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THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sermon & Text: "He Visits and Redeems" *Luke 1:57-80*

Order of Service: *Morning Prayer (LSB pg 235)*

Hymns: **346** ~ (*Baptism: "Borning Cry" / 601:1*) ~ **518:1,18,3** ~ **936**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

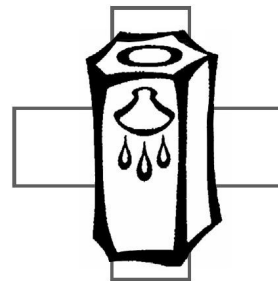
Welcome in the name of the Lord. We pray that through this time of stillness and song, prayer and proclamation, you may experience the Spirit of God at work in your life. If you do not have a local church home, we extend a warm invitation to you to become a part of our church family. Simply fill out 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. Your presence is a blessing to us.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Zak Schroeder & Gavin Gerken, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Esther Layton and Phyllis Silveus, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Eldor & Rozella Gruenhagen, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Carey Damman, Scott Van Valkenburg, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Kathy Behnfeldt, Pat Maassel, Anita Badenhop, Deb Durham, *Altar Guild* ✠

BAPTISM THIS MORNING – This morning we rejoice to witness the baptism of **Taylor Rae Kehnast**. Taylor is the daughter of **Greg & Jenna (Damman) Kehnast**. She was born on April 17th at the Fulton County Health Center in Wauseon, Ohio. Her baptismal sponsors are Jason Damman (Jenna's brother) and Kelly Boulton (friend of the family). Taylor's grandparents are Denny & Deb Damman and Jim & Sue Kehnast. We rejoice with this family on this day as we celebrate the life and the new life in Christ of little Taylor. May the good work that is begun in her this day be brought to completion on the day of Jesus Christ!



In God's House This Week		Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Class
Mon.	5:30 PM	<i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Shepherd Committee Meeting followed by Board of Elders at 7:30
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Thursday Evening Worship
Fri.	6:30 PM	Wedding Rehearsal – <i>Cohrs / Wanemacher</i>
Sat.	3:30 PM	Wedding Ceremony – <i>Michael Cohrs / Samantha Wanemacher</i>
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Jacob Stuenkel</i> , St. Peter Lutheran – Florida

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
- ❖ *Elaine Mahnke*, for surgery at St. Luke's this past Friday (6-22) to implant a pacemaker

VBS THANK YOU: I would like to thank everyone who gave so generously of their time and talents these past few weeks to make VBS overwhelmingly successful (24 registered students last year vs. 34 this year!): *Pastor Niermann, Mrs. Niermann, Andrea Oyer* (song leader), *Madelyn Dishop, Michelle Weddelman, Karan Niebergall, Karen Riefers, Katie Morrison, Megan Badenhop, Anita Badenhop, Kendra Michaelis, Aden Foor, Maggie Weller, Anna Gerken, Tyne Rosebrock, Emersyn Gerken, Hope Buchhop, Hannah Wachtman, and Claire Wachtman.*

Also I'd like to thank all of you who donated items for snack time: *Elizabeth Ruffer, Renee Bostelman, Bonnie Niermann, Jenna Kehnast, Zoe Foor, Nicole Stier, Cheryl Yaw, Sara Buchhop, Nancy Glaser, Krista Howard, and Kara Cowell.* Also *Bob & Karen Riefers* for providing lunch on Sunday, water throughout the week, and delicious root beer floats on Thursday.

A big thank you to our special guest each day, Eddy the Otter! Eddy's appearances during Opening Devotions each morning were greatly enjoyed by EVERYONE!

And, finally, a thank you to *Joyce Wiechers*, who once again was my "right-hand" keeping me and everyone else on track. Signed, *Mary K. Rettig*, VBS Director

NEW PASTOR FOR ST. PAUL, LIBERTY CENTER – This afternoon, the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran in Liberty Center will welcome and install their new pastor, **Rev. Jeremy Kleino**. Pastor Kleino is from Troy, Michigan, and is married to his wife, Katie. They have three children: Aiden, 14, Lucas, 9, and Lydia, 6.

If you care to join these brothers and sisters in Christ for this celebration, the service of installation is at 3:00 p.m.

MISSION DOOR OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY – Next Sunday, and on the first Sunday's for the next three months, a door offering will be received to assist **Amber Gruenhagen** with a nine-month mission trip to Brazil with CRU. The focus of the trip will be evangelistic work among youth at one of Brazil's universities. If you prefer, you can help Amber with gifts given through CRU – forms will be available for this purpose.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 06/17/18	\$8,242.00	\$484.00	\$142.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (06/14/18) – 58; Sunday (06/17/18) – 203

COMMUNED in May: 377 members and 6 guests

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!

THE FAITH ONCE FOR ALL DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Modern Feminism, The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, The Prophet Jeremiah, 5th Century Archbishop Cyril of Alexandria, 2nd Century Bishop Irenaeus of Lyons and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

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 procession? 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.

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP FUNDRAISER: The Stewardship Board is offering "for sale" the Ultimate Cloth® as a fundraiser. These are a MiraFiber® technology cloth that cleans with water only. This cloth is more effective than harsh cleaning chemicals and soaps. See *Karen Norden* (419-267-3477) for more information and pricing. This will be an on-going fundraiser for the Right Hand of Fellowship gift matching campaign.

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.

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!

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!

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.

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!

UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ✓ **Annual School Cleaning** has been set for **Mon., July 30** at 6:00PM. No cleaning on Tues., July 31 as carpets will be shampooed. On **Wed., Aug. 1** starting at 6:00 PM paint the previous 1st & 2nd grade classroom, put furnishings and desks back into other classrooms, and clean other areas of the building. **Thurs., Aug. 2** at 6:00 PM finish cleaning remainder of building and putting furnishings and desks back into all classrooms (if needed). **Fri., Aug. 3** is optional if needed to complete cleaning. Please contact a School Board member if evenings do not work for you. Please read the Parent Participation Policy on FastDirect with all the details about family requirements for School Cleaning.
- ✓ **SJL Fundraiser** – Plans are in motion for the 2nd Annual “Soar With the Eagles” St. John Lutheran School Fundraiser to be held at the Ridgeville American Legion Hall on Fri., Nov. 9, 2018. There will be a meal, along with a live and silent auction. Stay tuned for more information.

GOLF OUTING: 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...

The devil hasn't armies enough to capture one saint of Christ who trusts God!

“He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might break the power of him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil” (Heb 2:14)