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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sermon & Text: "The Call, the Cross, the Crown" 1 Peter 2:2-10

Order of Service: See printed Service folder

Hymns: 912 ~ 474 ~ 661 ~ 662 ~ 434 ~ [Communion: 517, 618] ~ 664

Adult Hand Bells and Vocal Solo by Peter Gerken: "Take and Eat"

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

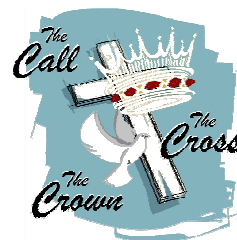
A warm welcome to all, especially friends and relatives of our Confirmation Class. If you are visiting with us this morning, help us get to know you better by filling out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and pass it to the center aisle during the offering. You can also register your name in the Guest Book in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Sharon Damman, Organist ✘ 1st Service: ✘ Katelyn Drewes & Abby Weller, Acolytes ✘
- ✘ 2nd Service: ✘ Mitchell Kruse & Brady Gerken, Acolytes ✘
- ✘ Peter & Karen Gerken, Greeters ✘
- ✘ Delbert & Marian Damman, Visitation ✘
- ✘ Denny Bockelman, Jeff Buchhop, Dave Myles, Ushers ✘
- ✘ Lois Rosebrock, Karen Germann, Diana Kruse, Mary Kossow, Altar Guild ✘

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2014 – This morning we pray for the seven catechumens of our 2014 confirmation class, that they may always heed the call of Christ in their lives, take up the cross and follow Him, and finally inherit the crown of everlasting life. They have chosen for their theme the text about St. Stephen, a man fearless in his witness to Christ and an inspiring example of faith to our catechumens and to us all! May God bless the members of this confirmation class as they step forward in life and in service to Christ.



THE MEMBERS OF THE 2014 CONFIRMATION CLASS ARE:

Conner Joseph Bialorucki
Cameron Steven Dickmann
Alexander James Knepley

Aaron Michael Manning Bostelman
Lydia Elynn Schroeder

Jacob Hunter Gillen
Alexis Skyler Woods

In God's House This Week		<i>Online church calendar: www.DynaCal.com/sjl</i>
Date	Time	Activities
Today	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:30AM 6:30 PM	Early Communion Service Sunday School; “ <i>Time To Spare</i> ” Late Confirmation & Communion Service 4-H Meetings (All clubs)
Mon.	5:30 PM 6:30 PM	<i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution VBS Planning Meeting
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Building Committee Meeting
Wed.	7:00 PM	Stained Glass Window Exploratory Committee Meeting
Thur.	8:45 AM 9:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Last Day for 4/5-yr old Preschool Gr. 3&4 Field Trip to Michaelis Wetland Habitat Exercise Class Preschool Graduation Ceremony in the sanctuary (<i>refreshments following</i>) 145 th Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting
Fri.	10:00AM	Last Day for 3-yr old Preschool Kindergarten Field Trip to the Butterfly House – Whitehouse, OH
Sun.	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:30AM	Early Worship Service Sunday School; “ <i>Time To Spare</i> ” Late Worship Service; 8 th Grade Graduation Ceremony & Reception
Mon.- Sat.	7:20 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Theodore Rellstab</i> , St. John Lutheran, Holgate

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
- Marian Buchhop and Anna Brodman*, 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
- Lucy Rosebrock*, at Henry County Hospital with health complications

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are placed by this year’s Confirmation Class.

VBS NOTES – Please see the enclosed information form for VBS 2014.

- **Staff can sign up** using the form in today’s bulletin, or by following the link online at www.sjl.org. The staff meeting will be held tomorrow (Monday, May 19) at 6:30 pm.
- **VBS students can be registered** using the enrollment brochure in the narthex, or online by following the link on the church website.

BREAD FROM HEAVEN Food Pantry distribution will be held on **Mon., May 19 at 5:30 PM.**
This is a change as shown on the church calendar for May. **Please note the revised date.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There will be no Sunday School for the months of June, July, and August.
We will resume Sunday School the first Sunday in September, which will be promotion Sunday.

<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 5/11/14	\$5,727.00	\$288.00	\$490.00

ATTENDANCE: 5/11/14 – 1st Service: 155 2nd Service: 146

LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL – It's time to renew your subscription to the Lutheran Witness for this year. To subscribe or renew your subscription, **simply place \$17.00 in an envelope**, along with your name and address, and place it in the Sunday collection plate or bring it down to the church office. **Deadline for subscriptions is today.**

SCREWTAPE LETTERS Bible Study begins Sunday June 1

The Screwtape Letters – In this classic book by C.S. Lewis we meet Screwtape, a fictitious devil with vast experience in the art of temptation. In a series of 31 letters, he teaches his craft to an apprentice devil by the name of Wormwood. 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.



