



# St. John Lutheran Church

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

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## Serving Christ in Freedom

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### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sermon Title & Text: "Lord of the Exodus" *Luke 4:16-30*

Service: *Matins (LSB pg. 219)*

Hymns: **669 ~ 973 ~ 718 ~ 739**

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*We invite you to celebrate God's love as we pray to a Heavenly Father who cares for us, and as we hear His powerful Word to us. May God richly bless your worship today! 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 blue Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the basket in the narthex as you leave.*

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### **SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING**

- ✠ Renee Petzoldt ✠ Raegan Dietrich, Cooper Speiser, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Dean Badenhop, Rich Elling, Dennis Showman, Dave Von Deylen, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Diane Von Deylen, LouAnn Rosebrock, *Altar Guild* ✠

**NEW 2022 ALTAR GUILD (pink) & USHER (blue) SCHEDULES:** The 2022 Altar Guild and Usher schedules are available today at the table in the narthex. Thank you for your patience as these schedules were worked out. All of these volunteers are such a blessing to us a St. John! Thank you!

**THANK YOU!** I would like to thank everyone for the many warm wishes and congratulatory cards and notes I received for my installation. Your kindness was greatly appreciated. I, very much, look forward to serving as a called teacher here at St. John School. Signed, *Mrs. Michelle Weddelman*

**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 Week

Online church calendar: <https://74058984.view-events.com>

| <b>Date</b>   | <b>Time</b>                                    | <b>Activities</b>  |
|---------------|--|--|
| Today         | <b>9:00AM</b><br>10:20AM<br>10:20AM<br>3:00 PM | ♦ ♦ <b>National Lutheran Schools Week</b> ♦ ♦<br><b>Worship Service</b><br>Sunday School; Adult Bible Study; "The Lamp" Youth Bible Study<br>Mandatory Nat'l Youth Gathering meeting at the Youth Center<br>LYF Jr/Sr High Meeting |
| Mon.          | 5:30 PM<br>6:00 PM                             | <i>Bread From Heaven</i> Food Pantry distribution<br>B-ball: Gr. 4-6 Boys <u>only</u> vs St. John – Defiance (H)   |
| Tues.         | <b>8:35 AM</b><br>6:00 PM                      | <b>School Chapel</b><br>B-ball: Gr. 4-6 Girls; 7:00 PM Gr. 4-6 Boys @ Solomon - Woodville  |
| Wed.          | 6:15 PM  | Jr High Confirmation Class ( <i>until 7:30 PM</i> )  |
| Thurs.        | 6:00 PM  | B-ball: Gr. 4-6 Girls; 7:00 PM Gr. 4-6 Boys vs St. Pat's – Bryan (H)   |
| Sun.          | <b>9:00AM</b><br>10:20AM<br>1:00 PM            | <b>Worship Service</b><br>Sunday School; Adult Bible Study; "The Lamp" Youth Bible Study<br>B-ball: Gr. 4-6 Girls; 2:15 PM Gr. 4-6 Boys vs St. Paul – Napoleon (H)   |
| Mon.-<br>Sat. | 7:30 AM  | Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM<br>Speaker: <i>Rev. Daniel Broaddus</i>  |

### **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**

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

- ❖ Our Homebound Shut-Ins: *John Damman*, in home hospice
- ❖ *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
- ❖ *Denny & Deb Damman*, both with Covid; Denny at FCHC and Deb at home
- ❖ *The family of Sandy (Joost) Eberle (Willie & Irene Joost's daughter)*, who passed away suddenly on Tues., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at her home.

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

**OFFERING BOXES** – Be sure to only use your 2022 envelopes. Your offering number changes every year, so please discard your 2021 envelopes to save confusion for the Finance Trustees. If you did not receive a 2022 box of envelopes and would like one, contact *Jim Hogrefe* (419-267-3806).

**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 “**H**elp our neighbor **I**mprove and **P**rotect his **P**ossessions and **I**ncome.” (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!**

**VOTERS' MEETING – Sunday, February 13 after worship**

Three weeks from today the voters will gather after worship in the fellowship hall for our second annual meeting in 2022. The business of the Lord's House to which we will tend includes:  
1) Endowment Fund earnings report; 2) Approval of Endowment Fund distributions; 3) Principal's annual school report; 4) Amendment to bylaws – Pastoral Call Committee.

**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.

**WATER TESTER:** At the January Council meeting, the need for a person to replace Ken Griffith as our water system tester was discussed. Ken would like to step down from this position, so we are seeking anyone in the congregation or in the area who may be interested in taking over this job. Please contact the church office (419-598-8961). This is a paid position.

| <b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b> | Home Fund  | Synod & Missions | Building Fund |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------------|---------------|
| Weekly Need                    | \$9,792.78 | \$500.00         | \$961.54      |
| Rec'd 1/16/22                  | \$5,652.00 | \$200.00         | \$190.00      |

ATTENDANCE: Sunday – 122

**POSITION OPENINGS:** St. John Lutheran School is asking for your help as we are seeking names for consideration for the Principal position and the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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 YOUTH GATHERING MEETING:** We will be having a final/mandatory NYG meeting **TODAY** 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.
- **LYF MEETING** – The LYF (Grades 6-12) will be getting together **TODAY** from 3:00-5:00 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. For questions, please 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. 13<sup>th</sup>**, 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. 7<sup>th</sup>.** 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. 13<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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. 4<sup>th</sup> 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...**

**If we're not hungry for Christ, is it because we're too full of ourselves?**

*"Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the Lord." Prov 16:5*