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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Today is God's YES-terday" *1 Cor. 1:20*

Order of Service: *See printed Service Folder*

Hymns: 790 ~ 686 ~ 803

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Now is the hour of worship. God speaks to us and we listen and respond with our hymns, prayers and praises. Together we bless the Lord whose purpose is to save us and keep us in His faithful flock. He is the God of Grace and the God of Glory. If you are our guest today, 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

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Karter Behnfeldt & Kaelyn Gerken, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Richard & Bev Elling, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Lawrence & Hildegard Behrmann, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Carey Damman, Scott Van Valkenburg, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Kathy Behnfeldt, Pat Maassel, Anita Badenhop, Deb Durham, *Altar Guild* ✠



WE MOURN THE PASSING: On Wed., June 6th *Delores Badenhop*, 89, passed away at Genacross Lutheran Home, Napoleon. Her funeral was held on Sat., June 9th at 11:00 AM here at St. John, with burial following at St. John Cemetery. Delores will be sadly missed by her husband, *Donald*, and family members, *Donna* (Charles) *Kurtz*, *Darlene* (Denny) *Hoffman*, *Dean* (Sharon) *Badenhop*, *Dan* (Letty) *Badenhop*, and *David* (Suzanne) *Badenhop*. We will keep them in our prayers at this difficult time for all of them.

HOLY COMMUNION will be offered this morning following the Worship service. Those who wish to attend should fill out a Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and give it to the usher during the collection of the offering this morning. Return immediately to the front pews in the sanctuary following the service.

In God's House This Week*Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl*

Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM 12:30PM	Worship Service with Communion following VBS Opening Day; Adult Bible Class VBS Hotdog lunch served
Mon.	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School (until 11:30 AM)
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class; Vacation Bible School (until 11:30 AM) Church Council Meeting
Wed.	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School (until 11:30 AM)
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class; Vacation Bible School (until 11:30 AM) Thursday Evening Worship
Fri.	5:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal – Andrzejewski / Niermann
Sat.	3:00 PM	Wedding Ceremony – Jakob Andrzejewski / Rachel Niermann
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Logan Scheiwe</i> , St. Paul Lutheran – Napoleon

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, and Dorothy Gerken*, 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*
- ❖ *Macie Wyse*, (great-niece to Denny & Diane Von Deylen), 2-yr old diagnosed with leukemia
- ❖ *Nancy Short*, recuperating from out-patient surgery recently for breast cancer
- ❖ *Arlene Gruenhagen*, for back surgery this past week at Wood County Hospital
- ❖ *Tyler Kossow and Olivia Junge* married yesterday at St. Paul Lutheran, Napoleon

Java Joy TODAY! Be sure to stop out in the front hallway this morning for some refreshments and fellowship. Our hosts today are *Denny & Kathy Behnfeldt* and *Neil & Anita Badenhop*, and we thank them for their generosity.

- **WOULD YOU CONSIDER HOSTING JAVA JOY?** *Hosting does not have to be expensive – you are welcome to reimburse all of your expenses from the 'kitty' – so please don't let that hold you back. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for all the second Sundays of the year. Please sign up, and pick up the sheet of guidelines from the table. Thank you!*



A THANK YOU from *Don & Karan Niebergall* for all the cards they received in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

VBS KICK-OFF TODAY

Our worship this morning will have a special focus using the VBS theme, *Splash Canyon*. We will sing some of the VBS songs, including the theme song. We'll meet our VBS mascot, *Eddy the Otter*, in the children's sermon.

Immediately after the service, the students will be organized and sent off to the various site rotations. We'll conclude this day with a hotdog lunch.

Monday through Thursday, VBS begins at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 11:35 a.m. Throughout the week of VBS, the students will be learning some very interesting water stories from the Scriptures:

- Day 1 God is With Baby Moses in the River
- Day 2 God's People Cross into the Promised Land
- Day 3 God Heals Naaman in the Jordan River
- Day 4 God Saves Paul in a Shipwreck at Sea
- Day 5 God's Yes is Jesus: Jesus is Baptized in the Jordan



Hurray! It's time for VBS!

NIERMANN - ANDRZEJEWSKI WEDDING - An Open invitation from Rachel Niermann

With thanksgiving to God for my church family and for all that you've meant to me over the 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 our fathers leading the service, and to have a family choir singing as well. While we've had to limit invitations for the reception, it would mean so much to Jakob and I 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!

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.

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!

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 06/03/18	\$8,004.00	\$212.00	\$482.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (05/31/18) – 46; Sunday (06/03/18) – 177

LWML INGATHERING: With the LWML Convention coming up on June 22nd, 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 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!

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 bulletin.

REPORT CARDS will be available for viewing and or printing via FastDirect Communication as of today. We will no longer print hard copies. Parents, please check your FastDirect.

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!

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!

'BREAD FROM HEAVEN' – 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 request absolutely confidential.

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 outside the door. Any and all contributions are always greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!

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...

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous!

"For You are my rock and my fortress; For Your name's sake You will lead me and guide me." (Psa 31:3)