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### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Small Beginnings" *Mark 4:26-32*

Order of Service: *Divine Service, Setting Four (LSB pg 203)*

Hymns: (Baptism: "Borning Cry", 588) ~ 500 ~ (Communion: 624, 704) ~ 790

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**A PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH** *Happy Father's Day!... and a special, grateful welcome to all fathers this morning. We bless and cherish you for the strong, reliable and confident provider you have been or continue to be to your families. We salute you in the name of our Lord. If you are visiting with us this morning, help us get to know you better by filling out the blue Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you. Simply pass it to the center aisle during the offering.*

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

- ✘ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✘ Clay Behnfeldt & Ella Rosebrook, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Elmer & Pat Maassel, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Delbert & Marian Damman, *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 marriage of *Jakob Andrzejewski* and *Rachel Niermann* which took place here at St. John yesterday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. We wish the newlyweds only the "best" as they begin their married life together. Congrats Jakob & Rachel!

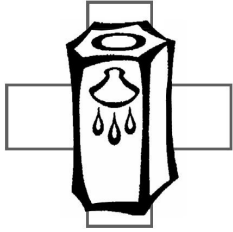
**THE PIANO ARRANGEMENT:** The lantern floral arrangement on the piano is placed in recognition of the 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of *Randy & LouAnn Rosebrock* on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Randy & LouAnn...and may God grant you have many more years together!

**In God's House This Week** *Online church calendar: [www.DynaCal.com/sjl](http://www.DynaCal.com/sjl)*

| <b>Date</b>   | <b>Time</b>        | <b>Activities</b>  |
|---------------|--------------------|--|
| Today         | 9:00 AM<br>10:20AM | ◆ ◆ ◆ FATHER'S DAY ◆ ◆ ◆<br>Communion Service<br>Adult Bible Class   |
| Tue.          | 3:30 PM<br>7:00 PM | Cancelled - Exercise Class<br>Archives Committee Meeting in Conference Room<br>Women of Freedom Meeting ( <i>see bulletin note</i> ) |
| Thurs.        | 6:30 PM<br>7:00 PM | Cancelled - Exercise Class<br>Summer Open Gym for Boys & Girls (until 8:00 PM)<br>Thursday Evening Worship                           |
| Sun.          | 9:00 AM<br>10:20AM | Worship Service<br>Adult Bible Class   |
| Mon.-<br>Sat. | 7:30 AM            | Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM<br>Speaker: <i>Rev. Willie Stottlemyer</i> , St. Stephen Lutheran – Defiance                       |

**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
- ❖ *Arlene Gruenhagen*, for recent back surgery at Wood County Hospital
- ❖ *Gary Thompson* (Lindsey(Elling)Thompson's father-in-law), fighting the return of brain cancer



**BAPTISM THIS MORNING** – This morning we rejoice to witness the baptism of *Baylor Rae Behnfeldt*. Baylor is the daughter of Micah Behnfeldt and Haley Kina. She was born on April 25 at St. Charles Hospital, Oregon, Ohio. Her baptismal sponsors are Gavin Gerken and Clay Behnfeldt. Baylor's grandparents are Denny & Kathy Behnfeldt and Greg & Darla Kina. May the work that God begins this day in Baylor be brought to completion on the day of Jesus Christ.

**LWML QUARTERLIES:** The Quarterlies for the Women of Freedom are ready to be picked up from the table in the narthex. Our next meeting will be Tues., June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Please note that our topic for the July meeting will be taken from the Quarterly. Please join us!

**THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES** are now being offered at St. John through September. We hope this will make is 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.

## FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

We pray for all fathers, that they may embrace their vocation within the family, and may find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and whose remembrance nourishes and strengthens us in love. Amen



**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!

**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.

## VBS THANKS

It was a great week of VBS, as the students learned from God's Word how God is with His people, even through the most tumultuous waters. He was with Baby Moses in the Nile, He was with Israel when crossing the Jordan River, He was with Naaman when his leprosy was washed away in the Jordan, He was with Paul and his companions in the shipwreck at sea, and He was with His own Son at His baptism. All God's promises to us find their yes in Christ!

Our thanks to everyone who helped with VBS this year – we had a great staff. Thank you to Miss Rettig for supervising the program and to all the other helpers who made it such an enjoyable week of growth in the Lord. Thank you also to those who provided supplies for crafts and snacks. The students had a great week!



**LWML INGATHERING:** With the LWML Convention coming up on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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!

| <b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b> | Home Fund  | Synod & Missions | Building Fund |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------------|---------------|
| Weekly Need                    | \$9,792.78 | \$500.00         | \$961.54      |
| Rec'd 06/10/18                 | \$4,981.00 | \$115.00         | \$130.00      |

**ATTENDANCE:** Thursday (06/07/18) – 36; Sunday (06/10/18) – 163

**LAWN SIGNS:** Today we are making available **St. John Lutheran School** lawn signs for display in your front yard or any visible area you can think of. These free signs are available by the narthex bulletin board. You make take as many as you need in order to give our school some good advertising.

**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.

**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!

**NORDEN FAMILY FARM TOUR** – A unique experience is coming your way! On Sun., June 24<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4 p.m., the public is invited to the Terry & Karen Norden Dairy Farm for an Open House Farm Tour. Visitors will see the milking process, the various feeds used, calf petting, etc. Arps Dairy will be there with their ice cream mix to try and will also be serving milk. Since June is dairy month, why not top it off with a trip to the Norden Family Farm Tour on the 24<sup>th</sup>!

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

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**No enemy can come so near that God is not nearer!**

*"The LORD is near to the brokenhearted And saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psa 34:18)*