



# FORERUNNER

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*If you would like to submit a question for "Ask the Pastor", Biblical, theological, church related, anything you have been dying to ask a pastor, you can hand me a note, ask me after church, send an e-mail, or sneak into the church after dark and anonymously slide a sealed envelope under my office door. If I answer your question in print, I will not include your name unless you explicitly ask me to.*

## Ask the Pastor

"Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple--truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." (Matthew 10:40-42 )

A few weeks ago, we read this Gospel passage during worship. I noted that when we don't welcome strangers we miss an opportunity to welcome God (whoever welcomes you welcomes me...). If that's the case, our welcome should not be a matter of how we feel, what we want, or what would be embarrassing. Nor is our hospitality a matter of building church membership or even a matter of earning the title 'world's friendliest church' (if there even is such a thing). Being welcoming, showing hospitality to strangers, is a matter of God's love. It's a matter of not missing the opportunity to share that radical love shown to us through the life of Jesus. It's about not missing the opportunity to share the sacrificial love shown to us on the cross. And not missing the opportunity to share the ultimate love shown to us in the resurrection. When all is said and done, that love is why we do what we do; it is our purpose. Our purpose in this church and on this earth is to take every opportunity we have to share God's love. We should try not to miss the opportunity.

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There was also an announcement related to that reflection on welcoming...

In June, the O'Briens went to a niece's confirmation in Avon, OH. I noticed a sign above one of the church doors reading "Sanctuary Entrance". I thought that was a really good idea for people who might not be familiar with the building. It made me reflect... sometimes we become so familiar with a place that we don't think about those who might not know where to go, which door to use, etc. When I come to St. John, I know which door to use. But do visitors? Do new people know how to get to the sanctuary? Do they know where the bathrooms are? It's obvious to us because we call this place home, but what do visitors see?

Sometimes being welcoming can be as simple as signage. We need to spend some time talking about those things, but in the meantime, I could use your help... If you travel this summer or visit other congregations, note what they do that you find helpful as a visitor. It could be a sign outside telling you which door to use, maps to the bathrooms, directions in a bulletin, or anything that might be helpful to visitors. Take a picture if you can. If taking a picture is not convenient, jot down some notes and share their ideas with me. I would love to collect your ideas.



# memorials & gifts

**In Memory of Helen Jean Rollins**  
Irene Meech

**In Memory of Danny Jeffers**  
Bob and Diane Kapp  
Tom and Joan Truman

**In Memory of Carrol Krukemyer**  
Tom and Joan Truman

If we inadvertently missed your name, please let the office know.

# THANK YOU!

On behalf of the LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry at Elliston Zion, I would like to thank my St. John Family for your continued support. Our pantry is a free choice pantry and we serve all in Ottawa County who may need a little help due to food or financial insecurity. We do so without judgement, prejudice or expectations, just fellowship and smiles. Our mission is to share the light of Christ, one meal at a time! **We are open on the 2nd Weds. of each month from 5-7 PM.** Again, bless you and thank you!  
LisaAnne



### Thank you for Church Office Assistance

A great big "THANK YOU" to Diane Gerkenmeyer for volunteering to keep our church office running and doing multiple tasks for me. And to LisaAnne for filling in a couple of days when she didn't have to during my vacation. I am greatly appreciative of your willingness to fill in and for all of your help!

**God's Blessings,  
Lori Buhrow**

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Summer Worship  
Saturday at 5:00 PM  
Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

Deadline for the  
August 2023 Forerunner is  
Monday, August 21st  
Please send articles and/or  
information to  
office@stjohnwilliston.org.



**"Creating and nurturing life changing  
relationships based on the love of God  
in Jesus Christ, so that we may grow  
in faith, serve God and  
serve our neighbor."**

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Monday—Friday  
9am—2pm



### Circle Meetings

ESTHER CIRCLE: Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2:00 p.m.

