The Forerunner

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ASK THE PASTOR

"Are we going to do the Reverse Advent Calendar collection again this year?

Short answer; YES! HOWEVER… our recipient will be new!

For those who may not be familiar with the idea, a quick explanation… The Reverse Advent Calendar puts a twist on the traditional Advent Calendar (counting down days to Christmas with chocolates, small gifts, etc.) This calendar is "reverse", because instead of taking something out for yourself, the idea is to put something in or set something aside to give to someone else – thus giving instead of getting. There will be boxes and calendars listing different items for each day until Christmas available at the church. Or you can print a calendar from the newsletter or Facebook and use your own box from home. At the end of Advent, the reverse calendar will result in a collection of 24 items that can be dropped off at the church to support a good cause at Christmas time.

Also, a long standing tradition at St. John has been to designate our Christmas Offering each year to support a ministry beyond our congregation.



Together, these two projects allow us to celebrate Christ's birth by sharing God's love with others in a tangible way.

This year our Reverse Advent Calendars and our Christmas offering will support **Lutheran Social Services of Northwestern Ohio**. Founded by Lutherans over 100 years ago, LSS is a human services agency dedicated to healing the hurting and serving individuals and families across northwestern Ohio regardless of their religious background. Grounded in a mission of compassionate care, the organization operates as a vital community safety net by providing comprehensive mental health counseling and substance use addiction treatment tailored for adults, children, and veterans. Beyond behavioral health, LSSNWO addresses systemic struggles through stabilizing community programs, which include a food pantry (which our calendar donations will support), court-ordered intervention courses, and specialized reentry navigation for individuals transitioning out of incarceration.

We will have the opportunity to learn about LSS and hear more about their various ministries in the season of Advent. Please pick up or print a Reverse Advent Calendar and consider supporting this important ministry.

Pastor Shawn

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.

Supporting our neighbors at Lutheran Social Services



REVERSE CALENDAR OF GIVING

FOR ADVENT

1 Canned Fruit	2 Canned Soup	3 Box of Cereal	4 Oatmeal	5 Bag or Box of Rice
6 Ravioli	7 Canned Tuna	8 Canned Chicken	9 Mac & Cheese	10 Peanut Butter
11 Jelly	12 Crackers	13 Canned Vegetables	14 Cereal Bars	15 Chef Boyrdee Pizza Kits
16 Chili	17 Cake Mix	18 Frosting	19 Pasta	20 Cream of wheat
21 Grits	22 Stuffing Mix	23 Pancake Mix	24 Syrup	25 Merry Christmas to all!

Thankful

St. John Family,

Isaiah 46:4

God says, "I have helped you through harder days before. I will help you through this one too. Trust Me."

This verse has such meaning when we are faced with hard days. I thank Pastor O'Brien, family and friends for their cards, prayers and support during my recent procedure. All went well and I am gaining strength and healing every day. I am blessed to be surrounded by so many caring loved ones. Thank you.

Shirley Berger

Pastor Shawn and St. John,

Thank you for allowing us to host our wedding at St. John. It was a blessing to have our wedding in the church where I grew up.

Anna (Mazur) Tomor

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Annual Trunk or Treat! We had a great time and lots of children (and adults) from the church and community participated.

Blanket Ladies,

Thank you to the blanket ladies for all the wonderful quilts donated to the LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry at Elliston Zion. Every family who visited our pantry in October was able to receive a new blanket for the cold weather! What a blessing!

LisaAnne



The harvest is on! Be safe and please watch out for our farming friends!

Gifts to St. John in loving Memory

In Memory of Mary Harmeyer
Cara McMillan
Amy Perry (Genoa Class of 1976)

In Memory of Clifford Bury
Al & Traci Brown
Richard & Barbara Fox
Ronald & Elizabeth Bedra
Jim Schimming
Denny & Rosemarie Dickinson

In Memory of Carolyn Lasseter
Al & Traci Brown
Leroy & Bonnie Williams
Noel & Marie Heisler
Kim & Ben Sommers
Larry & Francie Bondy
Donna Mathews
Jack & Jill Mathews
Jane Phillips
Doris Titgemeyer
Darlene Carstensen & family
Tim & Cebie Titgemeyer
Jim & Mona Vogelbacher
Karl & Roberta Orians
Steve & Carol Jensen
Judy Yockey
Dave & Deanna Neuman
Karen Jeffers
Linda Schlievert
Kent & Evie Delventhal
Lenore Harmeyer
Robert & Diane Kapp
Duane & Tami Tailford
Dave & Jennie Hodulik
John & Helen Meyer
Merle & Shirley Berger
JoElaine Schimming
Gary & LisaAnne Gregg
Ben & Robin Perkins
Alice Siglar
Jim Schimming
Margaret Berger
Janice Sheahan
Denny & Rosemarie Dickinson
Carole Beamer
Dennis & Cindy Hartman
Lowell & Diane Hartman
The LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry/EZUMC

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Saturday Worship
at 5:00 PM

Adult Class and
Confirmation Class 8:30 AM
Sunday School for the
Kids 3-5th grade 9:00 AM

Sunday Worship
9:45 AM

Deadline for the
December 2026 newsletter is
Monday, Nov. 23rd at 9 AM
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."

