



# St. John Lutheran Church

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### NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "The Lord Provides" *Matthew 14:13-21*

Order of Service: *Divine Service, Setting Three (LSB pg. 184)*

Hymns: 584~ 642 ~ [Communion: 633, 597, 774] ~ 922

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*Welcome! We are here at the Savior's invitation; therefore let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, receiving mercy and finding grace to help in every time of need. If you have no church of your own, we invite you to make this your home church. 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.*

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

- ✘ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✘ Hannah Wachtman & Clay Behnfeldt, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Dan & Joyce Wiechers, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Harold Behrmann & Richard Elling, *Visitation* ✘
- ✘ Denny Behnfeldt, Bob Norden, Ted Ripke, Elmer Maassel, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Diane VonDeylen, LouAnn Rosebrock, Jeannette Bostelman, *Altar Guild* ✘

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are placed in celebration of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary of *Juergen & Cheri Goertz*, which is on Wed., Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>. May God continue to bless them with many more happy, healthy years of marriage. Congratulations to Juergen & Cheri!

**MORE WEDDING NEWS:** Congratulations to *Jarrold Howard* and *Amber Willeman* who were married here at St. John yesterday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. We rejoice with Jay and Amber as they begin their life together as husband and wife, and we wish them many years of happiness together. Best wishes to the Howards!

<b>In God's House This Week</b>		<i>Online church calendar: <a href="http://www.DynaCal.com/sjl">www.DynaCal.com/sjl</a></i>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Today	9:00 AM 11:00AM 1:00 PM	Communion Service Farewell Potluck for Vicar Keller ( <i>see bulletin note</i> ) Load trailer to move Vicar Keller and family ( <i>see bulletin note</i> )
Tue.	9:00 AM	Exercise Class Cancelled – Church Council for August
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 with Communion following Adult Bible Class
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Stephen Niermann</i> , St. John Lutheran – Napoleon

**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*, moved to Assisted Living at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Don Dickmann*, hospitalized at Henry County Hospital this past week
- ❖ *Bev Elling*, scheduled for rotator cuff surgery on Thurs., Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> at FCHC

**BABY CONGRATS!** *Jake & Marlea Myles* would like to welcome their daughter, *Henley Rae*, to their family. Henley was born on Thurs., July 27<sup>th</sup> at Henry County Hospital. All are home and doing well, and “big” sister Lyla is sure to enjoy helping mom and dad take care of Henley. Grandparents, Dave & Sara Myles will be getting some hugs in too! Congrats Jake & Marlea!

**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.

**WOMEN OF FREEDOM:** The Women of Freedom will not be meeting in August. Our next meeting will be Tues., Sept. 19. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend!

**PASTOR AARON YAEGER'S ADDRESS:** Pastor Yaeger and Diana are now homeowners and for anyone wishing to send them a note, here is their current mailing address: 207 Langhorne Lane, Lynchburg, VA 24501.

**FAREWELL VICAR KELLER** – The year has flown by, and it's already time to bid Vicar Keller and Hanne a fond farewell. It has been a joy and a pleasure to get to know this family and to be part of Brent's formation as a pastor. Brent will be back at our Fort Wayne seminary for a final year of academics before he receives his first call into the ministry next spring. We know that God has great things in store for this future pastor and family, and pray that God will bless his final preparations to serve.

- **FAREWELL POTLUCK AFTER WORSHIP** – Join us this morning after worship in the fellowship hall for a little presentation, some parting words, and a potluck dinner with the Kellers as our guests of honor.
- **ASSISTANCE WITH MOVING** – Join the moving crew this afternoon (1:00 pm) at the Keller's place at 316 W. Main Street, Napoleon (right across from the Central School) to help load the truck to move the family back to Fort Wayne.
- **LOANED FURNITURE** – If you loaned the Kellers a piece of furniture or a household item you'd like back, please speak with Pastor today.

**OUTDOOR SERVICE 2017** – The annual outdoor service is scheduled for Sunday, August 27. The schedule for the morning is as follows:

**9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time** (coffee, lemonade, coffee cake, cookies)

**10:00 a.m. Hymn Sing** (we'll sing the 5 or 6 hymns that receive the most votes)

**10:15 a.m. Worship Service**



**HYMN SING VOTING** – Let's sing the hymns *you* want to sing! The outdoor service will begin with a hymn sing of the five or six hymns that receive the most votes. Please vote using the ballot in today's bulletin; additional ballots are available in the narthex. Vote early, but don't vote often; one vote per person, please. Return your ballot to the box in the narthex!

