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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Wretched" *Romans 7:1-25*
Order of Service: *Morning Prayer (LSB pg. 235)*
Hymns: 834 ~ 684 ~ 604

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

You are among Christian friends today. We all have come to the Lord's House to hear what He has to say and to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. We pray that His grace will touch and move you. If you are a visitor, we ask that you fill out a Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and pass it to the center aisle during the offering this morning. Your presence is a blessing to us.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✠ Hope Buchhop, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Bob & Diane Norden, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Lawrence & Hildegard Behrmann, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Carey Damman, Craig Drewes, Scott VanValkenburg, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Karan Niebergall, Kaylee & Ronda Wentworth, Karen Lulfs, *Altar Guild* ✠

CHANGE OF COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR JULY – With Pastor Niermann away on vacation the next two Sundays, the schedule for Holy Communion has changed for this month. There will be no Communion available today after the service as on a normal second Sunday. Also, Holy Communion will be offered on Thursday, July 20th and Sunday, July 23rd (instead of the 13th and the 16th). Please take note of this change.

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.

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!

In God's House This Week		<i>Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Class
Mon.	6:00 PM	Girls' Basketball Open Gym (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Church Council Meeting
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Class; Sunday School; "Time To Spare"
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Lee Genter</i> , Christ Our Savior Lutheran, Defiance

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

- ❖ Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Renetta Homan, Stan Moll, Delores Badenhop*
- ❖ *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
- ❖ *Harold Behrmann*, hospitalized this past week at Henry County Hospital

THANK YOU: I would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers during my recent illness and recuperation at the Orchards of Northcrest. Thank you, also, to Pastor Niermann for his visits and the prayers offered. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. *Signed, Don Dickmann*

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Growing Together in Grace!

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 also asking if there are theological topics that you would like covered that would be seen through his former lens and how Scripture explains them.

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE STUDY: The Vicar will complete his story to the Lutheran Church. After this, he will talk about the difference between the Reformation and the Restoration Movement and the Doctrine of Original Sin, which was foundational point in his journey.

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!

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 07/02/17	\$8,589.00	\$183.00	\$290.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (6/29/17) Service: 53 Sunday (7/02/17) Service: 178

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*.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS ARE DIFFERENT! They meet or exceed state and national academic standards at all grade levels. To find out more information about St. John Lutheran School, please call the office at 419-598-8702.

STAINED GLASS FROM THE OLD CHURCH – The word is that there are a few members of the congregation who have in their possession 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.”

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

IT'S TIME TO FORM A 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE!

In about a year and a half, we will turn the calendar to the year 2019 – the year our congregation will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its founding in 1869. It's an anniversary we will want to celebrate in many ways with joy and thanksgiving. If you would like to be part of the anniversary committee, please speak with Pastor Niemann, and we will have our first meeting this fall.

DATE CHANGE FOR LYF COLOR FUN RUN/WALK FUNDRAISER – 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. Sign up for the event on Facebook or email Sarah Bartok at sbartok@sjl.org. See flyers!

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.

- **Music Instructor** – This individual is responsible for 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.

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...

“We likewise reject the Pelagian error, by which it is alleged that man's nature even after the Fall is incorrupt, and especially with respect to spiritual things has remained entirely good and pure in naturalibus, i. e., in its natural powers.” –Epitome I 13

“Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.” (Rom. 5:12)