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Williston, Ohio

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Ask the Pastor

“Why aren’t dinosaurs mentioned in the creation account in the Bible?” (Genesis 1 and 2)

The short answer is because the Bible is not a history textbook but rather a story of a faithful peoples’ relationship with God. Granted, the Bible does contain history, but the author of Genesis wasn’t trying to tell us the HOW of our origin story so much as the WHO. God created and it was good. Sea turtles, otters, woodpeckers, Sequoia trees, stink bugs, people... and dinosaurs – God created for the joy of creation.

The long answer... In Cincinnati there is a park along the riverfront that has a sidewalk representing the age of the earth. Each square on the sidewalk represents a million years and the walkway stretches out over a mile long (or something like that, I haven’t been there for a long time). However that actually maths out, it’s a great physical representation of how old the earth actually is. So you start at the beginning and there are a lot of squares with nothing on them until you get to the first single celled organisms. Then you walk for a while and come to a square when you can read about trilobites. Walk farther and read about the Triassic period. Walk farther still and see dinosaurs from the Jurassic period. Now keep in mind, the Triassic and Jurassic periods are like 50 million years apart, so that’s like 50 sidewalk squares – a few city blocks away. Then you walk another 140 sidewalk squares to point where scientists think dinosaurs became extinct, which was about 66 million years ago. That means you walk another 65 squares to the very end when humans showed up. Then on the last square, at the very end of the sidewalk, there is a gold strip about an inch wide, representing written human history.

That’s a very long way of saying, when the books of the Bible were written, most roughly 2,000-3,000 years ago, dinosaurs had been extinct for many millions of years. Dinosaur fossils weren’t recognized and studied until the early 1800s. So, the reason dinosaurs aren’t mentioned in the Bible is simply that the authors didn’t have any knowledge of their existence.

Now there are a few fundamentalist groups who will do mental gymnastics to make dinosaurs fit with their reading of the Bible. They will say things like, dinosaurs were kicked out of the Garden of Eden because they ate people and that was bad, or dinosaurs died out because they weren’t allowed on Noah’s ark because they were sinful. There is no Biblical or scientific evidence to support any such theories. Some fundamentalist groups will do things like argue that the Hebrew word *tanniyn*, which appears a few times in the Bible and is variously translated as venomous snake or sea monster, dragon or serpent, referred to dinosaurs. Mainline Catholic and Protestant scholars disagree and maintain that *tanniyn* refers to snakes or aquatic animals that were contemporary to the biblical writers.

Personally, my faith doesn’t need to make dinosaurs fit into the Bible. A good rule of thumb is to not try to make the Bible do something it wasn’t meant to do; i.e. don’t put 3,000 years of scientific discovery on the shoulders of an ancient Hebrew creation account. Are dinosaurs mentioned in the Bible? No, but the Bible is a book of faith. And through faith we can see God’s fingerprints on all of creation, including the dinosaur fossils we pass in museums.

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



Thanks for Church Office Assistance

Many thanks to Diane Gerkensmeyer for volunteering to keep our church office in operation during Amelia's two-week vacation. Thanks also to Shane O'Brien for his technical expertise during this period. Many tasks were accomplished in a professional manner as they worked to solve all concerns and requests.

Thank you for selecting me for the Younger Scholarship. I really appreciate it. I am also very appreciative of people like the Youngers who provide scholarships to help cover the financial burden college brings. These funds will help me continue my education at the University of Akron where I will be studying civil engineering. I cannot thank you enough for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Lauren LaRue

I would like to thank the congregation and the scholarship committee of St. John for awarding me the following scholarships:

Tank Scholarship

Earl Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Phyllis Parks Scholarship

These funds will help me pursue my educational future at Bowling Green State University.

God Bless,
AJ Rubeis

OUR BLESSING BOX

Mini Pantry has been used quite a bit recently. To help restock we need **Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, and Toilet Tissue**. When you are shopping this week, consider purchasing a few extra items and bringing them to the church.

