



St. John Lutheran Church

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sermon Text: *1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

Service: Divine Service, Setting Four (LSB pg. 203)

Hymns: 496 ~ 650 ~ (Communion: 910, 408, 691) ~ 693

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome to St. John Church! "I sought the Lord and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears" (Ps. 34:4). Let us seek the Lord together this day. Let us offer up our fears and doubts, that we may go forth strengthened and empowered for another week. If you are visiting us today, know that we are honored by your presence. Simply fill out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the basket at the table in the narthex as you leave.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✠ Zeb Kramer, Garrison Kruse, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Dean Badenhop, Rich Elling, Dennis Showman, Dave Von Deylen, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Diane Von Deylen, LouAnn Rosebrock, *Altar Guild* ✠

2022 ALTAR GUILD and USHER SCHEDULES: The 2022 Altar Guild and Usher schedules are in the making and will be available over the next few weeks. Thanks again to all who are willing to be of service to the Lord through St. John. You are a blessing!

THE FLOWER CALENDAR for 2022 is posted in the narthex. If you wish to sign up for a certain Sunday to place flowers on the altar or the piano, sign your name on that Sunday and then two weeks before that date, call *Mabel Bischoff* at 419-598-8757 to let her know if you are getting the flowers or if you want the Women of Freedom to take care of getting them. The price for the flowers through the Women of Freedom is \$21.00. Please remember that it is your responsibility to contact *Mabel*. Also, please contact the church office before Wednesday of the week you are placing flowers, with the information you would like printed in the bulletin.



In God's House This WeekOnline church calendar: <https://74058984.view-events.com>

Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Sunday School; Adult Bible Study; "The Lamp" Youth Bible Study
Mon.	6:00 PM	NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Jr. Day observed B-ball: Gr. 4-6 Girls; 7:00 PM Gr. 4-6 Boys @ St. Pat's – Bryan
Tues.	8:35 AM 7:00 PM	School Chapel Women of Freedom Meeting
Wed.	9:00 AM 6:15 PM	Hearing & Vision Screening for PS3-yr Class Jr High Confirmation Class (<i>until 7:30 PM</i>)
Thurs.	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Hearing & Vision Screening for PS4/5-yr / K / 1 / 3 / 5 / 7 B-ball: Gr. 4-6 Girls; 6:00 PM Gr. 4-6 Boys vs BG Christian (H)
Sat.	10:00AM	B-ball: Gr. 4-6 Girls; 11:15 AM Gr. 4-6 Boys @ Trinity - Toledo
Sun.	9:00AM 10:20AM 10:20AM 3:00 PM	◆ ◆ National Lutheran Schools Week ◆ ◆ Worship Service Sunday School; Adult Bible Study; "The Lamp" Youth Bible Study Mandatory Nat'l Youth Gathering meeting at the Youth Center LYF Meeting
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. James Fundum</i> , Immanuel Lutheran – Hamler

FOR THOSE LISTENING FROM THE PARKING LOT

Pick up your bulletin and service by driving through the carport before worship
You can give your offering to the deacon at the same time
Tune your FM radio to 87.7
Drive-thru Communion after worship under carport

MATTERS FOR PRAYER – Please keep these people in your prayers:

- ❖ Our Homebound Shut-Ins: *John Damman*
- ❖ *Melba Elling, Lorna Von Deylen, Norma Damman, Evelyn Rohrs*, at Genacross – Napoleon
- ❖ *Ruth Mahnke*, at Assisted Living – Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Hildegard Behrmann*, at Northcrest Nursing & Rehab
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, residing at the Ohio Veteran's Home, Sandusky
- ❖ Military: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Schroeder, Jared Dishop, Jordan Lange*
- ❖ *Esther Layton, Florence Jones, Robin Showman, Sue Hurst, Eileen Fitzenreiter*, and *Don Lawrence*, for health concerns relating to cancer
- ❖ *Steve & Sue Hurst*, both recovering from Covid

LWML: All women of the church are considered members of the LWML – active or inactive. The complimentary LWML Quarterlies are available in the tract rack in the back of the church.

