



St. John Lutheran Church

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon Title & Text: "Gathered, Not Scattered" *Mark 6:30-44*
Order of Service: *Divine Service, Setting One (LSB pg. 151)*
Hymns: 793 ~ 647 ~ (Communion: 625, 711) ~ 642

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome! We are here at the Savior's invitation; therefore let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, receiving mercy and finding grace to help in every time of need. If you have no church of your own, we invite you to make this your home church. If you are a visitor, please fill out the 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.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠
- ✠ Tim Badenhop, Dave Myles, Denny Bockelman, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Diane Von Deylen, Lou Ann Rosebrock, *Altar Guild* ✠

ADULT BIBLE STUDY THIS MORNING

Provoking Proverbs ♦ Third Commandment

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy." Most people forget that God's Third Commandment in Exodus 20 is not just about rest, but includes the command to work. That's because this commandment is all about keeping a proper balance in life between work and worship, labor and the Lord, vocation and vacation.

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 properly balance work and rest in our lives. **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!**



In God's House This Week *Online church calendar: <https://74058984.view-events.com>*

Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00AM	Communion Service
Mon.	6:00 PM	School Board Meeting
Tues.	1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Girls B-ball Open Gym (<i>see bulletin note</i>) Women of Freedom Meeting
Thurs.	1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Girls B-ball Open Gym (<i>see bulletin note</i>) Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Retirement Recognition for Lowell Petzoldt (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
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, 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
- ❖ *Steve Miller*, recuperating following recent back fusion surgery this past week
- ❖ *Our School Board and Principal*, as they search for a 7th & 8th Grade Science/Math Teacher

IT’S NATIONAL ICE CREAM DAY – and we’re having ice cream!

Today (Sunday) is *National Ice Cream Day*, and we couldn’t let it go by without enjoying some ice cream together. As they say, “*You can’t buy happiness, but you can buy ice cream and that’s pretty much the same thing.*” After worship, the church council will be in the south fellowship hall serving up bowls of ‘happiness’ with toppings. Let’s call it our *National Ice Cream Day Java Joy*. Please come on down and have a bowl, and enjoy one another’s company. **Remember to sanitize your hands when handling toppings or anything else others may touch.**



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THE TIME HAS COME! – Next Sunday, July 25th, St. John will be celebrating the retirement of long-time teacher, Mr. Lowell Petzoldt. Mr. Petzoldt taught at St. John – Freedom his entire teaching career, which spanned 44 years. To honor and recognize him, there will be a catered luncheon prepared by the Freedom Twp Men’s Club following the church service next Sunday. Along with the luncheon 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.

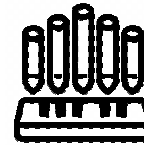
BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER: On August 6th, *Harold Behrmann* will be turning 97 years old. As he is currently at Fulton Manor Nursing and Rehab in Wauseon, we would like to ask anyone interested in sending him a birthday card, to do so. He would be very appreciative of hearing from many of you. We thank the Lord for blessing Harold with still another birthday. Here is the mailing address: Harold Behrmann, c/o Fulton Manor Nursing and Rehab, 723 S. Shoop Ave., Wauseon, OH 43567.

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 25th Worship Service. These will be very easy and familiar songs, so come join us! We will be doing a very short practice after church today. Come when you can! Thank you!

STAINED GLASS WINDOW LIGHTING – Currently we are experimenting with ways to light up our beautiful stained glass windows on the west (hallway) side of the sanctuary. Today we have lit up our newest window, ‘Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer.’ It is lit up with two flood light fixtures mounted to the hallway ceiling. Because these fixtures create light ‘hot spots,’ we are not yet certain this is the best way to light up these windows. We will be testing other lighting methods soon.

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!



<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 07/11/21	\$6,035.00	\$195.00	\$125.00
ATTENDANCE:	Thursday – 44;	Sunday –74	

OUTDOOR SERVICE DATE – The Church Council has established **Sunday, August 22nd** as the date for our annual Outdoor Service, with the following Sunday (8/29) as a rain date. This year at the outdoor service we are also planning to rededicate the old school building as our brand new *Youth and Family Center*. Please mark your calendar for this special date and event!

WHY LUTHERAN SCHOOLS? *Congregations in the Community*: As the school reaches many segments of the community, the parents who come to the school begin to inquire about the sponsoring congregation. Members frequently ask each other, “Does this congregation have a school?” But non-member school parents frequently ask the school, “Does this school have a church?” The congregation becomes better known in the community because of parents, and the school’s marketing efforts.

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 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 13th Annual Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing will be on Sat., July 31st 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 19th. 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...

"Life is like an ice cream cone – enjoy it before it melts."

Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot.

(Ecclesiastes 5:18)