

November 23/24, 2024

Christ the King

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AND EVER.

PSALM 145:1, NIV

Family of Christ,
welcome to worship!

May you sense Jesus' presence and be
strengthened in his love we invite you to
become a member of the St. John family.
There is an elevator to the left of the
pulpit for those who wish to use it.
Questions? Please ask!

Coming Up at St John

Nov 25-Dec. 1

Mon: Faith Practice Reading-Job 20

Tues: Blankets 9 AM

Tues: Dart Ball HOME vs Elliston Zion UMC 7:30

Wed: Breakfast -GENOA McDonald's 7AM Thurs: Happy Thanksgiving Office closed

Friday: FRIENDS Community Blood Drive Here

1 PM to 6 PM -basement

Sat: Worship 5 PM

Sun: Sunday School 4 the whole family! 8:30 am

Sun: Confirmation 8:30

Sun: Traditional Worship 9:45 AM

Sun: Choir Practice 11:00 AM

Sun: The Chosen Movie 11:00 AM

#### This Sunday!

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service
and Dinner

5 PM Worship 6 PM Dinner (no charge for dinner)
Food donations being collected for
area food pantries.





Doug Blausey- medical concerns
Carolyn Lasseter- medical concerns
Elaine Gruetter-medical concerns
Richard Brossia-medical concerns
Dennis Carstensen-medical concerns
Jawid Witty-medical concerns
Jakub Goldstein-medical concerns
Wayne Schimming-medical concerns
Ron Sheahan-medical concerns
Allen Yockey-medical concerns
Rich Bittner-medical concerns
Kathy Varga-medical concerns
Alicia Kardatzke-medical concerns

Jacob LaRue-medical concerns



The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Loved Ones by Bob and Diane Kapp.

#### Altar Flowers

The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Lowell Hartman's 89th birthday by his family, in loving memory of Patricia Delventhal and Thomas Gillespie by Holly Delventhal, James Gillespie and Lily, and in loving memory of Michelle Maix by the Donnelly Family, the Vargo Family and Kayla and Kelsey Miller.

#### Assistants for this weekend & next!

Saturdays 5:00pm	Sundays 9:45 am
Ushers	Ushers
23-Donnelly Family	24-Titgemeyers
30-Buhrow Family	1- Jill Kao
Lectors	Lectors
23-Beverly Harder	24-Tim Titgemeyer
30-Sandy Toth	1- Deanna Neuman
Acolytes	Acolytes
23-Trenton K.	24-Lauren H.
30-Jacob H.	1- Mila M.
Communion	Communion
23-JoElaine Schimming	24-Margaret Berger
30-Al & Traci Brown	1- Roland Sandrock



# The CHOSEN returns on Sundays following worship Join us for lunch and fellowship! Dec. 1st Dec. 15th



#### JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!

Breakfast Gatherings have moved to the McDonald's in **Genoa**! So, join us Weds. morning at 7 AM for food and fellowship!

Join the St. John Dart Ball Team!
Our next game is this Tuesday at HOME!
Get those pitching arms ready and join us
for fun on Tuesday nights! The weeks game will be on
Tues. Nov. 26th at 7:30 PM HOME vs Elliston Zion

#### The 7th Annual Williston

#### Community Christmas Tree Lighting & Meal

#### Saturday, December 7th following worship!

Join us for Saturday worship at St. John at **5 PM** and then follow us outside to the Christmas Tree (just east of the parsonage) where we will celebrate the season together! Following the Christmas Tree lighting, we will join together for a Community Meal to be served in the St. John Church basement. We'll also have games with prizes!

Please join the Evangelism Committee, your church family and your neighbors to celebrate the beginning of the Advent season. Thrivent Choice

Dollars will be donating the cost of the meal. **We will be collecting donations of paper products and personal items for Nightingale's Harvest.** They have a need for certain items such as liquid dish soap, liquid hand soap and toilet paper, but all items are greatly appreciated. A box will be placed by the elevator for all to donate at any time.



