



# St. John Lutheran Church

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

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### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Service: See printed Service Folder

Hymns: 820 ~ [Baptism: 593, 588] ~ 809 ~ [Communion: 752, 749, 571] ~739

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*Welcome to this service of worship, in which we remember, with reverence and thanksgiving, those who gave their lives for our country. Above all, however, we would remember Him whose love includes people of all nations, our Lord Jesus, who gave His life for all of us. May the remembrance of His sacrifice, bring reconciliation and peace! If you are a visitor, we ask that you fill out a blue 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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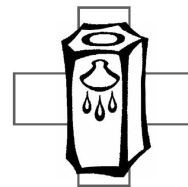


### **SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING**

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Gavin Gerken & Bryce Bostelman, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Larry & Pat Mahnke, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Harold Behrmann & Richard Elling, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Denny Bockelman, Dave Myles, Tim Badenhop, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Karan Niebergall, Ronda & Kaylee Wentworth, Karen Lulfs, *Altar Guild* ✠

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are placed in celebration of the marriage of *Michael Cohrs* and *Samantha Wanemacher* here at St. John, yesterday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. We wish Michael & Sam the very best as they begin this new chapter in their life. God's blessings to them along the road!

**BAPTISM THIS MORNING** – This morning we rejoice to witness the baptism of ***Luke James Von Deylen***, infant son of Joshua & Sara Von Deylen. ***Luke*** was born on March 17 at the Community Hospital in Bryan, Ohio. His baptismal sponsors are Joe and Cara Von Deylen. Luke's grandparents are Dave & Jane Von Deylen and Ty & Karen Spear. We rejoice with this family as they celebrate the new life in Christ of little Luke. May the good work that is begun in him this day be brought to completion on the day of Jesus Christ!



In God's House This Week		Online church calendar: <a href="http://www.DynaCal.com/sjl">www.DynaCal.com/sjl</a>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class
Mon.	7:00 PM	150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and Sub-Committee Meeting
Thurs.	9:00 AM	Men's Bible Breakfast at Hill's Restaurant Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service w/Communion following Adult Bible Class
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: Rev. Jeff Corder, St. John Lutheran – Stryker

**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, Arlene Gruenhagen, Gary Thompson, Elaine Mahnke*, for health related issues
- ❖ *Nathan & Danacia Wiechers*, for the birth of their son, Koye Douglas on June 25<sup>th</sup> in Indiana

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY** today will continue our study of Paul's letter to the Romans, the third chapter. In this chapter God, through His apostles, speaks of His wrath against the so-called "righteousness of the Law." Such "righteousness" is not even possible, for there is not one of us who can keep the Law of God. As Paul says, "No one is righteous, not even one." (*Rom 3:10*)

Yet all is not lost. Paul speaks of another kind of righteousness, a righteousness revealed by God through Christ Jesus to be received by faith in Him. It is a righteousness that eliminates the boasting of the self-righteous, for it is apart from the works of the Law, to the Jews and to the Gentiles. Join us in our continuing study – it's never too late to join!



**150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEES** – A joint meeting of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and its sub-committees will meet tomorrow, Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Our purpose is to give direction to the sub-committees and to let them begin their planning and work. The sub-committees include the Meals Committee, Publicity Committee, Event Programming Committee, and Historical/Archive Committee.

**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!

**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.

**MISSION DOOR OFFERING TODAY** – This morning, as well as on the first Sundays of August and September, you will have the opportunity through a door offering 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 are available for this purpose in the narthex. Amber also expresses the following: *On behalf of myself and the Brazilian students, thank you for your prayer and investment of finances! I will be in the back after church, and I would love to talk to you personally. My greatest need is monthly support, and I have forms available if you're able to contribute in this way. I am confident that the Lord will do wonderful things this year, and I am excited to invite you to join me in this call to fulfill the Great Commission!*

**MEN’S BIBLE BREAKFAST** will be meeting this Thursday at Hill’s Restaurant in Napoleon 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!



**SERVING IN FREEDOM SURVEY** – This last week the Stewardship Board sent a letter to the congregation about service in the congregation through elected and appointed offices, as well as other areas of volunteer service. The goal is to get members plugged into areas of service that suit their interests, and to make the nomination process a little easier. The Board asks that everyone please take a few minutes to fill out this survey so that, as the letter says, we can each take our turns serving the body of Christ using the gifts for service God has given to every one of us. You can use the paper survey that was included with the letter and drop it off in the narthex, or take the online version of the survey using the link on our website ([sjl.org>links>Serving in Freedom Survey](http://sjl.org/links/Serving%20in%20Freedom%20Survey)).

<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 06/24/18	\$7,138.00	\$211.00	\$280.00

**ATTENDANCE:** Thursday (06/21/18) – 50; Sunday (06/24/18) – 154

**MEMORIALS** for *Carlton Rosebrock*: St. John Lutheran Endowment / School - \$1,555.00  
St. John Lutheran Building Fund / \$25.00

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** Please note the church office hours during the month of July 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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...**

**Worry less, pray more!**

*“...casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.” (1 Pet 5:74)*

