

August 1 & 2, 2026 Pentecost 10



Many churches have designated this first weekend in August as Friendship Weekend. Jesus called his followers "friends."

Since we, too, are friends of Christ, we are also to be friends of one another. So welcome, friends. Let us enter into the joy of our Master. 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

This Week- August 3 through August 9

Mon: Faith Practice Reading Isaiah 31

Tues: Blankets 9 AM

Weds: Breakfast at Mc Donald's 7 AM

Sat: Bauman (Social Hall 1-4)

Sat: Worship 5 PM

Sun: Worship 9:00 AM

Sun: Choir Practice following worship

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!



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Diane Gerkensmeyer's birthday from her friends at St. John.

Want to know more about St. John? Simply call, stop in or visit our website at www.stjohnwilliston.org.



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).**

PRAYER list...



Carolyn Lasseter- medical concerns
Jodi (Sievert) Main-medical concerns
Wayne Schimming-medical concerns
Craig Blausey-medical concerns
Merle Berger-medical concerns
Betty Roecker-medical concerns
Mark Joehlin-medical concerns
Rose Mary Fredericksen-medical concerns
Kimberly Sommers- medical concerns
Mary Harmeyer-medical concerns
Charlene Hoot-medical concerns
Jennifer Nelson-medical concerns
Pat Sievert-medical concerns



Worship Assistants Needed

We need Worship Assistants!

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 the office for more info!



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!

August 3-Isaiah 31
August 10-Isaiah 32
August 17- Isaiah 33



It's almost Back to School Time!

Mark your calendars for our Annual Back to School Blessings during worship on August 15th and 16th.

Bring your books and backpacks to be blessed during worship! Teachers...we want you to be blessed, too!!



On August 29 following worship (6:00p – ish)
“Euchre Tournament 2: Return of the Bower!”

Bring your preferred drink and an appetizer or light snack to share... and a friend. We will have food, fellowship, and the rules of the tournament will be explained. If you would like to attend, sign-up outside Pastor O'Brien's office door or call the church office. **(We need to know how many are playing to plan the bracket).** If you have any questions, contact Pastor O'Brien.

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 Engaging Opportunities - Riders Unlimited - Joyful Connections
 United Way of Sandusky County Cancer Care Fund - E.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

Saturdays 5:00pm

Ushers

1-Donnelly Family
 8-Buhrow Family
 15-Jack Mathews

Lectors

1-Nancy Strohscher
 8-Sandy Toth
 15-Amy Schloegl

Acolytes

1-Trenton
 8-Pierce
 15-Jonah

Communion

1-Nancy Strohscher
 8-Rob Gerkensmeyer
 15-JoElaine Schimming

Sundays 9:45 am

Ushers

2-Diana Lambert
 9-Titgemeyer's
 16-Jim Vogelbacher

Lectors

2-Jerry Goldstein
 9-Melissa Lammers
 16-Cebie Titgemeyer

Acolytes

2-Ellie
 9-Makenna
 16-Rylan

Communion

2-RoseMarie D.
 9-Diana Lambert
 16-Kellie Ulrich



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

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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



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. All of this grows out of our shared theme:

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

And.....

**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 PO Box 235 Williston OH 43468.

**You can also donate online at
www.stjohnwilliston.org and click on the
online giving link and select
The Great Goat Project!**



Greetings St. John Youth and Young Adults,

Every three years the ELCA, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, (that's the nation-

al organization that St. John is a part of) sponsors a youth gathering. Tens of thousands of Lutheran teenagers from across the country (and some from around the world) meet for a week of worship, fellowship, service, fun, and exploration.

Next year's gathering is in Minneapolis from June 28 to July 2 and it is open to people finishing the 9-12 grade in 2027 (this year's 8th graders through Seniors). A different program happening at the same time is the Young Adult Gathering for those 18-25. Imagine going to a worship service with 37,000 other youth. Imagine making friends from across the country. Imagine being part of a group that takes over a city for a week!

"Sounds fun," you say, "but next summer is so far away. Why worry about this now?" Because the gathering is so big and popular, it fills up quickly. Plus, there is a lot of work to be done prior to attending an event like this. It is important that we determine who is going to attend, start fundraising, and get our registrations sent in before the deadline.

Think you might be interested? Need more information? Have questions? We will have an information meeting on **Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00 p.m.** I will share my experiences at National Youth Gatherings and invite others who have gone to share theirs as well. You will have the opportunity to ask questions. And we will begin to discuss what we need to do to make this happen. If you come to the meeting, you are not obligated to attend the gathering. If you know you would like to attend the gathering, but cannot attend the meeting, please let me know.

A couple more notes:

You can look up the gathering web site for more information:

<http://www.elca.org/gathering>

My plan is to do fundraising for the bulk of the expenses, but there will be some 'out of pocket' cost for the participants. If you are interested in attending the gathering, but you think money may be an issue, contact me and we can work something out. There are people in the congregation who have offered to help with something like this. Don't worry, it will be confidential. Only you and I will know.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

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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

Contemporary Worship: Saturday 5:00 pm
Traditional Worship: Sunday at 9 AM thru Labor Day/ 9:45 am beginning Sept 13th.



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

On **Wednesday, October 21** we will meet at the church at **10:30a** to travel to Rockside Station to ride the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. *(The train leaves at 1p; the ride is approximately 4 hours.)* The cost for tickets is **\$35**. We will be renting a van for the day that can hold 15 passengers. The cost to ride with the group is **\$15**. There is a food car on the train, but we can stop for dinner afterwards depending on the wishes of the group.

If you would like to attend, sign-up near Pastor O'Brien's office door or call the church office. A \$15 deposit reserves your spot in the van. Total payment of **\$50 is due by September 27**. If you would like to drive yourself, please indicate on the sign up.

If you have any questions, contact Pastor O'Brien.