

May 9 & 10, 2026 * Easter 6

Happy Mother's Day! Let us thank God for our families and pray that all family members may grow close in love and respect for one another. May all church families also be mindful that we are indeed "members one of another" (Ephesians 4:25).



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

This Week May 11 through May 17

Mon: Faith Reading Isaiah 19

Tues: Blankets 9 AM

Tues: Esther Circle 2 PM

Weds: Breakfast Gathering at McDonalds 7 AM

Thurs: Committee Night 7 PM

Sat: Worship 5 PM- Confirmation!

Sun: Adult Sunday School

Sun: Sunday School for kids 9:00 AM

Sun: Worship 9:45 AM

Sun: Choir 11:00 AM

Sun: West End Bunch 4-H 1 PM

Sun: Livestock Unlimited 4-H 3 PM



The Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory of God and in loving memory of
Mark Witt by Max, Charlotte, Alex, &
Sophia-Mark's grandchildren.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the
Glory of God and in loving memory
of John, Beth and Jack Radon and Ken Michelson by
Avery and Sue Kozina

PRAYER
list...



- Carolyn Lasseter- medical concerns
- Jodi (Sievert) Main-medical concerns
- Wayne Schimming-medical concerns
- Ben Perkins-medical concerns
- Kayla Korik-medical concerns
- Beth Keller-medical concerns
- Deb Wehner-medical concerns
- Jill Mathews-medical concerns
- Shirley & Richard Crosskill-medical concerns
- Terrie Ziegler-medical concerns
- Craig Blausey-medical concerns
- Sharon-medical concerns
- Merle Berger-medical concerns
- The family and friends of Gene Bihn



Your Evangelical Lutheran neighbors invite you to join us for

Rogation Days

A celebration of agriculture during the planting season

May 10-14: Blessing of Farms

Area pastors will bless local fields, livestock and equipment.

To have your farm included, contact your pastor or congregational leader or if they are not available, Pastor Shawn O'Brien at pastorobrien@stjohnwilliston.org
Please include your name, phone number, location, and preferred date and time of blessing.

May 14: Worship & Dinner

6:00 p.m. Worship Celebration

Following worship: Enjoy a FREE farm-style meal at:

Solomon Lutheran Church
305 W Main St.
Woodville, OH

Prepared by Ole' Zimms Wagon Shed

Sponsored by:



Northwestern Ohio Synod
North Central Conference
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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!

HOW CAN
we Pray
FOR YOU?

Need prayers? You may ask for the prayers of your sisters and brothers at St. John. If such a need arises, please call Margaret Berger (419-340-2150), Pastor O'Brien (419-378-1112) or the church office (419-836-5514) who will begin the prayer chain. Please keep your message short and concise to avoid misinterpretation. Thanks! If you are new to St. John and would like to be on the prayer chain call list, please let Margaret, Pastor or the office know. Email: office@stjohnwilliston.org



Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School is coming to St. John!

June 15-June 19th 9 am to Noon

We are looking for Youth and Adult Volunteers to lead our littles as we explore the Nature of God!

Want to help?

Contact Melissa 419-367-6220

or Carol at 419-340-2518.

We'll see you in the Rainforest!!

Saturdays 5:00pm

Ushers

**9-Ron Gerkenmeyer
16-Donnelly Family
23-Jack Mathews**

Lectors

**9-Nancy Strohscher
16-Amy Schloegl
23-Jonah**

Acolytes

**9-Trenton
16-Liam
23-Jonah**

Communion

**9-No Communion
16-JoElaine S.
23-Ron Gerkenmeyer**

Sundays 9:45 am

Ushers

**10-Jim Vogelbacher
17-The Titgemeyer's
24-Diana Lambert**

Lectors

**10-Melissa Lammers
17-Tim Titgemeyer
24-Diana Lambert**

Acolytes

**10-Rylie
17-Rylan
24-Ellie**

Communion

**10-No Communion
17-Margaret Berger
24-Diana Lambert**

Worship
Assistants
Needed



We need Worship Helpers!

Won't you step in?

We are short on people willing to help

during worship! We need Ushers, Lectors, and Communion Assistants!

Task descriptions and trainings are readily available! See Pastor or stop in the office for more info!



St. John is working to update or replace our AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) machine. We thought it would be good to have multiple people

trained on how to properly use it, and we discovered that is now part of the CPR training course. If you are interested in participating in such a course, please sign outside Pastor O'Brien's office door.