LisaAnne Gregg,
Office Administrator
Church Office Hours
M-T-W 9 AM to 3 PM
Thurs. hours may vary
Office closed on Fridays



All Saints' Day has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. It began as a commemoration of the martyrs who had died for the faith, and it has since become a day when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ. Martin Luther held that all Christians are simultaneously sinner and saint--a sinner because of our rebellious nature, but a saint because of salvation in Jesus. The family of St. John remembers those who have passed in the last year.

Madonna Bury * Elaine Gruetter
Robert Joehlin* Eugene Bihn
Shirley Crosskill* Mary Jane Harmeyer
Clifford Bury* Carolyn Lasseter

Let us pray...
Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

ORDER YOUR Poinsettias

ORDER DEADLINE FOR POINSETTAS

Sunday, NOVEMBER 15TH

Please place this order form and payment in an envelope marked with your name and "Poinsettia" in the offering plate, or drop your payment off at the church office.

Please make checks out to St. John.

The deadline to order live poinsettias is **NOVEMBER 15TH. No late orders please!**

Poinsettias will be red or white with 5 blooms or more.

Quantity

_____ **$10.00 each = Total Amount Enclosed: $**_____

1) In Loving Memory: _____

or In honor of: _____

Type: Red White Virtual (circle one)

2) In Loving Memory: _____

or In honor of: _____

Type: Red White

3) In Loving Memory: _____

or In honor of: _____

Type: Red White

Purchaser's name:_____

Phone:_____

Plants will be ready for pick up following Christmas Eve Services at St. John.

2027 ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers

The sign-up chart will be will be posted soon.

The Altar Flower sign up chart will be posted on the door across from the main stairwell.

We will continue to order our Altar and Chancel Flowers from Hirzel's Florist as we have for years and years. In 2027, the cost of the Altar Flowers will be $30.00 and the cost of the round Chancel bouquets will remain at $20.00.

Order slips are available under the sign-up chart. Please remember to fill out the form and submit it with payment to the office or drop it in the offering plate when you sign up. (Orders are placed weeks before they are needed).

We cannot order flowers or make your dedication in the bulletin if we don't have the form/payment. Thank you for helping to make our sanctuary so beautiful for worship!

2027 ALTAR FLOWER ORDER

Date for flowers_____

( ) ALTAR FLOWERS $ 30.00

( ) CHANCEL BOUQUET $ 20.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
St. John Lutheran Church
And place in the offering plate or drop off at the office with order form.

( ) In honor of_____

( ) In memory of_____

( ) In celebration of_____

By: _____

( ) I will pick up my flowers after church.

( ) Please give the flowers to one of our hospitalized or homebound.

Please turn in this slip at the time you sign up on the flower chart. Flowers are ordered a week or more in advance and cannot be ordered without this slip and payment. Thank you!

Thankoffering

Women of the ELCA

"... gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings."

The month of November is designated as THANKOFFERING Month by the WELCA.

Special envelopes are in your November Forerunner and will be available in the Sanctuary throughout the month of November.

THANKOFFERING monies are used for scholarships, grants for local projects and global ministries, creating resources for women's spiritual growth.

This tradition has been a long standing custom among Lutheran women dating back to the early 1800's. Women set aside small amounts of money throughout the year in response to moments of grace or gratitude. It is a beautiful way to combine a personal spiritual practice of gratitude with financial support for the vital work of the **W**omen of the **E**vangelical **L**utheran **C**hurch in **A**merica.

Thank YOU for your support of the WELCA.

St. John Blanket Ministry

Blanket Ministry Update

This year has been very busy for our Blanket Ladies. They completed a total of 467 blankets. Many have been given or sold throughout the year. After displaying, they were sorted and taken to 10 different local charities. We also sent 20 fabric kits and blankets to Lutheran World Relief.

Much of the cutting, sewing and finishing is done at home. We meet each Tuesday morning at 9 to about 11:30 to tie. An average of 10 ladies meet each week. We want to thank all of those who purchased raffle tickets this year, bid on an item or gave a donation. This year's winners are: Kevin Schimming, Valarie Baumbach, Janice Sheahan, Robert Orians, Amy Schloegl and Amy Bihn. The auction quilts went to Janice Sheahan, Dan Berger and Jill Kovacs. Also, a big thank you to all who showed up to help display and take down the blankets. This was a big job but was done in record time! We have also been fortunate to receive funds from Thrivent Action Team dollars. With that support and the money raised, we will again be able to finish many blankets next year. We invite everyone to come and help! Fabric and sheets of any size are welcomed donations. Be sure to look at the bulletin board across from the lounge as we have been featured in at least 5 different newspapers. Each blanket is made with love and given with love!



St. John Lutheran Church

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

The 8th Annual Williston Community Christmas Tree Lighting & Meal

Saturday, November 28th-5 PM

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.

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

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.

