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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Jeremiah said WHAT?" *Jeremiah 20:7-13*

Order of Service: Matins, LSB pg. 219

Hymns: 779 ~ Psalm 91:1-10 ~ 770 ~ (Canticle: 941) ~ 739

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome in the name of the Lord. We pray that through this time of stillness and song, prayer and proclamation, you may experience the Spirit of God at work in your life. If you do not have a local church home, we extend a warm invitation to you to become a part of our church family. Simply fill out the blue Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack and drop it in the baskets at the doors as you leave this morning. Your presence is a blessing to us.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✘ Addison Naveau, Peyton Naveau, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Doug Dietrich, Nick Sonnenberg, Joe Badenhop, Neil Badenhop *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Lou Ann Rosebrock, Diane Von Deylen, *Altar Guild* ✘

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THANKS!

We had a great week of VBS this past week, with 44 students enrolled! It was all about *God's Living Water*, and the amazing things God does with and through water. The students got a little wet on some days, but fun was had by all, and growth together in faith. The VBS Chapel Offerings for the week totaled \$207, which will be added to the National Offering which you can read about in this bulletin.



Thank you to *Kelly Sonnenberg, Megan Bostelman, and Bonnie Niermann* for their role as teachers for the week. Thanks also to *Emersyn Gerken* (games), *Maddox Oyer, Evelyn Szabo, Alicia Wakefield, and Melissa Lee* for their amazing help with VBS this year. And a special thanks to *Andrea Oyer* for her leadership in pulling together the staff and everything needed for a successful week. Thanks also to those who provided material things for the students to use and enjoy. There is no greater privilege than to tell the children the amazing things God has done for us and for our salvation!

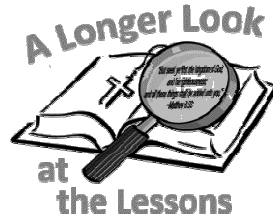
In God's House This Week		<i>Online church calendar: https://74058984.view-events.com</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Study
Mon.	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	<i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution Stewardship Board Meeting
Tues.	9:30 AM 7:00 PM	<i>LifeLight</i> Bible Study at the Youth & Family Center Board of Elders
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thursday Worship Service (with communion)
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Study

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
- ❖ Our Shut-Ins: *Irene Joost* and *Leona Durham*
- ❖ Military: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Carmon, Jared Dishop, Jordan Lange*
- ❖ *Alan Gruenhagen, Sue Hurst, Dave Crandall, Eddie Harris*, health concerns related to cancer
- ❖ *Marietta Damman*, who underwent a back procedure to relieve pain and is recovering at home
- ❖ *Elaine Mahnke*, recovering at Northcrest Rehab, Napoleon after hospitalization
- ❖ *Arlene Gruenhagen*, recuperating from shoulder replacement surgery this past week
- ❖ *St. John Lutheran Church, Holgate*, as they receive their new pastor today, Rev. James Haugen. Service is at 3:30 this afternoon if you might be interested to attend.
- ❖ *Ron Hesterman*, recuperating from a heart ablation procedure this past week

SUMMER SUNDAYS ADULT BIBLE CLASS

This morning after worship we will begin Sunday morning Bible studies that take “A Longer Look at the Lessons.” These week-by-week studies take a more in-depth look at the Scripture readings that are read in worship that morning. Each Sunday is a study unto itself, so that if you have to miss one Sunday, you can easily pick up again the following Sunday. **Please join us in the fellowship hall** – there’s coffee, juice, a little something to munch, blessed fellowship, and the Word of God.



LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY – END TIMES

Meets this Tuesday, June 27, 9:30 – 10:45 a.m.

We’re off and running on a wonderful Bible study together about the end of times, and what it means for us to know both the Author of our story and the ending He has written for us. It is a source of great comfort and joy in this world that seems to be going nowhere but down.

***LifeLight Bible Study* meets in the east room of the Youth & Family Center.**

For those who may have trouble with stairs, a stair lift is available through the front (south) doors.



<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 6/18/23	\$6,487.00	\$255.00	\$410.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 41; Sunday – 136

A SPECIAL GIFT – With a prayer of thanks to God, the Church Council at its past meeting received a special gift from the estate of *Hildegard Ludeman*, presented by the Doug & Sandra Dietrich family (Doug is Hildegard's nephew). This gift has been deposited into the account maintained by the Stewardship Board, and discussions will begin on how best to be stewards of this gift. Further details will be forthcoming in council minutes, and at future Voters' meetings. We praise God for our sister in Christ and husband, Bob, and for their thoughtful gift to our church.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Outdoor Mission Festival

Mark your calendar --- this year's outdoor service is set for **Sunday, August 20 at 9:30 a.m.** Here is a preview of what will be happening that day.