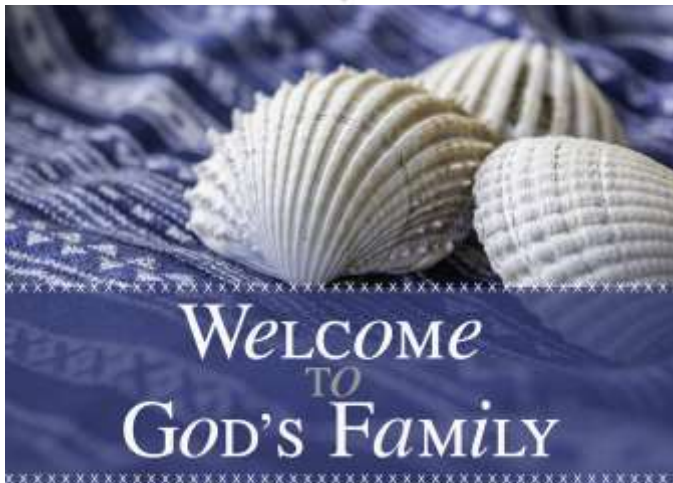
Meeting in the Social Hall

Bible Study: Diane Hartman

Hostesses: Evalyn Witty

REBEKAH CIRCLE: Tuesday, Sept. 5, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting in the Lounge



### **Nora Louise Sheahan**

*Was welcomed into the St John Family  
through Holy Baptism  
on July 8, 2023*

Parents: Dakota & Rylee Sheahan  
Sponsors: Rachael & Ryan Kerchevall  
and Madison Sheahan

### **Sutton Rene Deiter**

*Was welcomed into the St John Family  
through Holy Baptism  
on July 9, 2023*

Parents: Michael & Jena Deiter  
Sponsors: James & Erin Broschak

*St. John Prayer Chain is  
**there for you....***

***"Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will  
receive." Matthew 21:22***

When there is illness, a special need, or a time of thanksgiving in your family, or among friends or neighbors, you may wish to ask for the prayers of your sisters and brothers at St. John. If such a need arises, call Pastor O'Brien (cell 419-378-1112) or the church office (419-836-5514) who will begin the prayer chain. Please keep your message to the minimum to avoid any errors in passing it on. Thank you!



## 2024 Holy Land Tour Opportunities

2024 Holy Land Tour Opportunities – Have you ever wanted to see the places where Jesus walked and taught in the New Testament? Well, 2024 is offering you not one, but two opportunities to join with other Northwestern Ohio Lutherans in traveling to the Holy Land. The first trip is in late January 2024 (January 30-Feb 9th) with Bishop Beaudoin and the other trip will be in June of 2024 (June 17-27) led by **Pastor O'Brien**. We are going to have a video call for prospective travelers on August 15, at 6:00 pm. The information will apply to both tours. To join in the video call, reach out to Bruce Nieman at [bjnimail@gmail.com](mailto:bjnimail@gmail.com) so he can send you a link to the next informational session. For more information (and trip brochures), contact **Pastor O'Brien** at [pastorobrien@stjohnwilliston.org](mailto:pastorobrien@stjohnwilliston.org).

The January tour is \$4,190, the June tour is \$4,090. Both include all meals, accommodations, sight-seeing in a modern air conditioned bus, English speaking tour guide, and airfare from Detroit.

If you would like more information, I will be glad to talk with you about the trip. -Pastor Shawn O'Brien

## Blessing of Backpacks

On the weekend of **August 19th and 20th**, we are going to have a "Backpack Blessing" as a way to send children off with prayers for a safe and successful year of learning. Young people are encouraged to bring their school backpacks to church, and adults bring any kind of work case or bag. We will have a prayer of blessing as they start their new school year. It is our hope that with this blessing students will realize that they and their lives are important to their church family and that God is with them always, especially at school.



The Blessing Box needs your help!

Needed:

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Applesauce

Fruit (canned)

Snacks (small)

Cereal

**Thank you for your help and support to continue to keep our Blessing Box full!**



***Our Seven Faith Practices***

I will strive to...