Nightingale's Harvest provides a food pantry for families with cancer in Northwest Ohio. They are located at Our Savior Lutheran Church on Alexis Rd. in Toledo. They have received many of our blankets and donations over the years to help those who are facing difficult times.

Prayer Chain Updates Needed

We will be updating our prayer chain beginning January 1, 2027. We have two lists, one via phone calls and one via email. If you are presently on either one and wish to remain.

.you need to do nothing.

If you would like to be added, we need your name, email and phone number.

There is no need to respond to the **email** prayer requests...just pray. On the phone list, you will need to pass the prayer on to the next person on the list.

If you would like to be added, please contact Margaret Berger at 419-340-2150 or email her at dmberger24@gmail.com. We will send you a copy of the lists.

Please notify us of your changes or additions by December 10th.

You are cordially invited

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AND DINNER

Sunday November 22, 2026

5 PM Worship 6 PM Dinner

St. John Lutheran Church

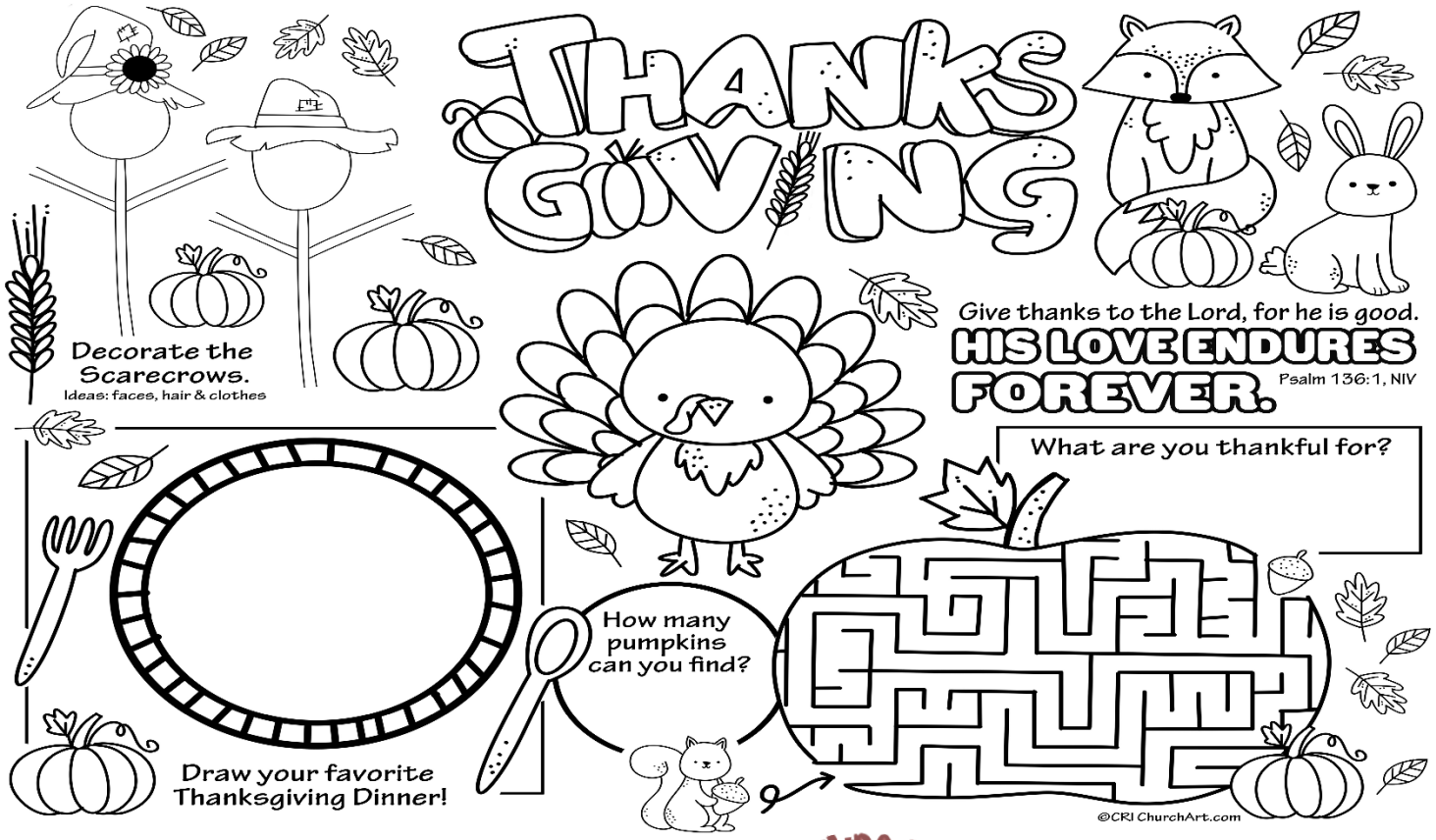
Williston, Ohio

All are welcome to join us for a time of giving thanks to God in worship and fellowship.

A Thrivent Action Grant is providing funds for this event. Donations accepted to benefit the Lutheran Social Services of NW Ohio Food Pantry Ministry



Help is needed with dinner clean up!
If you can help, please sign up on the sheet next to the Pastor's office.