**ST. JOHN'S FAIR BOOTH** – St. John Lutheran School will be having a booth at the Henry County Fair this year. We are asking for some help to work at the booth and share information about our amazing school. In the back of church there are sign-up sheets for each day at the fair. Please sign up for a one hour slot. If you would like to help out at more times, you are free to sign up for those as well. Any questions??? Contact *Sarah Bartok* at (734)752-9893.

CELEBRATING  
**150**  
YEARS

**IT'S TIME TO FORM A 150<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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 Niermann, and we will have our first meeting this fall.

**LUTHERAN PRAYER BOOKS:** There are several copies of The Lutheran Prayer book available on the narthex table. This is a collection of prayers and inspirations for every Lutheran. We hope you can use and enjoy it!

## **SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES THIS NEW SEASON –**

As we approach the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation on October 31<sup>st</sup>, our Sunday Bible studies will focus on Reformation-related topics on which we still need to reflect even half a millennium later. Join us for these studies to appreciate the profound impact Martin Luther had in both church and human history.



### **A Man Named Luther – Part 2: The Moment (starts Sunday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

This video-based Bible study from *Lutheran Hour Ministries* examines the errant teachings and wayward traditions of the Late Medieval Church that eventually prompted Luther's writing of the 95 Theses that sparked the Protestant Reformation. This Bible study takes a close look at the widespread teachings of purgatory, penance, celibacy, prayers for the dead, transubstantiation, the treasury of merits of Christ, devotion to Mary and the rosary, the institution of the papacy, and the one most often linked to the Reformation: the sale of indulgences.

### **A Man Named Luther – Part 3: The Movement (following Part 2)**

In this study, we will see how the Reformation transformed European society and, eventually, left a profound impression around the globe on culture and citizen alike. Everything from education, politics, science, theology, marriage, and the family – and even extending to one's view of vocation and his relationship to God – came under the shaping and seminal influence of the Reformation. Ultimately, the Reformation contributed a number of ideas that traveled across the Atlantic which, in turn, influenced our Republic via ideas of individual rights and representative democracy.

#### **FINANCIAL FACTS:**

	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 07/23/17	\$6,422.00	\$144.00	\$187.00
Rec'd 07/30/17	\$6,422.00	\$134.00	\$210.00

**ATTENDANCE:** Thursday (7/20/17) Service: 40

Sunday (7/23/17) Service: 156

**ATTENDANCE:** Thursday (7/27/17) Service: 38

Sunday (7/30/17) Service: 153

#### **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. Contact Pastor Niermann if you have some of that old glass you'd like to contribute.

#### **ITBS RESULTS:**

The ITBS testing results have arrived for Grades K, 1, and 2 students. They are available, by family name, on the table in the narthex. Please pick your envelope up today! The OAA testing results for the 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade students should be available very soon.

#### **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!

**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, Karen Gerken.

**VOLLEYBALL SEASON:** *Amy Dietrich* 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 Practice:** St. John Girls' Volleyball Practices will be held on the following dates: **Mon., Aug. 7 – Tues., Aug. 8 – Mon., Aug. 21** from 5:30 – 7:30 PM until school starts. As of Wed., Aug 23 (first day of school) practice will run from 3:30 – 4:45 PM. Any girl going into grades 4-8 for the 2017-18 school year is invited to attend. Please direct any questions to Amy at 419-966-7345. Hope to see you at practice!! GO EAGLES! *Coach Amy Dietrich*

**UPCOMING SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- ✓ **School & Preschool Open House** – The St. John School and Preschool will be holding an open house on Sun., Aug. 20th from 10:15 – 11:00 AM for Preschool, and Kindergarten thru Gr. 8 families. Everyone is encouraged to come, parents and children, so you can meet the teachers and check out your classroom!
- ✓ **Preschool Parent's Meeting** – On **Mon., Aug. 21 at 7:00 PM** there will be a Preschool Parent's Meeting held in the Fellowship Hall. Parents will be informed about student expectations in the classroom and also the basics of navigating in the FastDirect Communication system. **All Preschool parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.**
- ✓ **School Fundraiser** – The Magazine & Cookie Dough Sales for Grades Preschool thru 8 will begin on **Wed., Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 AM**. It will run through Thurs., Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. The cookie dough will be delivered sometime in mid-October.

**IF YOU'RE EVER IN A PINCH** and could use a little help, the *Good Neighbor Fund* is there to assist you too! Please don't be bashful about asking – everything is strictly confidential. Just give Pastor Niermann a call, and we'll see what we can do!

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**You have one new friend request from Jesus.**

*"I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." (John 15:15)*