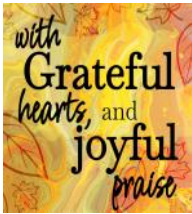


**August 22 & 23, 2026 Pentecost 13**



Welcome to St. John!  
With gratitude we come to give thanks to the Lord for God's boundless grace. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we extend the hand of friendship and love to all who have come.

Do you have questions? Just ask! We are happy to tell you all about us! There is an elevator to the left of the pulpit for those who wish to use it.

For more info visit: [www.stjohnwilliston.org](http://www.stjohnwilliston.org)

**This Week- August 24-August 30**

Mon: Faith Practice Reading Isaiah 34

Tues: Blankets 9 AM

Weds: Breakfast at Mc Donald's 7 AM

**Thurs: Church Council 7 PM**

Sat: Worship 5 PM

Sat: Euchre Tourney! 6:00 PM (following worship)

Sun: Worship 9:00 AM

THANK YOU FOR SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP! WE NEED MORE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS! TRAINING AVAILABLE! PLEASE STOP OR CALL THE OFFICE OR SEE PASTOR O'BRIEN FOR INFO!

| <b>Saturdays 5:00pm</b>                   | <b>Sundays 9:45 am</b>                 |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>Ushers</b>                             | <b>Ushers</b>                          |
| 22-Ron Gerkensmeyer<br>29-Donnelly Family | 23-Diana Lambert<br>30-Titgemeyer's    |
| <b>Lectors</b>                            | <b>Lectors</b>                         |
| 22-Beverly Harder<br>29-Jonah             | 23-Tim Titgemeyer<br>30-Deanna Neuman  |
| <b>Acolytes</b>                           | <b>Acolytes</b>                        |
| 22-Trenton<br>29-Pierce                   | 23-Rylie<br>30-Ellie                   |
| <b>Communion</b>                          | <b>Communion</b>                       |
| 22-Carol Vargo<br>29-Al & Traci Brown     | 23-Margaret Berger<br>30-Robin Perkins |



Carolyn Lasseeter- medical concerns  
Jodi (Sievert) Main-medical concerns  
Wayne Schimming-medical concerns  
Craig Blausey-medical concerns

Merle Berger-medical concerns  
Betty Roecker-medical concerns  
Mark Joehlin-medical concerns  
Rose Mary Fredericksen-medical concerns  
Kimberly Sommers- medical concerns  
Mary Harmeyer-medical concerns  
Charlene Hoot-medical concerns  
Jennifer Nelson-medical concerns  
Pat Sievert-medical concerns  
Jacob Yockey-concerns  
Andrew Janney-medical concerns  
Family and friends of Dana Leppert



**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles and Mary Mathews on their wedding anniversary by Donna Mathews.



**Did you know our Blessing Box is used by the community every day?** Needed: Spaghetti Sauce (cans) Peanut Butter, Jelly, Hamburger Helper, Canned Meat, Rice A Roni/side dishes, Applesauce cups, Cereal (small boxes) Fruit cups, soup, snacks, Packaged/shelf stable lunches and snacks. **(Please no glass, medicine, pet food or open or expired food).**

There is a donation box is near the office.

Thank you for helping us help our neighbors!



**On August 29 following worship (6:00p "Euchre Tournament 2: Return of the Bower!" Sign up and join us!**



On Monday, **September 21** we will meet at the church at **8:30a** to travel to Frankenmuth, MI to eat Bavarian food and wander the streets to see the “charming shops and boutiques”. Before we head home, we will stop at Bronner’s Christmas Wonderland to see the world’s largest Christmas store. Meals are in the \$20-25 range. We will be renting a van for the day that can hold 15 passengers. The cost to ride with the group is **\$15** (you may also travel in your own vehicle). If you would like to attend, contact the church office sign-up outside Pastor's office door. \$15 deposit reserves your spot in the van. If you want to drive yourself, please indicate when you sign up.



On **Wednesday, October 21** we will meet at the church at **10:30a** to travel to Rockside Station to ride the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. *(The train leaves at 1p; the ride is approximately 4 hours.)* The cost for tickets is **\$35**. We will be renting a van for the day that can hold 15 passengers. The cost to ride with the group is **\$15**. There is a food car on the train, but we can stop for dinner afterwards depending on the wishes of the group. If you would like to attend, sign-up near Pastor O'Brien's office door or call the church office. A \$15 deposit reserves your spot in the van. Total payment of **\$50 is due by September 27**. If you would like to drive yourself, please indicate on the sign up. If you have any questions, contact Pastor O'Brien.

**On August 29 following worship (6:00p – ish)**

**“Euchre Tournament 2: Return of the Bower!”**

Bring your preferred drink and an appetizer or light snack to share... and a friend. We will have food, fellowship, and the rules of the tournament will be explained. If you would like to attend, sign-up outside Pastor O'Brien's office door or call the church office. **(We need to know how many are playing to plan the bracket).** Questions? Contact Pastor



There will be a meeting for parents and confirmands on **Sunday September 13th at 8:30 AM.**

All students who are eligible for confirmation and at least one parent or guardian is encouraged to attend. Confirmation Classes at St. John are a 3 year program (usually grades 6 thru 8) designed to strengthen and enrich faith, help develop what it means to be a Lutheran Christian and prepare young people for the rite of Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism). We combine grades to form one class and everyone will learn the same information -just maybe in a different order.

