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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sermon & Text: "Fiery Trials? Don't Be Surprised" 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Order of Service: *Divine Service, Setting Five* LSB pg. 213

Hymns: 653 ~ 953 ~ (Communion: 623, 658) ~ 660

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

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 visiting with us this morning, 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.

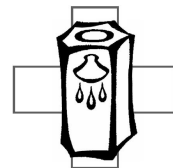


SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✘ 1st Service: ✘ Aaron Bostelman & Lexi Woods, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ 2nd Service: ✘ Conner Bialorucki & Brady Gerken, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Elmer & Pat Maassel, *Greeters* ✘
- ✘ Richard Elling & Harold Behrmann, *Visitation* ✘
- ✘ Al Damman, Andy Damman, Tim Hodson, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Diane VonDeylen, LouAnn Rosebrock, Jeannette Bostelman, *Altar Guild* ✘

SINGING IN HEAVEN: On Monday, May 26th, *Lucy Rosebrock*, 80, passed away at Henry County Hospital. Lucy's funeral was held here on Fri., May 30th at 2:00 PM, and burial was in the St. John Cemetery. She is now singing her praises with the angels and spreading her enjoyable humor to all in heaven. Please keep Lucy's brother, Ed (Annetta) Rosebrock, and sister, Lorna (Delbert) Behrman and her many nieces and nephews in your prayers at this time.

BAPTISM TODAY – This morning *Jake Thomas VonDeylen*, infant son of *Josh & Sarah VonDeylen*, will be baptized in a family ceremony after the late service. *Jake* was born on February 27 at the Bryan Hospital. His grandparents are *Dave & Jane VonDeylen* and *Ty Spear* and *Karen Spear*. Congratulations to this family as they celebrate Jake's life in Christ in the washing of Baptism!



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	Early Communion Service Adult Bible Class Late Communion Service 4-H Meetings (<i>All Clubs</i>)
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Stewardship Board Meeting
Thurs.	6:30 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Bible Breakfast at Hill's Restaurant Exercise Class Summer Evening Praise
Sun.	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:30AM 6:00 PM	Early Worship Service w/Communion following <i>Java Joy</i> ; Adult Bible Class Late Worship Service Vacation Bible School
Mon.- Sat.	7:20 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Donald Luhring</i> , St. John 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
- 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

THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS Bible Study begins TODAY

- Make him preoccupied with ordinary, “real” life.
- Make him disillusioned with the church by highlighting people he self-righteously thinks are strange or hypocritical.
- Annoy him with daily “pin pricks” from his mother.

These temptations sum up the first three of **“The Screwtape Letters,”** a classic book by C.S. Lewis about a fictitious devil,

Screwtape, 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. Even if you don’t have the book, copies of the letters will be made available during Bible study!



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.

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

<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 5/25/14	\$5,332.00	\$93.00	\$418.00

ATTENDANCE: 5/25/14 – 1st Service: 119 2nd Service: 168

TAKE THE DAY OFF...

- **Who:** Anyone who would like to spend an enjoyable, interesting, educational afternoon. Bring a friend to share the day!
- **What?** The Miami & Erie Canal Boat & Isaac Ludwig Mill with optional lunch.
- **Where?** The Providence Metro park at Grand Rapids, OH
- **When?** Thursday, June 12, 2014 – Lunch at 11:00 AM; Boat and Mill at 12:30 PM.
- **How?** Detailed flyer and sign up sheet on the table in narthex.

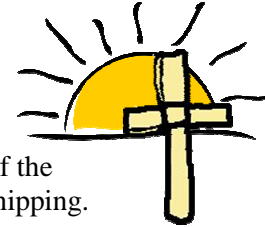
This enjoyable day is being organized by your St. John Ladies Aid. Please join us on June 12th!

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!

SUMMER EVENING PRAISE – *Beginning Thursday, June 5*

This summer a worship service will be held each Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. The theme of worship will be that for the following Sunday. Communion will be held on the Thursdays prior to Communion Sundays.

At these services we encourage worshippers to sit forward on the pulpit side of the sanctuary so that we may lend support to one another in our singing and worshipping.



CHURCH TABLES & CHAIRS – *A Gentle Reminder!* With graduations over and family reunions in full swing for the summer, please remember to return all tables and chairs to the church if you have borrowed them for your celebrations. If you borrowed tables from the old school, please return them to the old school.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST - Men, on the first Thursday of each month, you and anyone you care to bring are invited to join us at Hill's Restaurant in Napoleon for a Bible breakfast at 6:30 AM. Cost is \$6.00 which includes the tip. It's a great way to start your day --- good food, friendship, and the Bread of Life!

CHURCH LIBRARY – The church library, located in the hall next to the sanctuary, is growing to contain a lot of excellent books that will edify your faith. The books in this library have been screened to assure that they are true to the Word of God and can be trusted to be theologically sound. Please check out the selection. To borrow a book, just take it with you, then return it to the basket when you've finished reading.

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

- **VBS students can be registered** using the enrollment brochure in the narthex, or online by following the link on the church website.
- **Would you SPONSOR CRAFTS for an evening?** We're looking for five individuals to sponsor an evening of crafts for the VBS students, at \$35 per evening. If you'd like to do this, fill out one of the craft sponsorship forms in the narthex and drop it in the forms box.
- **Would you help PROVIDE SNACKS?** In the narthex today is a snack shopping list of items needed. Sign up for whatever you'd like, and bring it to the narthex next Sunday.

UPDATE ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE VICAR – Last week the 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 baby shower – watch for more details.
- Sauder Woodworking has graciously donated office furniture for the vicar. The building committee will be working soon to partition off the vicar's office.
- Reed Shoaff is already looking forward to getting here and serving, and plans are underway for enhancing ministry during his presence here.

REPORT CARDS can be picked up in an envelope (*one per family*) in the narthex on Sun., June 15th. Parents of tuition students may pick up report cards the week of June 16 in the office from 10 to noon.

SUNNY D LABELS – Throughout the summer please continue to save labels from *Sunny D* drinks. Classrooms that save 20 *SunnyD* labels earn 20 FREE books. Here's how it works. **COLLECT** *SunnyD* UPC labels from these eligible products: 1, 2, or 3 liter bottles; 16 oz., 48 oz., 64 oz., 96 oz., or 128 oz. bottles; 6.75 oz.- 6, 8, or 24 pack outer wraps; 6.75 oz.-12 pack cardboard case; 11.3 oz.-6 or 24 pack outer wraps; 12 oz.-12 or 24 pack cans outer wraps. **SEND** the UPC labels to the school office at any time or save them until school resumes in the fall.

REGISTRATION UNDERWAY: The 7th *Annual Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing* will be held on Sat., July 26th, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Registration is underway and flyers are available on the table and desk in the narthex. Hope to see you there!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: **St. John Lutheran Church, Stryker**, is sponsoring their LYF Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 15th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Church Family Center. See flyer!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

"I have a feeling that when my ship comes in I'll be at the airport." *Charles M. Schulz*

"...making the best use of the time, because the days are evil." (Eph. 5:16)