Faith Practice #3 Readings PSALMS

Aug 1 - Psalm 69
Aug 8 - Psalm 70
Aug 15 - Psalm 71
Aug 22 - Psalm 72
Aug 29 - Psalm 73

In Loving MEMORY

In Memory of Miriam Camper
Carolyn Lasseter and Marilyn Sandrock
Margaret Berger

In Memory of Jeanette Shepard
Darryl and Diane Traver

In Memory of Ruth Diefenthaler
Todd and Lori Jo Traver
The Cleary Family
Rich and Barb Gottschalk
Kevin and Lori Kitz
Tom and Joan Truman
Gary and Sue Seeger
Kathleen Temple
Denise Clough

Fall Worship Hours Return

September 11th

**Saturday
Contemporary
Service 5 PM**

**Sunday School
8:30 AM**

**Sunday
Traditional
Service 9:45 AM**

Dear People of St. John,

It is with regret that I must inform you that I am no longer a candidate for ministry within the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. After the ministry internship that I had in Iowa ended prematurely, which I believe was mostly due to difficulties that occurred because of the world-wide pandemic, I came home and requested another chance at an internship. This request has been turned down by the Northwestern Ohio Synod, which means that my time as a candidate for ministry has ended. It was stated by officials with the NWO Synod that while I have been given gifts for ministry, it is the opinion of both the synod office and the seminary that I do not have all the necessary gifts.

All in all, my time as a candidate and a seminary student has been a very rough ride. Going back to school now has certainly been an experience, one that I'm not sure I would want to repeat. I do not believe that my time was at all wasted, since I was able to learn so much about our loving God, the holy scriptures, and the world. Since I am now a trained lay-person, I can continue to offer myself as a supply preacher for our congregation and the community around us. I will also be finishing a different theological master's degree by completing a final essay project during this coming academic year.

The thanks that I have for you all, the people of the St. John community, is immense. Your prayers, your kindness, your interest, and the financial help that I received during this journey has been invaluable. While I look to God for guidance on my career path, I will remain humbled by the support that I received from the church that I am a part of. I certainly do plan on sticking around.

With gratitude,
Matthew Milbrodt

4th Floor Elevator Lobby

Please take a moment to check out the fourth floor elevator lobby. There is a lighted picture of "Jesus Praying in the Garden." Please plug it in to see its beauty. The picture was presented by St. John congregation to Ralph Sandrock (passed away 2004) after his many years of serving as our Sunday School Superintendent.

Carolyn Lasseter and Marilyn Sandrock have donated this family heirloom to our church.

The Luther Home of Mercy Golf Outing is Friday, August 26 at Maumee Bay. Foursomes are invited to join Luther Home for continental breakfast, golf and a delicious lunch overlooking the Lake; all in support of their programs and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Not a golfer? They are also looking for help with: Cart Sponsors (\$50 each): Your name will be featured on a cart and in the Outing Program. Hole Sponsors: (\$100 each) Your name will be featured on a sign at one of the 18 holes and in the Outing Program. More information and registration can be found at their website, lutherhome.org or by contacting Megan O'Brien: mobrien@lutherhome.org 419-972-4436.

Women of the **ELCA** 

WHAT'S
HAPPENING

On July 5th, 23 ladies met for dinner in the social hall. Due to the unfortunate fall of our caterer, it was necessary to go to "plan B." After appetizers, salad and pizza were served, we enjoyed dessert. A word game was played and names were drawn for door prizes. It was an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. We thank all who came and those who helped with the set up and clean up.

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Worship Hours

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

**Deadline for the
September newsletter is
Monday, August 22 @ 9AM**
**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."**



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10th Annual Benevolence Golf Outing 09/24/2022

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 September 24th, 2022

Chippewa Golf Course
23550 St. Rt. 579, Curtice, Ohio, 43412
8am—Registration
9am- Shot Gun Start



\$65 per player
18 holes with cart
Includes meal
PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES

For Information: Tom Cashen 419-205-1942 or Church Office 419-836-5514

Please see the following page for registration

FOURSOME REGISTRATION FORM



10th Annual Benevolence Golf Outing 09/24/2022

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Would you like to be contacted about next year's golf outing? _____ Yes _____ No

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Would you like to be contacted about next year's golf outing? _____ Yes _____ No

