



# St. John Lutheran Church

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### THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Quenching Thirst" *John 7:37-39*  
Order of Service: Divine Service, Setting Four (LSB pg 203)  
Hymns: 498 ~ 497 ~ (Communion: 611, 621, 543) ~ 502

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*Welcome to every member, friend, and visitor. You have entered this church, not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. May your worship here enable you to see your Savior more clearly, love Him more dearly, follow Him more nearly, and serve Him more sincerely. If you have no church home of your own, we invite you to join the St. John family. 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.*

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

- ✘ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✘ Zak Schroeder & Gavin Gerken, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Esther Layton & Phyllis Silveus, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Harold Behrmann & Rich Elling, *Visitation* ✘
- ✘ Tom VonDeylen, Doug Dietrich, Neil Badenhop, Roger Lulfs, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Marietta Damman, Deb Wachtman, Sharon Badenhop, Nancy Short, *Altar Guild* ✘

### Life's Big Questions, God Big Answers – Sunday Bible Study

Do scientific experiments on fruit flies tell us anything about the supposed missing link? Is evolutionism a scientific theory seeking facts or is it more of a religion rooted in faith? Join us this morning as we conclude our topic, "What About The Missing Link?"

We plan to resume on June 18<sup>th</sup> with the final of the 10 Big Questions by asking, "From Where Did the Different Races Come?" Please join us during the Sunday School hour as we grow in the grace and knowledge of God's Holy Word, and in our own ability to defend the Christian faith.

2017 HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GRADUATES – We pray for the very best for *Alexa Bockelman, Chase Gruenhagen, Jade Lange, Alicia Maassel, and Abby Weller*. May God go with them wherever they go or in whatever work they do, and draw them ever closer to His side! Congrats to you all!

**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<br>10:20AM<br>6:15 PM | Communion Service<br>Adult Bible Class<br>Vacation Bible School begins ( <i>runs thru Thurs., June 8<sup>th</sup></i> ) |
| Tue.          | 7:00 PM                       | Cancelled – Exercise Class<br>School Board & Stewardship Board Meetings   |
| Thurs.        | 7:00 PM                       | Cancelled – Exercise Class<br>Thursday Evening Worship  |
| Sat.          | 6:30 PM                       | Mission Seminar presented by <i>Rev. Farrukh Khan</i>   |
| Sun.          | 9:00 AM<br>10:20AM            | Mission Sunday Worship Service (with Communion following)<br>Adult Bible Class  |
| Mon.-<br>Sat. | 7:30 AM                       | Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM<br>Speaker: <i>Rev. Keith Witte</i> , St. Paul Lutheran, Liberty Center               |

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

- ❖ Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Renetta Homan, Stan Moll, 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 and Shirley Sonnenberg*, dealing with health issues
- ❖ *Don Dickmann*, at the Orchards of Northcrest for rehab
- ❖ *Lucia Delventhal*, at Fulton Manor, Wauseon, for rehab

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**: There will be no Sunday School for the months of June, July, and August. We will resume Sunday School the first Sunday in September, which will be promotion Sunday.

**CAMP RESTORE CREW** – TODAY

We need to briefly meet immediately after worship this morning to discuss and finalize a few details for our upcoming trip.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017**

- **June 4-8 (Sunday to Thursday), 6:15 – 8:20 p.m.**
- **Enroll students** tonight yet! It's not too late! You can also register online using the link on our website, [www.sjl.org](http://www.sjl.org)

**ARCHIVES DISPLAY**: Two very special teachers are currently being highlighted in the Archives Display case for everyone to check out. *Lowell Petzoldt* celebrates 41 years in the teaching ministry, all of which have been here at St. John School. *Bonnie Niermann* celebrates 15 years as our Kindergarten teacher. Be sure to stop by and reminisce at the tribute to both of them.

**USE OF THE FELLOWSHIP HALL** – If you would like to use the Fellowship Hall for any occasion this year, please contact the church/school office at 419-598-8961 or 419-598-8702.

| <b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b> | Home Fund  | Synod & Missions | Building Fund |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------------|---------------|
| Weekly Need                    | \$9,792.78 | \$500.00         | \$961.54      |
| Rec'd 05/28/17                 | \$5,251.00 | \$294.00         | \$215.00      |

**ATTENDANCE:** Sunday (5/28/17) Service: 175; **COMMUNED** in May: 311 members; 11 guests

**ASCENSION SERVICE:** \$594.00 – Marriage Retreat; Attendance: 107

**MEMORIAL GIFT TO ENDOWMENT FUND:** A gift of \$100 was received in memory of *Therese Ruetz* for the Endowment Fund –Mission and Outreach account. Therese passed away May 7 in Russellville, TN. Her husband, *John Ruetz* was a former member of St. John. She is the sister-in-law of *Jerry & Nancy Short*.

