

June 14 & 15, 2025 Holy Trinity



Holy Trinity

Welcome to St. John! On this Holy-Trinity Weekend, we are reminded that God is a community of perfect love and hospitality. The same welcome is extended to everyone today, inviting all to join in worship and fellowship as we celebrate the Three-in-One God.

We invite you to become a member of the St. John Family! Simply fill out a blue card & place it in the offering

This Week: June 16th–22nd

Mon: Scouts 7 PM

Tues: Blankets 9 AM

Weds: Breakfast at Genoa Mc D's 7 AM

Thurs: Council Meeting 7 PM

Sat: Worship 5 PM

Sun: Worship 9:00 AM

Sun: Choir following worship



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Don and Tim Berger and in honor of all fathers this Father's Days by Margaret Berger and Family.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of JoElaine Schimming's 90th Birthday! Happy Birthday! From Denise, Lionel, Justin & Jared Nowell, Jeff, Kevin, Charlotte and Brandi Schimming and Chelsea, Payton and Ethan Macek.

■ **WORSHIP** ■



Watch worship while your are away from home!

<https://www.youtube.com/@stjohnwilliston>



PRAYER
list...

Carolyn Lasseter– medical concerns
Elaine Gruetter–medical concerns
Dennis Carstensen–medical concerns
Jodi (Sievert) Main–medical concerns
Jeff Wegman–medical concerns
David Sabin–medical concerns
Lisa Downard–medical concerns
Andrea Goodwin–medical concerns
Sydney Socha–medical concerns
Rosemary Fredericksen–medical concers



Our Blessing Box can always use your help !
Did you know our Blessing Box is used by the neighborhood several times every day?

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).* And special thanks to Marilyn and Carolyn and Ron for keeping it stocked every day! What a blessing!



BLOOD DONORS
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Schedule today!

Coming Up! You can help!

Severe weather and wildfires have forced thousands of blood donations to go uncollected. There is an emergency shortage of types O negative and B negative blood. Donors are needed TODAY and will be needed for months to come!

St. John Community Blood Drive

Friday, June 27th Noon—5pm in the basement

Lunch provided, too!! Make your appointment today! www.redcrossblood.org

Volunteers needed to man this drive, too! Sign up on the office door.

Assistants for this week & Next!

Saturdays 5:00pm	Sundays 9:00 am
Ushers	Ushers
14-Buhrow family 21-Jack Mathews 28-Ron Gerkenmeyer	15-Diana Lambert 22-Titgemeyer's 29-Jim Vogelbacher
Lectors	Lectors
14-Nancy Strohscher 21-Amy Schloegl 28-Jonah D.	15-Jerry Goldstein 22-Cebie Titgemeyer 29-Melissa Lammers
Acolytes	Acolytes
14-Nolan D. 21-Jonah D. 28-Trenton	15-Makenna 22-Rylan S. 29-Rylie
Communion	Communion
14-Nancy Strohscher 21-JoElaine S. 28-Al & Traci Brown	15-RoseMarie D. 22-Dave Neuman 29-Robin Perkins



Need prayers? You may ask for the prayers of your sisters and brothers at St. John. If such a need arises, 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.



WELCA will be hosting a dinner at St. John in the church basement on Tuesday, July 8 at 5:30 PM.

All ladies of the church are invited to join us for a time of fun, food and fellowship. The meal will be catered by Carolyn's Catering. The cost is \$10 per person, payable in advance.

We encourage each and every woman of our church to join us....whether you're faithfully tying blankets each week, singing in one of our choirs, serving as organist, baking or working at the bake sale, filling the Blessing Box, serving as an usher, a lector, serving communion, teaching Sunday School, delivering altar flowers each week, Bible School involvement or doing other chores around the church in service to our Lord,.....OR sitting in a pew worshipping our Lord and Savior.....YOU are truly appreciated. Wherever you may fit into this scenario, we believe that each of you has a unique role to play in building God's kingdom. No matter what role you play, you have a place of service, dedication and connection within our church family.

Please call/contact Diane Gerkenmeyer (419-836-7052) or Margaret Berger (419-836-7384) to reserve a spot and to be included in this evening of enjoyment and friendship. The deadline for reservations is Sunday, June 22.



Join your St. John Family at the MudHens!