- **Mission Festival** – Our guest preacher that day will be **Rev. Charles Tessaro**, Bible Translation Consultant for Nigeria with *Lutheran Bible Translators*.
- **Presentation of Mission Gift** – We will present Rev. Tessaro a gift from our congregation for the translation of the Gokanna Small Catechism. More information will be coming.
- **Blessing of the Backpacks** – Students returning to school, any school, are invited to bring their backpacks for a blessing and a little something to clip on as a reminder.
- **Congregational Meal** – About 11:00 a.m. we will sit down to a meal in the fellowship hall, and hear a little more from Rev. Tessaro about his work with Bible translation.

LCMS NATIONAL OFFERING BEGINS NEXT WEEK: On the first three Thursdays and Sundays of July, the *Old Mission Offering Box* will be out to receive our gifts for this year's *LCMS National Offering*. Every three years, when our church body assembles in convention, a special offering is received for a designated mission. This year the *LCMS National Convention* will be held in Milwaukee, July 29 to August 3, where the offering will be gathered at the opening worship service. Sister congregations from all over the nation will send their contributions with their respective circuit delegates, to be added to this national offering.



To add your gift to this offering, please deposit cash or a check into the *Old Mission Offering Box* in the narthex (*make checks to St. John Lutheran Church, with 'National Offering' in the memo*). Our combined gift will then be taken to the convention by our circuit delegates, Rev. Peter Marcis and Mr. Randy Carothers, who will place it in the offering baskets at the convention worship service.

This year's offering is designated for the translation and production of doctrinal and educational resources for disseminating and teaching the Gospel to language groups around the globe. It's a mission worthy of our support!

SUMMER HOURS: The church office hours during the summer are Tues.- Fri. 9AM – 3PM. Closed over lunch and all day on Mondays. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) first.

PIERSTORF COLLEGE FUND: The Pierstorf College Fund is a one-of-a-kind pan Lutheran financial aid program that provides interest-free loans to all Lutherans pursuing a higher education who live in the State of Ohio. These loans are specific to students who are or will be enrolled full time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university. This year, the maximum interest-free loan is \$4,000 for the school year. For information, visit www.Pierstorf.org to complete the online 2023-2024 application. Application deadline is June 30, 2023. Questions can be emailed to Pierstorf@messiahfp.org.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL POSITION OPENINGS – St. John Lutheran School is seeking people to fill several positions that will be opening after this school year.

- **7th & 8th Grade Teacher** – The requirements are: Must have a Bachelor’s degree in education, obtain a background check, supply three references and adhere to the St. John Lutheran Church & School religious beliefs.
- **Music Instructor** – This individual is responsible for classroom music one day per week in Grades K-8. Applicant must obtain a background check along with three references.
- **STEM Instructor** – This individual is responsible for overseeing the STEM program one day per week in Grades K-8. Applicant must obtain a background check along with three references.
- **School Cook** – This individual is responsible for ordering/purchasing, preparing, and serving lunch for approximately 40-50 students and staff during the school year; along with clean-up afterwards. This would average 15 hours per week. Applicant must obtain a background check.
- **Freedom Flock Director** – This individual is responsible for overseeing the aides in charge of the care of the students in the after-school care program each day from 3:00-6:00 pm; submitting payroll hours; purchasing snacks; filling in as an aide when needed . Applicant must obtain a background check.

If you know of anyone interested, please call the school office or reach out to Miss Germann at tgermann@sjl.org.

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 10 – 11:30 AM on the following dates: July 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27. Informational flyers are available on the narthex table. Any questions...call Coach Schroeder at 419-591-6655.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR HAWK’S COMMUNITY DAYS: Coming again in August (Sat., Aug. 19th) will be Hawk’s Community Days. On that day, Hawks will donate 10% of their sales for the day, to St. John Lutheran School. This has been a big success for both St. John School and Hawks in the past. We will have flyers available as it gets closer. Let’s keep up the great support shown for St. John, by ordering your favorite food at Hawk’s Pizza on Sat., Aug. 19th.

GOLF OUTING: The 15th Annual Stephanie Kossow Memorial Golf Outing will be held at White Pines Golf Course on **Sat., July 29th**, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Registration forms available on the narthex table!

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Food For Thought...

When life knocks you to your knees, you’re in the perfect position to pray!

“Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.” (Psa 50:15)