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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon & Text: "The Elephant in the Living Room" *Matthew 10:34-42*

Order of Service: *Matins (LBS pg. 219)*

Hymns Early: [Baptism: **593, 588**] ~ "Jesu, Jesu" [980] ~ **579 ~ 411**

Hymns Late: **851 ~ "Jesu, Jesu" [980] ~ 579 ~ 411**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

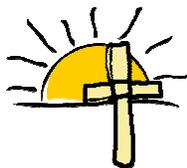
Welcome in the name of the Lord. We pray that through this time of stillness and song, prayer and proclamation, you may experience the Spirit of God at work in your life. If you do not have a local church home, we extend a warm invitation to you to become a part of our church family. Simply fill out 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* ✠ **1st Service:** ✠ Aaron Bostelman, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ **2nd Service:** ✠ Cally Bialorucki & Lexi Woods, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Don & Karan Niebergall, *Greeters* ✠
- ✠ Jim & Linda Meyer, *Visitation* ✠
- ✠ Al Damman, Andy Damman, Tim Hodson, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Diane VonDeylen, LouAnn Rosebrock, Jeannette Bostelman, *Altar Guild* ✠

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are placed in gratefulness to God for all His blessings and in honor of the 90th birthday of *Lawrence Langenhop* on July 2 by his family. We wish him continued good health throughout the coming year. Happy Birthday Lawrence!



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!

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	Early Worship Service Adult Bible Class Late Worship Service
Tue.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Exercise Class Stewardship Board Meeting
Thurs.	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	NOTE: Men's Bible Breakfast is cancelled today Exercise Class Summer Evening Praise with Communion
Sun.	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 3 Clubs</i>)
Mon.- Sat.	7:20 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Dale Kern</i> , Retired from St. John Lutheran, Stryker

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

BAPTISM TODAY – This morning in the early service, we are privileged to witness the baptism of ***Henley Lu Oyer***, infant daughter of ***Jason & Andrea Oyer***, and little sister to ***Maddox*** (5) and ***Stryker*** (1). ***Henley*** was born on May 21st at the Henry County Hospital. Her baptismal sponsors are *Nicole Weaver* (Andrea's cousin) and *Greg & Karlee Badenhop* (Andrea's brother and sister-in-law). Her proud grandparents are ***Glenn & Kathy Badenhop*** and ***Ray & Sandy Oyer***. The flowers on the piano this morning celebrate Henley's life and her new life in Christ in the washing of Baptism. Congratulations to this family, and may God bring to completion what He begins in Henley today!



THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who came to our 50th wedding anniversary celebration last Sunday. We were so glad to see all of you and appreciated all the cards that we received. A special thanks to those of you who helped with getting the hall set up for us too. *Loren & Joyce Maassel*

REPORT CARDS can be picked up today in envelopes (*one per family*) at the narthex table.

CHURCH NEWSLETTER – It's time again to submit articles or news item for the church newsletter. Submissions are encouraged from all groups active at St. John. Articles related to our synod, neighboring churches, and similar information is welcome from anyone. *Please turn in material for the newsletter to the church/school office by Sunday, July 20th.*

THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS Bible Study

- 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, please, in the fellowship hall (kitchen end). Even if you don't have the book, copies of the letters will be made available during Bible study!

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.

LYF MEETING: The next meeting is today at 4:30 PM in Miss Rettig's classroom to discuss the upcoming retreat at Mount Gilead State Park in more detail (*more about what we will be doing, what to bring, departure and return times, etc*). Parents are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend this meeting and would like more information or have any questions, feel free to contact *Alex Gruenhagen* via email (gruenhagen.4@buckeyemail.osu.edu) or phone (419-966-7808).

LYF RETREAT: The LYF will be going on a summer retreat to Mount Gilead State Park (*15 minutes east of Marion*) on July 25th-27th. We will spend this weekend exploring nature, doing team-building activities and making plans for the coming year. We hope this will be a great introduction to LYF for our incoming freshmen as well as a great send-off for our recent graduates.

BE A JAVA JOY HOST! Every second Sunday of the month after worship, we aim to have a time of fellowship with coffee, juice and snacks called **Java Joy**. If you would like to host one of these, please sign up in the narthex. Don't let finances stop you – you are welcome to reimburse your expenses from the kitty if you wish.



LADIES AID IN JULY: We are planning another interesting outing for our July meeting. This will take place on **Wed., July 9th** beginning with a 12:30 PM lunch at either Tropical Freeze or Ten Pin Tap both in Ridgeville Corners. Following lunch (*about 1:30 PM*) we will travel down the road to St. John Lutheran Church (*corner of 6 & 66*) to view their stained glass windows and visit their quilters for a bit. Our last stop will be at Steve & Sue Hurst's stained glass studio (*located at their home*) to get an inside look at how the windows are designed and built. All are invited to attend this event.

OUTDOOR SERVICE NOTES – TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY, July 13

A very special day is being planned --- mark your calendar, invite a friend, and join us!

- **OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 a.m. in the yard 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. **Meat, drink and table service provided – please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share!**
- **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.

If you would like to serve on the *Outdoor Service Committee* to help get the old school yard ready and set up for Sunday morning, please contact *Bob Norden* (419-598-8234).

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:

- **Starting next Sunday,** and throughout July, we will gather non-perishable food items to fill the pantry for the Shoaff family. Items can be left in a box in the narthex.
- **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.
- 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.

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. 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.

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 6/22/14	\$5,429.00	\$438.00	\$513.00

ATTENDANCE: 6/22/14 – 1st Service: 131; 2nd Service: 90; *Thurs. 6/19/14 Service – 31*

JULY OFFICE HOURS: Please note the change in church office hours during the month of July. They are Monday thru Friday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. If making a special trip, please call (419-598-8961) to guarantee someone will be here. 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!

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.

PROJECT CONNECT – There are many free booklets in the rack in the narthex. Be sure to check for some good reading. Some titles are: “*Why Do Bad Things Happen To Me,*” “*Has God Abandoned Me,*” “*Dealing with Depression,*” “*Coping with Cancer,*” “*Who Is Jesus,*” “*Just Stress?*”, “*Overcoming A Painful Childhood,*” “*Where’s God in All of This?*”, “*Why Should I go to Church?*” and many more. These booklets are furnished through the Lutheran Hour Ministries.

EXTENSION FUND –Your savings earn interest for you, while providing loans to congregations for building God’s kingdom. To learn more about investment opportunities call 1-800-901-2297 for current rates of interest and application forms.

LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT – *How You Can Help?* If you have used **prescription or nonprescription** glasses or sunglasses in your drawers, desks, or closets, you can donate them now! Children’s glasses are especially needed. Both plastic and metal frames are accepted. There is a box on the table in the narthex for the collection of these used glasses.

LARGE PRINT & CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY BULLETINS are available today on the table in the narthex. The Children’s Bulletins are coordinated with the Bible texts for each Sunday, and provide activities that tie in with the weekly themes. Pick one up today for your child.

GOLF FLYERS AVAILABLE & 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 deadline is Fri., July 19th.** Forms are available on the table in the narthex.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

A church is like fudge – sweet with a few nuts.

“...be patient, bearing with one another in love.” (Ephesians 4:2)

980 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, Fill us with Your love, Show



us how to serve The neigh-bors we have from You.



1 Kneels at the feet of His friends, Si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor, Var - ied in col - or and
3 These are the ones we will serve; These are the ones we will
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, Si - lent - ly wash - ing their

Refrain



feet, Mas - ter who pours out Him - self for them.
race; Neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
love; All these are neigh - bors to us and You.
feet: This is the way we will live with You.