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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon Titles & Text: Thr. “God’s Plan to Save Us” Genesis 3:15 (*Rev. Kramer*)
Sun. “God’s Goal: Family” Mark 3:20-35 (*Pastor Niermann*)
Order of Service: *Divine Service, Setting Four (LSB pg. 203)*
Hymns: **825** ~ (Thr. **561** / Sun. **863**) ~ (Communion: **609, 623**) ~ **922**

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 blue Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the basket at the door as you leave. Thank you for visiting us today!

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✠
- ✠ Neil Badenhop, Doug Dietrich, Joe Badenhop, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Nancy Short, Deb Wachtman, Kathy Gruenhagen, Marietta Damman, *Altar Guild* ✠



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RECOGNITION – This morning we recognize high school seniors from St. John who are graduating this year. They are **Madison Bostelman, Hope Buchhop, and Aden Foor**. We will be reminded of their confirmation class theme, “God’s Offspring.” We will ask them what their immediate plans are after high school, and we will offer prayer for them. ***Congratulations*** to these young individuals as they move on to the next phase of their life, and may God go with them and preserve them in faith and in godly living.

VOTERS’ MEETING NEXT SUNDAY – Please be aware that the congregation will meet in voting assembly on Sunday, June 13 immediately following the worship service. Items on the agenda: 1) Youth & Family Center on finishing the project; 2) Sale of the Napoleon property; 3) Possibilities for returning to normal worship and hosting church events.

In God's House This Week		<i>Online church calendar: https://74058984.view-events.com</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00AM 10:20AM	Communion Service (with recognition of High School Seniors) Adult Bible Study
Mon.		See bulletin note about VBS
Tues.	1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Girls Basketball Open Gym (see bulletin note) Church Council Meeting
Thurs.	1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Girls Basketball Open Gym (see bulletin note) Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service with Communion following Adult Bible Study
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Lee Genter</i> , Christ Our Savior Lutheran – Defiance

FOR THOSE LISTENING FROM THE PARKING LOT

Pick up your bulletin and service by driving through the carport before worship

Tune your FM radio to 87.7

Drive-thru Communion after worship under carport

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

- ❖ *Melba Elling, Lorna Von Deylen, and Evelyn Rohrs*, at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Ruth Mahnke*, at Assisted Living – Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Harold Behrmann*, at Fulton Manor, Wauseon
- ❖ *Donald Badenhop*, at Vancrest Nursing Care Facility, Holgate
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Ohio Veteran’s Home, Sandusky
- ❖ Military: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, Jared Dishop, and Jordan Lange*
- ❖ *Sue Hurst, Rev. Logan Scheiwe, and Eileen Fitzenreiter*, for health concerns relating to cancer
- ❖ *Norma Damman*, recuperating at Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Don Lawrence*, who is battling both cancer and Covid in the hospital in Cleveland
- ❖ *Mabel Bischoff*, who is having severe back pain and will be having back surgery on June 15th at Toledo Hospital

THANK YOU! *Patty Badenhop* and her family would like to say “thank you” to everyone at St. John for the many prayers that have been offered on her behalf over the past few months. They have been felt and have comforted her as she dealt with her cancer diagnosis and treatment. She is doing much better now that treatments are over and she is continuing to recover. Thank you again!

MY DEVOTIONS for June, July, and August are available this Sunday on the desk in the back of the church. Pick up your copy today! If you know of someone who would enjoy these, take one for them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & SUMMER: There will be no Sunday School for the months of June, July, and August. We will resume Sunday School the 2nd Sunday in September (9-12).

ADULT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES PROVERBS STUDY in fellowship hall

If you learned a proverb from your parents, such as, “**Actions speak louder than words,**” and still remember it, you understand the power of a proverb to stick in the mind and to impact our lives. The Bible **PROVERBS** are the same – pithy, memorable and often fun little sayings of wisdom that we can apply to our walk with Christ. We’ll find all kinds of Proverbs to help us keep God’s commands and to take “every thought captive” to Christ, (2 Cor. 10:5) like this proverb: “*Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.*” (4:23)

VBS NOTES – VBS is still being planned for this summer in the mornings, 9:00 a.m. to noon. The revised dates are still being decided to coordinate with the repaving of the parking lot. We still need leaders and helpers for each of the five site rotations shown on the recruitment form. Please consider serving the little ones in some capacity with our VBS. Staff recruitment forms are available on the narthex table.



ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND... 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 subjects include: What I Wish My Non-Lutheran Family Knew about the Holy Spirit, The Word “Wrath” in the Bible, Is Christianity Relevant?, What Martin Luther Got Wrong, The Movie “A Quiet Place Part II” and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

PICTURE DIRECTORIES: We are making available the extra picture directories for anyone who would like one. **We are simply asking that you make a freewill donation.** If you did not get your picture taken or have family members who would like to have a directory, please take advantage of this offer. Look for the bucket with the camera pictures on it and drop your donation into it. There is a limited supply, so when they’re gone...they’re gone!

COVID-19 MEASURES – Today we have new guidelines in place for face masks, that reflect the new state and CDC guidelines. We ask you to use your discretion when deciding whether to wear a mask, keeping in mind the “royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” (James 2:8) Be considerate of the well-being of those around you, especially if you are not immune from having had COVID or a vaccination. (New CDC guidelines from its website state that if you have been vaccinated, you can safely resume the activities you did prior to the pandemic without wearing a mask or social distancing; and if you are not vaccinated, you should continue taking all precautions.) We will not try to distinguish who is vaccinated and who is not.

For the time being, most other Covid mitigation measures we have been observing will continue. We will roll them back a little at a time as we try to return to normalcy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec’d 05/30/21	\$5,551.00	\$255.00	\$407.00
ATTENDANCE:	Thursday – 38;	Sunday – 132	

SAVE THE DATE! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! CANCEL ANY PLANS you may have had for **July 25, 2021**. This is the date that St. John is planning to celebrate and recognize Lowell Petzoldt's retirement and his 44 years in the teaching ministry all at St. John. More details to be forthcoming, but per this announcement, we just want you to keep this date on your schedule.

SCHOOL YARD SIGNS: Yard signs promoting St. John Lutheran School are available in the narthex. Please take a sign and place it in your front yard. The sign will let everyone know that our school is accepting student registrations from grades preschool thru 8th grade.

WHY LUTHERAN SCHOOLS? *Nurturing Faith:* Faith is nurtured by daily proclamation of the Gospel, teaching children the Word of God and how to read and understand that Word on their own, and by modeling and challenging students to live the Christian faith.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL POSITION OPENINGS – St. John Lutheran School is seeking to fill the following paid position that will be open after this school year.

- **School Cook** – This individual is responsible for ordering/purchasing, preparing, and serving lunch for approximately 55-60 students and staff; and the clean up after lunch. This would average 15 hours per week. Must be willing to have a FBI/BCI background check.
- **Music, Computer, or Phys Ed Teacher** – These are part-time positions. The applicant must have a valid Ohio teaching license, have a background check, and adhere to Lutheran teachings. Applicant must supply 3 references and be interviewed.

If interested in any of these positions, please contact Principal Kramer at the school (419-598-8702) or in-coming school board president, Joel Stier at 419-277-1142.

OPTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION DURING COVID - During this time of pandemic, we are making Holy Communion available in the following ways:

- **Thursday evening Communion services** prior to first and third Sundays
- **First and Third Sundays each month** – in the Sanctuary, and drive-thru after the service
- **Second Sundays** – after the service in the sanctuary

Drive-thru Communion is on the first and third Sundays for those who have participated in the Divine Service from the parking lot.

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!

THREE WAYS TO GIVE YOUR REGULAR OFFERING

- Deposit your offering in the narthex when you come to worship, or if you're listening to the FM broadcast, give your offering to the usher or deacon when they hand you your bulletin.
- Use the '**Give Now**' online giving page – a link (the blue button) is on our website.
- Mail your offering to the church.

CONTINUE BUILDING THE WALL: The St. John Youth & Family Center is up and running. But...there are still bricks to be engraved! Why not consider filling out an application, and give it to Joyce Wiechers or Cathy Gerken along with a check (*\$100 minimum for a brick*) with the inscription info you would like on it. Checks should be payable to *St. John Lutheran Church*, with “Youth Center” on the memo line. Let’s keep building, brick by brick!

