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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon: "All Things Reconciled through Him" *Colossians 1:21-29*
Service: Divine Service, Setting Four (LSB pg. 203)
Hymns: **817**: 1-3,7 ~ **571** ~ (Communion: **616, 827**) ~ **829**

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* ✠ Alex Wachtman, Brice Baumert, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Tim Badenhop, Denny Bockelman, Dave Myles, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Ronda Wentworth, Kaylee Buchhop, Karen Lulfs, Karan Niebergall, *Altar Guild* ✠

WELCOME BACK YOUTH FROM THE LCMSYG!

We welcome back from Houston, Texas six of our youth who attended the **LCMS Youth Gathering** this past week. We are thankful for their safe travels and for the opportunity they had to grow in their faith with thousands of other youth from across the church and the world. 20,000 youth and their leaders gathered under the theme, "In All Things," with the goal that each participant catch a vision for the vastness of Christ's Church and be equipped for vocational service as they continue their walk with Jesus. Pray that the seed planted at the youth gathering may produce a rich harvest of faith and good works in the lives of all who attended!



ALTAR GUILD CONSIDERATION: We are currently very low on Altar Guild staff. We could use a few more teams to help with our church services. If this is something that you would consider helping with, it would be greatly appreciated. Two or three people on a team works out very good. If anyone is interested, please contact Diane Von Deylen at 419-966-0527.

In God's House This Week

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

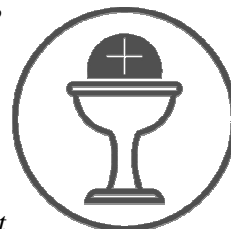
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00AM 10:20AM 1:30 PM	Communion Service Adult Bible Study Gerald Busy Fingers 4-H Club (Fellowship Hall)
Tues.	1:00 PM 7:00 PM	B-ball: Girl's Open Gym (<i>see bulletin note</i>) Gerald Busy Fingers 4-H Club (<i>Youth Center</i>)
Wed.	1:00 PM	B-ball: Girl's Open Gym (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Thurs.	7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Thurs. Evening Worship with Communion (<i>Fellowship Hall – North</i>) Stewardship Board Meeting (following service)
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service 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, Eileen Fitzenreiter, and Dave Crandall*, concerns relating to cancer
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, at Ohio Veteran's Home, Sandusky, and battling lung cancer
- ❖ *Henry Gerken*, admitted to St. V's – Toledo this past week with serious health issues
- ❖ *Irene Joost, Jason Foor and Cora Bartok*, recuperating from recent health concerns

NEW SUMMER SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY – “Disciples at the Lord's Table”

As Karen, a life-long disciple of Christ, approached the Lord's Table, her mind was flooded with all the reasons she should not be there – her cruel words to her mother, her drinking beyond what she knew to be her limit, the 'dangerous' intimacy with her boyfriend that was happening way too soon in their relationship – and all of that just the previous evening. Her ears kept hearing the words, “*Take, eat...take drink,*” but her mind kept telling her, “*I can't do this! Not with this disrespectful, drunken, lustful mouth of mine! I have no business here at the Lord's Table.*”



If you could freeze time, and talk with Karen on her way to the Lord's Table, what would you say to her? Should she be there? Do you sometimes have similar thoughts as you come to the Lord's Table? **When all is said and done, who is worthy to come to the table of the Lord?**

Join us, starting this morning, for a new Sunday Bible study, “Disciples at the Lord's Table.”

The purpose of this Bible study, as part of our discipleship series, is to help Christians dig into Scripture to explore some of the primary teachings of Jesus. That's how disciples are made—by the power of His Word. Therefore, this study is for people who, led by Christ, want to be His disciples, but are perhaps puzzled by certain biblical teachings and want to find answers for their heartfelt questions.

Join us in the fellowship hall! The coffee is on!

ANY VOLUNTEERS??? Since Sarah Bartok will be moving to Springfield, MO at the end of July, she is asking if there are any volunteers to help load up her personal and household goods on Sun., July 24th at 3 PM. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Please call Sarah at 734-752-9893 to let her know you can help out. Thank you!

MORE VOLUNTEERS...from packing at Miss Bartok's to now painting! This time the School Board is asking if there are any volunteers to help them paint the 5th & 6th and 7th and 8th Grade classrooms, along with the Principal's office on Wed., July 20th beginning at 5:30 PM. Please come if you can and help us "knock out" this project before school starts. Thank you!

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 7/10/22	\$9,115.00	\$360.00	\$535.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 39; Sunday – 73

MEMORIALS for *Ruth Mahnke*: St. John Lutheran Church – Home Fund - \$697.00

THREE WAYS TO GIVE YOUR REGULAR OFFERING


- Deposit your envelope or offering in the offering plate being passed during the service.
- Use the 'Give Now' online giving page – a link (the blue button) is on our website.
- Mail your offering to the church.

OUTDOOR SERVICE & CONGREGATIONAL MEAL – Sunday, August 21st

Mark your calendars for our special annual **Outdoor Service**, and pray for favorable weather! (It was a bit hot and muggy last year!) Worship will be at 10:00 a.m. on the grounds next to the Youth & Family Center. This year we'll rearrange things so we can sit on the lawn and take advantage of the shade of the large tree. It's going to be a special day...

- Introduction and Installation of new school staff – **Miss Tracy Germann** as Principal, and **Mr. Stephen Benson** as 5&6 Grade Teacher.
- **Congregational meal afterwards in the fellowship hall** (freewill offering). You'll have a chance to formally greet Miss Germann and Mr. Benson and hear from them about their lives and ministries and what brought them here to us. Let's make this a card shower for them as well. More details will be forthcoming.

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!

ST. JOHN GIRLS B-BALL OPEN GYMS: Coach Schroeder will be holding the last 2 open gyms for girls who are going into Grades K-6, on Tues & Wed, July 19 & 20 from 1:00 – 2:30 PM.

UPCOMING SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:

- ▶ The St. John School will be holding its new school year Open House on **Sun., Aug. 21st** following the Outdoor Service. This is for Kindergarten thru Gr. 6 families. Teachers will be available to meet students and parents. Students can drop off materials in their classrooms.
- ▶ School fees can be paid beginning Monday (Aug. 22nd) and Tuesday (Aug 23rd) from 8am – noon...and also following Opening Chapel on Wed., Aug. 24th.

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 11 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.

ANNUAL SCHOOL CLEANING has been set for **Mon., July 25** at 6:00PM. No cleaning on Tues., July 26 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. 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.

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 **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.

HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Zion Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners, is hosting an Ice Cream Social **today** with serving from 11 AM – 1 PM. See flyer on bulletin board.

GOLF OUTING: The **14th Annual Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing** will be on **Sat., July 30th 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 22nd. 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...

There are some questions that even Google can't answer.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.” Isa 55:8