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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Freedom in Christ" *Romans 7:1-13*

Order of Service: *See printed Service Folder*

Hymns: **913**, stz.1-2 ~ **913**, stz.3 ~ [Communion: **629, 717**] ~ **965**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome to this service of worship, in which we remember, with reverence and thanksgiving, those who gave their lives for our country. Above all, however, we would remember Him whose love includes people of all nations, our Lord Jesus, who gave His life for all of us. May the remembrance of His sacrifice, bring reconciliation and peace! If you are a visitor, we ask that you fill out a blue 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

- ✠ Hannah Wachtman & Clay Behnfeldt, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Bonnie Niermann & Cheryl Yaw, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Harold Behrmann & Richard Elling, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Carey Damman, Craig Drewes, Scott VanValkenburg, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Karan Niebergall, Kaylee & Ronda Wentworth, Karen Lulfs, *Altar Guild* ✠

MISSION TEAM THANKS: We would like to thank all the members of St. John that supported us and prayed for us on the mission trip to Camp Restore in New Orleans. It was a very fulfilling trip and we feel blessed to have been able to go. We hope more of you will take the opportunity to participate on a mission trip in the future. Signed, *Abby, Aimee, Andrew, Nancy, Sarah, Teresa, Wes, and Vicar*

SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE A SIGN: Tell your friends and neighbors about St. John Lutheran School by picking up a corrugated plastic yard sign in the back of the church. Place it in your front lawn or other obvious place to promote the school. Thank you for telling others about our school!

In God's House This Week		<i>Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Stewardship Board Meeting
Thurs.	6:30 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Breakfast at Hill's Restaurant Exercise Class Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service w/Communion following Adult Bible Class
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Jeff Corder</i> , St. John Lutheran – Stryker

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

- ❖ Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Renetta Homan, Stan Moll, Delores Badenhop, Don Dickmann*
- ❖ *Delora Winkelman, Marian Buchhop, and Anna Brodman*, at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Lucia Delventhal*, at Fulton Manor, Wauseon
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Ohio Veteran's Home, Sandusky
- ❖ Armed Services: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, Connor Gerken, Seth Handy*
- ❖ *Shirley Sonnenberg*, dealing with health issues
- ❖ *Melba Elling*, recuperating at Genacross Lutheran Home following a recent fall

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY – FROM ALEXANDER CAMPBELL TO MARTIN

LUTHER: *Vicar Keller's Journey to the Lutheran Church.* Many of you know that Vicar Keller came to the Lutheran Confession as an adult. Some of you have heard portions of his journey, but he has not told all of it. During the Adult Bible Hour in the month of July, he will explain his background and how he came to the Lutheran Church and to the right teaching on important doctrines such as baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Original Sin. In his attempt to prove the Lutherans wrong, he became a Lutheran. On this 500th anniversary of the Reformation, as always, it is important for us to hear stories such as this, and be reminded of the blessed heritage that is ours in the pure and right teaching of the Word of God. In addition, Vicar Keller is asking if there are theological topics that you would like covered that would be seen through his former lens and how Scripture explains them.

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

Bible Study



MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST - Join us at 6:30 a.m. this Thursday (and on the first Thursday morning of each month) at Hill's Restaurant in Napoleon. We will pray and study God's Word together, and enjoy one another's fellowship. Bible and breakfast – it's a great way to start the day. Breakfast costs \$7.00 (which includes the tip).

LWML QUARTERLIES: The next quarter's LWML Quarterlies are available on the table in the narthex. Be sure to pick up your copy today and enjoy some good reading material.

WOMEN OF FREEDOM OUTING – On **Wednesday, July 19th**, we will be traveling to the **Loma Linda Restaurant** for lunch, followed by a visit to the **Butterfly House**. All church members are invited to come along! There will be a short business meeting at 9:30 a.m. If you are not attending the meeting, please come to the church parking lot at 10:15 a.m. to carpool to the restaurant. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Questions??? Please contact **Nancy Glaser at 419-598-8432**.

ORDINATION OF FORMER VICAR AARON YAEGER – It's an exciting time for our former vicar *Aaron Yaeger* and his wife *Diana* and their children as they make their move to Lynchburg, Virginia and settle in for the ministry of the Word in that community. *Aaron* has been called to serve as pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Lynchburg. He will be ordained into the holy ministry and installed as pastor on Sunday, July 23rd at 4:00 p.m. Let's shower these special people with our words and greetings of love and prayer. If you would like to send your greetings, the address is: **Rev. Aaron Yaeger ♦ Our Savior Lutheran Church ♦ 2940 Link Road ♦ Lynchburg, VA 24503**



<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 06/25/17	\$7,400.00	\$355.00	\$690.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (6/22/17) Service: 36 Sunday (6/25/17) Service: 212

MEMORIALS for *Florence Fitzenreiter*: St. John Lutheran Church - \$1,045.00

PORTALS OF PRAYER BOOKLETS for the next quarter, *July, August, September*, are on the desk in the back of the church. There are also large print booklets available for anybody to pick up.

FURNITURE LOANED TO VICAR - If you loaned an item of furniture to the vicar and would like to have it back, please confirm this with *Pastor Niermann* or *Vicar Keller*.

STAINED GLASS FROM THE OLD CHURCH – The word is that there are a few members of the congregation who have pieces of stained glass from the windows in the old church. If you are willing to part with these, we could incorporate that glass into the new stained glass windows that are currently being planned and built. This would provide a beautiful and interesting link to our history. Please speak with Pastor Niermann if you have some of that old glass you'd like to contribute.

- **Stained Glass Window Progress** – Emails were received this week from *Sue Hurst* updating us on the progress of the first stained glass window. She writes: “We have the window all leaded but not yet soldered. The soldering “glues” it together. In another few days we will have it soldered together so it will be free standing and we can see what it looks like with the sunlight behind it. That is the most exciting part for me.”

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS ARE DIFFERENT? Lutheran school teachers teach because they are called by the Holy Spirit. If a call from God seems like a really big deal, you are right! It makes all the difference in the world. To find out more about St. John Lutheran School, call 419-598-8702.

DATE CHANGE FOR LYF COLOR FUN RUN/WALK FUNDRAISER – The date has been changed!!! Join our Junior and Senior High LYF youth as they host their Color Fun Run/Walk on Sat., Aug. 26th beginning at 1:00 PM. Come run or walk around the designated route on the church grounds and get covered with lots of different colors. Food and water will also be available and is 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. Sign up for the event on Facebook or email Sarah Bartok at sbartok@sjl.org. See “color” flyers in the hallway too!

GIRLS’ BASKETBALL OPEN GYM: St. John Girls’ Basketball Open Gym will be Mon., July 10 & 17 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. Any girl going into grades 3-8 with interest in playing basketball during the 2017-18 school year is invited to attend. If you are a returning player, please bring your uniform to be turned in. Have any questions – call Coach Todd Wachtman!! Hope to see you there!!

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 7th & 8th 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.

AREA EVENTS:

- **Zion Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners** is hosting a Homemade Ice Cream Social on **Sun., July 16th** serving from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Carryouts. Freewill Offering! See flyer.
- **St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Defiance** is hosting an Ice Cream Social on **Sun., July 16th** serving from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Carryouts available. Freewill Offering! See flyer.
- **The 10th Annual Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing** will be held on **Sat., July 22nd**, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Registration forms now available on the narthex table!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

“Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it.” –George Bernard Shaw

“You were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity, for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” (Gal. 5:13)