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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "Freedom" *Romans 6:12-23*
Order of Service: Morning Prayer LBS pg. 235
Hymns: **561 ~ 570 ~ 933** (sub for *Benedictus*) ~ **691**

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 pass it to the center aisle during the offering.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✘ 1st Service: ✘ David Maassel, *Acolyte* ✘
- ✘ 2nd Service: ✘ Alex Stevens, *Acolyte* ✘
- ✘ Dave & Sara Myles, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Eldor & Rozella Gruenhagen, *Visitation* ✘
- ✘ Al Damman, Andy Damman, Tim Hodson, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Diane VonDeylen, LouAnn Rosebrock, Jeannette Bostelman, *Altar Guild* ✘

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed today in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of *Loren & Joyce Maassel* by their family. *Loren & Joyce* were married on June 20, 1964. An Open House will be hosted by their family today from 3:00-5:00 PM in the south end of the fellowship hall. All are welcome to come and wish *Loren & Joyce* congratulations, visit with relatives and friends, and have some light refreshments. Congratulations to the *Maassel's* and many more!

NEW ARCHIVES DISPLAY: It's Confirmation Anniversary time again! The Archives Committee has put up their annual display of confirmation classes celebrating anniversaries. The classes begin with the year 1934 celebrating their 80th anniversary and ends with the year 2009 celebrating their 5th anniversary. Is your class celebrating an anniversary or do you know a class that is? Stop by the display in the side hallway and check it out.

In God's House This Week		Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl
Date	Time	Activities
Today	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:30AM 1:00 PM 3:00 PM	Early Worship Service Adult Bible Class Late Worship Service 4-H Meetings (<i>All 3 Clubs</i>) Open House – 50 th Wedding Anniversary of <i>Loren & Joyce Maassel</i>
Mon.	5:30 PM	<i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class in gym Board of Elders
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class in gym Summer Evening Praise
Sun.	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:30AM	Early Worship Service Adult Bible Class Late Worship Service
Mon.- Sat.	7:20 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Willie Stottlemyer</i> , St. Stephen Lutheran, Defiance

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

- Our Homebound Shut-Ins: *Stan Moll, Marian Fitzenreiter, and Donald & Sue Landry*
- Pauline Dishop* and *Marie Damman*, residing at The Lutheran Home
- Magdalena Volkman*, residing at Heartland Nursing Home, Wauseon
- Anna Brodman* and *Marian Buchhop*, residing at Country View Haven
- Helen Norden*, residing at Greenbriar Assisted Living, Birmingham, AL
- Servicemen and women*, Justin Atkinson, Kyle Elling, Jason Rohrs, and Emily Niermann
- Edwin Rosebrock*, at home dealing with health issues at this time
- Casen Lawrence*, as he has had on-going seizures resulting in hospitalization
- Norma Damman*, rehabbing at home following a fractured hip

THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS Bible Study

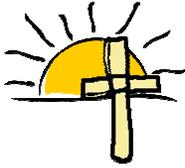
- Annoy him with daily “pin pricks” from his mother.
- Keep him from seriously intending to pray at all, or make the innocuous by having him focus on an object
- Don’t hope for too much from a war [in this case, World War II] because the Enemy often lets our patients suffer to fortify them and tantalize us.



These temptations sum up letters 3-5 of **“The Screwtape Letters,”** a classic book by C.S. Lewis. Screwtape is a devil with vast experience in the art of temptation. In a series of 31 letters, he teaches an apprentice devil named Wormwood how to tempt his “patient.” It is a fascinating and eye-opening look into the craftiness of our enemy as he works tirelessly to draw us away from our Savior. Join us in the fellowship hall. If you don’t have the book, copies of the letters will be made available!

AND PLEASE, jump into the study at any time – even if you haven’t attended before. Each letter is its own theme and study, and you will benefit greatly from the discussion!

AND SPEAKING OF DEMONS...Has the book “The Screwtape Letters” raised questions in your mind about demons and spiritual warfare? Issues Etc. has recently completed a 5 part series on this topic. Links to these shows are featured on the front page of our church’s website: www.sjl.org. You can listen online or download the mp3’s to your mobile device.



