

# St. John Lutheran Church

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### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon: "The Destroyer is Destroyed" *Luke 8:26-39*

Service: Divine Service, Setting Three (LSB pg. 184)

Hymns: **825 ~ 541** ~ (Communion: **811, 656**) ~ **549**

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### WELCOME TO OUR FATHERS

*As we celebrate Father's Day, we recognize the important role which Christian fathers play in their families. We ask that our loving Father in Heaven would bless them all in carrying out this God-given responsibility. If you are our guest today, simply fill out the 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!*

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

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Alex Wachtman, Garrison Kruse, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Joe Badenhop, Doug Dietrich, Neil Badenhop, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Lou Ann Rosebrock, Diane Von Deylen, *Altar Guild* ✠

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are provided today by the *Randy Rosebrock Family* in honor and in memory of our family and friends who share heavenly or earthly birthdays in the month of June. We remember those who have passed, and celebrate with those who are with us still. Happy Birthdays!

**PASSED AWAY:** *Ruth Mahnke*, 80, passed away on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at Henry County Hospital. Ruth's funeral was held here at St. John yesterday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Burial followed at St. John Lutheran Cemetery. We continue to keep Ruth's children, Kelly (Kirk) Jackson, Mike (Bonnie) Mahnke, and Amy (Scott) Franklin, in our daily prayers at this time of mourning for them.

### **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!



## In God's House This Week

Online church calendar: <https://74058984.view-events.com>

Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00AM 10:20AM	<b>Communion Service</b> Adult Instruction; Adult Bible Study
Mon.	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School begins (until 11:30 AM)
Tues.	9:00 AM 1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Vacation Bible School (until 11:30 AM) Girls Basketball Open Gym (until 2:30 PM) Gerald Busy Fingers 4-H Club (@ Youth Center)
Wed.	9:00 AM 1:00 PM	Vacation Bible School (until 11:30 AM) Girls Basketball Open Gym (until 2:30 PM)
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Vacation Bible School (until 11:30 AM) <b>Thurs. Evening Worship</b> (Fellowship Hall – North End)
Fri.	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School ends (until 11:30 AM)
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	<b>Worship Service</b> Adult Instruction; Adult Bible Study
Mon.-Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM

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

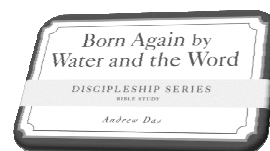
- ❖ *Melba Elling, Lorna Von Deylen, Norma Damman*, at Genacross – Napoleon
- ❖ *Lawrence Behrmann*, at Northcrest Nursing & Rehab and in hospice care
- ❖ *Military: Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Niermann, Jared Dishop, Jordan Lange*
- ❖ *Esther Layton, Sue Hurst, and Eileen Fitzenreiter*, concerns 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 home recuperating from recent surgery related to lung cancer
- ❖ *Henry Gerken*, at Henry County Hospital Swing Bed for rehab therapy
- ❖ *Irene Joost*, recovering from a recent fall and a procedure to fix a cracked vertebrae
- ❖ *John & Abby (Dietrich) Buldas*, on the birth of a baby girl, *Tinsley Sofia*, on Fri., June 10<sup>th</sup> at Fulton County Health Ctr, Wauseon. Mother and baby are doing well. Congrats!

### **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!

### **SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

A new Adult Sunday Bible study is underway this morning titled “**Born Again by Water and the Word – A Study of Infant Baptism.**” One of the most noticeable differences between Christian denominations is whether or not they baptize infants. Many protestant denominations do not practice infant baptism, and even require those who join their fellowships to renounce their baptism as an infant and be re-baptized. What does Scripture say? *This study is being led by Jeremy Heilman, son of our members Don & Kay Heilman and formerly an LCMS pastor.*



**VBS DONATIONS:** Here is a list of donation requests for crafts and snacks needed for VBS that relate to the “Rainforest” theme:

*Empty paper towel and TP rolls, small tubs, disposable green tablecloths, green pool noodles (6), adhesive jewels, washable markers, religious stickers, construction paper, tipped colored cords, colorful laces/yarn, rainbow craft sand, beads, cups, napkins, plates, gallon bags, animal cookies, graham crackers, goldfish crackers, cheese sticks, raisins, pretzel squares, squeeze tube frosting vanilla/chocolate, juice*

There is a signup sheet on the narthex table. Please contact Andrea Oyer at 419-966-1806 with any questions about donations.

Thank you ALL!!



### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022**

VBS begins Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. and runs through Friday. It's shaping up to be a great week. A wonderful time of Christian education is being planned for students, entering grades Pre-6 next year. Here are some things to note:

- **You can still enroll students**

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

- **VBS Mission Offering – received each morning in the Opening Chapel**

**Each morning 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!

- **Root Beer Floats on Friday after Closing Chapel**

**Root Beer Floats to close our VBS has become a tradition at St. John, and this year will be no exception.** Students and their families are invited to gather in the fellowship hall at 11:30 a.m. on Friday to enjoy these yummy treats.

