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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Whoever Would Have Thought" *Mark 4:26-34*
 Order of Service: Divine Service, Setting Four (pg. 203)
 Hymns: 790 ~ 500 [Communion: 628, 700] ~ 725

UPON ENTERING CHURCH *Happy Father's Day!... and a special, grateful welcome to all fathers this morning. We bless and cherish you for the strong, reliable and confident provider you have been or continue to be to your families. We salute you in the name of our Lord. If you are visiting with us this morning, help us get to know you better by filling out the blue Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you. Simply drop it in the baskets at the doors as you leave today.*

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

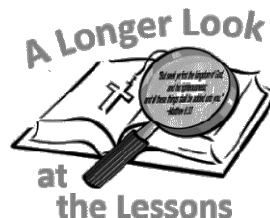
- ✠ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✠ Evelyn Szabo, Erin Damman, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Neil Badenhop, Doug Dietrich, Nick Sonnenberg, Joe Badenhop, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Kathy Gruenhagen, Deb Wachtman, Nancy Short, *Altar Guild* ✠



ANNIVERSARIES today are provided by the *Randy & LouAnn Rosebrock Family* in honor and in memory of their family and friends who share heavenly or earthly birthdays in the month of June. They remember those who have passed, and celebrate with those who are still with them. Happy Birthdays!

SUMMER ADULT BIBLE CLASS

This morning after worship we will have Sunday morning Adult Bible Study that takes "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.**



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	Communion Service Adult Bible Study
Tues.	10:00AM	Women of Freedom Outing to Special Grounds in Wauseon (see note)
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thursday Evening Service
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Study

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES – In the event you require emergency pastoral care, please call Rev. Charles Kramer at 567-277-1339.

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

- ❖ *Melba Elling, Norma Damman, Elaine Hesterman, and Elaine Mahnke* at Genacross
- ❖ *Lawrence Behrmann*, at Northrest 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
- ❖ *Linda Miller*, who is having minor surgery this Friday, and asks for prayers

PREPARING OUR EARS TO HEAR – In today’s Scripture readings we hear that **The Cross of Christ Is the Tree of Life, Which Bears Abundant Fruit after Its Own Kind**

The parables of our Lord convey the mysteries of the kingdom of God to those who are “able to hear it,” that is, “to his own disciples,” who are catechized to fear, love and trust in Him by faith (Mark 4:33–34). He scatters “seed on the ground,” which “sprouts and grows” unto life, even as “he sleeps and rises” (Mark 4:26–27). “On the mountain height of Israel,” He plants a young and tender twig, and it becomes “a noble cedar.” Indeed, His own cross becomes the Tree of Life, under which “every kind of bird” will dwell, and in which “birds of every sort will nest” (Ezek. 17:22–25). His cross is our resting place, even while now in mortal bodies, we “groan, being burdened” (2 Cor. 5:1–4). Yet in faith, we live for God in Christ, who for our sake “died and was raised” (2 Cor. 5:15). We know that, in His resurrected body, “we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens” (2 Cor. 5:1). ***“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.

FINANCIAL FACTS:	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 06/09/24	\$5,640.00	\$187.00	\$493.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (6/06/24) – N/A; Sunday (6/09/24) – 105

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*

THURSDAY SERVICES - Thursday services at 7:00 PM are now held in the north end of the fellowship hall.

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!!

WOMEN'S OUTING!!- 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!

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.



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!

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Father's Day Food For Thought...

"The righteous who walks in his integrity — blessed are his children after him!"
Proverbs 20:7