PUZZLE

Counting Our Blessings

Thanksgiving is a great opportunity to "count our blessings." God blesses each of us daily in so many ways. Solve the following math problems. Then write the words on the numbered lines below to complete Ephesians 1:3, NIV.

14 - 7 = ____ Father	10 + 15 = ____ in
10 + 9 = ____ heavenly	6 - 3 = ____ to
10 + 5 = ____ blessed	12 - 6 = ____ and
2 - 1 = ____ Praise	6 + 6 = ____ Christ
7 + 7 = ____ has	18 - 9 = ____ our
11 + 11 = ____ every	22 - 11 = ____ Jesus
12 + 12 = ____ blessing	1 + 1 = ____ be
10 + 10 = ____ realms	7 + 6 = ____ who
13 + 13 = ____ Christ	2 + 2 = ____ the
8 + 8 = ____ us	10 - 5 = ____ God
8 + 9 = ____ in	4 + 4 = ____ of
5 + 5 = ____ Lord	9 + 9 = ____ the
10 + 11 = ____ with	10 + 13 = ____ spiritual

"_____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____
1 2 3 4 5 6

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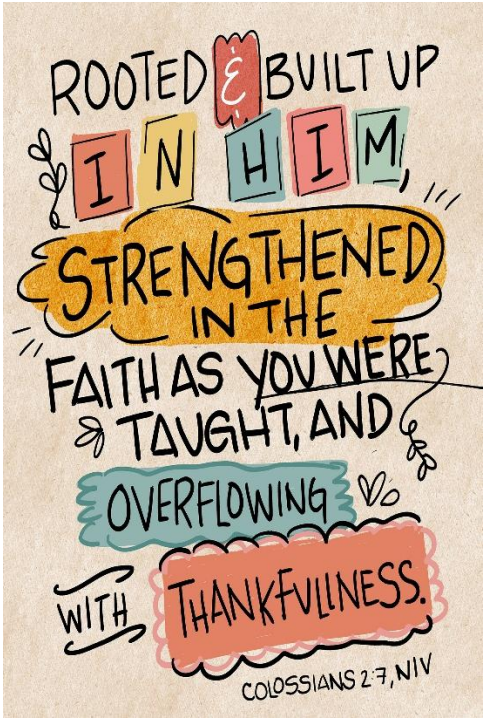
Ephesians 1:3, NIV

Answer: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

CONNECTING KIDS TO CHRIST

The Connection

St. John Kids!



Thankful garland

Celebrate the season of gratitude by creating a colorful Thankful decoration.

What you need:

- Construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- Pencil, marker, or crayons
- Yarn, ribbon, or raffia
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Spray bottle filled with water
- Real leaves (Optional)
- Wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.), or any dried pasta with a hole (Optional)

What you do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the paper flat and spray with water until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or thing you're thankful for.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the leaves, beads, cereal, and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon, or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

CHURCH DARTBALL LEAGUE

Join the St. John Dartball Team!
Dartball begins November 3rd!

Get those pitching arms ready!
Join us for fun on Tuesday nights when the Western Ottawa County Dartball League begins its new season.

Nov 3 at Elmore St. Paul 7:30 PM
Nov. 10 at HOME 7:30 PM
Nov. 17 at HOME 7:30 PM
Nov. 24 at Elliston Trinity UCC 7:30 PM

All are welcome. No experience is needed.
All are welcome to come and cheer on our St. John Team, too!
We need more players!!

See or call Jeff Schimming 419-356-3552 or Mike Haeft 419-345-0113 for more info!

YOU'RE INVITED

Lutherans & Pastoral Care Gathering

Sponsored by the Portage Valley Federation of Lutheran Men (PVFLM)

NOVEMBER 7, 2026

9:30 am Breakfast, Social
10:00 am Reviewing Our History

Luther Home of Mercy's
Emmanuel Lutheran Center
3557 US-20, Lindsey, OH 43442

RSVP BY 11/2/26 TO 419-836-7741

If you cannot attend the meeting and wish to contribute to our project, please mail your contribution, payable to PVFLM, to:
Ralph W. Aufdenkamp, Treasurer
8369 Kramer Rd.
Bowling Green, OH 43402



Please join The North Central Conference of the NWOS of the ELCA in praying for each congregation in our conference.

Each Sunday, we will pray for one of our churches, our Bishop and our faithful church leaders.

Nov. 1-Hosanna (Grand Rapids)
Nov. 8-St. Paul (Marblehead)
Nov. 15-Salem-Grace (Luckey)
Nov. 22-Sonfire (Pemberville)
Nov. 29-Zion, Luckey
Dec. 6-St. John-Marblehead
Dec. 13- St. Peter-Blackberry
Dec. 20- St. John-Oak Harbor
Dec. 27-St. Paul-Oak Harbor

Shopping with The Stars!

