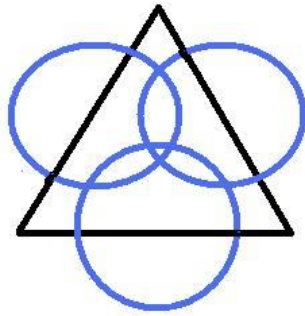


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MONTHLY MONITOR



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Freedom For Something

"To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said: 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth set you free'" (John 8:31-32).



About a month from now it will be the Fourth of July – the day on which we celebrate our nation's independence. Although I realize this is coming to you a month early, I wanted to share this particular devotion with you in advance. I do this because a) we don't have a Monitor go out in July; but also b) because I think that it is a timely topic any time of the year for us as Christians to consider.

Independence Day in the United States celebrates the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Among the tyrannies from which the colonists declared themselves free were: commercial exploitation, arbitrary government that defied the will of the people, and taxation without representation.

Independent nationhood, of course, implies also freedom *for* something - freedom for a country to determine its own affairs, freedom for the citizens to make a decent living, to educate their children, to pursue happiness and to worship God.

Freedom's fight *for* something continues today. Citizen groups work for civil rights. It is good when people come out of their shells of indifference - or the "*I don't want to be involved*" spirit - and show concern for what is socially and morally right. It bears

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LUTHERAN SERVICES ON RADIO AND TV

Radio

Sunday @ 7:30 am on WNEM 1250-The Lutheran Hour

Sunday @ 8:00 am on WNEM 1250-St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth

Sunday @ 9:00 am on WNEM 1250-Immanuel Lutheran

TV

Sunday @ 11:30 am on Charter Channel 13-Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne, IN

ATHLETIC CLUB NEWS

Stewardship
Corner

"Teacher," asked an expert in the law, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus asked him to answer his own question, and he answered well: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself'" (Luke 10:25-27). Then Jesus went on to illustrate what that means by telling the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Serving and caring for those God places around us are the neighbors God wants us to love. Are others seeing God's love through you?

It has been a busy spring so far and much has been accomplished. We would like to thank all who have helped out in any way so far.

Clean up day was a rousing success. We were able to take down 5 dead and dying trees in our grove and trim up several others and get everything all cleaned up. Special thanks to Midland Industrial Supply, Garrett Doty and Jim Pomaville for the donation of a man lift. We couldn't have done it without this machine.

We were also able to put a new roof on our pavilion in May. Special thanks to Bill Rivet and ABC Supply for a very good price on the shingles. With all the help we had, were able to get the roof on and everything cleaned up in less than 4 hours.

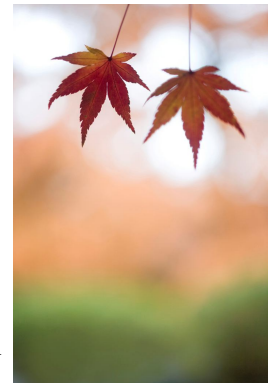
Much remains to be done. We are working on several other projects, including making the pavilion more handicap accessible, extending some of the fences on our ball diamonds to make them safer and having all of our stumps ground out and replanting some trees. No dates have been set yet for any of this work, so watch the Messenger.

I would just like to highlight the last item a little. We cut down 5 trees in May, but these aren't the first that have been taken down. It is starting to look a little bare over there and we would like to replant some trees to keep it looking nice. Maybe some of you don't realize that our grove is rented a lot in the summertime and people are coming from near and far because of the nice outside area. Unfortunately, these trees are expensive. This is a good opportunity if you are looking for a way to remember a loved one. If you are interested, please contact any Athletic Club Member. I don't have a firm price yet, we looked at Begicks last year and for a nice sized tree it was between \$200-\$400.

The deadline for our Loons trip is June 20th. We still have 13 tickets left. Cost is \$9.00 per ticket and the money is due by the 20th of June.

Also, just a reminder on the Pig Roast. The dates this year are August 13, 14, and 15. We need your help again this year to make this a success. Please keep these days open and come back and enjoy yourself and help us raise money to keep our grounds looking nice. Thank you.

Dave Rechsteiner.



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repeating, of course, that the “civil rights” coin has another side, and it is clearly stamped as “civil responsibilities.”

As Christians we are the beneficiaries of another freedom, the freedom from the curse of the Law, the power of sin, the fear of death. This freedom Jesus Christ gained for us at great cost to Himself - it cost Him His life. He declares: “*If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed*” (John 8:36).

Thanks to Christ’s work of redemption, we are freed *for* something: free to hear and follow His Word, free to serve Him. He tells us: “*If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciple. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free*” (John 8:31-32.) And with this freedom goes responsibility, as Paul tells us: “*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery*” (Galatians 5:1).

Freedom is a sacred trust. It has its roots in man’s freedom before God, his Creator and Redeemer. Jesus Christ has freed us *from* sin, setting us free *for* service to Him.

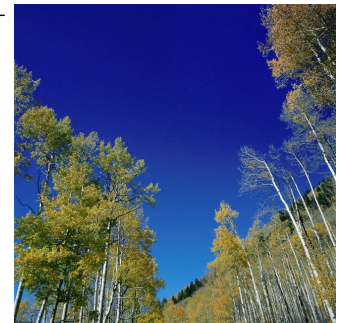
(Adapted from Each Day with Jesus)

- Pastor Sherry

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OUTDOOR SERVICE IN JUNE

Because of the popularity of the outdoor service we hold in August, the Board of Elders is again adding another outdoor service this summer – and even a Monday night service. On Father’s Day, June 20 – our 10:30 service will be held out in the Church Grove. Also something new this year: we will have the Monday night service outdoors on June 21 as well. (Note: the 8:30 service on Father’s Day will be held in church as usual and will be the **only Communion service** of the weekend.) For this outdoor service we will be setting up chairs on the asphalt for those who forget their lawn chairs (or would prefer a more solid chair.)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR – BE HERE JUNE 20/21!

*It is the gospel
that motivates
and enables
Christian
stewards.*

“I am not
ashamed of the
gospel, because it
is the power of
God for the salva-
tion of everyone
who believes”
(Romans 1:16)

*High School
and College
Graduate
Recognition
is at the
8:30 am
service on
Sunday,
June 6th.*



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CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO CURRENT CHURCH DIRECTORY

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CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

I will be in the church office Monday - Thursday mornings
from 9:00 am to 12 noon.

The weekly deadline for the *Messenger* is 9:00 am Thursday
morning.

The deadline for the *AUGUST Monitor* is Tuesday, July
20th.

You can reach me at churchsecretary@trinitymonitor.org

Have a WONDERful summer!

Terri