reminder that Grandparent's Day at St. John School for Grades K-8 will be held on **Friday, May 5** from 12:30 - 3:00 PM. *Lunch is not included.*

LWML SPRING RALLY - The Women of Freedom are invited to the Napoleon Zone Spring Rally to be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Liberty Center, on Saturday, April 29th with registration and breakfast at 8:30 AM and the program from 9-11:30 AM. The speakers will be presenting a program about the “Families Serving Families” mission work at St. Paul – Liberty Center.

LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL – It’s time to renew your subscription to the Lutheran Witness for the year. To subscribe or renew your subscription, **simply place \$16.00 in an envelope**, along with your name and address, and place it in the Sunday collection plate or bring it to the church office. **Deadline for subscriptions is May 15th.**

STAFF & TEACHER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: On Sun., April 23rd St. John Church and the Board of Education would like to recognize the following individuals for their years of service in the teaching ministry: *Rev. Charles Kramer* – 40 years; *Mr. Lowell Petzoldt* – 40 years; *Mrs. Bonnie Niermann* – 15 years; *Joyce Wiechers* – 10 years (*as church & school secretary*). To celebrate this noteworthy occasion, there will be a potluck luncheon following the Sunday School hour at 11:30 AM on April 23rd, featuring pulled pork from Brookview Farm Meats. Please bring a side dish or two to pass and enjoy some good food and fellowship in honor of these individuals.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Staff sign-up



Yep, it’s time to think about putting together a team for a summer Vacation Bible School. **VBS is scheduled for the evenings of June 4-8** (Sunday to Thursday). Mary Rettig has volunteered to be our director, and so we continue signing up staff members. If you would like to serve the children of our congregation as a VBS staff member, please fill out the form on the table in the narthex and drop it in the container marked VBS Staff Sign-Up. Please think and pray about this, as you consider the words of Jesus, “*Let the children come unto me, and do not forbid them!*”

THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES will begin on Thurs., May 4th at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Once school is out for the summer, we will move these services into the north end fellowship hall. Our Thursday evening worship services will be held each week through October 26. Holy Communion will usually be on the Thursday evenings prior to regular Communion Sundays.



SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS – SIGN-UP NOW!

We are planning a summer mission trip to New Orleans. The area has not fully recovered from the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and has been hit by severe storms and floods since then, including multiple devastating tornadoes recently. We would like to serve our neighbors in New Orleans this summer by lending our time and gifts to the community through

Camp Restore, which is a Recognized Service Organization in our Synod. Informational leaflets about this trip and its costs are available in the narthex next to a sign-up sheet. The cost to you will be very minimal thanks to many offerings and gifts received in support of those who go. **Now the only question is, “WHO WILL GO?”** May God lead many of us to say, “**Here am I, Lord; send me!**”

NEW MOVIE SCREENING

Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World

Martin Luther triggered a seismic upheaval that rocked the western world in the 1500s—with an impact that continues to reverberate to this day. This new film tells the great adventure story of his life. At the same time, it examines his quest for truth—questions we all must face—including "Who am I?" "What is my purpose?" and "How do I get right with God?"



Now you can see this compelling new movie at a special screening right here at St. John on Sunday evening, May 7th. The movie has received high marks for its content, production and message. In addition to the movie that evening, there will be concessions and door prizes of some fun Luther memorabilia. We are also inviting the community and our circuit brothers and sisters to join us for this event. Mark your calendar, and watch for more information.

SPRING PENNY DRIVE—Save Those Old Pennies!!! The Spring Penny Drive (S.T.O.P.) began on April 3rd and runs thru Fri., May 5th. Start saving those pennies and give them to one of our students or turn your pennies in at the school office.

BASKETBALL FUN! On Sat., April 29th at 1:30 PM there will be a Student vs. Staff/Coaches Basketball game held here in our gym. The student team will consist of 5th – 8th students, and the Staff/Coaches team will consist of...well, you know who. So plan to come and have some fun! Tell your family, friends, and church members too!

BASKETBALL FUN...AND TALENT TOO! During half time of the games on Sat., April 29th, we will be having a student talent show. Please encourage your child to participate! It can be instrumental, singing, tumbling, dance or art work. There are a lot of talented children in our school and we would like to showcase these talents. Thank you!

6TH ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE SCHOOLS ELECTRONICS RECYCLING: On Sat., Apr. 22 from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM the battle is on again as Henry County Solid Waste Mgmt., along with N&R&G Recycling and Zack's Recycling are hosting the Electronics Recycling Roundup. The four Henry County Schools compete to collect the most pounds of recyclable electronics on this date. The winning school is rewarded a \$300 bonus. Our collection location is at Napoleon High School, the west side student parking lot. Start gathering your unused electronics and be ready to take them to N.H.S. on April 22nd! Reduce / Reuse / **Recycle!**

SAVE THE DATE: Plans are in motion for a St. John Lutheran School Fundraiser to be held at the Ridgeville American Legion Hall on Fri., Nov. 10, 2017. There will be a meal, along with a live and silent auction. Stay tuned for more information as plans are firmed up for this upcoming event.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

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

"If you...believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

(Romans 10:9)

**HE HAS
RISEN!**



LifeWay Kids