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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "The Surprising Things He Says" *Luke 9:51-62*

Order of Service: *See printed Service Folder*

Hymns: 913, stz. 1-2 ~ 913, stz. 3 ~ 685 ~ 833 ~ 783, stz. 1,4,6 ~ 918

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 Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and pass it to the center aisle during the offering this morning. Your presence is a blessing to us.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Madison Bostelman & Lydia Babcock, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Marietta Damman & Arlene Wallace, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Eldor & Rozella Gruenhagen, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Tom VonDeylen, Doug Dietrich, Neil Badenhop, Roger Lulfs, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Karen Germann, Diana Kruse, Mary Kossow, *Altar Guild* ✠

BIBLE STUDY will be held this morning in the north end of the fellowship hall. We will continue our study of **Leviticus**. This ancient book is filled with laws regulating the religious and civil life of God's people, Israel. Though many of the regulations no longer apply in this time of Christ, they greatly enrich our understanding of Christ. Currently we are studying the section of Leviticus sometimes called "God's Manual of Purity." Here there are many regulations stipulating what makes a person "impure" and how they can be made "clean" again for purposes of right worship. Come discover how it all points to Jesus Christ!

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.

In God's House This WeekOnline church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl

Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00 AM 10:20AM 1:00 PM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class LYF Color Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser
Mon.	5:30 PM	<i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution
Tue.	9:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Shepherd Committee Meeting Board of Elders
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Thursday Evening Worship
Sun.	9:00 AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Adult Bible Class
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 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 Shut-Ins: *Stan Moll, Norma Damman, Don Dickmann, Lucia Delventhal, and Renetta Homan*
- ❖ *Pauline Dishop, Marie Damman, and Delora Winkelman*, at The Lutheran Home, Napoleon
- ❖ *Magdalena Volkman*, residing at Heartland Nursing Home, Wauseon
- ❖ *Anna Brodman and Marian Buchhop* residing at Country View Haven
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Orchards of Northcrest - Napoleon
- ❖ Servicemen, *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Kyle Elling, Emily Schroeder, and Connor Gerken*
- ❖ *Vernon Kruse*, recuperating at home from serious health issues
- ❖ *Mary Rettig and Dan Wiechers*, both recuperating at home now following surgeries
- ❖ *Rev. Al & Joyce Martis and their family*, gathered now in Wisconsin and grieving the death of Al & Joyce's son, Jason

FLOWERS TODAY:

- ❖ The Altar flowers are placed today in celebration of the marriage of *James O'Neil* and *Haley Gruenhagen* which took place here at St. John yesterday, June 25th. We rejoice with James & Haley as they begin their life together as husband and wife, and we wish them many years of happiness together. Congrats to the O'Neils!
- ❖ The flowers on the piano are in recognition of the marriage of *Chris Bockelman* and *Amber Ackerman* on Saturday, June 25th in Youngstown, OH. They will be residing in San Diego, CA, and we certainly wish them richest blessings as they have become husband and wife. Congratulations to the newlyweds!
- ❖ Also, flowers on the piano today are placed in recognition of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of *Tom & Sandy VonDeylen* by their family. Tom & Sandy were married on June 26, 1976. May God continue to be with them and bless them with many more happy and healthy years together.

OUTDOOR SERVICE CHANGE OF DATE – The church council decided at its meeting last Tuesday to move up by one week the date of the outdoor service. The new date is Sunday, August 21st (*the Sunday before the new school year begins*). Please mark your calendar!

LYF COLOR FUN RUN/WALK FUNDRAISER – Today is the day!!!! Join the Senior High LYF youth as they are hosting a Color Run/Walk on our church grounds. The action begins at 1:00 PM. Come run or walk around the designated route and get covered with different colors. **IF YOU HAVE NOT PRE-REGISTERED YOU CAN STILL PARTICIPATE.** Find your walking or running shoes and come join us. Food and water will also be available and are included in the price. The price to participate is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. Please, no pets during the race and throughout the course.

BOOK CLUB SUMMER READING - Copies of “*House of Living Stones*” by Katie Schuermann will be available for pickup this morning following the service at the Church Library located in the hallway west of the sanctuary. We have extra copies so come and get one even if you did not sign up. They are free for everyone. We are discussing a time when those who read this book can get together for fellowship and a discussion of its story – stay tuned! And while at the Church Library, take some time to look over the materials available for self-serve checkout anytime. There are now well over 300 Christ focused books, videos, and children’s books in our library’s inventory.



NEW VICAR PREPARATIONS – One the second Sunday of August we will receive and install our new vicar, **Mr. Michael B. Keller** (*he goes by Brent*). Brent hails from Sanger, Texas (just north of Dallas). He and his wife Hanne are expecting their first this month. As we prepare for the Keller’s arrival here in Freedom Twp. there are a few things we need to do to get prepared.

1. **A place to live** – We are looking for a house or apartment we can rent for the vicar and his wife and child. If you have any places available or know of any, please speak with Pres. Bob Norden.
2. **Furnishings** – The Kellers inform us they don’t have much for furnishings, so we will be trying to pull together some items. A list of needed items in posted in the narthex and in the front hall at the 7-8th Grade classroom where we will collect the items. If you can either loan or donate any of these items, please bring them to the 7-8th Grade classroom for summer storage, then check the item off the list posted next to the door. *If you have any items no listed that you think may be helpful, please contact Pastor Niermann.*

REPORT CARDS can be picked up today in an envelope (one per family) in the narthex. Report cards can also be viewed on the FastDirect Communication network.

- **ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL POSITION OPENINGS** – St. John Lutheran School is seeking persons to fill the following positions that are currently open for the upcoming school year. If interested in any of these positions and you would like more details, please speak with *Principal Kramer* or new Board Pres., *Sunday Griffith*.
- **Freedom’s Flock Care Provider** – This individual is responsible for the care of the students in our after-school program each day from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. This is a paid position.
- **School Janitor** – This individual will be responsible for all the janitorial duties involved with the functioning of the school. This is a paid position.
- **School Cook** – This individual will prepare daily lunches for the students and staff, as well as overseeing the operation of the lunch program at St. John School. This is a paid position.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec’d 6/19/16	\$7,610.00	\$78.00	\$423.00

ATTENDANCE: Thursday (6-16-16) Worship Service: 57; Sunday (6/19/16) Service: 157

WHY SEND YOUR CHILD TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL? God expects you, as a Christian parent, to plant and nurture His Word in the hearts and minds of your children. This can best be done where God’s Word is taught, lived, and shown every day to children. If you are interested in more information about the preschool through eighth grade education at St. John Lutheran School please call 419-598-8702 or e-mail us at ckramer@sjl.org.

PRAYER CALENDAR NOTE: Please be aware that if you would like your wedding anniversaries printed on the prayer calendars, you will have to post them each year. Just list them on the blank calendars posted on the bulletin board in the narthex throughout the year. Thank you!

AREA EVENTS:

- **St. Mark’s Lutheran Church** (*Domersville and Nagel Roads*), Defiance, is hosting its annual Ice Cream Social on **today** with serving from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. See flyer!
- **The Historical Society of Grand Rapids Ohio** will present “The Wizard of Oz” on **Fri., Sat., and Sun., July 8-10th** at the Grand Rapids Town Hall. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 PM and Sunday at 2:30 PM. Our very own Lydia Babcock is playing the role of Dorothy in this musical presentation. See flyer on bulletin board!
- **The 9th Annual Stephanie Kossov Memorial Golf Outing** will be held on **Sat., July 30th**, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Registration forms available on the narthex table!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Scripture, the best text message ever sent! Read it!

“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” (John 6:68)