Shopping with the Stars….Coming soon!
Just pick a star or take a gift list from the table located in the narthex and purchase a gift for one of our neighbors at
The Luther Home of Mercy

No Wrapping Needed!!
Return to church by Sunday, December 6th

Most are inexpensive but bring great joy to the residents!



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

MAKE A *Joyful Noise to the Lord!*

If anyone interested in joining the Sunday bell choir and/or singing with the choir this fall and winter, please contact Beckie Goldstein or see her after church services. Practices are after Sunday's service. New Saturday Singers are also welcome! Please see Tami Tailford for details!

Worship Assistants Needed!



Ladies,
Please Join Us For Our 29th Annual Advent Brunch

Piecing Together & The Promise of Advent

Saturday, December 5, 2026
9:30 a.m.
St. John Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge

Tickets
$10.00 with reservation, limited seating
Please RSVP by November 22, 2026
(see your church office for details)

Handmade Christmas Quilt Raffle Tickets
Single ticket $5.00 or 5 tickets for $20.00
Available for purchase at Community Markets, November 7 & 14, or at St. John prior to the program on December 5, 2026

Special Music by the Oak & Catawba Players

Proceeds from the Brunch and Raffle will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Ottawa County.

A St. John Lutheran (Rocky Ridge) Endowment Trust Fund grant, along with a Thrivent Financial Action Team grant, will be applied toward expenses.

Handmade Christmas Quilt RAFFLE

$5 per ticket or $20 for 5 tickets
Available at Community Markets,
November 7 & 14 from 10 AM to 3 PM

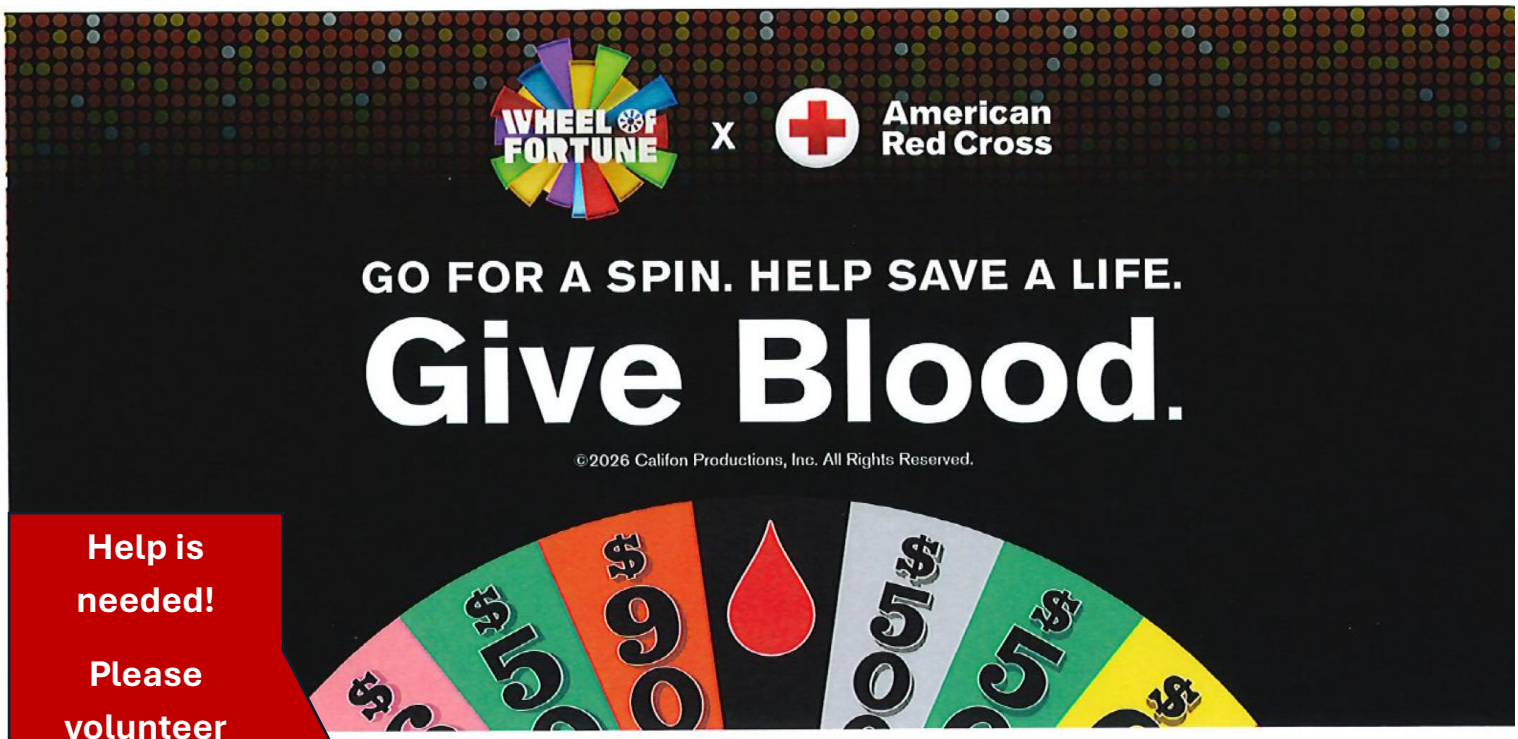
Drawing will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2026 at the 29th Annual Ladies Advent Brunch, St. John Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge.
(You do not need to be present to win.)

Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity of Ottawa County.





Handmade queen-sized quilt created by Pat Weidner & Kathy Fox.



Help is needed!

Please volunteer your time to help make this blood drive a success!

There is a sign up sheet next to the Pastor's Office.

Blood Drive

St. John Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall
21140 W. Toledo
Williston, OH 43468

Friday, November 27, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, please call
1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code:
STJOHNWILLISTON

Scan to be directed to RapidPass®



Go for a spin. Help Save A Life. Give Blood. Come to give blood Nov. 23-Dec. 6 for an exclusive American Red Cross x Wheel of Fortune mug, while supplies last!

Scan to schedule an appointment.

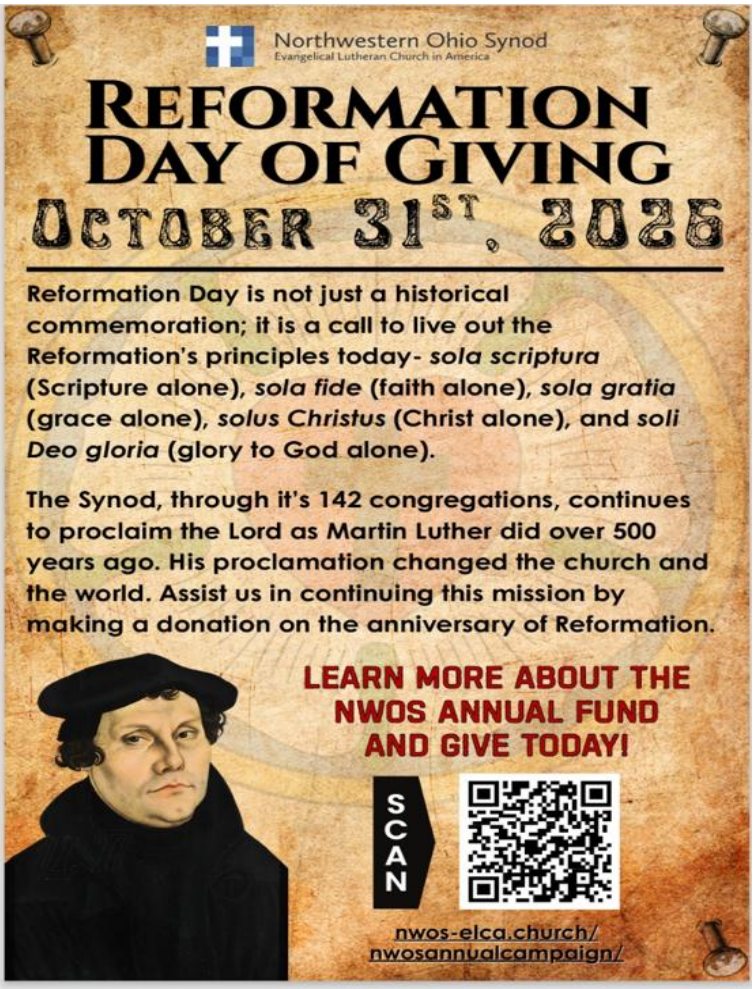
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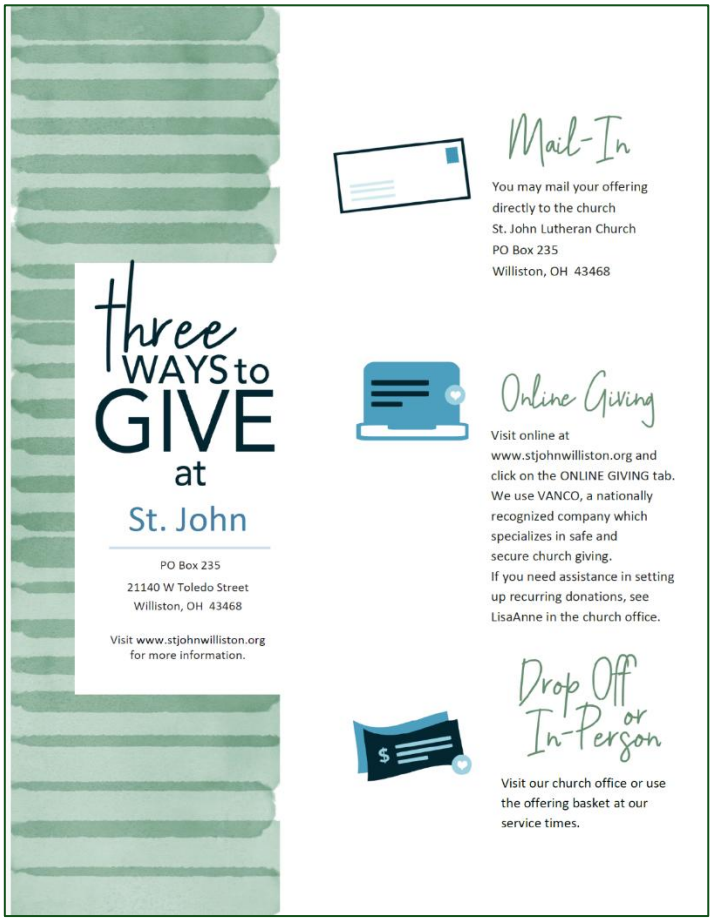
November Stewardship

New Windows at the South Entrance!

