

# St. John Lutheran Church

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### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Guest Preacher: *Rev. Ted Rellstab, Retired, St. John Lutheran – Holgate*

Sermon: “A Story With Real Shock Value” *Luke 10:25-37*

Service: *Service of Prayer & Preaching (LSB pg. 260)*

Hymns: *807 ~ 589 ~ 704 ~ 685*

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### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*You are among Christian friends today. We all have come to the Lord’s House to hear what He has to say and to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. We pray that His grace will touch and move you. Please fill out a blue pew card from the rack in front of you and drop it in the baskets at the door as you leave today.*

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

- ✠ Sharon Damman (pre-recorded), *Organist* ✠
- ✠ Raegan Dietrich, Mitch Rosebrock, *Acolytes* ✠
- ✠ Tim Badenhop, Denny Bockelman, Dave Myles, *Ushers* ✠
- ✠ Ronda Wentworth, Kaylee Buchhop, Karen Lulfs, Karan Niebergall, *Altar Guild* ✠

**WELCOME REV. TED RELLSTAB!** We are grateful today to have Rev. Ted Rellstab filling in for Pastor Niermann by leading us in worship. Rev. Rellstab was the long-time pastor, now retired, of St. John Lutheran Church in Holgate. He and his wife Deb now reside south of Holgate. We pray that God will bless his preaching of the Word, and our hearing, that together we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**MYSTERY SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY** – In Colossians 1:26 St. Paul speaks of “*The mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.*” Something like this is afoot this morning at St. John. Rev. Rellstab has prepared a Bible study for us today, but its subject remains a mystery ---until, that is, it is revealed to God’s saints at about 10:20 this morning, after worship in the fellowship hall. Please come and join him as we grow together in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord.



**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	<b>Worship Service</b> Adult Bible Study
Tues.	1:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	B-ball: Girl's Open Gym ( <i>see bulletin note</i> ) Church Council Meeting Gerald Busy Fingers 4-H Club ( <i>Youth Center</i> )
Wed.	1:00 PM	B-ball: Girl's Open Gym ( <i>see bulletin note</i> )
Thurs.	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Thurs. Evening Worship with Communion</b> ( <i>Fellowship Hall – North</i> )
Sun.	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:20AM	<b>Communion Service</b> Adult Bible Study
Mon.-Sat.	7:30 AM	Morning Meditations, WONW 1280 AM

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

- ❖ *Melba Elling, Lorna Von Deylen, Norma Damman*, at Genacross – Napoleon
- ❖ *Lawrence Behrmann*, at Northcrest Nursing & Rehab and in hospice care
- ❖ *Military: Justin Atkinson, Jason Rohrs, Emily Niermann, Jared Dishop, Jordan Lange*
- ❖ *Esther Layton, Sue Hurst, Eileen Fitzenreiter, and Dave Crandall*, concerns relating to cancer
- ❖ *Donald Landry*, at Ohio Veteran's Home, Sandusky, and battling lung cancer
- ❖ *Henry Gerken*, moved to Genacross Lutheran Home for more rehab therapy
- ❖ *Irene Joost*, recovering from a recent fall and a procedure to fix a cracked vertebrae
- ❖ *Jason Foor*, recuperating from recent surgery to put a stent in his heart valve
- ❖ *Cora Bartok* (Sarah Bartok's 10-yr old niece), recuperating at home following surgery this past week for a tumor in her abdominal area

**SPECIAL COMMUNION CANCELLED THIS MORNING** – In Pastor Niermann's absence we have cancelled the usually second-Sunday special Communion service after worship.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDIES** have been suspended for July and August, and will resume on the first Thursday of September (9/01).

**ALTAR GUILD CONSIDERATION:** We are currently very low on Altar Guild staff. We could use a few more teams to help with our church services. If this is something that you would consider helping with, it would be greatly appreciated. Two or three people on a team works out very good. If anyone is interested, please contact Diane Von Deylen 419-966-0527.

**REVELATION BIBLE STUDY...** **The Word of the Lord Endures Forever** is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio, hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. This week's teachings include: Satan Thrown Down to Earth, The First Beast, The Second Beast and The Lamb & the 144,000. Listen on-demand at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**ANY VOLUNTEERS???** Since Sarah Bartok will be moving to Springfield, MO at the end of July, she is asking if there are any volunteers to help load up her personal and household goods on Sun., July 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Please call Sarah at 734-752-9893 to let her know you can help out. 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 7/03/22	\$5,868.00	\$580.00	\$285.00

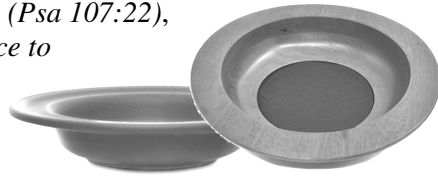
ATTENDANCE: Thursday – 38; Sunday – 101

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

- Deposit your envelope or offering in the offering plate being passed during the service.
- Use the 'Give Now' online giving page – a link (the blue button) is on our website.
- Mail your offering to the church.

