

# St. John Lutheran Church

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### SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Sermon: "No Substitutes" *Jeremiah 26:8-15*

Service: Matins (*LSB pg. 219*)

Hymns: **589** ~ (Baptism: 'Borning Cry', **593**) ~ **586** ~ **941** ~ "Father in Heaven"

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*The church is not the building, even though we love it. The church is the people: We are the church. We would like you to consider making us your spiritual home. Please make yourself known to the Pastor or you may fill out the blue Rite of Fellowship card from the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the basket as you leave.*

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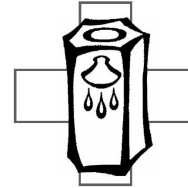


### **SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING**

- ✠ Sharon Damman, *Organist* ✠ Garrison Kruse & Paul Sausser, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Denny Von Deylen, Dave Badenhop, Dan Wiechers, Jerry Short, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Mary Kossow, Diana Kruse, Karen Germann, *Altar Guild* ✠

### BAPTISM THIS MORNING – Peyton Pamela Cohrs

We rejoice this morning with **Michael & Samantha Cohrs** as they present their infant daughter, **Peyton Pamela**, for Holy Baptism. Peyton was born on February 16 at the Defiance Promedica Hospital in Defiance, Ohio. Her baptismal sponsors are *Rachel Wanemacher* and *Ben Weddelman*. Peyton's proud grandparents are *Randy & LouAnn Rosebrock*. In Holy Baptism God works the miracle of forgiveness and saving faith. We pray that what is begun here today will be brought to completion on the Day of Jesus Christ, that on that day Peyton, and all God's baptized and believing saints, may inherit the kingdom! **Congratulations Michael & Sam!**



**AT REST IN HEAVEN:** *Evelyn Rohrs*, 95, went to her heavenly home on Thurs., March 3, 2022. Evelyn's funeral was held at St. John on Mon., March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Her committal service was held at St. John Lutheran Cemetery following her funeral service. Please continue to keep her children, Susan (Bill) Henrich, Jim (Deb) Rohrs, and Tom (Genny) Rohrs in your daily prayers, along with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**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> 10:20AM 2:00 PM	<b>Worship Service</b> w/communion following Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; "Lamp" Youth Group LWML Prayer Service ( <i>see bulletin note</i> )
Tues.	8:35 AM 7:00 PM	School Chapel Women of Freedom Meeting
Wed.	5:45 PM <b>7:00 PM</b>	Jr High Confirmation Class ( <i>until 6:45 PM</i> ) <b>Lenten Worship Service;</b> Offering: <i>Filling Home of Mercy - Napoleon</i> Acolyte: <i>Mitch Rosebrock</i> Ushers: <i>Denny Von Deylen, Dave Badenhop, Dan Wiechers, Jerry Short</i> Altar Guild: <i>Karen Germann, Mary Kossow, Diana Kruse</i>
Thurs.	6:30 AM	Men's Lenten Bible Study Breakfast
Fri.		End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Grading Period
Sun.	<b>9:00AM</b> 10:20AM	<b>Communion Service</b> Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; "Lamp" Youth Group
Mon.-Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM

**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*, at Genacross – Napoleon
- ❖ *Ruth Mahnke*, at Assisted Living – Genacross Lutheran Home
- ❖ *Hildegard Behrmann*, at Northcrest Nursing & Rehab
- ❖ Military: *Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Niermann, Jared Dishop, Jordan Lange*
- ❖ *Esther Layton, Sue Hurst, Eileen Fitzenreiter, and Don Lawrence*, for health concerns relating to cancer
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, at Ohio Veteran's Home, Sandusky, and battling lung cancer
- ❖ *Bill Von Deylen*, recuperating at home now after his recent hospitalization
- ❖ *Elmer Maassel*, recovering nicely at home following knee replacement surgery
- ❖ *Marian Damman*, recuperating at home following her recent surgery
- ❖ *Florence Jones*, admitted to St. Luke's – Maumee this past week with congestive heart failure

**THE BUD VASE ON THE PIANO** is in honor of Peyton's baptism this morning and is provided by her grandparents, Randy & LouAnn Rosebrock.

**CONFIRMATION PLANNING MEETING THIS MORNING** – The confirmation planning meeting postponed from last Sunday is scheduled for this morning after the Sunday School hour, at 11:15 a.m. The Confirmation Class of 2022 and their parents will meet in the 7-8 grade classroom to make plans for Confirmation Sunday and all that leads up to it.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY THIS MORNING**  
**Provoking Proverbs ♦ Eighth Commandment**



People love to talk about people! And usually, it seems, people love to talk of other people's faults, foibles, and failings. We often assume the worst about a person, or jump to conclusions, and let our minds and mouths run with it! But did you know that Jesus speaks well of you? May God give us tongues to do the same for each other, always explaining everything about our neighbor in the kindest way!