Have you noticed the beautiful new windows (16) above our **south entrance double doors**? Located on the **fourth floor near the elevator**, these new windows replace the old, double-pane ones that had been leaking for several years. We are so grateful to have this project completed to resolve this long-standing issue. If you would like to help fund this important building update, please place your gift in an envelope marked **"Building - Window Fund."** Thank you for your continued generosity, faithful stewardship and care for our church home.



St. John will be supporting the "Reformation Day of Giving" and the NWOS Annual Fund through the month of November. If you would like to donate through St. John, simply write REFORMATION on your check or envelope.





If you have a Thrivent Action Team grant that you have not yet used in 2026, please contact Diane Gerkensmeyer for projects still available. Please note that our grants will need to be used before the end of the year or we will lose them for 2026. Any Thrivent Action Team grant for 2026 cannot be carried over to 2027. You will have new Thrivent Action team grants available as of January 1, 2027. In 2027 you may use the grants available at that time.

Council Highlights

10-15-2026-St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting Highlights

Members Present: Pastor O'Brien, Diana Lambert, Dave Neuman, Jack Mathews, Joni Hillman, Robin Perkins Dan Kessler, Cebie Titgemeyer, Carol Jensen Members Absent: Rick Buhrow, John Mazur, Shelley Snider, Cheryl Berger
Meeting Opened: At 6:59 pm, by Dave Neuman
Devotions – Pastor O'Brien shared devotions from---Lamentations and Revelations 3
Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2026, meeting was made by Carol Jensen and Dan Kessler 2nd. Motion passed.
Pastor's Report:

I. Worship Attendance:
- In Person average for September 2026-117.3 compared to September 2025-118.8.
- Online average for September 2026- 98.0 compared to September 2025- 89.5

II. Numbers
- 9 hospital/home-bound visits/individual or family meeting
- 4 committee/group meetings
- 8 community/youth/fellowship events
- 7 professional/clergy activities
- 1 Luther League trip
- 1 Wedding

III. Wedding
- I presided at the wedding of Kallie Stahl and James Ardnt on September 5th,

IV. Luther League October
- Our next trip is to the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad on October 21st.

V. The Way of Love
- I am still seeking volunteers to facilitate a group to study on the synod's 1 John materials, ***The Way of Love***. If you are interested in leading, or even if you'd just like to learn more before deciding, I would love to talk with you.

VII. Thanksgiving Service Offering and Christmas Reverse Advent Collections
- Pastor made a motion to have the offerings from the Thanksgiving Service and the collections from the Christmas Reverse Advent Boxes be donated to the Lutheran Social Servies. Joni Hillman 2nd. Motion passed.

VIII. Thanksgiving Service
- Carol Vargo will be providing the food for the meal, preparing the meal and serving the meal. We will need helpers to clean up after the meal. Please sign up on the sheet near Pasto's door. Many hands make light work!!

Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Finance Committee Report
- Income: We are at 85% of our monthly budget and 102% of our year-to-date budget.
- Expenses: We are at 98% of the monthly budget and 100% of the year-to-date budget.
- Joni added that the committee will be working on the 2027 Budget.
- Dan Kessler passed out the year-end reports of the spending for each committer to review for next year's budget. Please look them over and notify the finance committee of any changes or requests.

Evangelism:
- The committee has their basket ready for the Trunk-or-Treat event.
- There will be dinner after the Saturday service before the Tree Lighting event. The committee is asking for a goodwill donation of personal hygiene items to be donated to the Nightengale's Harvest.

Parish Education:
- Plans were finalized for Trunk-or-Treat
- Sunday School continues to be well attended

Worship Life:
- Discussed the days that pastor will be out of the office where either worship leaders or supply pastors would be needed

Property:
- Replaced the light switch in the women's bathroom
- Fixed the toilet in the men's upstairs bathroom
- New windows installed over the parking lot entrance
- Dimech is coming out to service the boilers

Old Business:
- None

New Business:
- Dartball will be starting soon. Schedule is being finalized. Please contact the office or Tim and Deb Hepner for more info.
- Shopping with the Stars will be coming soon.
- We will be having a Blood Drive on Friday, November 27, 2026, which is Black Friday. We need volunteers to help with set-up, assisting with serving snacks to the patrons and clean-up. Please sign up on the sheet near pastor's door or contact Robin Perkins.