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Email address _____

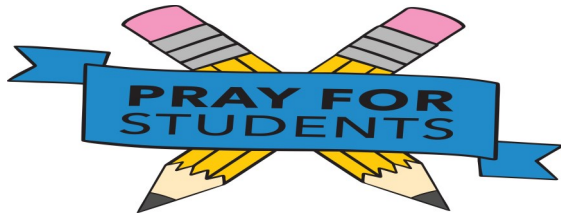
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Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Would you like to be contacted about next year's golf outing? _____ Yes _____ No



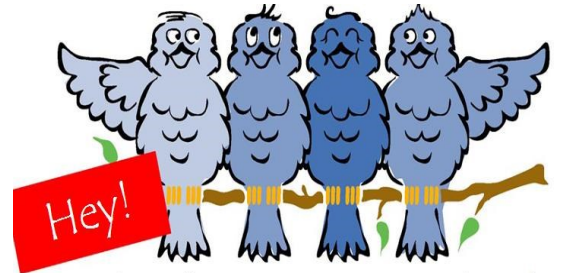
Puzzle!

Search for and circle all the bold words from Psalm 18:2, which reminds us where we find our strength.

The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, my **FORTRESS** and my **DELIVERER**; my **GOD** is my rock, in whom I **TAKE REFUGE**. **HE** is my **SHIELD** and the **HORN** of my **SALVATION**, my **STRONGHOLD**.

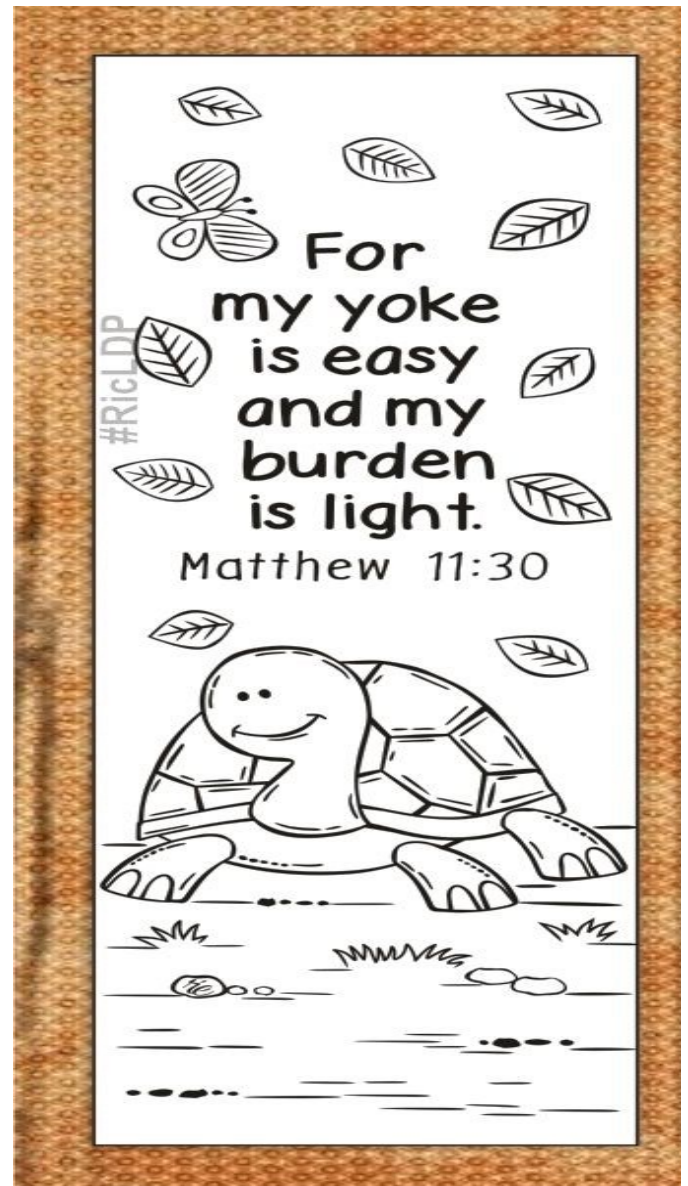
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G	O	D	T	D	K	A	D	K	U	D	X

GOD ROCKS!



