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Pastoral Vacancy
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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "The Strong Man is Bound" *Mark 3:27*

Order of Service: *See printed Service Folder*

Hymns: 645 ~ 668 ~ 781 ~ 656

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 Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the baskets at the doors as you leave today.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Elaine Buenger, *Organist* ✘ Anna Sausser, Anika Rosebrock, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Neil Badenhop, Doug Dietrich, Nick Sonnenberg, Joe Badenhop, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Kathy Gruenhagen, Deb Wachtman, Nancy Short, *Altar Guild* ✘

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in honor of *Lester & Dianne Behnfeldt's* 60th Wedding Anniversary, which was on Friday, June 7th. Be sure to congratulate them as you see them today. We wish the Behnfeldt's many more happy, healthy years together. Congratulations Les & Dianne!

GONE TOO SOON! *Alan Gruenhagen*, 64, passed away on the morning of Tuesday, June 4th at his home. Alan was a quiet, gentle man, but was always willing to help where needed. He will be sorely missed by his wife, Lori, children, Alex, Luke, Haley (James) O'Neil, and grandson, Jack. Please keep this family in your daily prayers at this time of sorrow.

MY DEVOTION BOOKLETS for the next quarter, *June, July, and August*, are available on the desk in the narthex. These are nice kid-friendly family devotions. Take time to be together and grow in your faith. Pick up a copy today!

In God's House This Week

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

Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 1:30 PM	Worship Service 4-H Meetings – Gerald Busy Fingers & Cloverbuds
Tues.	7:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thursday Evening Service with Communion
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Study

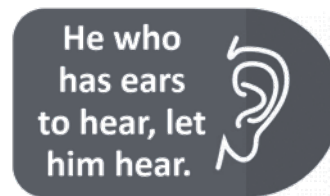
MATTERS FOR PRAYER – Please keep these people in your prayers:

- ❖ *Melba Elling, Norma Damman, Elaine Hesterman, and Elaine Mahnke* at Genacross
- ❖ *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*
- ❖ *Lowell Petzoldt*, for health concerns related to cancer
- ❖ *Steve Miller*, recuperating at home from back surgery

PREPARING OUR EARS TO HEAR – In today's Scripture readings we hear that **Jesus Has Defeated the Devil and Released Us from the Bondage of Sin and Death.** The devil deceived us,

enticing us to disregard and disobey the Word of God and driving us to hide “from the presence of the LORD God.” But the Lord, in His mercy, promised a Savior, who would set Himself against the devil on our behalf (Gen. 3:8–15). The Son of Man came, the incarnate

Son of God, conceived and born of the woman. He “first binds the strong man,” Satan, by atoning for the sins of the world, thereby removing the condemnation of the Law and the fear of death (Mark 3:27). Now He plunders the devil's house by calling all men to repent. Though He appears to be “out of his mind” (Mark 3:21), He fulfills the will of God and makes of us His own brothers and sisters. Therefore, “we do not lose heart,” despite the suffering, sin and death that we experience in this fallen world. “He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus.” By His grace, we are “being renewed day by day.” For the Gospel is daily bringing us into His presence, not for punishment, but for “an eternal weight of glory” (2 Cor. 4:14–17). **“He who has ears to hear, let him hear” (Matt 11:15).**



SUNDAY SCHOOL: There will be no Sunday School during the months of June, July, and August. We will resume Sunday School on September 8th.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 06/02/24	\$10,550.00	\$220.00	\$675.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (5/30/24) – N/A; Sunday (6/02/24) – 318

TO OUR DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST AT ST. JOHN - We cannot begin to find words to adequately thank you all for the outpouring of love and support last Sunday. Your kind words, your hugs, your gifts, as well as your very presence, overwhelmed us with feelings of love and nostalgia and thankfulness to God. This congregation of God's people has become our family, our closest sisters and brothers in Christ. We cannot think of anyone we would rather stand with in the assembly of believers to offer praise and thanks to God in worship. That day will come again, the Lord willing, although for a little while we will not be able to be present with you on the Lord's Day. But be assured that all of you will never be far from our minds or forgotten in our prayers. Thank you again, not just for blessing us last Sunday, but for over 25 years of your fellowship, love and prayers. God has blessed us through you. And when we stand shoulder to shoulder at the throne of God's Lamb in eternity, we will still, and forever, be thanking God for you! We love you all! *Pastor & Bonnie Niermann*

NOTES FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS – Please take note of the following.