If you know a student who should be enrolled in confirmation

classes, please let Pastor O'Brien know.

Questions? Feel free to

email: [pastorobrien@stjohnwilliston.org](mailto:pastorobrien@stjohnwilliston.org)



**13th 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!**  
(Hole sponsors also needed)

**Foursome Team Scramble**  
**Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026**

**Chippewa Golf Club**

23550 St. Rt. 579, Curtice, OH 43412

8:00 am — Registration

9:00 am — Shot Gun Start

**\$75 per player**  
**18 Holes with cart**  
**includes Meal**

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HOLE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT YOUR BUSINESS! \$50 each hole. Your business name will be displayed at the hole!  
Email: [office@stjohnwilliston.org](mailto:office@stjohnwilliston.org) for details!

For information: Tom (419) 205-1942 or the church office (419) 836-5514



Well this project isn't really just about goats. This project is all about love! What's it all about?

The Great Goat Project isn't just about goats—it's about sharing God's love in real, life-changing ways. Through this project, your congregation can help provide goats to families in Kashasha, Tanzania, in partnership with our Companions in the ELCT Dodoma Diocese in Tanzania. All of this grows out of our shared theme: "We love because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19) And.....

Who *doesn't* want to say they saved the world ... one goat at a time?

To give—simply mark (GOAT PROJECT) on your check (made out to St John) or envelope and place it in the offering plate or mail it to St.

John PO Box 235 Williston OH 43468.

You can also donate online at [www.stjohnwilliston.org](http://www.stjohnwilliston.org) and click on the online giving link and select The Great Goat Project!



**Our Fall Schedule begins on Sunday, Sept. 13th!**

**\*Saturday Worship 5:00 PM**

**\*Sunday Confirmation Class 8:30 AM**

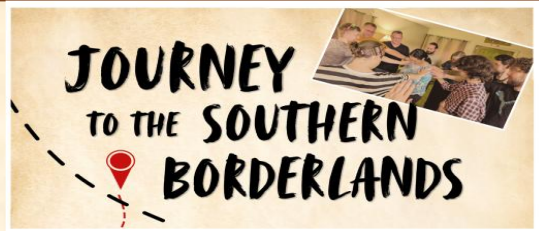
**\*Confirmation Parent meeting 9/13 at 8:30**

**\*Adult Sunday School 8:30 AM**

**\*Sunday School for 3 thru 5th grade 9-9:30 AM (main hallway)**

**\*Sunday Worship 9:45 AM**

**\*Choir practice Sunday following worship. (Come sing with us!)**



**Sunday, August 30 | 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM**

**Lunch included**

**Christian Life Center at Olivet Lutheran Church  
(5840 Monroe St., Sylvania, OH 43560)**

We invite you to join us and hear from seven team members — people of faith — who journeyed from Northwest Ohio to the southern borderlands to listen and learn about the current reality of immigration at the US-Mexico border. Calla Gilson Burns (NW-OH Synod), Pastor Chris Hanley (Glenwood Lutheran), Raiden Browning and Jordan Browning (Olivet Lutheran), Pastor Sarah Schaaf (NW-OH Synod), Pastor Shawn O'Brien (St. John Lutheran) and Megan O'Brien (Luther Home of Mercy) will be with us to share stories of what they saw and heard, what the visit taught them, and how it touched their lives and impacted their understanding of the immigration system.

This team was hosted by Border Servant Corps, a social ministry of the ELCA. BSC provided opportunities for the team to visit a local church that supports shelters near the border, and to meet several government personnel, humanitarian aid workers, lawyers and residents of Las Cruces, NM and El Paso, TX who offered personal experiences of life in the borderlands. As followers of Christ, we are called to work for justice for all people. We are grateful that our guest speakers will be with us to share their experiences of the borderlands through the lens of faith.

We will start with lunch at 11:30 AM, and the presentation to follow ending at 1:30 PM. There is no charge, but **please register by Tuesday August 25** so we can prepare for you. Use the QR code or visit [www.olivetsylvania.org/border](http://www.olivetsylvania.org/border). Everyone is welcome; bring a friend.





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**We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church.**

**We are..."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."**

*LisaAnne Gregg, Office Administrator*

*Church Office Hours: M-T-W 9am—3 pm Thurs. hours may vary \* Office closed Friday*

*Email: [office@stjohnwilliston.org](mailto:office@stjohnwilliston.org)*

**Worship with us this weekend!**

**Contemporary Worship: Saturday 5:00 pm**

**Traditional Worship: Sunday at 9 AM thru Labor Day/ 9:45 am beginning Sept 13th.**

#### **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

■ **WORSHIP** ■ Watch worship while your are  
away from home or unable to  
attend worship in person!  
**[https://www.youtube.com/  
@stjohnwilliston](https://www.youtube.com/@stjohnwilliston)**



#### **JOIN US for Fellowship!**

Our Breakfast Gatherings are Wednesdays at McDonald's in Genoa! Join us this Weds. at 7 AM for a few laughs, too!