



# St. John Lutheran Church

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### **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

Guest Preacher: *Rev. Ted Rellstab*, Retired, St. John Lutheran - Holgate  
Sermon Title & Text: "Two Men Changed by God" *Isaiah 6:1-8, Luke 5:1-11*  
Service: *Divine Service, Setting One (LSB pg 151)*  
Hymns: **907 ~ 960 ~ [Communion: 637, 507, 949] ~ 537**

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**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS** *Welcome to every member, friend, and visitor. You have entered this church, not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. May you who enter here find rest, forgiveness, and strength. May your worship here enable you to see your Savior more clearly, love Him more dearly, follow Him more nearly, and serve Him more sincerely. If you have no church home of your own, we invite you to join the St. John family. Please fill 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.*

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

✠ Renee Petzoldt, *Organist* ✠ Alex Wachtman, Brice Baumert, *Acolytes* ✠  
✠ Denny Bockelman, Tim Badenhop, Dave Myles, *Ushers* ✠  
✠ Kaylee Buchhop, Ronda Wentworth, Karen Lulfs, Karan Niebergall, *Altar Guild* ✠

**GUEST PREACHER THIS MORNING:** *Rev. Ted Rellstab*, Retired, St. John Lutheran – Holgate, is preaching today. He is filling in for Pastor Niermann, who was hospitalized this past Tuesday at St. V's in Toledo. He is doing well, and feeling much better each day. Please pray for Pastor Niermann's recuperation...and "thank you" Pastor Rellstab for supplying us with the word of God this morning.

**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!

<b>In God's House This Week</b>		Online church calendar: <a href="https://74058984.view-events.com">https://74058984.view-events.com</a>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Today	<b>9:00AM</b> 10:20AM	<b>Communion Service</b> Sunday School; "The Lamp" Youth Bible Study
Mon.	7:00 PM	PTL Meeting
Tues.	<b>8:35 AM</b> 7:00 PM	<b>School Chapel</b> ( <i>led by Grades 1&amp;2</i> ) Church Council Meeting
Wed.	5:45 PM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM	<b>Rescheduled</b> School Board Meeting ( <i>until 6:30 PM</i> ) Jr High Confirmation Class ( <i>until 7:30 PM</i> ) <b>Rescheduled</b> Registration Open House ( <i>until 7:30 PM – see bulletin note</i> )
Fri.	6:00 PM	LYF making subs for the Super Bowl Sub Sale on Sunday
Friday	-Sunday	NWOLL Basketball Tournament @ St. Paul – Napoleon
Sun.	<b>9:00AM</b> 10:20AM 10:30AM 10:30AM	<b>Worship Service w/Communion following</b> Sunday School LYF Super Bowl Sub Sale ( <i>following the service</i> ) Voters' Meeting ( <i>see bulletin note</i> )
Mon.- Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM Speaker: <i>Rev. Willie Stottlemyer</i> , St. Stephen Lutheran – Defiance

**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*, recuperating at Fulton Manor, Wauseon, after his recent hospitalization
- ❖ *Rose Abel* (*Char Weber's sister*), suffering from Covid with double lung pneumonia

**BIBLE STUDY**: Due to Pastor Niermann's absence, Adult Bible Study will be cancelled today.

**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!

**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).

<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS:</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 1/30/22	\$15,218.00	\$190.00	\$567.00

ATTENDANCE: Sunday – 177

**LYF SUPER BOWL SUB SALE!** On **Sun., Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>**, the LYF will be selling Super Bowl subs to help raise money for our youth group. **These were pre-order only.** 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!

**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.

**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.

### **THREE WAYS TO GIVE YOUR REGULAR OFFERING**

- Deposit your offering in the narthex when you come to worship, or if you're listening to the FM broadcast, give your offering to the usher or deacon when they hand you your bulletin.
- Use the '**Give Now**' online giving page – a link (the blue button) is on our website.
- Mail your offering to the church.

**OPTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION DURING COVID** - During this time of pandemic, we are making Holy Communion available in the following ways:

- **Thursday evening Communion services** prior to first and third Sundays
- **First and Third Sundays each month** – in the Sanctuary, and drive-thru after the service
- **Second Sundays** – after the service in the sanctuary

**Drive-thru Communion is on the first and third Sundays for those who have participated in the Divine Service from the parking lot.**

**PTL MEETING!** The next PTL meeting will be held on Mon., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Discussion on the Soup & Pie Luncheon will be held. Please plan to attend and support the school. This will be a business meeting.

**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](mailto:honemann@embarqmail.com).**

**RESCHEDULED ST. JOHN REGISTRATION OPEN HOUSE** – Our **Open House** is rescheduled for Wednesday evening, **February 9<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM** for grade levels (PS-8) at St. John School. This is for families who would like to come and look at our school and discuss the possibility of sending their child/children here for their education. If anyone currently in the school might know 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 have opened the registration up to the public, so be sure to register soon.** There is a non-refundable \$30 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.

**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.

**SWISS STEAK DINNER** – hosted by the Ridgeville American Legion on Sun., Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. This will be a drive-thru only from 11:00 AM until sold out. On the menu: *Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Green Beans, Roll, and Dessert.* The cost is \$10.

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**The best vitamin for a baptized believer in Christ is B1.**

*“He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.” (Mark 16:16)*