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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sermon: "A Tower of God's Making" *Genesis 11:1-9*

Service: See printed Service Folder

Hymns: 500 ~ 502 ~ 560 ~ [Communion: 660, 497, 645] ~ 650

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* ✘ Cooper Speiser, Zeb Kramer, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Joe Badenhop, Doug Dietrich, Neil Badenhop, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ LouAnn Rosebrock, Diane Von Deylen, *Altar Guild* ✘

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION – This morning we recognize high school seniors from St. John who are graduating this year. They are **Clayton Behnfeldt, Taylor Dietrich, Gavin Gerken, Aliina Lange, Ashton Niese, Zak Schroeder, Hannah Wachtman, and Kaleb Woods**. We will be reminded of their confirmation class theme, "They Lived and Stood." 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: Today's Voters' Meeting will be held in the fellowship hall following today's Service. Agenda items are: 1) School matters regarding Grades 7&8; 2) Increase of salary increment for principal position; 3) Update on Call given to teacher for Grades 5&6.

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 and High School Graduate Recognition Voters' Meeting; Adult Instruction Class
Tues.	1:00 PM	Girls Basketball Open Gym (until 2:30 PM)
Wed.	1:00 PM	Girls Basketball Open Gym (until 2:30 PM)
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thurs. Evening Worship w/Communion (<i>Fellowship Hall – North End</i>)
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service with Communion following Farewell Reception for Miss Bartok; Retirement Reception for Rev. Charles and Pat Kramer
Mon.-Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM

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

- ❖ *Melba Elling, Lorna Von Deylen, Norma Damman*, at Genacross – Napoleon
- ❖ *Ruth Mahnke*, at Assisted Living – Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Lawrence Behrmann*, at Northcrest Nursing & Rehab and in hospice care
- ❖ *Military: Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Niermann, Jared Dishop, Jordan Lange*
- ❖ *Esther Layton, Sue Hurst, and Eileen Fitzenreiter*, concerns relating to cancer
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, at Ohio Veteran's Home, Sandusky, and battling lung cancer
- ❖ *Pat Kramer*, recuperating after successful surgery to prepare her for a prosthetic leg
- ❖ *Dave Crandall*, at Toledo Hospital and diagnosed with brain and lung cancer this past week
- ❖ *Henry Gerken*, hospitalized at St. V's – Toledo on Wednesday with a possible stroke

WELL WISHES AND GOODBYES! Next Sunday following the Worship Service, there will be a reception for **Miss Sarah Bartok** (Farewell) and **Rev. Charles and Pat Kramer** (Retirement) in the fellowship hall. Please stop down to wish all of them God's blessing and continued good health and success in their futures.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & SUMMER: There will be no Sunday School for the months of June, July, and August. We will resume Sunday School the second Sunday in September (9-11), which will be promotion Sunday.

ADULT INSTRUCTION AND MEMBERSHIP CLASS

This morning after worship Pastor Niermann is teaching the fourth session of an **Adult Instruction and Membership Class**, **“I have Good News for You about a Savior Who Saves You.”** This morning we will be discussing Holy Communion, the feast of forgiveness which Christ gave to His Church to sustain her faith until the day we sit with Christ at the eternal feast in His kingdom!

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES have moved to the north fellowship hall, and will continue to meet there throughout the summer months. Our Thursday services are always a preview of the coming Sunday, and Holy Communion is celebrated on the Thursdays prior to Communion Sundays. **Come one, come all!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

It's shaping up to be a great week of Vacation Bible School, which is scheduled for June 20-24 (Monday to Friday). A wonderful time of Christian education is being planned for students, entering grades Pre-6 next year.

Here are some things to note:

- **Student enrollment and registration**

Enroll online at our VBS website. A link is available on our sjl.org website, or type vbsmate.com/stjohnfreedomvbs into your web browser.

Alternatively, brochures with registration forms are available now in the narthex for you to enroll the children in your life. Fill it out and drop it in the box marked for this purpose.

- **Volunteer to help**

You can also use our VBS website to volunteer. Again, that link is available on our sjl.org website, or type vbsmate.com/stjohnfreedomvbs into your web browser. Please remember the words of Jesus, "*Let the little children come to Me,*" and check out the opportunities to serve His little ones!

- **VBS Mission Offering**

Each morning at our opening chapel we will receive an offering to help Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Toledo to call a full-time pastor. Because deafness makes it difficult to earn a good living, the deaf community is typically lower income and needs help in supporting a church where God's Word is proclaimed in the language they understand – American Sign Language. Rev. Shirrel Petzoldt has served this church for many years, but needs to retire. We pray that God will bring a new pastor to this congregation soon!

It's going to be a great adventure! Be sure to invite a friend!