Join us this morning as the *Proverbs provoke us* to tame our tongues, and to use them to build up one another. **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!**

**EASTER FLOWERS – ORDER QUICKLY**: We found out this past week that the greenhouse providing us with our Easter flowers for several years has closed. **We have found a replacement, but orders must be placed this next week (3/15).** The order form is in today's bulletin. Please take the time to submit your order today (and pay later). We have been told that some quantities may be limited which is why we will be calling in our order this Tuesday. The greenhouse informed us that they do not have lilies, and the hydrangeas are sold out. If you submit your order form today you can drop your payment at the office or put it in the container on the narthex table next week. Make checks payable to **St. John Lutheran Church**. We were very surprised when we found out the previous greenhouse had closed without notification to us. Sorry for the inconvenience and rush!

**CHILDREN SINGING**: The Kindergarten thru Grade 8 children of St. John Church and School will be singing in the 9:00 AM Service on Sunday, March 27th in the balcony. We will meet that morning in the fellowship hall at 8:40 AM to practice. We will be practicing each Sunday from now on prior to Sunday School beginning. The song we will sing is "Were You There?" Thanks, *Char Weber*

**LWML PRAYER SERVICE**: St. Luke Lutheran Church's LWML would like to invite you to join them for the 2022 LWML Prayer Service today from 2-3PM at the church located on State Route 108, Wauseon, OH. See flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**ANNUAL CHURCH CLEANING** – Finally...get those buckets and rags ready!!! We are gearing up for the 2022 annual church cleaning. The listing of people for this year's cleaning groups are on the narthex table. If you are on the list and feel you are not physically able to help with the cleaning for whatever reason, let your co-chair know and we'll make a note of that. Thank you!

<b><u>FINANCIAL FACTS</u></b>	Home Fund	Synod & Missions	Building Fund
Weekly Need	\$9,792.78	\$500.00	\$961.54
Rec'd 3/06/22	\$8,016.00	\$807.00	\$480.00

ATTENDANCE: Sunday – 154

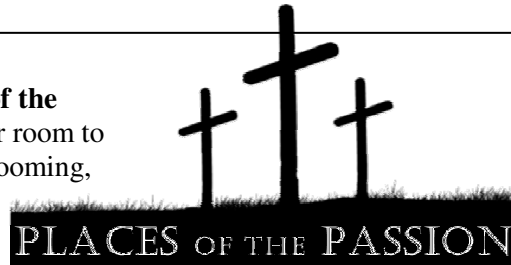
**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**: St. John Vocation Students - \$860.00 Attendance: 92

**DESIGNATE YOUR CHOICE DOLLARS** – It's that time of year again to direct your 2021 "Choice Dollars." The deadline to direct your 2021 dollars is March 31, 2022. You may be getting a phone call from Mary Kossow at the Thrivent office to help you direct your Choice Dollars.

Thrivent associates are now able to process your dollars online, so no signed form is needed. If you have not received a call from Mary and think you may have 2021 "Choice Dollars," just call the Ridgeville Corners Associates at 419-267-0113 and they will be glad to check for you! Thank You!

## Lent Midweek 2022

Our midweek Lenten theme this year is, "Places of the Passion." This week we walk with Jesus from the upper room to the Mount of Olives, and with His suffering and death looming, you won't believe what Jesus does. He sings hymns with His disciples. A hymn rooted in Scripture is a powerful means by which God strengthens us for the path ahead, whatever it may hold!



Here is the schedule for our remaining Lenten midweek services:

### WEEKLY THEME

- Lent 3: Mount of Olives – Singing Slopes
- Lent 4: Gethsemane – Garden Goat Rope
- Lent 5: The Courtyard – Galleria of Guilt
- Lent 6: Judgment Hall – Forum for Freedom

### OFFERING

- Filling Home of Mercy, Napoleon
- National Youth Gathering
- Worship Anew TV program
- Lutheran Hour Broadcast

Lenten Midweek services are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.



Each midweek Lenten service will begin with a hymn sing. We will sing stanzas of hymns selected by the congregation. Think ahead of hymns you would like to sing (that don't include *Alleluia*'s), and be prepared to offer your suggestions at these services.

## MEN'S LENTEN BIBLE BREAKFAST

Each Thursday during the Lenten season, the men will gather at 6:30 a.m. in the north fellowship hall for breakfast and a half-hour Bible study.

