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Pastoral Vacancy
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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "How to Sleep in a Storm" *Mark 4:35-41*

Order of Service: Service of Prayer & Preaching (pg. 260)

Hymns: 871 ~ 818 ~ 715

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.

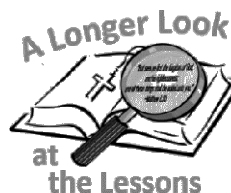


SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✘ Zeek Kramer, Cayden Ruffer, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Neil Badenhop, Doug Dietrich, Nick Sonnenberg, Joe Badenhop, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Kathy Gruenhagen, Deb Wachtman, Nancy Short, *Altar Guild* ✘

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.**



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.

In God's House This Week		Online church calendar: https://74058984.view-events.com
Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Study
Mon.	5:30 PM	<i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Thursday Evening Service
Fri.		Wedding Rehearsal – <i>Gerken / Niese</i>
Sat.		Wedding Ceremony – <i>Brady Gerken / Scarlett Niese</i>
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Worship Service Adult Bible Study

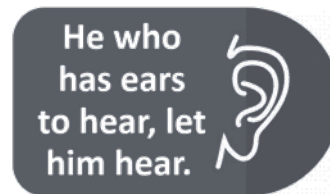
PASTORAL EMERGENCIES – In the event you require emergency pastoral care, please call **Rev. Charles Kramer at 567-277-1339.**

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

- ❖ *Melba Elling, Norma Damman, Elaine Hesterman, and Elaine Mahnke* at Genacross
- ❖ *Lawrence Behrmann*, at 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
- ❖ *Linda Miller*, who is recuperating from minor surgery this past week

PREPARING OUR EARS TO HEAR – In today’s Scripture readings we hear that *The Word of Christ Bestows Peace on His Creation through His Forgiveness of Sins*

In his anguish and affliction, Job must be reminded that, as a finite creature, he is in no position to question the Maker of the heavens and the earth. Job’s “words without knowledge” are unable to penetrate the wisdom of the Lord (Job 38:1–2). For the Lord has “prescribed limits” and “set bars and doors,” so that “here shall your proud waves be stayed” (Job 38:9–11). That’s how He humbles us unto repentance. But also by His powerful Word, He calms the “great windstorm” and the waves “breaking into the boat.” He does not permit the chaos of this fallen world to overwhelm us or bring us to despair. By the Word of His Gospel, He speaks “Peace!” to us, which bestows the “great calm” of His new creation (Mark 4:37–39). Therefore, do not be afraid, and do not receive this grace of God in vain. “Now is the favorable time,” and “now is the day of salvation” (2 Cor. 6:1–2). ***“He who has ears to hear, let him hear” (Matt 11:15).***



FINANCIAL FACTS:	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 06/16/24	\$3,976.00	\$75.00	\$45.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (6/13/24) – 30; Sunday (6/16/24) – 113

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.

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!!

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.

PROJECT CONNECT – There are many free booklets in the rack in the narthex. Be sure to check for some informative reading. Some titles are: “*Alzheimer’s: Facing the Loss of a Lifetime,*” “*Talking with God,*” “*Forgiveness is a Choice,*” “*Talking Openly with Kids,*” “*Setting Priorities,*” “*Your Place in God’s Plan,*” “*Stressed but Connected,*” “*Beyond Divorce,*” “*For Better, For Worse,*” “*What Is Faith in Jesus?*” and many more. These booklets are furnished through the Lutheran Hour Ministries.

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.



LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available for your use on the narthex table. Just pick one up and use it during worship, then return it to the table after worship. We hope these hymnals will be a blessing to you!

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. *(Also, please let us know how the system is working for you.)*

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.

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 the church office a call, and we'll see what we can do!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Locally you can listen to the Lutheran Hour Ministries broadcast on WMTR 96.1 FM, Archbold at 7:30 AM or on WNDH 103.1 FM, Napoleon at approximately 9:00 AM every Sunday. They cover many interesting topics relevant to today's issues.

WORSHIP ANEW: Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. produces a weekly, 30-minute Lutheran broadcast worship service called Worship Anew (*formerly Worship For Shut-Ins*). Each service includes music, scripture readings, prayers, and a pastor delivering a message that is designed to feel one-on-one to the viewer. 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 support of God's work through Worship Anew. Broadcasts can be viewed every Sunday on: *Toledo's WTVG (CW) Channel 13.2 at 10:30 AM.*

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.

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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Thought for the Week...

Give thanks for each day. You'll never get to live it over again.