Join the Flock at Sunday School!

Starting Sept. 11th @ 8:30 AM
details coming soon!





"LET'S CHAT" with a Stephen Minister

New crops have been planted and the fields are coming to maturity. It reminds me that we can all have new beginnings. So what if the year behind us has not been like we would have wanted it. Let's look forward. Just as the crops and fields, trees and flowers all have a "rebirth", we, too, need to have a chance of a "rebirth" -whether it be emotional, spiritual, or health-wise.

We are seeing a trend where after the pandemic, fewer people are going to church, neighbors are not as sociable, people who may be needing help or assistance in some ways are not getting it. Some people still are not leaving their homes. We have curtailed the events that we had attended in the past.

Would you be willing to help us reconnect with our church family? When the pandemic started, we divided up the membership list and sought volunteers to contact fellow members. We wanted to be sure to keep connections with our church family when the world seemed to be falling apart. We didn't formalize the project, however, and for a host of reasons it sort of fell apart after the first round of phone calls.

We are looking to restart this ministry with a little more structure to keep it going. We are seeking people to be ENCOURAGERS, which is our 7th Faith Practice (1 Thessalonians 5:11). ENCOURAGERS would be people willing to make half a dozen contacts throughout the month. (Maybe more, maybe less depending on what you are comfortable with.) You would work on your schedule in your time. These contacts can be telephone calls, checking in with a neighbor, sending a card, or visiting a friend in church. The Stephen Ministers have volunteered to do some brief training about how the program will work and offer support for those who might be worried about what to say. These will be informative meetings and open to suggestions; we would love to hear your ideas about being an ENCOURAGER as this ministry develops.

We could certainly use your help and talents in starting our "rebirth". Our first meeting will be held September 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Please come and be a part of our Encourager group. We will meet in the social hall.

We look forward to seeing you there, but please take a minute and call one of our Stephen Ministers, Audrey Milbrodt (419-367-0513), Traci Brown (419-304-1214) Marcia Morgan (419-967-5157) or Jan Sheahan (419-836-9254) and sign up for your attendance.

God Bless.

Dear Lord, In the midst of our pain you are there with us. During this pandemic, we ask you to strengthen and comfort those who are lonely, grieving, anxious, or overburdened. Let our caring ministry walk alongside of anyone who is suffering. Help them to recognize and seek help from their brothers and sisters in Christ so they may face this time of trial together. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**We know these can be times of anxiety and
uncertainty, loneliness and pain.
Your St. John Stephen Ministers are here to help.**

**Need to talk?
Call Pastor O'Brien or the church office at
419-836-5514 and we will put you in contact with
one of your St. John Stephen Ministers.**

August Stewardship

July Stewardship Prayer

God the Father-

Thank you for all the gifts you have
given me.

Help me to be more grateful and
generous in building your kingdom on
earth.

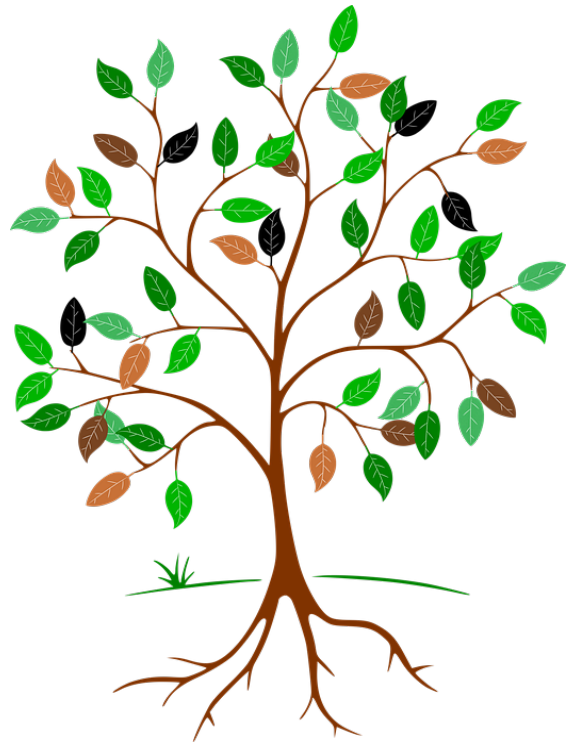
Jesus Our Savior-

I trust in You in all circumstances, in
every moment of every day,
Good or bad.