1. **PRAY** daily
2. **WORSHIP** weekly
3. **READ** and study the Bible
4. **SERVE** at and beyond St. John
5. **INVITE** others into a loving relationship with Jesus
6. **GIVE** of my time, talents, and resources
7. **ENCOURAGE** spiritual growth in others

**Faith Practice  
#3 Reading  
PSALMS**

**BOOK #5**

**Week of Aug 7- Psalm 122**  
**Week of Aug 14- Psalm 123**  
**Week of Aug 21- Psalm 124**  
**Week of Aug 28- Psalm 125**  
**Week of Sept 4- Psalm 126**

**THE STORY OF JESUS**

The Synod Office has published a Daily Bible Reading Guide for 2023 entitled, "The Story of Jesus". It is designed to lead us through the life and ministry of Jesus. Most of the readings are of reasonable length (multiple verses instead of multiple chapters) so it should be easy to stay on track even if you miss a day. I will have copies of the reading guide available at the church, and I will share the document electronically when it becomes available.

**The Way to the Cross**

- Aug. 1 Parable of the Fig Tree Luke 13:6-9; Matt. 21:18-19; Mark 11:12-14
- Aug. 2 Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman Luke 13:10-17
- Aug. 3 The Parable of the Mustard Seed Luke 13:18-19; Matt. 13:31-32; Mark 4:30-32
- Aug. 4 The Parable of the Yeast Luke 13:20-21; Matt. 13:33
- Aug. 5 The Narrow Door Luke 13:22-30; Matt. 7:13-14
- Aug. 6 A Warning Against Herod Luke 13:31-33
- Aug. 7 The Lament over Jerusalem Luke 13:34-35; Matt. 23:37-39
- Aug. 8 Jesus Heals a Man with Dropsy Luke 14:1-6
- Aug. 9 Humility and Hospitality Luke 14:7-14
- Aug. 10 The Parable of the Great Dinner Luke 14:15-24; Matt. 22:1-14
- Aug. 11 The Cost of Discipleship Luke 14:25-33
- Aug. 12 About Salt Luke 14:34-35; Matt. 5:13; Mark 9:49-50
- Aug. 13 The Parable of the Lost Sheep Luke 15:1-7; Matt. 18:12-14
- Aug. 14 The Parable of the Lost Coin Luke 15:8-10
- Aug. 15 The Parable of the Prodigal Son Luke 15:11-32
- Aug. 16 The Parable of the Dishonest Manager Luke 16:1-9
- Aug. 17 On Faithfulness Luke 16:10-12
- Aug. 18 On Serving Two Masters Luke 16:13; Matt. 6:24
- Aug. 19 The Pharisees Reproved Luke 16:14-15
- Aug. 20 Concerning the Law Luke 16:16-17; Matt. 5:17-20
- Aug. 21 Concerning Divorce Luke 16:18; Matt. 19:1-12, Mark 10:1-12
- Aug. 22 The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus Luke 16:19-31
- Aug. 23 Occasions for Stumbling Luke 17:1-2; Matt. 18:6-9, Mark 9:42-48
- Aug. 24 On Forgiveness Luke 17:3-4; Matt. 18:15
- Aug. 25 On Faith Luke 17:5-6
- Aug. 26 We Are Worthless Slaves Luke 17:7-10
- Aug. 27 Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers Luke 17:11-19
- Aug. 28 The Coming of the Kingdom Luke 17:20-37
- Aug. 29 The Parable of the Unjust Judge Luke 18:1-8
- Aug. 30 The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector Luke 18:9-14
- Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem (According to John)
- Aug. 31 Jesus' Brothers Do Not Believe John 7:1-9**



### Prayer/Contact Cards...

You will see new blue Prayer/Contact cards in the pews. Please fill them out if you have a prayer request, a change in your contact information, would like to join the St. John family or to speak with the Pastor. Just place them in the offering plate.



We will return meeting again in September.

We are on hiatus. If you miss an episode or need to catch up, you can find the show at <https://www.angel.com/watch/the-chosen>

Remember Summer Worship hours

Saturday Worship at 5:00 PM

Sunday Worship at 9:00 AM



### GOLF OUTING

St. John's Annual Golf Outing  
will be held  
Saturday, September 23rd  
at Chippewa.

