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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Service: Prayer & Preaching (LSB pg 260)

Hymns: **686 ~ 578 ~ 550 ~ 537**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome guests to this place of praise and prayers as we gather together as part of the family of our Heavenly Father. We invite you to join us now and return again to celebrate the salvation we have in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. If you are a visitor, 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 this morning.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✘ Karleigh Sonnenberg & Claire Wachtman, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Larry & Pat Mahnke, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Dave Myles, Denny Bockelman, Tim Badenhop *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Kaylee & Ronda Wentworth, Karen Lulfs, Karan Niebergall, *Altar Guild* ✘

150th ANNIVERSARY NOTES

- **HELP NEEDED FOR SEPT. ANNIVERSARY MEAL** – The 150th Anniversary Committee is seeking 6 or 7 volunteers to form a kitchen committee for our final anniversary meal on Sunday, Sept. 15. Responsibilities would be to prepare coffee and punch, set out tableware, assist with setting out food just before serving, monitoring garbage cans, and helping with clean up afterwards. If you can assist in this way, please sign the list in the narthex, and thank you!
- **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** – The 150th Anniversary Committee is seeking individuals to form a committee to make plans for a 150th Anniversary Pictorial Directory. It has been five years since our last directory. If you would like to be part of this committee, please speak with Pastor Niermann. We'll get the process going as soon as we can put the committee together.

In God's House This Week		<i>Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Class
Mon.	6:00 PM	Annual School Cleaning
Tue.	7:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Classroom carpets cleaned Shepherd Committee Board of Elders
Wed.	6:00 PM	Annual School Cleaning
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thursday Evening Worship (<i>with communion</i>)
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM Noon	Communion Service Adult Bible Class Gerald Busy Fingers Family Day
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. James Strawn</i> , St. James Lutheran, Archbold

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

- ❖ Shut-Ins: *Norma Damman, Renetta Homan, Willie Gerken and Lester Rabe*
- ❖ *Delora Winkelman, Marian Buchhop, Dorothy Gerken, Melba Elling, and Eldor Gruenhagen*, at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Evelyn Rohrs*, in Assisted Living at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Lorna Von Deylen*, residing at Swanton Valley Center
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Ohio Veteran's Home, Sandusky
- ❖ Armed Services: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, Connor Gerken, Seth Handy*
- ❖ *Shorty Bischoff*, who is dealing with health issues
- ❖ *Rose Leonard* (daughter of *Brad & Kailee Leonard*), recently hospitalized and now home, but dealing with significant health issues

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES are being held in the north end of the fellowship hall. We hope these Thursday services will make it possible to attend worship when summer plans take you away during weekends. 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 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!

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 07/14/19	\$7,303.00	\$139.00	\$320.00
ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 07/11/19 – 48;		Sunday – 07/14/19 – 112	
Rec'd 07/21/19	\$7,910.22	\$284.00	\$435.00
ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 07/18/19 – 41;		Sunday – 07/21/19 – 146	

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Upcoming Events

Here are some key dates to have on your calendar for this summer...

- ✓ Sun. Aug. 25 Outdoor Service and Congregational Picnic & Hog Roast
- ✓ Sun. Sept. 15 Culminating Anniversary Service, 10:00 a.m. / Congregational Meal

150th ANNIVERSARY BLANKETS – In the narthex, be sure to check out the beautiful woven blanket designed for our 150th Anniversary celebration. These blankets are now available for a donation of \$35. Just place your gift in the clear plastic box on the anniversary table in the narthex, and take your blanket with you to enjoy!

VOLUNTEERS FOR WORSHIP SLIDES – If you're good with your TV remote and game controller, we've got a job for you. During each worship service we need an individual who will advance the slides on the sanctuary screens. If you would be interested in serving in this way, please speak with Dan Wachtman or with Pastor. If we can get a few people together, we will do some quick training and have you serving in no time!



SHARE THE BOUNTY OF SUMMER – This morning a table has been set up under the bulletin board where you can bring any spare produce from your garden and share it with others in the congregation. Bring whatever you can and take whatever you can use, and share the bounty of summer! The table will be set up each Sunday through mid-September or so.

WHY LUTHERAN SCHOOLS? SEEKING THE LOST: Lutheran schools which enroll children from all parts of the community provide new and varied opportunities for evangelism by the congregation and its staff. These opportunities are not available in any other way. That's why Lutheran schools are considered the most effective agencies in congregational evangelism and why pastors of growing congregations with schools in nearly every case, identify the school as the congregation's most effective outreach agency. Eighty-five percent of the fastest growing congregations in the Synod operate schools.

UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ▶ **Annual School Cleaning** has been set for **Mon., July 29** at 6:00PM. No cleaning on Tues., July 30 as carpets will be shampooed. On **Wed., July 31** starting at 6:00 PM put furnishings and desks back into classrooms, and clean other areas of the building. **Thurs., Aug. 1** at 6:00 PM (if needed) finish cleaning remainder of building and putting furnishings and desks back into all classrooms. 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.

SCHOOL BOARD INITIATIVE: At their recent meeting, the School Board decided they would like to gather a group of individuals with ideas to promote and grow the school. If you can help with ideas, please call the school office and leave your name. A Board member will be in contact with you to listen to your idea(s).

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!

LUTHERAN PRAYER BOOKS: There are several copies of The Lutheran Prayer book available on the desk in the narthex. This is a collection of prayers and inspirations for every Lutheran. We hope you can use and enjoy it!

PRAYER CALENDAR NOTE: Please be aware that if you would like your wedding anniversaries printed on the prayer calendars, you will have to post them each year. Just list them on the blank calendars posted on the bulletin board in the narthex throughout the year.

CHURCH HISTORY BOOKS – If you need a Christmas gift for a former member of St. John, why not consider one of our Church History Books. This book is full of interesting facts about the formation of St. John's congregation as well as information on hundreds of past and current members. These books are available in the church office at a cost of \$12.00.

LARGE PRINT & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BULLETINS are available on the table in the narthex. The Children's Bulletins are coordinated with the Bible texts for each Sunday, and provide activities that tie in with the weekly themes. Pick one up today for your child.

HEARING ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE: If hearing in worship has been a problem for you, pick up one of the receiver units for our hearing assistance system. An usher will assist you and you'll hear much more clearly. (*Also, please let us know how the system is working for you.*)

For those who use the hearing assistance system regularly and for the sake of hygiene, we ask that you claim one of the ear buds as your own and keep it with you in your purse, pocket, etc. Bring it with you when you come to church, and simply plug it into one of the receivers. At the end of the service, unplug the ear bud to take with you until the next time.

PROJECT CONNECT (new titles) – There are many free booklets in the rack in the narthex. Be sure to check for some informative reading such as: *“Alzheimer's: Facing the Loss of a Lifetime,” “Talking with God,” “Forgiveness is a Choice,” “Talking Openly with Kids,” “Setting Priorities,” “Your Place in God's Plan,” “Stressed but Connected,” “Beyond Divorce,” “For Better, For Worse,” “What Is Faith in Jesus?”* and many more. Booklets furnished through Lutheran Hour Ministries.

MINI-VACATION! A mini-vacation to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter is being organized on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 28 & 29. Space is limited to 54 people. Flyers are available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Contact Linda Riefers at 419-267-3366 for more info.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

A little oil of courtesy will save a lot of friction.

“...to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.” (Titus 3:2)