SUMMER EVENING PRAISE – If you’re going to be gone for a weekend, you can still make it to worship on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. We gather in the north end of the fellowship hall. Communion is offered on the Thursday prior to regular Communion Sundays. These services will be conducted throughout the summer months. Please join us!

OUTDOOR SERVICE NOTES – Join us on Sunday, July 13

A very special day is being planned --- mark your calendar and join us!

- **OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 a.m. on the grounds next to the old school.** This will be the only service that morning. Bring a chair with you.
- **PICNIC UNDER THE TENT** – After worship, the Stewardship Board is planning a congregational meal underneath a large tent near the playgrounds. More details will be forthcoming.
- **AUCTION** – Like last year at the fairgrounds, Ted Ripke will be auctioning off donated items with proceeds to be matched in our *Right Hand of Fellowship Campaign* to pay for the fellowship hall renovations.

To contribute items for the auction, please bring them to church and place them on the tables located in the coat foyer next to the narthex.

UPDATE ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE VICAR – Church Council appointed a task force to work on everything that needs to be done to receive and welcome Vicar *Reed & Emily Shoaff* at the beginning of August. Here are a few things of note:

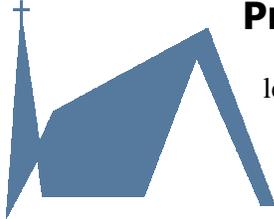
- During July we will gather pantry items to stock their pantry before they arrive.
- Induction of Vicar Shoaff will take place in both services on Sunday, August 3rd.
- On that Sunday, we will have a reception between services that will include a card shower for their new baby. Instead of showering them with lots of things, monetary gifts enclosed with a card would be most helpful.
- Sauder Woodworking has graciously donated office furniture for the vicar. The building committee will be working soon to partition off the vicar’s office.
- **ITEMS NEEDED** – The Shoaff family has asked if anyone has a **dining table and chairs for five** they could borrow for the year or purchase. **FOR THE VICAR’S OFFICE** we need a **desk chair** and a **computer**. The computer doesn’t have to be all that powerful – so if you’ve upgraded and have the old one sitting around, would you consider donating or selling it to the church for the vicar’s office?

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 *Pastor Niermann* a call, and we’ll see what we can do!

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	<u>Home Fund</u>	<u>Synod & Missions</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 6/15/14	\$7,207.00	\$333.00	\$473.00

ATTENDANCE: 6/15/14 – 1st Service: 115; 2nd Service: 68; *Thurs. 6/12/14 Service – 44*

LYF RETREAT: There will be an LYF summer retreat to Mount Gilead State Park (*15 minutes east of Marion*) on July 25th-27th. The next LYF meeting is Sun., June 29th at 4:30 p.m. in Miss Rettig's classroom to discuss this retreat in more detail. Parents are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend this meeting, would like more information, or have any questions, feel free to contact *Alex Gruenhagen* via email (*gruenhagen.4@buckeyemail.osu.edu*) or cell (*419-966-7808*).



PHOEBE ACADEMY—for High School young women

Phoebe Academy provides an opportunity for high school young women to learn about the vocation of deaconess in the church from a theological perspective. **This year's event takes place on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, August 1–3.** Attendees will explore God's Word on Mercy and what it means for us today while developing friendships with like-minded women that can last a lifetime.

They will also meet deaconesses, who are serving in the church, learn what they do and how they are trained to serve. The schedule for the event and the registration form can be found at www.ctsfw.edu/PAHS. You can also email PhoebeAcademy@ctsfw.edu or phone 800-481-2155 for additional information.

REPORT CARDS can be picked up today in envelopes (*one per family*) in the narthex. Parents of tuition students may pick up report cards in the office from 10 to noon.

4-H NEWS – All three clubs will have their meeting today at 1:00 PM here at St. John.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Office hours during the month of June are Monday thru Friday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Closed over the lunch hour. If making a special trip to the church, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be there. Thank you!

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS need to be turned in to the office by Wednesday of each week in order to be included in the Sunday bulletin. Please make a note of this. Thank you!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

It takes a lot of faith to deny the existence of God.

“For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.” (Rom. 1:20)