Holy Spirit-

Transform my life.

Guide my thoughts, words and actions.
I pray for strength and courage in all that
I do to be for the glory of Your name and
with every decision I make, I move one
step closer to You,
Amen



*Grounded in Faith,
Growing to Serve*

*“When each separate
part works as it
should, the whole
body grows, and
builds itself up
through love”*

Ephesians 4:16

The History of WILLISTON

Compiled by

Robert M. Tank - Circa 1985

The town of Williston consists mainly of farmland once owned by August Schimming (southwest corner); J. J. Johnson (southeast corner); James Thorpe (northeast corner); and Chris Nissen (northwest corner), formerly owned by Dewey Stave Company.

The original town of Williston was west of Martin-Williston Road and north of Route #579. In March, 1882, it was surveyed for Fitch Dewey, President of Dewey Stave Company.

The Yale addition was surveyed for James Thorpe in March, 1882. James Thorpe left Warrensville, Ohio, in 1870 and settled in Ottawa County, in what is now Allen Township. James was educated in Allen Township and went to high school in Toledo.

He bought 40 acres of timberland in Allen Township and after first building a log cabin, he set to work to clear his land. He found the soil to be very productive and with the shrewd judgment which had always characterized his career, he added eighty acres more, continuing to purchase as his means warranted, until he owned 335 acres.

On this property he had expended much time, labor and money and its high state of cultivation and consequent increase in value are evidences of the intelligent management of the owner.

Six years were spent in the humble log cabin, which then gave place to a handsome residence.

Mr. Thorpe was married on March 19, 1868, at Berea, Cuyahoga County, to Carolina, daughter of Van Rennesaler and Catherine (Weller) Surrarer, both natives of New York State. Of this union, one child, Yale J., was born on January 24, 1871.

After following farming for a number of years, in 1887 he began to study law, and began reading in the office of Thomas Marshall in Port Clinton, later to become a lawyer.

The Yale addition was named after his only son, Yale Thorpe.

Williston had its early beginning approximately June 1883, when a deeply religious group sought to formulate plans to build a house of worship. Rev. Rausch of Toledo spearheaded this movement. Gust Shephard, a local merchant, became its leader. As a result, St. John Lutheran Church was organized. In January, 1884, the first frame church was built.

In March, 1885, land north of Williston was purchased for use as a congregational cemetery. This was turned over to Allen Township authorities in 1941.

Later a small frame school room was built beside the church. As the town grew, two one-room school houses were built at the corner of Johnson Street and Martin-Williston Road. Around 1944, the one-room brick school was torn down and the other frame school house was converted into a home by Edwin Johnson.

Lumber was the leading business. Following the receding timberline, farmers began to clear the fields to till the soil. The mill town phase of village life was declining — soon to disappear. From it emerged a community of farmers, merchants, carpenters and other tradesmen.

The Dewey Stave Company, manufacturers of barrel stoves, set the pace. But, in addition, Williston also had the railroad, and through a combination of the two, the town had a basis for a more enduring life than most.

Along the south side of the railroad tracks by Martin-Williston Road, was a pump station with a water tower for trains to stop and get water for their steam locomotives to continue on their route.

F. O. Krouse had a coal company along the railroad. In 1912, it was purchased by Huntz Johnson for a lumber company. After his death, it was operated by his son, Harry Johnson.

At the turn of the Century, on the northwest corner of Route #579 and Martin-Williston Road was Lehman's General Store, later known as Krouse's Store, operated by Fred Krouse.

Across the road from it was Fred Tank's Hotel and Saloon. After prohibition, it was converted to an ice cream parlor and pool room, later to become Lowe's Red and White Grocery Store, which also housed the United States Post Office. The store is now operated by Don Deakin.

Next to this was a livery stable and barn which later became the town hall. Also, near this location was an ice house.

