

# St. John Lutheran Church

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### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon Title & Text: "Hope for a Nation of Rebels" *Ezekiel 2:1-7*

Order of Service: Divine Service, Setting Five (LSB pg. 213)

Hymns: **839 ~ 948 ~ 836** (*tune, TLH 623*) ~ [Communion: **632, 612, 966**] ~  
(Commemorating Independence: **965, "America, the Beautiful"**)

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*Come, rejoice awhile! Put down your burdens, lift up your heart, the Lord is at hand. May you receive from the Lord all you have come to seek. If you are visiting with us, know that we are honored to welcome you. Please fill out the blue Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the baskets at the door as you leave today.*

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

- ✠ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✠
- ✠ Tim Badenhop, Dave Myles, Denny Bockelman, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Diane Von Deylen, Lou Ann Rosebeock, *Altar Guild* ✠

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY THIS MORNING

#### **Provoking Proverbs • Second Commandment**

**"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God."** Your name is the primary way people identify you; it's what you respond to and it's how you think of yourself. As such, you want to have a "good name," a name that others treat with high regard and respect. God is no different. Thus He commands those who fear, love and trust Him to honor His name in all that they do and say, that He may be held in high regard by all!

In our Sunday Adult Study, we are looking at the biblical Proverbs categorized according to the Ten Commandments. Join us this morning as the ***Proverbs provoke us*** to uphold God's name with honor and reverence. **Each session is a study unto itself, so don't feel like you shouldn't come if you weren't there for previous sessions.** Bible Study is a wonderful time of growth in God's Word and of Christian fellowship. **Oh, and we have coffee too!**



<b>In God's House This Week</b>		<i>Online church calendar: <a href="https://74058984.view-events.com">https://74058984.view-events.com</a></i>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Today	<b>9:00AM</b> 10:20AM	<b>Communion Service</b> Adult Bible Study
Thurs.	1:00 PM <b>7:00 PM</b>	Girls B-ball Open Gym ( <i>see bulletin note</i> ) <b>Thursday Evening Worship</b>
Sun.	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:20AM	<b>Worship Service with Communion following</b> Adult Bible Study
Mon.-Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Jacob Stuenkel, St. Peter Lutheran – Florida</i>

**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, Norma Damman, Evelyn Rohrs*, at Genacross – Napoleon
- ❖ *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, Jordan Lange*
- ❖ *Sue Hurst, Rev. Logan Scheiwe, Eileen Fitzenreiter*, for health concerns relating to cancer
- ❖ *Don Lawrence*, with thanksgiving for healing from Covid and for great progress in his battle to regain health
- ❖ *Esther Layton*, recovering from recent surgery
- ❖ *Mabel Bischoff*, with thanksgiving to God for successful back surgery and relief from pain
- ❖ *Sarah Stiles, Bev Elling's mother*, who is in declining health and under hospice care
- ❖ *Our School Board and Principal*, as they search for a 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science/Math Teacher

**THANK YOU!** The school would like to thank Dan Wachtman and Todd Wachtman for all the extra hours (volunteered) that they give to the school in order to keep our technology up and running smoothly. They can always be counted on to come at a moment's notice to fix anything that comes up throughout the school year. Thank you both so, so much!

**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.

**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!

**VBS PLANS CALLED OFF** – With thanks to those who signed up to help, we need to cancel plans for VBS this year due to lack of volunteer help and because our director has to back down because of scheduling changes and conflicts. We will take up VBS again next summer when Covid is hopefully nothing but a distant memory and life is more normal again.

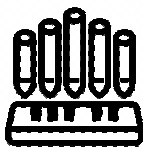


**LYF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** If any of the Sr High LYF members would like to volunteer to help serve the meal at the Stephanie Kossow Golf Outing, please contact Miss Bartok at 734-752-9893 by next Sun., July 11<sup>th</sup>. The Scholarship Fund will in turn make a donation to each of those LYF volunteer's National Youth Gathering account. The golf outing committee thanks you in advance!

**VOICES NEEDED** – Jr & Sr High LYF and anyone else who wants to join them, i.e. young adults, former SJL students, parents of students, etc. are invited to sing in the July 25<sup>th</sup> Worship Service. These will be very easy and familiar songs, so come join us! We will be doing very short practices after church today and the next two Sundays. Come when you can! Thank you!

**INTERESTED IN PLAYING THE ORGAN? BEING A CHURCH ORGANIST?**

Through a generous gift to the *LCMS Ohio District* from a family that loves Lutheran worship and hymnody, grant money is available for you to take organ lessons with an eye toward serving as a church organist. This grant can fund lessons for beginners, for pianists transitioning to organ, or for current organists wanting to hone their skills. Of course the other side of taking lessons is finding a teacher, and Pastor Niermann will be happy to work with you on that. Speak with the Pastor if you are interested!



<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 06/27/21	\$24,498.00	\$260.00	\$485.00
ATTENDANCE:	Thursday – NA;	Sunday – 132	

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** – Upcoming Events

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

- ✓ **Sun. July 25** **Retirement Celebration** – Come one, come all to the retirement celebration of long-time St. John teacher Lowell Petzoldt. Mr. Petzoldt will be recognized for his 44 years in the teaching ministry (all at St. John). There will be a short program followed by comments and well-wishes from various guests. These festivities will be held under a tent on the west lawn off the fellowship hall. It will be a catered meal by Brookview Farm Meats.
- ✓ **Sun. Aug. 22** **Outdoor Service and Rededication** of the old school as the new St. John Youth & Family Center. Rain date is the following Sunday (8/29).

**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!

**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. 85% of the fastest growing congregations in the Synod operate schools.

**ANNUAL SCHOOL CLEANING** has been set for **Mon., July 26** at 6:00PM. No cleaning on Tues., July 27 as carpets will be shampooed. On **Wed., July 27** starting at 6:00 PM put furnishings and desks back into classrooms, and clean other areas of the building. **Thurs., July 28** 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.

**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: July 8, 13, 16, 20, 22. Any questions...Call Coach at 419-591-6655.

**ST. JOHN SCHOOL POSITION OPENINGS** – St. John Lutheran School is seeking a few people to fill the following positions that are open for the next 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.
- **Music Instructor** – This individual is responsible for classroom music instruction one day per week for Grades K thru 8. Must have a background check.
- **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.
- **Science & Math Teacher** – This individual would be teaching Science and Math fulltime to Grades 5-8. This individual must have a valid teaching license, acquire a background check, furnish references, and be interviewed.

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

**GOLF OUTING:** *The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing will be on Sat., July 31<sup>st</sup> with a 1:00 PM* shotgun start. The meal provided with your golf registration is *½ BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert, and Lemonade.* Non-golfers interested in a “meal only” Chicken Dinner may contact Chris Hesterman at 419-783-2013 with your reservation by Fri., July 19<sup>th</sup>. The “meal only” reservation is a carryout meal and will be available at 5pm the day of the outing. The cost is \$20 (which goes into the Scholarship Fund). Flyers available on the narthex table!

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#### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**Jesus said “I’ll be back” way before Arnold did.**

*“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am..” (John 14:3)*