Sunday, August 3, 2025 Game @ 4:05 PM- 5th 3rd Field

Watch our Toledo Mud Hens vs St. Paul Saints ! Game tickets with reserved section seats and dinner- \$21.00 per person. Tickets are limited to 80 persons so sign up next to Pastor's office and drop the ticket envelope with payment into the offering plate soon! See you at the game!!

Faith Practice #3 Readings Non-Pauline Epistles



The non-Pauline epistles are the New Testament letters that were not written by the Apostle Paul. These letters are sometimes referred to as the "Catholic" or "Universal" Epistles, because they were not written to specific churches or individuals but rather to a wider audience. They include James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, and Hebrews. The book of Hebrews was our Faith Practice reading in 2024, so we will be focusing on the rest this time.

Here's a general overview:

James: Traditionally attributed to James, the brother of Jesus, though its authorship is debated. James argues that true faith is evidenced by good works, emphasizing that faith without action is dead or incomplete. The author calls believers to live out their faith authentically and practically, demonstrating their love for God and neighbor through obedience, wisdom, and compassionate action.

1 Peter and 2 Peter: Both letters, attributed to Peter the Apostle, encourage believers to persevere in their faith and live faithfully in the face of persecution and false teachings. 1 Peter emphasizes hope and holy living amidst suffering, 2 Peter focuses on combating error and preparing for Christ's return.

1 John, 2 John, and 3 John: All three are attributed to John the Apostle. They provide instruction and encouragement for believers to live in fellowship with God, adhere to sound doctrine, love one another, and support the spread of the gospel, while also warning against the dangers of false teachings and divisive behavior.

Jude: Attributed to Jude the brother of James. Jude writes to equip believers to recognize and resist false teachers, remain steadfast in their faith, and live out their calling as followers of Christ while awaiting his return.

These non-Pauline letters offer different perspectives on Christian life and theology compared to the Pauline epistles. They address various issues and concerns within the early church, providing valuable insights into the development of early Christian thought.

Our reading schedule is as follows: *for the week starting...*

June 9 – James 1
June 16 – James 2
June 23 – James 3
June 30 – James 4
July 7 – James 5
July 14– 1 Peter 1
July 21 – 1 Peter 2
July 28– 1 Peter 3
August 4 – 1 Peter 4
August 11 – 1 Peter 5
August 18 – 2 Peter 1
August 25 – 2 Peter 2
September 1 – 2 Peter 3
September 8 – 1 John 1



PIKIPIKI (noun) Swahili [Tanzania]

pē-kē pronunciation Pick-key / Pick-key

A motorbike or motorcycle, often used to transport people, goods and even the Word of God! A common term used in many African countries, particularly in East Africa.

| The ministry of more than 170 evangelists in the Dodoma Diocese in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania is strengthened when transported by PIKIPIKI, saving miles of walking and increasing time in service and care to God's people in remote parishes. |

85% of evangelists in the Dodoma Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania serve remote communities, often walking 12-20 miles between parishes to preach, provide worship leadership and pastoral care to multiple communities of faith. This summer, the Global Mission Board of the Northwestern Ohio Synod will match gifts made towards the purchase of pikipikis dollar for dollar! \$1600 buys one motorcycle with regular maintenance and makes ministry more accessible for one evangelist in Tanzania.

This year our Vacation Bible School offering will be used to support Project Pikipiki. With the help of the congregation, we hope to raise enough money to provide a a Pikipiki to support the ministry of our brothers and sisters in Tanzania.

If you would like to contribute to this project, you can mark your donation "Project Pikipiki" and place it in the offering plate. You may also contribute online using the link below.

Select the box that says "Project Pikipiki".

Thank you for your support!

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YRCC/home> or go to our website www.stjohnwilliston.org and click on the "who we are/online giving" link.



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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 to 3pm Thurs. hours may vary. Office closed Friday
Email: office@stjohnwilliston.org

Join us for worship every weekend!
Saturday Worship 5 PM Sunday Worship 9 AM (June-Sept)



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!

Foursome Team Scramble
Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025
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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For information: Tom (419) 205-1942 or the church office (419) 836-5514



**Thank you to everyone who adventured with us
this week at Vacation Bible School!**

**Special thanks to the coordinators, the helpers,
the game leaders, the craft leaders, the snack
makers, the teachers and YOU for your support!**

Pictures will be coming soon!

JOIN US for Food & Fellowship!

Our Breakfast Gatherings are
Wednesdays at McDonald's in **Genoa!**
Join us this Weds. at **7 AM** for food and
fellowship and a few laughs!)