3-YR AND 4/5-YR PRESCHOOL UPDATE: The 4/5-year old preschool class numbers are currently at 10 students. We are able to take a few more in this class. The 3-year old class has openings available, as they currently have 6 students enrolled. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling in our preschool program, please have them contact the school office at 419-598-8702 to obtain a registrations packet. There is a non-refundable \$30 registration fee that must accompany your registration form.

REPORT CARDS will be available for viewing and/or printing via FastDirect Communication as of today. We will no longer print hard copies from the office. Please check FastDirect today.

ST. JOHN GIRLS B-BALL OPEN GYM: Coach Schroeder will be holding open gyms for girls who will be going into Grades 3-8 next school year. These will be held at St. John from 1:00 – 2:30 pm on the following dates: **June 8, 10, 15, 17, 22; July 8, 13, 16, 20, 22.** Any questions...Call Coach Schroeder at 419-591-6655.

PIERSTORF MEMORIAL LOAN FUND – provides interest-free loans to Lutheran students who are or will be enrolled full time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university. This year, the maximum interest-free loan amount is \$3,000 for the school year. For information, visit www.Pierstorf.org and complete the 2021-2022 application. Applications open April 15, 2021 and close June 30, 2021.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – The Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on a few radio stations in our area. They cover many topics relevant to today’s issues. Broadcasts can be heard Sundays on: Archbold’s WMTR 96.1 FM at 7:30 AM; **Napoleon’s WNDH 103.1 FM at 9:00 AM;** Fort Wayne’s WOWO 1190 AM at 10:30 AM.

OHIO ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN: With all the flooding, tornadoes, and storms that have hit the southern states and the Midwest, please keep the OGT in your thoughts when disposing of clothing and household items. The Ohio Division OGT is located in the north end of the Culligan Water Conditioning building on Independence Drive in Napoleon. Someone is usually there to receive items on the first Tuesday of the month from 9:00-11:00 AM. If you need to drop off items at another time, please contact *Nancy Helmke* (419-758-3539), *Diann Meyer-Grieser* (419-267-3485), or *Vicki Grieser* (419-445-2986) and they will be happy to meet you and open the facility to receive your donations! PLEASE do not drop off items at the warehouse when it is closed. Thank you!

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.

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!

COUNCIL MINUTES – This is just a reminder that council meeting minutes are not published until they are approved a month later. If you would like to read about the most recent council meeting, an unofficial and unapproved copy of the minutes is available for viewing in the church office, usually within a week after the meeting.

BALCONY SEATING DURING WORSHIP – With livestreaming and recording of our services taking place from the balcony, we ask that as much as possible the congregation be seated the *nave* (the main seating area of the sanctuary) so that the microphones don't pick up extraneous sounds from the balcony. If you feel that you need to sit in the balcony because of the fullness of the sanctuary and for social distancing reasons, please keep that in mind that the microphones are nearby. *Thank you!*

STAMP COLLECTING: The LWML is collecting "Stamps For Missions." Here is what you do: Cut the stamps from the envelopes allowing ¼ inch margin or more around the stamp. The stamp may not be damaged and the perforations around the stamp must be perfect. Regular stamps are no longer accepted. You need not trim the stamp; we have someone who trims and sorts the stamps. Do not remove stamps from envelopes, albums, and older postcards. An "old" postcard is usually from 1930 or before. The most valuable stamps are commemorative and foreign. Collecting stamps is an easy way to participate in a mission project. A yellow box is on the table in the narthex.

TURN YOUR OLD USED CELL PHONE INTO A GIFT FOR THE POOR AND FOR YOUR CHURCH! Informed sources tell us that the average American household has 5 to 6 old unused cell phones lying around. Now you can put those phones to good use AND keep them out of the landfills. Bring them to church and deposit them in the large white box in the narthex. They will be forwarded to a company that sorts them and prepares them to be given to poor families for emergency use, and sends us a check. Old cell phones range in value from \$1 up to \$50.



A SAVE THE DATE: The *Annual Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing* will be held on Sat., July 31st this year with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Flyers available on the narthex table!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Tweet others as you would like to be tweeted.

*"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt,
so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." (Col 4:6)*