WOMEN OF FREEDOM PROGRAM BOOKLETS – The Program Booklets for 2022 are on the narthex table. Pick yours up today! Be sure to check to see what month you are on for serving. If that does not work out for you, please switch with someone.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY THIS MORNING

Provoking Proverbs ♦ Seventh Commandment



In the 1960's the Hippies were counter-culture, and so are we – but not in the same way. Our culture is materialistic, always wanting more. As Christians, however, content with God's gifts, our goal is to “Help our neighbor Improve and Protect his Possessions and Income.” (HIPPIE) This is our loving duty under the Seventh Commandment, “**You shall not steal.**” While we hold our own possessions loosely, always ready to share, we guard our neighbor's possessions jealously. This is the will of God, who says, “Do not love the things of the world. The World is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.” *1 John 2:15, 17*

In our Sunday Adult Study, we are looking at the biblical Proverbs categorized according to the Ten Commandments. Join us this morning as the *Proverbs provoke us* to be more content and less desirous of the things of this world. **Each session is a study unto itself, so don't feel like you shouldn't come if you weren't there for previous sessions.** Bible Study is a wonderful time of growth in God's Word and of Christian fellowship. **Oh, and we have coffee too!**

OHIO DISTRICT NEWS: The Lutheran Church – Ohio District wants to share some news with you. A Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) has been established in the Ohio District. Later this year, donations of up to \$750 will be able to be made into the SGO. That money will then go to the Lutheran School of the donor's choice. That money will be used as scholarship money at the school designated by the donor. The donor will then be able to receive a tax credit for the full amount they donated (up to \$750), directly on their Ohio State Tax return. This is exciting news! As more information becomes available, in the months ahead, we will share it with all of you.

<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 1/09/22	\$7,143.00	\$112.00	\$162.00

ATTENDANCE: Sunday – 136

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES – There are still several 2022 offering envelopes available to be picked up on the narthex table. Please pick yours up soon! If you did not receive a box of envelopes but would like one, please contact *Jim Hogrefe* (419-267-3806).

POSITION OPENINGS: St. John Lutheran School is asking for your help as we are seeking names for consideration for the Principal position and the 7th & 8th Grade Teacher position for the 2022-2023 school year. Pastor Kramer (Principal) and Pat Kramer (Grade 7&8 Teacher) will both be leaving us at the end of the current 2021-2022 school year. Requirements for the jobs are: Must have a Bachelor degree in education, obtain a background check, supply three references, and adhere to the St. John Lutheran Church and School religious beliefs. If you have names please call the school office at 419-598-8702. Interested persons can also mail a resume' to St. John Lutheran School, 16035 County Road U, Napoleon, OH 43545.

LYF NEWS:

- **SENIOR HIGH LYF NOTE:** We will be having a final/mandatory NYG meeting on **Sun., Jan. 23rd** after church at the Youth Center. If any Senior High youth are interested, they and a parent need to be at this meeting. We need to talk about what it looks like at the moment and come to a final decision on what route we are going to take. See you on the 16th!
- **LYF MEETING** – The LYF (Grades 6-12) will be getting together on **Sun., Jan. 23rd** from 3:00-5:00 PM at the Youth Center. We will come together for a short Bible study, games, and fellowship. There will also be yummy treats! We will also be discussing the Super Bowl Sub Sale for this year and the timeline for the set up and distributing. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Miss Bartok.
- **LYF SUPER BOWL SUB SALE!** It's that time of year again! Super Bowl Sunday is quickly approaching and it's time to get ready for the big game. Why not help out our LYF as well? On **Sun., Feb. 13th**, we will be selling Super Bowl subs to help raise money for our youth group. Each sub will cost \$3.00 (*or 4 for \$10.00*) and will *contain salami, bologna, ham, white cheese, and yellow cheese* on a 6-inch sub bun. **To place your order, please fill out a pre-order form and place it in the basket at the back of the church or bring it to the church office by Mon., Feb. 7th.** Orders can also be placed from the link on the St. John Church Facebook page. Subs will be available for pick up after church on Feb. 13th until 11 AM through a drive-thru pick up similar to what was done last year. Payment is due at the time of pick up. Checks can be made out to St. John LYF. Thank you for supporting our LYF youth!

ST. JOHN REGISTRATION OPEN HOUSE – An **Open House** is planned for grade levels (PS-8) at St. John School on **Wed., February 2nd, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM** for families who would like to come and look at our school and discuss the possibility of sending their children here for their education. If anyone knows of prospective students for Grades PS-8, be sure to pass this information to them.

PRESCHOOL:

- **ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS:** The St. John Lutheran Preschool is now accepting enrollment applications for 2022-23 school year. Anyone interested in enrolling your child in our preschool program should contact the school office at 419-598-8702 to request an enrollment packet. We will be opening the registration up to the public as of Feb. 2, 2022, so be sure to register soon. There is a non-refundable \$30 registration fee that must accompany your registration paperwork.
- **TUITION** – School Board approved rates for the 2022-2023 school year at their Jan. 4th meeting. The cost for PS4/5-yr class will be \$250/month; and for the PS3-yr class \$100/month.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Life isn't about being yourself. It's about being whom God made you to be.

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them..” Ephesians 2:10