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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "O Day of Rest and Gladness" *Mark 2:23-28*

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

Hymns: **911** ~ (**662**, Graduate Recognition) ~ (Communion: **903, 606, 560**) ~ **906**

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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✠ Hannah Wachtman & Ashton Niese, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Marilyn Meyer & Arlene Wallace, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Harold Behrman & Richard Elling, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Carey Damman, Scott Van Valkenburg, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Kathy Behnfeldt, Pat Maassel, Anita Badenhop, Deb Durham, *Altar Guild* ✠



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are placed in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Don & Karan Niebergall, which was on Fri., June 1st. The Lord has blessed the Niebergalls with many years of happiness and we wish them many more happy years. Congratulations to Don & Karan!

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION – If you are graduating from high school with the class of 2018, we'd like to take a moment or two to recognize you in our worship today. We'd like to know your future plans, and offer a prayer for you as well.

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 Voters' Meeting in fellowship hall
Tue.	5:00 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Leave for 7 th & 8 th Grade Class Trip (<i>return on Sat., June 9th</i>) Exercise Class Stewardship Board Meeting
Thurs.	6:30 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Breakfast here at St. John (<i>see bulletin note</i>) Exercise Class Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM 12:30PM	Worship Service with Communion following VBS Opening Day; Adult Bible Class VBS Hotdog lunch served
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Doug DeWitt, Immanuel Lutheran – Hamler</i>

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

- ❖ Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Renetta Homan, and Willie Gerken*
- ❖ *Lucia Delventhal*, at Fulton Manor, Wauseon
- ❖ *Delora Winkelman, Marian Buchhop, Dorothy Gerken, and Delores Badenhop*, at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Evelyn Rohrs and Melba Elling*, in Assisted Living at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Ohio Veteran's Home, Sandusky
- ❖ Armed Services: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, Connor Gerken, Seth Handy*
- ❖ *Don Dickmann*, back at the Orchards of Northcrest recuperating
- ❖ *Macie Wyse*, (great-niece to Denny & Diane Von Deylen), 2-yr old diagnosed with leukemia
- ❖ *Dale Hoffman*, recuperating at home following hospitalization for kidney stones
- ❖ *Nancy Short*, for out-patient surgery at St. Luke's Hospital last Friday for breast cancer
- ❖ *Arlene Gruenhagen*, for back surgery on June 6th at Wood County Hospital



REV. PAUL WEBER VISITATION AND FUNERAL – Rev. Paul Weber, a beloved pastor in northwest Ohio, and former vacancy pastor here at St. John, was called away at the age of 91 to his home in heaven. Visitation will be this afternoon from 1:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon. The funeral service will be tomorrow (June 4) at St. Paul at 11:00 a.m.

A SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING will be held after worship on Sunday, June 3rd to discuss: 1) Plans for the old school building and its conversion into a center for our youth, as well as other functions. See financial information sheet on the narthex table ; 2) Re-instating Bonnie Niermann to full-time teaching status as of July 1, 2018.

NIERMANN – ANDRZEJEWSKI WEDDING – *An Open invitation from Rachel Niermann*

In thanksgiving to God for my church family and for all that you've meant to me over the last twenty years, Jakob and I would like to invite you all to our wedding ceremony on Saturday, June 16th at 3:00 PM. We will be blessed to have both of our fathers leading the service. While we've had to limit the invitations we sent out for the reception, it would mean so much to Jakob and me to have my family of faith join us for this special worship service. Please, no gifts are necessary. The honor of your presence is gift enough!

VBS KICK-OFF NEXT SUNDAY – Our worship next Sunday will have a special focus using the VBS theme, *Splash Canyon*. We will sing the VBS theme song for the first time, and meet our VBS mascot, *Eddy the Otter*. Families of VBS students, please consider this service the opening VBS service. Immediately after the service, the children will be organized and sent off to the various site rotations to begin learning some very interesting water stories from the Scriptures.



VBS FOOD DONATIONS: Please check the VBS table for the Food Donation Sign-Up Sheet listing items still needed for snacks during VBS week. Sign your name beside the item you are able to bring. **Mark VBS on the food item and bring it to the kitchen prior to or on Sun., June 10th.** Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Enrollment is Open!



VBS is scheduled for the mornings of June 10 to 14 (Next Sunday to Thursday). Our plan is as follows:

- **SUNDAY** – We'll kick off VBS with a special emphasis in the morning service, followed by the lesson and activities for Day One, and concluding with a hotdog lunch at 12:30 p.m.
- **MONDAY to THURSDAY** – VBS will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a worship opening, and conclude at 11:30 a.m.

Our theme this year is, **“Splash Canyon: God’s Promise on Life’s Wild Ride.”** Each day the students and their small group guides will rotate to five sites where they will hear the Bible stories, memorize key Bible verses, make crafts, enjoy snacks, and participate in fun activities. See the VBS table in the narthex for more information.