Mark your calendars.  
More information will  
be coming soon. If you  
have any questions,  
please contact a mem-  
ber of the Stewardship  
Committee or Tom  
Cashen.



### Prayers for departing College Students

On the weekend of August 5th and 6th, we are going to have a prayer and blessing for our college students as they start the new school year. Please contact the church office, 419-836-5514, with the student's name, the college they will be attending, and a current address if not living at home.

## Backpack Ministry

With school starting up soon we would like to provide backpacks and supplies for those who have need. It's important that students have the tools they need for a successful school year. To help make this happen we are seeking donations of backpacks and school supplies to fill them. Each school district and grade is different, but we have compiled a list of common items to fill backpacks the best we can. A donation list is posted below. If you don't want to shop for school supplies, please consider a contribution to the Good Samaritan Fund labeled "Backpack Ministry". We will use donated money to purchase the items we need. If you have any questions or would like to help assemble the backpacks, speak to Pastor O'Brien or any member of the Christian Community Life Committee: Cheryl Berger, Debbie Wehner, Donna Mathews, Susie Mathews

Backpacks (for elementary)  
Glue sticks  
Colored pencils  
Fiskar Scissors  
24 pack Crayola crayons  
10 pack Crayola markers  
School box  
Dry Erase Markers  
Highlighters  
Sturdy pocket folders (3 ring)  
Hand Sanitizer  
Pencil pouch (three ring)  
Spiral notebooks  
Notebook paper  
Gallon size zipper bags  
Quart size zipper bags



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**TOTAL MONEY RAISED FOR CHARITIES IN THE PAST**  
**20 YEARS IS \$1,183,997**

Tickets for the 21st Annual Baumann Auto Group Charity Raffle are available in the church office. (M-F 9-2)

Tickets are \$5.00. When you buy your ticket at St. John, 100% of the proceeds go

## NWO Region 6 Gathering

The Women of NWO invite you to our "Here I Am Lord" Gathering on October 27, 28<sup>th</sup> at the Findlay Inn, in Findlay, Ohio. Dr. Lisa Chavers will be speaking on Friday, "Hearing God's Rhythm and Answering the Call" On Saturday, Pastor Melanie Haak from ST. Paul's, New Rochester and St. James Bradner will present, "I Am She", she will also lead closing worship.

Chris Budke will lead Bible Study on Saturday, "Answering the Call".

Friday Night Banquet. "I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY".

Registration form in church office, "SONLIGHT". Questions?

Contact Sharon Moenter, 419-704-2193

## Parish Education Committee...

is requesting **feedback** and suggestions for Sunday School next year. We are seeking input from parents and students about levels of commitment, reasons for attending or not attending, and opinions on some different Christian Education ideas. It would really help us if you could take a minute to fill out the questionnaire linked below. There are only 10 questions so it should be pretty quick, and your input will be very helpful as we plan for the future. If you have feedback that doesn't seem to fit on the form, please send an email to [parisheducation@stjohnwilliston.org](mailto:parisheducation@stjohnwilliston.org). Thank you!

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSd-fVq-dz.../viewform>





# Join us for Sunday School Rally Day!

**Sunday, September 10th–  
8:30 AM**

**Invite a friend to Sunday School!**

**Confirmation Parents will also  
have a meeting at 8:30AM with  
Pastor O'Brien.**

## Daily reasons to celebrate

Poor August, the only month without holidays! Still, there's lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer. Enjoy some summer flavors: August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day; August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day; August 3, National Watermelon Day; August 10, National S'mores Day (have a bonfire!); and August 24 is National Peach Day.

If you share life with young kids, have a water balloon fight on — you guessed it — National Water Balloon Day, August 6! Head out for a final (National) Beach Day on August 30. Or head out for an intergenerational hike on National Trail Mix Day, August 31.

And don't forget to celebrate God's precious gifts of friends — National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August; creation — Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8 (prime time for meteor showers!); laughter — National Tell a Joke Day is August 16; and the opportunity to put God's love into action by serving others — on August 22, National Be an Angel Day, or August 28, National Thoughtful Day, and, for that matter, every day of the year — holiday or not.