Robin Perkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Carol Jensen. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Diana Lambert, Council Secretary



Worship Assistants

Saturdays 5:00pm	Sundays 9:45 am
Ushers	Ushers
	1-Diana Lambert
7-Tim & Deb Hepner	8-Titgemeyer's
14-Jack Mathews	15-Jim Vogelbacher
21- Buhrow Family	22-Titgemeyer's
28- Donnelly Family	29-Diana Lambert
Lectors	Lectors
	1-Melissa Lammers
7-Nancy Strohscher	8-Jerry Goldstein
14- Beverly Harder	15- Kellie Ulrich
21- Amy Schloegl	22-Kristina Wildman
28-Jonah D.	29-Deanna Neuman
Acolytes	Acolytes
	1-Ellie H.
7- Pierce	8-Makenna C.
14-Trenton	15-Rylie C.
21-Jonah	22-Rylan S.
28-Pierce	29-Ellie H.
Communion	Communion
	1-Margaret Berger
7- Ron Gerkensmeyer	8-Rose Marie Dickinson
14- Carol Vargo	15-Roland Sandrock
21- Ron Gerkensmeyer	22-Tim Titgemeyer
28-Al & Traci Brown	29-Roland Sandrock



Worship Assistants

Saturdays 5:00pm	Sundays 9:45 am
Ushers	Ushers
5- Ron Gerkensmeyer	6-Jim Vogelbacher
12-Tim & Deb Hepner	13- Titgemeyer's
19- Jack Mathews	20—Diana Lambert
26 – Buhrow Family	27- Jim Vogelbacher
Lectors	Lectors
5- Nancy Strohscher	6- Roland Sandrock
12- Beverly Harder	13-Tim Titgemeyer
19-Amy Schloegl	20-Cebie Titgemeyer
26- Jonah D.	27-Diana Lambert
Acolytes	Acolytes
5- Jonah	6-Makenna
12-Trenton	13-Rylie
19-Pierce	20-Ellie
26-Jonah	27-Rylan
Communion	Communion
5- No Communion	6- No Communion
12- Carol Vargo	13-Kellie Ulrich
19-Jo Elaine Schimming	19-Pam LaRue
26- Al & Traci Brown	27-Robin Perkins

We always have a need for more worship assistants to be added to our rotating list of helpers! Call the office or let Pastor know if you would like more information on how YOU can serve the Lord in worship!



NOVEMBER at St. John

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **All Saints Day** **Daylight-Saving Time Ends** Sunday School age 3-5th grade 9 AM 8:30am –9:30am Adult Sunday School and Confirmation 9:45am –10:45am Worship 11:00am –12:00pm Choir practice 6:00pm –8:00pm Cub Scouts Committee Meeting (B)	2	3 Election Day- Polling Here Rebekah Circle 7 PM (Lounge)	4 7:00am Breakfast Gathering at GENOA McDonalds	5 Ken Cousino Memorial 11 AM	6 Office closed	7 5:00pm Contemporary Worship
8 Scouts Court of Honor 6 PM Sunday School age 3-5th grade 9 AM 8:30am –9:30am Adult Sunday School and Confirmation 9:45am –10:45am Worship 11:00am –12:00pm Choir practice	9 7:00pm –8:00pm Scouts Committee Meeting (B)	10 Esther Circle 2 pm 9:00am –12:00pm Blankets	11 **Veterans Day** 7:00am Breakfast Gathering at GENOA McDonalds	12 Committee Night 7 PM	13 Office closed	14 11:00am –3:00pm Lambert Basement 5:00pm Contemporary Worship
15 Sunday School age 3-5th grade 9 AM 8:30am –9:30am Adult Sunday School and Confirmation 9:45am –10:45am Worship 11:00am –12:00pm Choir practice	16	17 9:00am –12:00pm Blankets	18 7:00am Breakfast Gathering at GENOA McDonalds	19 Council Meeting 7 PM	20 Office closed	21 5:00pm Contemporary Worship
22 Sunday School age 3-5th grade 9 AM **Thanksgiving Worship Service 5 PM/Dinner 6 PM** 8:30am –9:30am Adult Sunday School and Confirmation 9:45am –10:45am Worship 11:00am –12:00pm Choir practice	23	24 9:00am –12:00pm Blankets	25 7:00am Breakfast Gathering at GENOA McDonalds	26 Office Closed for Holiday **Thanksgiving Day**	27 **Blood Drive 12-5** Office closed	28 5:00pm –7:00pm Community Christmas Tree Lighting and Meal 5:00pm Contemporary Worship
29 **First Sunday of Advent** Sunday School age 3-5th grade 9 AM 8:30am –9:30am Adult Sunday School and Confirmation 9:45am –10:45am Worship 11:00am –12:00pm Choir practice	30	1 9:00am –12:00pm Blankets 6:00pm –8:00pm Cub Scouts Committee Meeting (B)	2 7:00am Breakfast Gathering at GENOA McDonalds	3	4 Holiday Bureau (basement) Office closed	5 Holiday Bureau (basement) 5:00pm Contemporary Worship

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Saturday: Contemporary Worship 5 PM
Sunday: Adult/Confirmation Classes 8:30 AM
Sunday School for kids- 9:00 AM
Sunday: Traditional Worship 9:45 AM

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Thurs. hours may vary
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