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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sermon Title & Text: "Cruciform Love" *1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13*

Service: *See printed Service Folder*

Hymns as listed in the Service Folder; Hymn of the Day: **544**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

The Psalmist wrote: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the House of the Lord.'" We are happy to have you with us, whether someone invited you or you came by yourself. We are glad to share this House of the Lord with you. Please help us get to know who you are by introducing yourself to our pastor and by filling out the Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you. Simply drop it in the basket in the narthex as you leave.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ✘ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✘ Maddox Oyer, Zeb Kramr, *Acolytes* ✘
- ✘ Dean Badenhop, Rich Elling, Dennis Showman, Dave Von Deylen, *Ushers* ✘
- ✘ Diane Von Deylen, LouAnn Rosebrock, *Altar Guild* ✘

MOURNING THE LOSS: On Monday, January 24, 2022, John Damman, 94, went home to heaven. John's funeral was held here at St. John on Fri., Jan. 28th, with burial in St. John Lutheran Cemetery following the service. Continue to keep *Dennis (Debra) Damman, Sharon (Ed) Hemenway, and Dale (Dorinda) Damman*, along with John's extended family in your prayers as they grieve his loss.

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 at St. John! Thank you!

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).



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

Date	Time	Activities
Today	9:00AM 10:20AM 12:00PM 4:00 PM	Worship Service Sunday School; Adult Bible Study; "The Lamp" Youth Bible Study B-ball: Gr. 4-6 Boys ; 1:00 PM Gr. 4-6 Girls vs St. Paul – Napoleon (H) Rescheduled LYF Meeting (<i>see bulletin note</i>)
Mon.	6:00 PM	Rescheduled B-ball: Gr. 4-6 Boys <u>only</u> vs St. John – Defiance (H)
Tues.	8:35 AM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	School Chapel B-ball: Gr. 4-6 Girls; 6:00 PM Gr. 4-6 Boys @ BG Christian Stewardship Board Meeting
Wed.	5:45 PM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM	School Board Meeting (<i>until 6:30 PM</i>) Jr High Confirmation Class (<i>until 7:30 PM</i>) Registration Open House (<i>until 7:30 PM – see bulletin note</i>)
Thurs.	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Breakfast
Sat.	10:00AM	B-ball: Gr. 4-6 Girls; 11:15 AM Gr. 4-6 Boys vs Trinity – Toledo (H)
Sun.	9:00AM 10:20AM	Communion Service Sunday School; Adult Bible Study; "The Lamp" Youth Bible Study
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Aaron Buelmann</i> , St. John Lutheran – Stryker

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:

- ❖ *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
- ❖ Those recovering from struggles related to Covid, especially Denny Damman and Linda Meyer
- ❖ *Bill Von Deylen*, hospitalized this week with health concerns

VOTERS' MEETING – Sunday, February 13 after worship

Two 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.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS need to be turned in to the office by Wednesday of each week in order to be included in the weekly bulletin. Please note this. Thank you!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY THIS MORNING

Provoking Proverbs ♦ Seventh Commandment

This morning we will be looking at Proverbs from the Book of Proverbs that provoke us to the godly use of our financial and material resources.

- **Another Day, Another Dollar** (honest labor);
- **Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is** (honoring God with our wealth);
- **The Rich Get Richer, the Poor Get Poorer** (economic justice);
- **'Tis Better To Give Than To Receive** (how giving enriches us)

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!**



<u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 1/23/22	\$3,555.00	\$235.00	\$115.00

ATTENDANCE: Sunday – 84

RESCHEDULED LYF MEETING – The LYF (Grades 6-12) will be getting together **TODAY** from 4:00-5:30 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.

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!

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.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST will meet this Thursday, Feb. 3, in the fellowship hall at 6:30 a.m. for an amazing breakfast and for the study of God's Word. It's a wonderful time of fellowship and of nourishment of body and soul! **The breakfasts are the best; you don't want to miss it! Please join us. It's the best part of waking up!**



NLSW ACTIVITIES: In celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week, Dave Kleck from WNDH radio station recorded radio spots from students at St. John. Students told why they like attending St. John Lutheran School. This past Thursday, Dave came back and did live interviews with classrooms and teachers. These were broadcast over WNDH 103.1 FM on Friday morning. The school's Faith Families got together every day of the week for special NLSW theme-based activities, plus they had a special "zoom" field trip with the Toledo Zoo.

2021 CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT – It's time to start getting ready for the 2021 Annual Report. The various organization secretaries are asked to write up a summary of the year's activities and the treasurers of the different organizations are asked to submit their yearly financial report. **Please turn your reports in to Joyce Wiechers by Sun., Feb. 27.**

Also, if you've moved, eliminated your landline phone, or have a new phone number, contact the church office or make a note of it on a *Rite of Fellowship Card* and drop it in one of the baskets in the narthex to help us keep our records as up-to-date as possible.

ST. JOHN SCRIP CONTINUES: You may begin ordering SCRIP again. Please turn those orders in on Wednesdays, with payment to *St. John School PTL Scrip*. The gift cards will be sent home the following week on Tuesday or Wednesday. Payment must accompany orders. **Any questions about SCRIP can be directed to SCRIP Coordinator Kristyn Honemann at 419-966-0207 or email at honemann@embarqmail.com.**

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...

When life isn't a bed of roses, remember who wore the thorns.

"Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are. But he did not sin! So whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God. There we will be treated with undeserved kindness, and we will find help."

(Heb 4:15-16. CEV)