VBS DONATIONS: Stay tuned for next Sunday's bulletin for a listing of needed items which we would ask to be donated to VBS. This request will encompass some of the snacks being planned that relate to the "Rainforest" theme, as well as craft items and accessories needed for the week. Please contact Andrea Oyer at 419-966-1806 with any questions about donations. Again, stay tuned!

JOIN A MINISTRY PLANNING TEAM FOR A MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET



The *Stewardship Board* is in the initial stages of planning a mother/daughter banquet for the fall of 2022. We are seeking individuals, both women and men, to form a ministry planning team to coordinate this event. We need the help of the women to plan an event that will have appeal to girls and women, and the help of men to coordinate the set-up, serving, and clean-up for the event so that the girls and women can enjoy a nice evening together. Sign up today as part of this planning team using the form provided in the narthex. Thank you!

SEEKING NEW YOUTH LEADER – Now that Miss Bartok has taken a call to a new field of service, we are seeking the services of a new LYF (*Lutheran Youth Fellowship*) leader for our congregation. If you might be interested in serving in this way, please speak with Pastor Niermann. And thank you for considering this. This is a crucial ministry and a noble work that we must provide for our youth in these days when so many other forces are working to pull them away from Christ.



TALK RADIO AND PODCASTS FOR THINKING CHRISTIANS... 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: The Movie "Top Gun: Maverick," Just War Tradition, Science in an Age of Unreason, The Doctrine of the Trinity and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

UPDATE ON ORDERING ALTAR FLOWERS: With the sudden loss of Mabel Bischoff, who took care of ordering altar flowers for many years, we have heard from Nancy Glaser that she will be taking care of altar flowers going forward. So anyone wishing to place flowers on the altar or piano for a certain Sunday service, please sign up on the "Flower Calendar" posted in the narthex. Then about two weeks before that date, please call or text *Nancy Glaser* at 419-906-0963. **NOTE: The price for flowers through the Women of Freedom has also increased to \$25.00.** Please make checks payable to Women of Freedom. Remember that it is your responsibility to call Nancy either way; if you would like the Women of Freedom to order the flowers or if you are going to take care of ordering the flowers yourself. This will alleviate any confusion.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Please note the church office hours during the summer 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!

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.

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 your FastDirect today!

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 5/29/22	\$6,055.00	\$660.00	\$90.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 40; Sunday – 102

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.

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 10 students enrolled and can take about 3 more students. 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.

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. For more information, visit www.Pierstorf.org and complete the 2022-2023 application. Applications open April 15, 2022 and close June 30, 2022.

POSITION OPENINGS:

- St. John Lutheran School is seeking a **preschool teacher aide** (3-yr class) for Wednesday and Friday mornings next school year. Applicant must have experience with preschool-age children, obtain a background check, and supply three references.
- St. John Lutheran School is seeking a part-time **school custodian** position for next school year.
- St John Lutheran School is seeking a **long term sub teacher for kindergarten**. Our current teacher will be taking a maternity leave beginning the first week of September. Applicant must have a valid teaching certificate, obtain a background check, and supply three references.
- St. John Lutheran School is asking for your help as we are seeking names for consideration for the **Principal position** and the **7th & 8th Grade Teacher position** for the 2022-2023 school year. Pastor Kramer (Principal) and Pat Kramer (Grade 7&8 Teacher) will both be leaving us at the end of the current 2021-2022 school year. Requirements for the jobs are: Must have a Bachelor degree in education, obtain a background check, supply three references, and adhere to the St. John Lutheran Church and School religious beliefs. If you have names please call the school office at 419-598-8702.

ST. PAUL CROSS COUNTRY PARENT MEETING: Cross Country Athletes - Coach Montgomery will be hosting a brief meeting for upcoming 4th-8th graders who would like to participate this coming fall on the cross country team. The meeting will be held in the Trinity Center at St. Paul Lutheran on Tuesday, June 7th at 4:15pm following Vacation Bible School. The athlete and at least one of his/her parents must be present at this meeting. Please reach out to Catherine Elling at 419-592-5536 if you have any questions.

ST. JOHN GIRLS B-BALL OPEN GYMS: Coach Schroeder will be holding open gyms for girls who are going into Grades K-6 next school year. These will be held at St. John from 1:00 – 2:30 PM on the following dates: June 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22; July 12, 13, 19, 20. Flyers with more information are available on the narthex table. Any questions...Call Coach Schroeder at 419-591-6655.

HAWKS PIZZASAVE THE DATE!** FYI...On Sat., August 20th, Hawks Pizza in Napoleon will be donating 10% of their total sales that day to St. John School. This is a community fundraising event they have chosen us to participate in with them. Flyers will be made available as it gets closer.

SLK GOLF OUTING: The *Annual Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing* will be held on Sat., July 30th with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Registration flyers are available on the narthex table.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Christmas is God with us. Good Friday is God for us. Pentecost is God in us.

“I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes.” Ezekiel 36:27

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