## God's Top Ten

1. Put God First
2. Worship Him Only
3. No Bad Words
4. Work 6 Rest 1
5. Obey Your Parents
6. Harm No One
7. Don't Cheat
8. If It's Not Yours,  
Don't Take It
9. Tell the Truth
10. Don't Be Jealous of  
Other People's Stuff



## Thy will be done

Placing ourselves completely into God's hands can be challenging. If you need help in that area, pray these words from Thomas à Kempis: "Lord, you know what is best. May your will decide what shall be done. Give what you will, how much you will and when you will. Do what you know is best for me. Do what pleases you and brings your name most honor.

"Put me where you will, and deal with me in all things as you please. I am in your hand — turn me backwards and forwards, turn me upside down. Here I am, your servant, ready for anything, for I have no desire to live for myself but only to live perfectly and worthily for you." Amen





# August Stewardship Page



## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

When God gives us LIFE, we don't know how much TIME we have to use that life.



But whatever time we have is a GIFT FROM GOD and we must use it WISELY, in every activity throughout the day.

We must budget our hours so that we are able to **GIVE OF OUR TIME** to fulfill God's plan.



## *Our Prayer for August*

As we prepare for the transitions of August;  
of routines becoming regular,  
signs of schools beginning to emerge,  
and traffic patterns getting heavier,  
help us to appreciate the sacred rhythms in our lives.  
Give us the wisdom to make our hearts be still, much as the August wind is still,  
so that we may listen to the gentle words you speak to us.  
Help us understand that you alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of each human life.  
And help us see that we are called to be good stewards of all the gifts you have entrusted to us;  
tending them faithfully and responsibly so they may ultimately be returned to you with increase.  
In this month of August while a measure of summer's stillness remains,  
speak to our hearts,  
guide us in your Son's ways,  
and through your Spirit,  
give us the strength to proclaim your justice and peace in our every day words and deeds.  
We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

**Amen.**

# CONNECTING KIDS TO CHRIST

# The Connection

St. John Kid's Page



# Puzzle!

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then transfer the letters to the numbered boxes below to complete Psalm 107:1, NIV.

Shape that symbolizes love

31 15 7 18 5

Part of a stove used for baking

12 3 24 39

Color made by red and yellow

28 42 7 8 27 37

A present

1 32 20 11

Clothing a girl wears

19 22 43 44 33

Something you open to go into a room

40 29 17 47

Opposite of soft (sound)

34 17 41 30

To take a long walk

14 2 9 38

A high body temperature

45 50 49 48 42

Items used to build or fix things

13 35 21 16 26

Edge of the sea

10 23 46 51 4

Home for a bee

6 25 36 4

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
9	10		11	12		13	14	15
	16	17	18	19		20	21	22
	23	24		25	26		27	28
29	30		31	32	33		34	35
36	37		38	39	40	41	42	43
44		45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Answer: heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hive; Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1, NIV

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Kickoff

**Join us for Sunday School Rally Day!**  
**Sunday, September 10th– 8:30 AM**  
**Invite a friend to Sunday School!**



From the desk of..

Megan O'Brien, VP, Luther Home of Mercy

Dear Friends in Christ,

Welcome one another, therefore,  
just as Christ has welcomed you,  
for the glory of God.

*Luke 15:7*

Recently, I had the opportunity to travel with a delegation from the Northwestern Ohio Synod to the Dodoma Diocese of Tanzania for the consecration of Bishop Christian Ndossa. This was a time of high celebration. The community welcomed honored guests (us) and many local dignitaries (the Vice President!).

As a first-time ocean crosser, I had no idea what to expect. But the moment my feet touched the dust of Dodoma, this rural Ohioan was made to feel at home. Our group was joyfully serenaded with voices and instruments. We were fed until our stomachs were over-capacity, danced until we couldn't stand, and given beautiful gifts reflective on Tanzanian culture. But most of all... we were told, "you are welcome". Over and over.... with hugs and handshakes, we were told, "you are welcome". And they meant it!