We are collecting items for the Advent Lutheran Center-a day program of the Luther Home of Mercy and for the LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry at Elliston Zion UMC-a free choice food pantry serving all of Ottawa County.

How? Take one of the boxes located near the church office or just take a Reverse Advent Calendar and day by day through Advent collect the items of the day. Return then when you have all the products or before Christmas Eve.

# BLACK FRIDAY F.R.I.E.N.D.S THE ONE WHERE THEY ALL CAVE BLOOD TOCETHER

Mark your calendars for our First Annual BLACK FRIDAY F>R>I>E>N>D>S
BLOOD DRIVE at St. John!
Friday, November 29th 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM Gather your friends, finish shopping for all your gifts and then come and give the most important gift of all- the GIFT OF LIFE!

www.redcrossblood.org- make your appointment!

Volunteers are also needed to man this drive.



# Mark your calendars! Christmas on the Beach

The Children's Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 8, 2024 during the 9:45 church ser-

vice. Light refreshments will be served after worship. The program this year is "Christmas on the Beach". If anyone has any beach items they would like lend the church for the program, please contact Tammy Mazur at 419-266-6491.

### Bell Ringers Needed! Help us ring the bell for the

Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign!

Dec. 4 10 am to 6 PM. Miller's in Genoa

Time slots are available and you may ring for as long as you wish! Sign up sheet is near the Pastor's door.

#### The STARS are out!



The Stars and the shopping lists for "Shopping with the Stars" are in the Narthex. Simply take a star or take a list and purchase a gift for our friends at the Luther Home of Mercy. Gifts do not need to be wrapped. All gifts need to be

returned to the church by Sun. December 8th. Thanks!

Christian Community Life would like donations of NEW CHRISTMAS CARDS !!

They will be sent to the Sandusky County Veterans
Home. We will be signing



them from our church.
Thank you for helping to
make their Christmas a
little more special ♥! You
may drop them off in the
box by the office.

Esther Circle would like to invite the Rebekah Circle to join us for our December meeting at 2 pm on **Tuesday**, **December 3**, in the Social Hall. We are studying "The Women of the Bible"......."Esther" for our

Women of the Bible"......."Esther" for our December meeting. We'll follow our study with singing Christmas Carols and then we'll socialize. We would ask that you bring either an hors d oeuvre OR a plate of cookies.

Any other ladies in the congregation are also cordially invited. If you're interested, please confirm with Diane Gerkensmeyer at 419.836.7052. It's bound to be an enjoyable afternoon. Please join us.



## " A Christmas Carol" Ecumenical Women's Christmas Service

Genoa Christian Church 415 Main St.
Thurs. December 5th Registration 5:45 PM
6:00 PM Worship Service Followed by soup &
salad. Please RSVP to 419-855-3464 or let
LisaAnne in the church office knowing you are
attending by Weds. Nov. 27th at 1PM.
(Parking is very limited-

You may carpool from St. John at 5:15)



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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."

Saturday Worship 5 PM Confirmation Class Sunday 8:30 AM
Sunday Worship 9:45 AM
Sunday School meets on the 1st Sunday of the month (October-May) 8:30 AM
Fun in faith for the whole family! (Yes! Parents, too!!)



Our Blessing Box can always use your help in helping our neighbors!

Needed:

Spaghetti Sauce (cans) Peanut
Butter, Hamburger Helper,
Canned Meat, Rice A Roni/side
dishes, Applesauce—cups, Cereal (small) Fruit cups, soup,
snacks, Packaged/shelf stable
lunches and snacks.
(no glass, medicine or expired
food, please)
There is a donation box
near the office.

## A new building access system is being installed at St. John.

Those needing regular entry to the church, outside of regular business hours (Mon-Thurs 9-3), will be issued a personalized access card to gain entry to the main doors near the parking lot.

There is an access box on the right side of the main door.

If you have a need for an access card, please see Andy after worship or stop in the church office.

Further information, including instructional videos on the new system, will be available soon. Please watch your weekly email & the Forerunner for more information.

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