**PASSING THE OFFERING PLATES** – The church council voted at its last meeting to resume the practice of passing the offering plates during worship. We started this practice again last Sunday. One of the practical reasons is to address a concern that had been raised that having the offering plates in the narthex created some confusion for guest worshippers who did not know where or when to give an offering, and consequently gave no offering.

On a more biblical note, restoring the offering to the sanctuary and the liturgy reminds us that giving our gifts is integral to our worship, not incidental. The offering is not a worship *interlude*, but a worship *feature*. We come here primarily for the 'Divine Service' (German, 'Gottesdienst'), where God serves us in Word and Sacrament. Yet we do remain passive in worship, as though there is nothing for us to do. God's service to us, His 'Divine Service,' calls forth our service to Him in sacrifices of **praise** (Heb 13:5), **prayer** (Psa 141:2), **song and thanksgiving** (Psa 107:22), and **offerings** (Psa 54:6 - "With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You.") For this reason the offering properly belongs in the context of the liturgy, just as much as the sacrifices of our praise, prayers and songs.



### **JOIN A MINISTRY PLANNING TEAM FOR A MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET**



The Stewardship Board is in the initial stages of planning a mother/daughter banquet for the fall of 2022. We are seeking individuals, both women and men, to form a ministry planning team to coordinate this event. We need the help of the women to plan an event that will have appeal to girls and women, and the help of men to coordinate the set-up, serving, and clean-up for the event so that the girls and women can enjoy a nice evening together. Sign up today as part of this planning team using the form provided in the narthex. Thank you!

**SEEKING NEW YOUTH LEADER** – Now that Miss Bartok has taken a call to a new field of service, we are seeking the services of a new LYF (*Lutheran Youth Fellowship*) leader for our congregation. If you might be interested in serving in this way, please speak with Pastor Niermann. And thank you for considering this. This is a crucial ministry and a noble work that we must provide for our youth in these days when so many other forces are working to pull them away from Christ.

**ST. JOHN GIRLS B-BALL OPEN GYMS:** Coach Schroeder will be holding open gyms for girls who are going into Grades K-6 next school year. These will be held at St. John from 1:00 – 2:30 PM on the following dates: July 12, 13, 19, 20. Flyers with information are available on the narthex table.

**3-YR AND 4/5-YR PRESCHOOL UPDATE:** The 4/5-year old preschool class numbers are currently at 10 students. We are able to take a few more in this class. The 3-year old class has 11 students enrolled and can take about 3 more students. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling in our preschool program, have them contact the school at 419-598-8702 to obtain a registrations packet. There is a non-refundable \$30 registration fee that must accompany your registration form.

**ANNUAL SCHOOL CLEANING** has been set for **Mon., July 25** at 6:00PM. No cleaning on Tues., July 26 as carpets will be shampooed. On **Wed., July 27** starting at 6:00 PM put furnishings and desks back into classrooms, and clean other areas of the building. Please contact a School Board member if evenings do not work for you. Please read the Parent Participation Policy on FastDirect with all the details about family requirements for School Cleaning.

**POSITION OPENINGS:**

- St. John Lutheran School is seeking a **preschool teacher aide** (3-yr class) for Wednesday and Friday mornings next school year. Applicant must have experience with preschool-age children, obtain a background check, and supply three references.
- St John Lutheran School is seeking a **long term sub 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.

If you know of anyone interested in these positions, please call the school office at 419-598-8702.

**WORSHIP ANEW** – Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. produces a weekly, 30-minute Lutheran broadcast worship service called Worship Anew. Each service includes music, scripture readings, prayers, and a pastor delivering a message that is designed to feel one-on-one to the viewer. Each program is closed-captioned for the hearing impaired. For over 50+ years, the ministry’s dedicated staff and supporters have touched the lives of countless viewers around the world. They look forward to the continuation and expansion of this ministry in the years to come. Lutheran Ministries Media would like to thank you for your prayers and your support of God’s work through Worship Anew. Broadcast can be viewed every Sunday on: **Toledo’s WTVG(CW) Channel 13.2 at 10:30 AM.**

**HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Zion Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners, is hosting an Ice Cream Social on Sun., July 17<sup>th</sup> with serving from 11 AM – 1 PM. See flyer on bulletin board.

**GOLF OUTING:** *The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Stephanie Lynn Kossow Memorial Golf Outing will be on Sat., July 30<sup>th</sup> with a 1:00 PM* shotgun start. The meal provided with your golf registration is *½ BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert, and Lemonade.* Non-golfers interested in a “meal only” Chicken Dinner may contact Chris Hesterman at 419-783-2013 with your reservation by Fri., July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The “meal only” reservation is a carryout meal and will be available at 5pm the day of the outing. The cost is \$20 (which goes into the Scholarship Fund). Flyers available on the narthex table!

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...**

**The struggle is great, but God is greater.**

*“Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.” Psa 54:4*