It made me think of all of the times as an American, I have uttered phrases that are culturally expected but had no true intent behind what I said. I would probably be embarrassed if I counted how often I've responded "bless you" to a sneeze or "you are welcome" to some minor courtesy only to have my actions or sentiment go no farther than my lips. And I don't think I am alone. And I think this lackluster response... at times... extends into the walls of our churches.

If you've been around ministry long enough, you've probably heard of or attended a parish that says they value youth but don't invite them to participate in the daily life of the church. Or those who want young families to join but glare at mothers when their babies cry. Or who say that all people are welcome but have worship times that are impossible to find.

The true purpose of my visit to Dodoma was to meet Peter Kayombo, a young man with a brilliant proposal to begin doing the work of disability ministry in his country. In many ways, Peter's vision mirrors work that began at Luther Home of Mercy 95 years ago. I believe that Peter will achieve his dream for others. And it starts by gathering his people around those with intellectual and developmental disabilities... and over and over... with hugs and handshakes telling them, "you are welcome"... and mean it!

I wonder what northwest Ohio would look like if we all made a commitment to do the same.



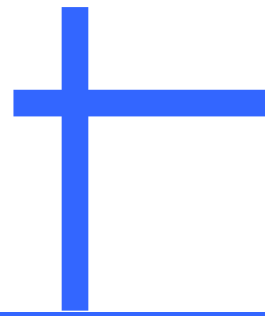
Pictured above: Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and Megan O'Brien met with newly retired Bishop Amon Kinyunyu and his son-in-law, Peter Kayombo, to discuss how the Northwestern Ohio Synod can support their efforts to start disability ministry in the Dodoma Diocese.

To learn more about disability ministry here in Northwestern Ohio, or in Dodoma, Tanzania, contact Megan O'Brien: [mobrien@lutherhome.org](mailto:mobrien@lutherhome.org), (419) 972-4436

In Christ,

Megan O'Brien

Vice President, Luther Home of Mercy



## 11th Annual Benevolence Golf Outing

*Proceeds to benefit St. John Good Samaritan Fund*

(Good Samaritan Fund assists with emergency requests from individuals and families of the community.)

**All Golfers Welcome and Needed!**

**Foursome Team Scramble**  
**Saturday, September 23, 2023**

**Chippewa Golf Club**

23550 St. Rt. 579, Curtice, OH 43412

8:00 am—Registration

9:00 am—Shot Gun Start

**\$65 per player**

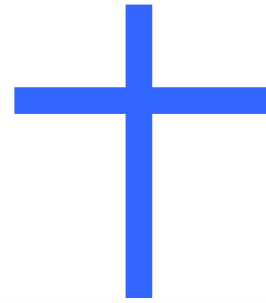
**18 holes with cart**

**Includes meal**

**PRIZES PRIZES  
PRIZES**

**For more information: call Tom 419-836-8028 or 419-205-1942**





**Saturday, September 23, 2023– Chippewa Golf Club**

**FOURSOME REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be contacted about next year's golf outing? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be contacted about next year's golf outing? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be contacted about next year's golf outing? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be contacted about next year's golf outing? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Sign up soon! You may drop this form off at the St. John Williston Church Office or mail to  
St. John Lutheran Church PO Box 235 Williston, Ohio 43468. For more info call 419-836-8028



## Worship Assistants



### **Saturdays 5:00pm**

#### **Ushers**

5- Wayne Bauman  
12- Jack Mathews  
19- The Buhrow Family  
26- Ron Gerkenmeyer

#### **Lectors**

5- Nancy Strohscher  
12- Beverly Harder  
19- Amy Schloegl  
26- Christine Danhoff

#### **Acolytes**

5- Lauren Hoeft  
12- Lindsey Krumnow  
19- Emma Morgan  
26- Jacob Higginbotham

#### **Communion**

5- Alice Witt  
12- JoElaine Schimming  
19- Ron Gerkenmeyer  
26- No Communion

### **Sundays 9:00am**

#### **Ushers**

6- Titgemeyer Family  
13- Diana Pfaff/Riley B  
20- Jill Kao  
27- Titgemeyer Family