Across the corner (southwest corner of #579 at Martin-Williston Road) was Claus Jensen's Ice Cream and Beer Parlor. On the west side of the building was a barbershop. After Claus Jensen's death, it became a tavern, until the late 1970's. It has now been converted into living quarters.

Next to this, Frank Batch owned a small store which, in 1932, became H. A. Tank's Grocery Store. In 1939 it was destroyed by fire. While a new store was being built on the same location, he did business from the front of Dunn's Garage. Upon his retirement in 1956, the store was moved to the west end of town and converted into a house.

About 1918 Wallace Dunn opened Dunn Motor Sales on Route #579, selling Chrylsers, Nashes, Oldsmobiles and Studebakers.

Around 1940, Duchess Beauty Shop, operated by Bea (Dunn) Sutter, established quarters in the front part of this building. This shop was later moved and is presently operated from her home on the west end of town. Later this front section of Dunn's became a barber shop. In the back part of the building, Steve Thomas had a car repair shop. This building is now occupied by Durivage Pattern and Manufacturing.

Wallace Dunn also operated the tomato-pickle dock and sugar beet station west of the railroad tracks on Route #579. His son, Arnold, owned and operated a coal yard before entering military service.

Grover "Butch" Tank started a car agency in 1922, selling American Motors automobiles and GMC trucks. His son, Robert, operated the business from 1956 until 1981. It is now Conner's Bicycle Shop.

The Luther Home of Mercy, a haven of compassion for the mentally and physically handicapped, became a reality from the ideas of Rev. Max Schleicher, D. D. The first cottage was completed and opened in the depression year of 1929. Max preached at Williston and Blackberry until 1935 when the shelter had grown to where he was needed full time. His son, Pastor E. H. Schleicher, became director in 1964 and retired in 1982. The present director is Donald Baacke. A sixth housing-type unit and a habilitation building were recently added, comprising a \$3 million expansion in a two-year period.

In early 1930, a Sohio Gas Station, now operated by Terry Witt, was built by Otto Schimming.

Chris Nissen operated a coal yard, and he sold hay and straw, as well.

Also, on Main Street, Sohio had a bulk filling station which had various operators over the years. This is no longer in operation.

Not too far from this was the _____ railroad depot.

~~The fire station was built in 19__.~~

In July, 1947, the trustees established a lighting district for street lights. A celebration in July, 1948, was a gala event in Williston. It started with a parade led by Carl Gust at the age of 88, on foot, carrying a lantern. The parade ended at the fire engine house where a crowd joined in singing "America." Rev. Max Schleicher threw the switch for the street lighting, with the words, "Let there be Light!"

Emil Johnson's first addition was accepted by the trustees in November, 1949. This was farm land purchased from August Schimming, plotted out for a housing development. The second and third additions were accepted in October, 1953, and December, 1955, respectively.

In 1950 the citizens of Williston petitioned for sidewalks. Through an agreement between the trustees and the property owners, sidewalks were put in.

In January, 1954, Thorpe Street in Williston was changed to Johnson Street.

In February, 1954, the trustees established house numbers for the town.

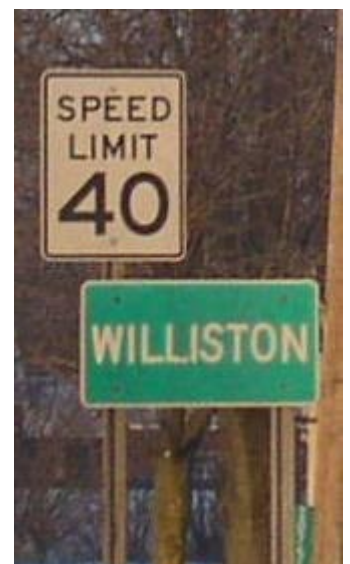
Around 1955 the post office was moved to the new brick building, its present location on Route #579. This building also houses Nancy's (Ruthsatz) Beauty Shop.

Also, Clyde Imhoff, D. O. opened a doctor's office in 19__; in August, 1959, Darrell Rollins opened his barbershop; Lowe Insurance office opened in ____; in 1972 the Village Boutique Beauty Shop, operated by Phyllis Haef, opened.