**MISSION SEMINAR AND SUNDAY – June 10-11 (Saturday, Sunday)**

This year for our annual Mission Sunday we have invited **Rev. Farrukh Khan** to St. John as our guest preacher. Rev. Kahn is originally from Pakistan, having come from a family that converted from Islam to the Lutheran, Christian faith. He spent 17 years in Saudi Arabia as an engineer for a Texas-based multinational corporation. Rev. F. Khan was called to work as a missionary for POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) in Toronto, Canada. While there, he helped plant *All Nations Lutheran Church*, a primarily Pakistani and Indian congregation.

He is a graduate of Concordia Seminary's Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology. He has also received church planting training through the Center for U.S. Missions. Since joining POBLO, Rev. Khan has planted new churches and trained existing churches on how to effectively engage in outreach to Muslims and other unreached people groups. Rev. Kahn will be with us on the weekend of June 10-11. There will be a door offering that day to support POBLO, which is the primary outreach of the LC-MS to Muslims.

- **Sat. June 10 6:30 p.m.** – Evening seminar covering three topics:
  1. Sarah – The testimony of a Saudi Covert to Christianity
  2. Allah of the Koran vs. God of the Bible
  3. How to respond to the challenge of Islam
- **Sun. June 11 9:00 a.m.** – **Mission Service, with Rev. Kahn as our guest preacher**  
**10:15 a.m.** – Bible Class with Rev. Kahn  
 “Unequally Yoked” Especially for youth and their parents

**LARGE PRINT & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BULLETINS** are available today on the table in the narthex. The Children's Bulletins are coordinated with the Bible texts for each Sunday, and provide activities that tie in with the weekly themes. Pick one up today for your child.

**REPORT CARDS** will be available for viewing and or printing via FastDirect Communication as of Sun., June 11<sup>th</sup>. We will no longer print hard copies. Please check FastDirect on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**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!

**SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS:** We have confirmed that we have a crew of nine heading to New Orleans in *less than a month!* From now until the time they leave we will receive donations for material support of our group, such as:

- Monetary donations for construction materials
- Vans for their travel there and back

While donations for materials are not required by Camp Restore, depending on the work our group does, they will be using materials (i.e. construction materials) to assist those who need help. These are provided by the donations of God's people from all around the *Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*. If you would like to help defray expenses for materials that our group will be using, there will be a basket in the narthex to receive your gifts.

The crew also has to travel to New Orleans and back. If vans are rented for this, it would be the most expensive part of the trip. If you have a van you would be willing to donate, please contact Vicar Keller, Pastor Neirmann, or Joyce Wiechers and let them know.

**ST. JOHN SCHOOL POSITION OPENINGS** – St. John Lutheran School is seeking several people to fill the following positions that will be open for the 2017-18 school year.

- **Computer and/or Music Instructor** – This individual is responsible for computer instruction and/or classroom music one day per week for Grades K thru 8. This is a paid position.
- **School Cook** – This individual is responsible for preparing and serving daily lunches for the students and staff, and submitting reports in regard to the lunch program at St. John. This is a paid position.
- **Gr. 7&8 Science Teacher** – This individual is responsible for instructing the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades in the area of general science. This is a paid position.
- **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 PM. This is a paid position.

If you are interested in more information on any of these positions, please speak with Principal Kramer or the chairman of the School Board, Sunday Griffith.

**ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN BRASS AND ORGAN CONCERT:** The Adrian Chamber Brass with Steve Basselman, organist, will perform a concert on Fri., June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. See flyer!

**LYF COLOR RUN/WALK FUNDRAISER** – Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 8th, at 1:00 PM, the LYF will be hosting a Color Run/Walk on our church grounds. The price to participate is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for kids. Sign up for the event on Facebook or email Sarah Bartok at [sbartok@sjl.org](mailto:sbartok@sjl.org). See "color" flyers in the hallway too!

**SAVE THE DATE:** The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing will be held on Sat., July 22<sup>nd</sup>, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Registration forms now available on the narthex table!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

**"A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms  
when his hands are empty. - Unknown"**

*Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.*

*Psalm 127:3*