- **VBS Students Songs in Worship Next Sunday, June 26**

**Next Sunday at the end of our worship the VBS** students will be invited forward before the congregation for a special children's message, and to sing a few select VBS songs for the congregation. Finally, the students will lead the congregation in singing the closing hymn, "Beautiful Savior."

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

**CHRIST-CENTERED, CROSS-FOCUSED**... 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 "Jurassic World: Dominion;" The Sanctus; The Hero's Journey & Jesus; Black Liberation Through the Marketplace; The Return of Christ and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**WOMEN OF FREEDOM:** There is no June meeting...but the LWML Quarterlies and ODE's for summer 2022 are available in the tract rack by the narthex table. Pick up your copy today and enjoy!

**PASSING THE OFFERING PLATES** – The Church Council voted at its last meeting to resume the practice of passing the offering plates during worship, starting Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. One of the practical reasons is to address a concern that had been raised that having the offering plates in the narthex created some confusion for guest worshippers who did not know where or when to give an offering, and consequently gave no offering.

On a more biblical note, restoring the offering back to the church's liturgy reminds us that giving our gifts is not incidental to our worship of God, but part and parcel to our worship. Yes, we come here primarily for the 'Divine Service' (*German, 'Gottesdienst'*), where God serves us in Word and Sacrament. Yet we do remain passive in worship, as though there is nothing for us to do. God's service to us, 'Divine Service,' calls forth our service to Him in sacrifices of **praise** (*Heb 13:5*), **prayer** (*Psa 141:2*), **song and thanksgiving** (*Psa 107:22*), and **offerings** (*Psa 54:6 - "With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You."*) For this reason the offering properly belongs in the context of the liturgy, just as much as the sacrifices of our praise, prayers and songs.



**TWO CONVENTIONS TO KNOW ABOUT** – There are two church conventions that are taking place these days for which your prayers are requested:

- **The Ohio District Lutheran Women's Missionary League** met this Friday and Saturday at St. Paul in Napoleon, under the theme, "Lord of the Harvest." New mission grant projects were chosen, and there were mission speakers, service projects, and much fellowship and worship. Pray that God would richly bless every mission endeavor of the LWML, as they work diligently to bring in the harvest.
- **The Ohio District LCMS Convention** is the official convention of the Ohio District, which will meet at Concordia University, Ann Arbor this Wednesday to Friday. The convention theme is "Gathered and Sent." Delegates will consider the business of our district, elect our leaders, receive reports from various leaders and boards, and study the Scriptures together. Pray that God will bless every discussion and decision at this convention, for the advance of His kingdom!

<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 6/12/22	\$5,215.00	\$630.00	\$160.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 32; Sunday – 114

**MEMORIALS** for *Mabel Bischoff*: St. John Lutheran Church – Home Fund - \$345.00  
St. John Women of Freedom - \$265.00

**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.

**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.

**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS** need to be turned in to the office by Wednesday of each week in order to be included in the Thursday and Sunday bulletin. Please note this. Thank you!

**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!

**THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES** take place each week, May through October, at 7:00 p.m. Until school resumes, we are gathering in the north fellowship hall for these services. As always, Holy Communion is celebrated on the Thursday evenings prior to Communion Sundays.

**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](http://www.Pierstorf.org) and complete the 2022-2023 application. Applications open April 15, 2022 and close June 30, 2022.

**PROJECT CONNECT** – There are many **new, 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*,” “*Forgiveness is a Choice*,” “*Setting Priorities*,” “*Journey Through the Rat Race*,” “*Helping Your Child Have a Relationship with God*,” “*Your Place in God’s Plan*,” “*Love Thy Neighbor*,” “*Stressed but Connected*,” “*For Better, For Worse*,” “*What Is Faith in Jesus?*” and many more. Booklets furnished through Lutheran Hour Ministries.

**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. 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.

**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.

**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!

**WORSHIP ANEW** – Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. produces a weekly, 30-minute Lutheran broadcast worship service called Worship Anew. Each service includes music, scripture readings, prayers, and a pastor delivering a message that is designed to feel one-on-one to the viewer. Each program is closed-captioned for the hearing impaired. For over 50+ years, the ministry's dedicated staff and supporters have touched the lives of countless viewers around the world. They look forward to the continuation and expansion of this ministry in the years to come. Lutheran Ministries Media would like to thank you for your prayers and your support of God's work through Worship Anew. Broadcast can be viewed every Sunday on: **Toledo's WTVG(CW) Channel 13.2 at 10:30 AM.**

**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.

**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, have them contact the school at 419-598-8702 to obtain a registrations packet. There is a non-refundable \$30 registration fee that must accompany your registration form.

**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.
- If you know of anyone interested in these positions, please call the school office at 419-598-8702.

**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 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.

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

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**Dad – a son's first hero, a daughter's first love.**

*"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward." Psa 127:3*