In 1984 the Williston Townhall was torn down and an office addition for the trustees was made to the fire station.

Williston is a quiet, peaceful town. Many homes have been built on farmland, once owned by the Schimmings, Johnsons, Thorpes and Nissens.

Typed by Diane Gerkenmeyer
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June

Finance report



St. John Lutheran Church
Statement of Income and Expense
As of June 30, 2022

	Full Year	Month to Date			Year to Date				
	Budget	Budget	Actual	%	Budget	Actual	%	Prior Year	% Growth
Income: *	290,000	21,331	18,911	89%	141,700	133,823	94%	147,193	-9.1%
* does not include memorials and other dedicated offerings * online giving IS included.									
Expenses:									
Benevolence	38,000	4,208	2,958	70%	19,000	20,708	109%		
Board/Ministries	11,900	992	1,010	102%	5,950	6,079	102%		
Staff Salaries	105,500	8,317	8,224	99%	53,180	51,512	97%		
Staff Benefits	63,100	5,258	5,459	104%	31,550	29,972	95%		
Operating Expenses	71,500	6,105	4,150	68%	39,695	35,845	90%		
Expense Totals	290,000	24,880	21,801	88%	149,375	144,116	96%		
Income less Expenses		(3,549)	(2,890)		(7,675)	(10,293)			

Dedicated Fund Balances

Building/Development	4,932
Endowment Fund	124,222
Savings	48,244
Activity Center Savings	334,184
Music Fund	4,878
HVAC Fund	33,110
Future Development	38,569
Courtyard	9,260
Memorials	5,459
Youth	23,022
Good Samaritan	10,040
Scholarships	84,395
Other	22,377
Total	742,692

(Other includes designated offerings, Stephen Ministries, etc.)

Online Giving

Giving made *easy*!

An easy, safe, convenient way to support our vision and mission – anywhere, any time!

GET STARTED!

Available on the App Store | Google play

If you have questions, please contact the Board of Finance - Jennifer Nelson, Kent Delventhal or Kristina Wildman

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Did you know St. John offers online giving?
We process giving through VANCO, a nationally recognized leader in church giving.
It's easy, it's secure and you can get started today!
Not online? No problem! Just fill out an authorization form or see Amelia in the office.

ELECTRONIC GIVING AUTHORIZATION FORM

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY		ENVELOPE/DONOR #		DATE	
Effective date of authorization: ____/____/____					
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Last Name			First Name		
Address					
City				State	Zip
Email Address				Phone #	
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AMOUNTS: \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____					
If you would like to designate your giving to another fund not listed: please state your desire here. Thank You.					
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	Card Number:			Expiration Date:	
	Name on Card:				
	Billing Address (if different from above):				
	I authorize the above organization to process transactions in accordance with the information above.				
Signature (as it appears on the card): _____ Date: _____					

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 We do urge you to use a checking or savings account as opposed to a credit card to save transaction fees. Thank you.
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Worship Assistants

SATURDAY 5:00pm—Worship

Ushers

- 6 Jack Mathews
- 13 The Gerkenmeyers
- 20 OPEN
- 27 OPEN

Lectors

- 6 Nancy Strohscher
- 13 Tracy Orians
- 20 Beverly Harder
- 27 Aidan O'Brien

Acolytes

- 6 Benjamin Sommers
- 13 Olivia Martin
- 20 Kennedy Donnelly
- 27 Emma Morgan

SUNDAY 9:00 Worship

Ushers

- 7 The Titgemeyer's
- 14 Diana Pfaff
- 21 Jill Kao
- 28 OPEN

Lectors

- 7 Mina Goldstein
- 14 Diana Pfaff
- 21 Deanna Neuman
- 28 Tim Titgemeyer

Acolytes

- 7 Logan Hayes
- 14 Lily Sondergeld
- 21 Aiden Johnson
- 28 Lucas Titgemeyer

More Worship Helpers Needed!
Sign up in the office today!