#### **Lectors**

6- Cebie Titgemeyer  
13- Melissa Lammers  
20- Diana Pfaff  
27- Deanna Neuman

#### **Acolytes**

6- Logan Hays  
13- Lily Sondergeld  
20- Caleb Hays  
27- Mila McQueary

#### **Communion**

6- Margaret Berger  
13- Pam LaRue  
20- Dave/Deanna N  
27- No Communion

### **Saturdays 5:00pm**

#### **Ushers**

2- The Donnelly Family  
9- The Buhrow Family  
16- Jack Mathews  
23- The Buhrow Family  
30- Ron Gerkenmeyer

#### **Lectors**

2- Nancy Strohscher  
9- Beverly Harder  
16- Amy Schloegl  
23- Christine Danhoff  
30- Nancy Strohscher

#### **Acolytes**

2- Mila McQueary  
9- Lindsey Krumnow  
16- Emma Morgan  
23- Jacob Higginbotham  
30- Mila McQueary

#### **Communion**

2- Nancy Strohscher  
9- Carol Vargo  
16- Al & Traci Brown  
23- JoElaine Schimming  
30- Alice Witt

### **Sundays 9:00am**

#### **Ushers**

3- Diana Pfaff/Riley B  
10- Jill Kao  
17- Titgemeyer Family  
24- Diana Pfaff/Riley B  
1- Jill Kao

#### **Lectors**

3- Tim Titgemeyer  
10- Jill Kao  
17- Kellie Ulrich  
24- Melissa Lammers  
1- Roland Sandrock

#### **Acolytes**

3- Logan Hays  
10- Lily Sondergeld  
17- Caleb Hays  
24- Lauren Hoeft  
1- Logan Hays

#### **Communion**

3- Kellie Ulrich  
10- Roland Sandrock  
17- Diana Pfaff  
24- Cebie Titgemeyer  
1- Margaret Berger



*Thank you for serving the Lord! If you cannot make your assignment, please make arrangements for a replacement then let the office know as soon as possible.*

**More Worship Helpers Needed! Sign up in the office today!**





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:30AM Coffee/Donuts 9:00 AM Traditional Worship	31	1 9:00 AM Blankets	2 7:00 AM Breakfast Gathering	3	4	5 5:00 PM Contemp Worship <i>College Blessing</i>
6 8:30 AM Coffee/Donuts 9:00 AM Traditional Worship <i>College Blessing</i>	7	8 9:00 AM Blankets 	9 7:00 AM Breakfast Gathering	10 7:00 PM Committee Meeting	11	12 5:00 PM Contemp Worship Baptism- Jimmy Hyde
13 8:30 AM Coffee/Donuts 9:00 AM Traditional Worship	14	15 9:00 AM Blankets	16 7:00 AM Breakfast Gathering	17 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	18	19 5:00 PM Contemp Worship Baptism- Ashley & Hailey Hodulik <i>Backpack Blessing</i>
20 8:30 AM Coffee/Donuts 9:00 AM Traditional Worship <i>Backpack Blessing</i>	21 9:00 AM Forerunner deadline!	22 9:00 AM Blankets	23 7:00 AM Breakfast Gathering	24	25	26 5:00 PM Contemp Worship
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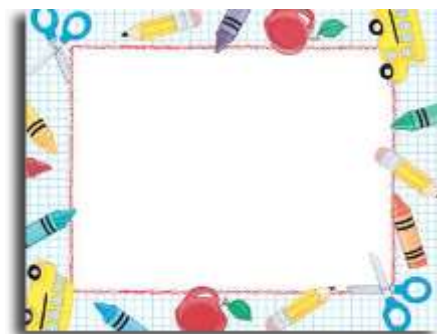
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Summer Worship Hours at St. John

Saturday Contemporary Worship 5:00 PM

Sunday School resumes in September 10th, 8:30 AM

Sunday Traditional Worship 9:00 AM

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