We are still in need of a few people to be student group leaders, to lead groups of students to the various site rotations. Please speak with Miss Rettig if you can help!

VBS ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN!

- **ONLINE** – Use the link on our webpage at sjl.org
- **PAPER FORM** – Enrollment brochures are available in the narthex for you to use. These brochures are also an excellent way of spreading the word to family, friends and neighbor. Take a few and pass them along!

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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Please note the church office hours during the month of June are Tuesday thru Friday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Closed over the lunch hour and all day on Mondays. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be here. Thank you!

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES are now being offered at St. John through September. We hope this will make it possible to attend worship when summer plans take you away during weekends. Services are now being held in the north end of the fellowship hall. Holy Communion will be available at our Thursday services on the Thursdays prior to our regular Communion Sundays.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST will be meeting this Thursday in the fellowship hall at 6:30 a.m. Join us for an amazing breakfast and for the study of God's Word. We are presently studying the topic of confession and absolution, some of Christ's greatest gifts to His people. Join us for food, fellowship, and the study of God's Word. It's a great way to start the day!



<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 05/27/18	\$7,332.00	\$123.00	\$285.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (05/24/18) – 35; Sunday (05/27/18) – 202

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!

WHY DO WE? A member of the congregation has suggested a feature in our bulletin that asks and answers questions about why we do what we do in our worship and practice. This is an excellent idea that we hope will enrich everyone's worship and life of faith. A few of the questions suggested are: **Why do we turn to the cross during a processional? Why do we not sing certain hymns and songs? Why do we use Creeds? Why do we practice "closed Communion?" Why do we baptize infants?** If you have a question you'd like to see answered, please submit it using the form on the table in the narthex. If enough questions are submitted, we will make this a regular feature of our Sunday bulletin.

LWML INGATHERING: With the LWML Convention on June 6th, St. John is collecting personal hygiene items to be given to the Ingathering this year. There is a collection box beside the Women of Freedom boxed cards, dish cloth table in the side hallway to put your donated items into. Suggestions are: *Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, lotion, hand sanitizer, towelettes, shave cream, razors, etc.* These items must be new and unopened. Thank you so much!

REPORT CARDS will be available for viewing and or printing via FastDirect Communication as of Sun., June 10th. We will no longer print hard copies from the office. Please check FastDirect on the 10th. Thank you!

ST. JOHN SCHOOL POSITION OPENINGS – St. John Lutheran School is seeking a few people to fill the following positions that will be open after this school year.

- **Computer Instructor** – This individual is responsible for computer instruction one day per week for Grades K thru 8. Must have a teaching license and background check.
- **Jr High Science Teacher** for 4 hours per week. Must have a teaching license and a background check.
- **Music Instructor** – This individual is responsible for classroom music instruction one day per week for Grades K thru 8. Must have a background check.
- **Freedom Flock Aide (After School Care)** – This person is in charge of the aftercare program each day that school is in session from 3-6 p.m. It averages 10-12 hours per week. Must have a background check.

If you are interested in more information on these positions, please speak with Principal Kramer or the chairman of the School Board, Karen Gerken. Thank you!

‘BREAD FROM HEAVEN’ – A note to St. John members needing food assistance – If you could use food assistance from our food pantry, please speak with *Pastor Niermann*. We are required by the *Northwestern Ohio Food Bank* to keep a record with your name, but pastor will keep your record separate and absolutely confidential.

Contributions can be made at any time. Monetary gifts can be given to the *Good Neighbor Fund* (note it on your offering envelope). Food donations for our pantry can be dropped off in the box by the Archives display cases. **Food items especially needed at this time are: spaghetti sauce, cereal, mac n’ cheese, saltines & any crackers, and hamburger helper.** Any and all contributions are always greatly appreciated. Thank you so much! As we learned in the meaning of the Fifth Commandment, “*We should fear and love God that we...help and support our neighbor in every physical need.*” (*Small Catechism*)

BULLETIN NOTES: With Thursday night services starting, bulletin announcements need to be turned in to the office by Wednesday of each week in order to be included in the Thursday and Sunday bulletin. Please make a note of this. Thank you!

ANOTHER SAVE THE DATE: The 11th Annual Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing will be held on Sat., July 28th, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Flyers are now available on the narthex table!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Better is one day at the Lord’s house than 10,000 days at the Lake!

“O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.” (*Psa 26:8*)



HEY THERE!!!

**WE WOULD LOVE TO
HAVE YOU JOIN US
AT VBS NEXT
SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH
THRU THURSDAY,
JUNE 14TH. WE WILL
DISCOVER A LOT OF
COOL THINGS
ABOUT JESUS
TOGETHER.**