Exact times and dates are TBD.



WELCA Notes:

The May Meeting of the Esther Circle will be held on MAY 12th at 2 PM

(rescheduled due to voting)

The June Meeting of the Esther Circle will be held on JUNE 2nd at NOON. We will be doing our yearly kitchen cleaning. See you then!

As part of our Seven Faith Practices, we are committed to read and study the Bible. This year, we will read the Book of Isaiah. We will study each verse independently and then Pastor will discuss it during worship. Answer the question-and receive a treat!

- May 3 – Isaiah 18
- May 11 – Isaiah 19
- May 18 – Isaiah 20
- May 25 – Isaiah 21
- June 1 – Isaiah 22
- June 8 – Isaiah 23
- June 15 – Isaiah 24



In Loving Memory of Gene Bihn

Eugene Anthony Bihn age 77 of Genoa passed away peacefully surrounded by family on May 1, 2026. Eugene was born to Lawrence and Olive (Busson) Bihn on May 27, 1948 in Toledo, Ohio. He was a 1966 graduate of Lake High School and earned his Associates Degree from Owens

Community College after serving our country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. During the war, Eugene served as a combat medic with the 82nd Airborne and earned 2 Bronze Stars. After college, he worked as a line worker for the phone company until his retirement. He served as Union Steward for the IBEW #986.

Eugene was an active member of St. John Lutheran Church in Williston where he was a member of the church choir. Eugene is a past Post Commander of the VFW Post #7510 in Genoa, Ohio, Cub Scout Master for Pack 310 and Scout Leader for Pack 342, and a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

Eugene is survived by his loving wife Amy (Townsend); children Benjamin (Liza) Bihn and Megan Bihn; siblings Larry Bihn, Ann Keeler, Judy Bihn, Rita Bates; best friend Bill Wolf; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, twin brother Jim; brothers Bob, Andy, Milo, Jerry, Ray; sisters Carolyn Bosse and Norma Cuprack.

Services were held Thursday at St. John. Memorials may be directed to St. John or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

SHARE YOUR IDEAS!

We're planning some future **Adult Luther League** events and looking to gauge interest.



Use this form or send an email to the Pastor (pastorobrien@stjohnwilliston.org) Please indicate which activities you would be interested in and likely to attend. If you have any additional ideas, please write those down or let Pastor O'Brien know.

- Merry-Go-Round Museum and lunch in Sandusky (approximately \$10, plus lunch)
- Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (approximately \$40, plus lunch and transportation)
- Maritime Museum of the Great Lakes and lunch in Toledo (\$14, plus lunch)
- Frankenmuth, Michigan – shopping at Bronner's Christmas Wonderland and Bavarian food for lunch
- Future show at the Stranahan or Valentine theater and dinner/lunch (price varies)
- Digital Scavenger Hunt (the youth group did this several years ago, it involves traveling around the area with your group and finding local attractions)
- Euchre Tournament 2 (in the church basement)
- Amish Country visit (similar to what we did last year; approximately \$235)
- List ideas of your own!

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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

Contemporary Worship: Saturday 5:00 pm
Adult Sunday School and Confirmation Class: Sunday 8:30 am
Sunday School (age 3 thru 5th grade) every Sunday 9 AM
Traditional Worship: Sunday 9:45 am

Beginning June 7th– Sunday Worship at 9 AM



Watch worship while your are away from home or unable to attend worship in person!
<https://www.youtube.com/>



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).

Thanks for helping us help our neighbors!



If you are a Thrivent investment or insurance policy holder, our church may be eligible to earn Thrivent Action Team

Dollars to financially assist the efforts of our St. John congregation. This is a very quick and easy process which can qualify you for \$250 Thrivent Action Team dollars that can be used for many projects in our church and our community. In 2025 our St. John Family qualified for more than \$7,000 from this process. Please contact Diane Gerkenmeyer at rondiangerk@aol.com or 419-276-3800 to learn how you can get Thrivent support for our church and our St. John community.

Summer Worship Hours



Begin June 7th
Sat: 5:00 PM
Sun: 9:00 AM

Want to know more about St. John? Simply call, stop in or visit our website at www.stjohnwilliston.org.

We are also on Facebook and our worship services can be viewed on YouTube!

