

July 11 & 12, 2026

We're so glad  
**YOU'RE  
HERE!**

On this Sunday following our nation's celebration of independence, we are grateful you have come to worship Almighty God, who continues to bless our land in countless ways.

Welcome! 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- July 13 through July 19**

Mon: Faith Practice Reading- Isaiah 28  
Tues: Blankets 9 AM  
Tues: Scouts 6 PM (B)  
Weds: Luther League Trip to Merry-Go-Round Museum  
Sat: Worship 5 PM  
Sun: Worship 9 AM  
Sun: Choir practice following worship



*Altar Flowers*

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ralph and Frederick Sandrock by Carolyn Lassetter and Marilyn Sandrock.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of David and Jim Witty by Evelyn Witty.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Gary & LisaAnne Gregg's 37th Wedding Anniversary.

**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!



**PRAYER**  
list...



- Carolyn Lassetter- medical concerns
- Jodi (Sievert) Main-medical concerns
- Wayne Schimming-medical concerns
- Beth Keller-medical concerns
- Jill Mathews-medical concerns
- Richard Crosskill-medical concerns
- Terrie Ziegler-medical concerns
- Craig Blausey-medical concerns
- Merle Berger-medical concerns
- Betty Roecker-medical concerns
- Janis Wolf-medical concerns
- Tom Cashen-medical concerns
- Sparky Haeft-medical concerns
- Gary Gregg-medical concerns
- Mark Joehlin-medical concerns
- Rose Mary Fredericksen-medical concerns
- Kimberly Sommers- medical concerns
- Mary Harmeyer-medical concerns



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

Want to know more about St. John? Simply call, stop in or visit our website at [www.stjohnwilliston.org](http://www.stjohnwilliston.org).

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



**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!

## 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](mailto:office@stjohnwilliston.org)

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](mailto:rondiangerk@aol.com) or 419-276-3800 to learn how you can get Thrivent support for our church and our St. John community.



Interested in CPR & AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) training? Sign up next to the Pastor's office and we will plan a training session soon! You can save a life!

## The LORD'S Prayer

Over the coming weeks, we will spend time exploring the different petitions of the Lord's Prayer... Pastor O'Brien will be drawing from few different books and resources that explore the Lord's Prayer from different perspectives. These books are not required reading, but for those who enjoy going deeper, these are provided as additional resources...

**The Greatest Prayer: A Revolutionary Manifesto and Hymn of Hope** by John Dominic Crossan/*Explores the revolutionary, counter cultural nature of the prayer.*

**The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught** by Adam Hamilton  
*Breaks down each phrase of the prayer to make the connection from Biblical history to contemporary life.*

**Lord, Teach Us: The Lord's Prayer & the Christian Life** by Stanley Hauerwas and William H. Willimon  
*The authors work through each phrase of the Lord's Prayer, using it as a framework for the Christian life.*

**Teach Us to Pray: The Lord's Prayer in the Early Church and Today** by Justo L. González  
*draws on scripture, the Church Fathers, and his own life experience to reflect on the prayer.*

**The Lord and His Prayer** by N.T. Wright- *This is a collection of Wright's sermons.*

### Saturdays 5:00pm

Ushers

11-Buhrow Family  
18-Jack Mathews  
25-Ron Gerkenmeyer

Lectors

11-Nancy Strohscher  
18-Beverly Harder  
25-Amy Schloegl

Acolytes

11- TBD  
18-Pierce  
25-Jonah

Communion

11-Carol Vargo  
18-JoElaine Schimming  
25-Al & Traci Brown

### Sundays 9:45 am

Ushers

12-Titgemeyer's  
19-Diana Lambert  
26-Jim Vogelbacher

Lectors

12-Deanna Neuman  
19-Kellie Ulrich  
26-Cebie Titgemeyer

Acolytes

12-Rylan S.  
19-Ellie  
26-Rylie

Communion

12-Dave Neuman  
19-Robin Perkins  
26-Pam LaRue



### 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!

# BAUMANN AUTO GROUP

## 24th ANNUAL BIG CHARITY RAFFLE

100% OF VEHICLE DONATED BY THE BAUMANN AUTO GROUP  
WINNER WINS THE CHOICE OF:



NEW CHEVY TRAX\* NEW FORD MAVERICK\* NEW JEEP COMPASS\*  
OR CASH OPTION OF \$20,000  
\*MSRP UP TO \$30,000

### 100% OF THE PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT:

First Step - Oregon Senior Center

Liberty Center of Fremont - NCAT of Tiffin - Ottawa County Transitional Housing  
Parker's Purpose - CASA of Seneca, Sandusky & Wyandot Co. - Back to the Wild  
NAMH of Northwest Ohio Seneca, Sandusky, Ottawa, Huron & Wyandot Co.  
Engaging Opportunities - Riders Unlimited - Joyful Connections  
United Way of Sandusky County Cancer Care Fund - F.A.C.T. of Seneca County  
Genoa Area Food Pantry - Oak House of Port Clinton - Arc of Ottawa Co.  
Ovarian Cancer Care - The Piggyback Foundation - United Fund Norwalk

**\$5.00 PER TICKET**

**100% OF TICKET SALES GOES TO CHARITY**  
**TOTAL MONEY RAISED FOR CHARITIES IN THE PAST**  
**23 YEARS IS \$1,362,159**

### On the Go-July 15th!

On **July 15** we will meet at the church at **9:00a** to travel to the **Merry-Go-Round Museum** (a captivating tribute to the artistry and history of carousels) in Sandusky.



We will spend a couple hours exploring the museum, ride the carousel, and then head to **Berardi's Family Kitchen** (voted Best Fries, Best Lunch, Best Place to Get a Homemade Meal, and Best Desserts via the Readers Choice Awards) for lunch. Entry to the museum is **\$10 or \$7 for seniors** (we *may* get a group discount). Meals at Berardi's are in the \$15-\$20 range.

If you would like to attend, call the church office to sign-up. Please indicate if you would like a ride or if you are willing to drive, and how many you can take in addition to yourself if you are willing to take passengers.

**Friends and guests are always welcome. You do not need to be a member of St. John to attend.** If you have any questions, contact Pastor O'Brien.

*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!*

July 6-Isaiah 27  
July 13-Isaiah 28  
July 20-Isaiah 29  
July 27-Isaiah 30  
August 3-Isaiah 31

St. John  Lutheran Church  
Williston, Ohio

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

**PRIZES PRIZES PRIZES**

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

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

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**Pastor Shawn O'Brien**

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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)

Contemporary Worship: Saturday 5:00 pm

Traditional Worship: Sunday at 9 AM

#### 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



**Well this project isn't really just about goats.**

**This project is all about love!**

This year, we invite your congregation to join something **fun, meaningful, and a little bit...**

**goat-tastic :**

**The Northwestern Ohio Synod's Great Goat Project**

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.

A single goat can:

- Provide **nutritious** milk for children
- Help families **grow food** through fertilizer
- Create income and long-term **sustainability**
- Bless not just one family—but an entire community!

All of this grows out of our shared theme:

*"We love because He first loved us."* (1 John 4:19)

Why this is **PERFECT** for you and your congregation? Kids (and adults) love it because:

- It's **fun and memorable** (GOATS!)
- It connects faith to **real-world impact**
- It helps them learn about **global neighbors**
- They can **SEE** how their generosity makes a difference... And let's be honest...

**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. 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!****