One of the most difficult things about death is the separation it creates between us and our loved ones. That break from our loved ones seems so permanent, for never again will we see that person in this life and world. **But does it have to be that way?** Is there a possibility some day of reunion? What do the Scriptures say? Join us this Thursday!



## 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.

**A MOBILE LUTHERAN BIBLE STUDY**... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Tips for the Struggle against Sloth; Perversion & the Four Loves; The Place of Scripture Readings in the Divine Service; Jesus Appears to Thomas and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**FREE OR REDUCED CHURCH WORKER TUITION AT CONCORDIA, ST. PAUL**

Our Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota has announced free tuition for all pre-seminary and pre-deaconess students, as well as a \$6,000 tuition cap for other church work students (Directors of Education, Outreach, Parish Music, and Lutheran School Teacher). Now, as ever, the church needs young people to answer the call to ministry. Spread the word about these financial incentives, and encourage a young person in your life to consider a church work career.

**WHY LUTHERAN SCHOOLS – STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES:** Every community needs students who are academically qualified and have learned to practice appropriate morality and respect. Since Lutheran schools accept students from all parts of the community, they can have a strong effect on the community itself.

**KINDERGARTEN CLINIC & ELIGIBILITY** for students entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2022! The St. John K-clinic will be held on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:30 PM. **St. John Lutheran School's eligibility date for entering Kindergarten is that a child must be five years old on or before September 30<sup>th</sup> to enroll in Kindergarten.** Items needed for our St. John clinic are: An original and/or certified copy of their birth certificate; a physical dated after August 2021 (*if available*); immunization records; Social Security number; child custody documents if applicable; and the baptism date/baptismal certificate, or dedication date. *NOTE: If your child is enrolled in our Preschool program, we already have the items listed above and you will not need to bring them the day of the clinic.*

**NOTE: KINDERGARTEN HALF DAY!** Please note that on Thurs., March 24<sup>th</sup> (*the day of the K-garten Clinic*), the Kindergarten class will dismiss at 11:20 AM. Please make pick up arrangements at that time for your child on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**ENROLLMENT FOR PRESCHOOL:** 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. The School Board approved rates for the 2022-2023 school year are: 3-yr old Preschool - \$100/month; 4/5-yr old Preschool - \$250/month.

**2021 END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS** – The 2021 individual offering totals (green sheets) are available on the narthex table. These will also be printed in the Church Annual Report. We hope this helps those members in need of this information for tax purposes. If you have any questions on your yearly contribution information, please call past Financial Trustee, *Jerry Langenhop* at 419-598-8151.

**ATHLETIC BANQUET UPDATE!** The St. John Athletic Banquet will be on **Sun., March 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.** The Boosters will furnish the meat, sides, drinks, and table service. They are asking families to bring a dessert to share. Hope to see many of you at the banquet as we honor our St. John athletes and also hear from the St. John alumni high school seniors!

**PTL COOKBOOKS** – The “Recipes and Remembrances” cookbooks from PTL are still available for purchase. They have a very nice collection of great recipes in them and would make a neat gift for that “hard to buy” family member or friend. The cookbooks are available on the narthex table for \$10. If writing a check, please make it payable to: *St. John PTL*. Thank you for supporting the PTL!

**POSITION OPENINGS:**

- St. John Lutheran School is seeking a **school custodian** for next school year. This is a part time position. For further information or to set up an interview please contact the school office at 419-598-8702.
- St John Lutheran School is seeking a **long term substitute teacher for kindergarten**. Our current teacher will be taking a maternity leave beginning the first week of September. Applicant must have a valid teaching certificate, obtain a background check, and supply three references. For further information or to set up an interview please contact the school office at 419-598-8702.
- 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.

**IF YOU'RE EVER IN A PINCH** and could use a little help, the *Good Neighbor Fund* is there to assist you too! Please don't be bashful about asking – everything is strictly confidential. Just give Pastor Niermann a call, and we'll see what we can do!

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** – The Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on a few radio stations in our area. They cover many topics relevant to today's issues. Broadcasts can be heard Sundays on: Archbold's WMTR 96.1 at 7:30 AM; **Napoleon's WNDH 103.1 at 9:00 AM.**

**SWISS STEAK DINNER:** The Ridgeville American Legion is hosting a **Drive-Thru Swiss Steak Dinner today** with serving from 11:00 AM until sold out. On the menu: Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert. This will be held at the Legion Hall on County Road 19. The cost is \$10. Hope to see you there!

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**Acting like you're perfect is like dressing up for an x-ray!**

*“...would not God discover this? For he knows the secrets of the heart.” Psa. 44:21*