This Bible study will be modeled as a book club. Everyone is encouraged to purchase a copy of this book (used copies are available on Amazon.com for a few dollars), or download the free Kindle edition at <http://www.epubbud.com/book.php?g=UH6Q68D3> (this link is available at sjl.org). Each week we will read a few of the letters, then come together on Sundays to discuss what we've read, and to compare it with God's Word. This is a classic piece of literature that every Christian ought to read. Get your copy ordered or downloaded, and we'll begin this study in a few weeks or so. Watch for details.

MEET THE VICAR – A few weeks ago our congregation was assigned a vicar for the coming year. His name is **Reed Shoaff**. He and his wife, **Emily**, have two sons (Abraham, 4; and Phineas, 2), and one on the way, due in August just about the time **Reed** will be installed. **Reed** is from Colby, Kansas (NW Kansas) and **Emily** is from Kanas City, Kansas. More biographical information will be available when we receive it. In the meantime, please pray for the following...

- that the Shoaff family may be blessed in their association with us;
- that their unborn child would be kept safe through pregnancy and delivery;
- that our support for Vicar Shoaff and his ministry will be generous;
- that our preparations for their housing, installation, and life among us may go well.

CUTLERY FOR SALE: The Ladies Aid is selling Rada Cutlery products. Check out the display board in the side hallway if you are interested in purchasing any of these items: Various Knives, Pie Servers, Vegetable Peelers, Granny Forks, Carving Forks, Pizza Cutters, Tomato Slicer, and Small Spatula. Contact officers *Nancy Hogrefe, Nancy Glaser, Mabel Bischoff, or Pat Maassel.*

INTERESTED IN A CHURCH PROFESSION? WE'D LIKE TO HELP! Recently a number of young people from St. John have pursued educational goals to prepare them for full-time service as teachers and pastors. If you are interested in a church profession (*as a pastor, deaconess, teacher, lay minister, or a Director of Christian Education, Christian Outreach, Parish Music, or Family Life Ministry*), our congregation would like to support you by offering a tuition gift. An application for this gift is available online --- type www.sjl.org/student_gift_app.pdf into your browser (*there is no link*) and fill out the application. **Deadline for fall enrollment is June 1st.**

ST. JOHN FIELD DAY: The St. John Field Day will be held on Thurs., May 29th beginning at 11:30 AM. Closing Chapel and Kindergarten Graduation will begin at 1:00 PM.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL AT ST. JOHN will be **Thurs., May 29th** with early dismissal at 2:00 PM. Closing Day festivities include: Closing chapel at 1:00 PM; as well as Kindergarten graduation, awards, prizes. All parents are welcome to come. This is for students in K-garten through Grade 8. Academic and Attendance Awards will be handed out as well as other awards. **Please note: This service will include Kindergarten Graduation.**

4-H: The Gerald Busy Fingers, Cloverbuds, and Freedom Royal Farmers 4-H Clubs will be having their next meeting **today beginning at 6:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. **NOTE TIME CHANGE!**

RIDGEVILLE FIRE DEPT. AUXILIARY will be hosting a Drive Thru Chicken BBQ **today** at the Ridgeville Fire Station. Serving begins at 11:00 AM until gone. Menu consists of: *½ Chicken, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Roll, and Butter.* Cost is free will donation, with Thrivent Matching Funds.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE: The Ridgeville Corners Memorial Day service to remember those who served our country will be held on **Mon., May 26 at 10:30 AM** at the Ridgeville American Legion. **The Adult Choir** will sing two anthems that morning and will practice at 9:45 AM at the Legion Hall prior to the program. No other choir rehearsals will be scheduled. **Flag Drill:** Children age PreK thru 4th Grade are invited to participate in the flag drill during the Ridgeville Memorial Day service. **Practices will take place on Tues., May 20th and Thurs., May 22nd, at the Legion at 6:30 PM.** Call *Laura Bickel* at 419-267-5203 or *Jenny Behnfeldt* at 419-267-5636 for more info.

SAVE THE DATE: The 7th Annual *Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing* will be held on Sat., July 26th, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Registration forms will be available soon!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Cars are not the only thing recalled by their maker.

"I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also." (John 14:3)