*Thank you for
serving the Lord!
If you cannot make your assignment,
please make arrangements for
a replacement then let the office know as
soon as possible .*



Worship Assistants

SATURDAY 5:00pm—Worship

Ushers

- 3 Jack Mathews
- 10 The Gerkenmeyers
- 17 OPEN
- 24 OPEN

Lectors

- 3 Nancy Strohscher
- 10 Tracy Orians
- 17 Beverly Harder
- 24 Aidan O'Brien

Acolytes

- 3 Lindsay Krumnow
- 10 Benjamin Sommers
- 17 Olivia Martin
- 24 Kennedy Donnelly

SUNDAY

9:00 Worship/9:45AM beginning Sept 11th

Ushers

- 4 The Titgemeyer's
- 11 Diana Pfaff
- 18 Jill Kao
- 25 OPEN

Lectors

- 4 Roland Sandroek
- 11 Jill Kao
- 18 Judy Yockey/ Gregg
- 25 Fran Cranfield

Acolytes

- 4 Caleb Hays
- 11 Logan Hays
- 18 Lily Sondergeld
- 25 Aiden Johnson



Happy Birthday!

Kristen Orians	8/1	Dennis Carstensen	8/19
Kallie Stahl	8/1	Audrey Milbrodt	8/19
Diane Gerkensmeyer	8/2	Isbella Wildman	8/19
Christine Danhoff	8/3	Frederick Kusian	8/21
Thomas Cashen III	8/4	Ben Sommers, II	8/21
Barbara Brossia	8/4	Betty Roecker	8/22
Kristen Lee	8/4	Nicholas Buhrow	8/24
Marty Schloegl	8/4	Lucas Hartman	8/24
Christopher Nissen Jr.	8/6	Evan Kessler	8/25
Levi Tank	8/7	Megan O'Brien	8/25
Rylee Fredericksen	8/7	Elizabeth Cendere	8/27
Joan Truman	8/7	Karen Gruben	8/28
Jacqueline Horvath	8/8	Elaine Gruetter	8/28
Anna Sommers	8/8	Cheryl Berger	8/29
Wayne Bauman	8/10	Steven Jensen	8/30
Karolyn Jansen	8/10	Donald Wukotich	8/30
Jenn Quigg	8/11	Bernard Blausey	8/31
Nikki Nissen	8/11	Amanda Cutcher	8/31
Valerie Baumbach	8/12	David Huber	8/31
Marie Overmyer	8/13	Larry Ziegler	8/31
Logan Hays	8/13		
Meredith Wehner	8/13		
Gary Johnson	8/16		
Susan Kozina	8/16		
Andrew Blausey	8/17		
Kennedy Donnelly	8/17		
Tyler Traver	8/17		
Maxwell Hartman	8/18		



Timothy & Cebie Titgemeyer	8/1
Rick & Lori Buhrow Jr.	8/7
Jenn & Nathan Quigg	8/15
Robert & Sarah Nowak	8/17
David & Kristen Lee	8/18
John & Tammy Mazur	8/19
Owen & Karolyn Jansen	8/20
Chuck & Jeri Permar	8/21
Merle & Shirley Berger	8/25
Thomas & Tracy Wojciechowski	8/25
Kenneth & Barbara Wolf	8/26
Roger & Barbara Jensen	8/27
Daniel & Joyce Lenz	8/29



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10 AM Gospel Discussion	2 Office Closed	3 7 AM Breakfast Gathering	4	5	6 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship
7 9:00 AM Traditional Worship	8 10 AM Gospel Discussion	9 9 AM Blankets Office Closed	10 7 AM Breakfast Gathering	11 7 PM Committee Night	12	13 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship
14 9:00 AM Traditional Worship	15 10 AM Gospel Discussion	16 9 AM Blankets Office Closed	17 7 AM Breakfast Gathering	18 7 PM Council Meeting	19	20 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship
21 9:00 AM Traditional Worship	22 10 AM Gospel Discussion 9:00 AM Forerunner deadline!	23 9 AM Blankets Office Closed	24 7 AM Breakfast Gathering	25	26	27 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship
28 9:00 AM Traditional Worship	29 10 AM Gospel Discussion	30 9 AM Blankets Office Closed	31 7 AM Breakfast Gathering	1	2	3 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship

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