- **THURSDAY SERVICES** - Thursday services will resume this week on June 13 in north end of the fellowship hall.
- **SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY** – We will resume Sunday Bible study next Sunday, June 16. This will be led by *Rev. Ted Rellstab* as we take a *Longer Look at the Lessons*. Each Sunday is a self-contained study, so if you miss a week, you can still jump right back in the following Sunday.
- **PASTORAL EMERGENCIES** – In the event you require emergency pastoral care, please call Rev. Charles Kramer at 567-277-1339.

LWML INGATHERING: The Women of Freedom are collecting new, greeting cards for the LWML State Convention Ingathering Mission. Examples of cards can be Thinking of You cards, Just A Note cards, any encouraging cards, etc. Please place them in box on the narthex table labeled “LWML Cards” and they will be taken to the Convention. Thank you!!

SUMMER SAVE THE DATE!!- The Women of Freedom will be heading to Special Grounds Coffee in Wauseon on **June 18th at 10 AM** for a tour of the facility, followed by social time and brunch/lunch at Special Grounds. This will take the place of the June Women of Freedom meeting. Everyone invited!

LWML SUMMER QUARTERLIES are available in the tract rack by the narthex table.

ANNUAL SCHOOL CLEANING DATES have been set for Mon., July 22 and Wed., July 24 starting at 5:00 PM both nights. Please read the Parent Participation Policy in FastDirect with all the details about family requirements for School Cleaning. The carpets will be cleaned on Tues., July 23, so no cleaning is done on Tuesday.

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 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24. Informational flyers are available on the narthex table. Any questions...call Coach Schroeder at 419-591-6655.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Please note the church office hours during the summer months 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 or 598-8702 to guarantee someone will be here.

FULL-TIME SCHOOL SECRETARIAL POSITION: We are now accepting résumés from anyone interested in applying for the full-time position of School Secretary. This is a fulltime position, working year-round. Requirements are a high school diploma, an accounting background, a good familiarity with Word, Excel, and Google Drive, computer use, and the ability to maintain a strict confidence. An Associate Degree in the secretarial field is a bonus. Applicants must be willing to submit a résumé, obtain a background check, supply three references, and must adhere to the religious beliefs of St. John Lutheran Church. Resumes should be emailed to tgermann@sjl.org, or dropped off at the school office.

PART-TIME CHURCH SECRETARY POSITION – We are currently seeking applicants for a part-time church secretary. This job would involve working two days per week (probably later in the week). Required are a high school diploma, an accounting background, a good familiarity with word processing, data base and computer use, and the ability to maintain a strict confidence. An Associate Degree in the secretarial field is a bonus. Applicants must be willing to submit a résumé, obtain a background check, supply three references, and must adhere to the religious beliefs of St. John Lutheran Church. If you know someone interested, please call the church office at 419-598-8961.

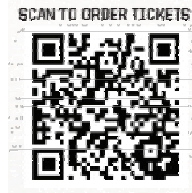
LUTHERAN NIGHT WITH FORT WAYNE TINCAPS – Tuesday, June 18

What's more fun than a bunch of Lutherans enjoying an evening of baseball? Answer: A bunch of Lutherans singing "A Mighty Fortress" together!

But still, the baseball is fun too! **The Fort Wayne Tin Caps are sponsoring a Lutheran Night Outing.** Use the scan code to unlock all the benefits --- \$12 tickets (\$1 of which will be donated to the *Care Package Program of Worship Anew.*);

\$2 concessions including hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks, and pizza slices; entrance into a drawing for \$50 (website: fevo-enterprise.com/event/Lutherannight6). The choir of Concordia Lutheran High School in Fort Wayne will sing

the national anthem. Organize yourselves into groups and order tickets together to ensure adjacent seating. Game time is at 7:05 p.m. and there will be fireworks after the game. Travel time from St. John is 1 hour, 15 minutes.



UPDATE - PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT – St. John Lutheran Preschool is still accepting enrollment applications for 2024-25 school year. The 4-yr old class still has open spots, and the 3-yr old class also has availability for next year. Anyone interested in enrolling your child in our preschool program should contact the school office at 419-598-8702 to request enrollment papers.

SAVE THE DATE! The 16th Annual Stephanie Kossow Memorial Golf Outing will be held at White Pines Golf Course on **Sat., July 27th**, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Forms available on the narthex table today!

BLOOD DRIVE: The Ridgeville American Legion is holding its bloodmobile on Mon., June 10th from Noon – 6PM at the Legion Hall located on County Road 19 outside of Ridgeville Corners, OH. Walk-ins welcome or you can go to 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule an appointment.