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Ask the Pastor

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"This is not a question and not necessarily 'religious' in nature; except that churches, religious organizations, and pastors tend to be targeted. This is a scam I have experienced and one other church members have as well..."

A couple years ago I received an email from Bishop Beaudoin asking if I could do him a favor. Of course I said, "yes". Daniel's a good guy and I consider him a friend, so I was glad to help him out. He asked if I would buy him some gift cards. He said he was out of the country and couldn't make it to the store so he wanted me to buy the gift cards, send him the scratch off codes, and he would pay me back when he returned.

I had imagined a half dozen different things Bishop Beaudoin might ask me to do, but buy him gift cards was not one of them. That was the first thing that struck me as odd. I looked closer at the email and it appeared to come from the Bishop... but it still felt strange. The second "red flag" was that I knew the Bishop was going to be traveling to Africa, but he wasn't supposed to leave for another week. I thought, maybe I had the dates wrong, but I still wanted to check. So I called the synod office to confirm and discovered that the Bishop's email had been hacked. Everyone on his mailing list had been asked for gift cards, but the request did not come from him.

I've since discovered that I'm not the only one who has experienced this type of thing. It is, unfortunately, a common scam to clone or hack someone's email address and ask for gift cards. I read an article from 2018 that said the FBI reportedly receives more than 800 complaints a day about this particular scam. Sadly, many people get taken advantage of because it starts innocently enough a friend needing a favor and we want to help.

I don't have a solution to the scam, but I do have some advice...

My best advice be aware. Unfortunately, there are scammers out there trying to take advantage of good people. The odds are good that you will receive one of these emails or texts.

If you get a message that seems 'odd', trust your instincts. Your pastor asking for peanut butter to be dropped off *at the church* for food bags is normal (thank you BTW), but an email from me asking for scratch off codes from the back of gift cards would be very unusual. Trust your instincts.

Related to that, verify. Giving to friends and helping people is certainly a good thing, but take the extra steps to verify where your donation is going. Give directly to the person or organization you are trying to help when you can.

Finally... don't immediately respond to emails or texts asking for a favor. Maybe pick up the phone first, call the person, and ask if they really need any extra help.

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.



To My St. John Family,

Thank you to St. John members who supported me during and after my recent knee replacement. From the prayer chain, the lovely cards, personal calls, food delivered and personal concerns, I thank our caring members. I have been back to church, which I'm sure is the safest place I can be as masks and distancing is carefully observed. I thank all those responsible for conducting the actual and virtual services. I personally love to worship in person in our beautiful sanctuary and share communion with those who are attending.

Sincerely,

Diane Hartman

Thank you to Cindy Hartman and Becky Tank who have served on the Genoa Community Food Pantry Board for several years. They will both be resigning those positions before the end of the year. We would like to thank them for their dedication to this ministry.

Thank you to all of those who helped in any way to make our "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" Supplemental Food Bag Distribution a wonderful success. Over 700 bags of food were handed out to those in need throughout the summer at St. John. Each bag contained soup, meal starters, spaghetti and sauce, mac and cheese, cereal, fruit and veggies, peanut butter and jelly. There were also donations of fresh bread and home grown vegetables. Thank you to Elliston Zion UMC and the Light Neighborhood Pantry for sharing their inventory and allowing us to order food through their ministry. They also had volunteers help unload deliveries early on Monday morning and transport it to St. John. Many of you also made financial contributions which made this ministry possible! Thank you!!



In memory of Donald Jefferies (Florida)

Lowell and Diane Hartman
Ron and Diane Gerkenismeyer
Al and Traci Brown
Jim and Dilly Schimming

In Memory of Helen Jean Rollins

Ron and Diane Gerkenismeyer
Jim and Dilly Schimming
James and Mona Vogelbacher
Mary Schimming
Doris Titgemeyer
Janice Sheahan
Charles and Judy Brown
Bob and Diane Kapp
Gary and Darlene Carstensen

In Memory of Rev. James VanBrussel

Ron and Diane Gerkenismeyer
Al and Traci Brown

In Memory of Virgil Roecker

William and Linda Walker
Karen Sue Gruben

In Memory of Jay Meyer

Bob and Diane Kapp
Larry and Nancy Strohscher
Arline Sabin
Karl and Roberta Orians
Tom and Joan Truman
Elaine Gruetter
Jim Blum
Jim and Dilly Schimming
Janice Sheahan
Alice Witt
Carol Vargo
Diane Dickinson
Kent Delventhal
Roland and Janice Sandrock
JoElaine Schimming
Keith and Deborah Dorans
Lyle and Suzanne Matthias
Andrew and Margaret Walko
Richard and Katherine Galatocky
Joseph and Laurie Weiher
Mary Nemecek
Catherine Schmalz

In Memory of Bernie Pohlrad

Jim and Dilly Schimming
Richard and Shirley Crosskil
Al and Traci Brown

If a name as been inadvertently omitted from the list, please call the church office.



Fall Worship Hours

Begin September 13th

Fall Hours return on Sunday, September 13th!

Join us this weekend!

Saturday Worship 5:00 PM (in person and online)

Sunday School for all ages 8:30 AM (in person)

Sunday Worship 9:45 AM (in person and online)

St. John Prayer Chain is there for you....

"Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive."

Matthew 21:22

When there is illness, a special need, or a time of thanksgiving in your family, or among friends or neighbors, you may wish to ask for the prayers of your sisters and brothers at St. John.

If such a need arises, call Pastor O'Brien (419-972-4003, cell ph 419-378-1112) or the church office (419-836-5514) who will begin the prayer chain. Please keep your message to the minimum to avoid any errors in passing it on. Thank you!



**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.**

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Worship Hours

Beginning Sept. 13th

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday School 8:30 AM

Sunday Worship 9:45 AM

**Deadline for the
October 2020 newsletter is
Monday, Sept. 21 @ 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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Faith Practice #3 Readings

1 and 2 Corinthians



Corinth was a large, bustling city (located in southern Greece). Because of its location, goods and people from around the world flowed in and out of its ports. It was a center for art, philosophy and religion. It contained a number of pagan temples including large ones to Apollo and Aphrodite. The city had a reputation for vice, immorality and debauchery. Paul spent 18 months establishing a church in Corinth during his second missionary journey (described in Acts 18).

1 Corinthians (which may actually be the second letter Paul wrote to the Corinthians; the first was lost) was written around 54 AD. It was in response to reports Paul received concerning problems in the church, disputed matters, and competing factions. (The letter written to Paul has not survived.)

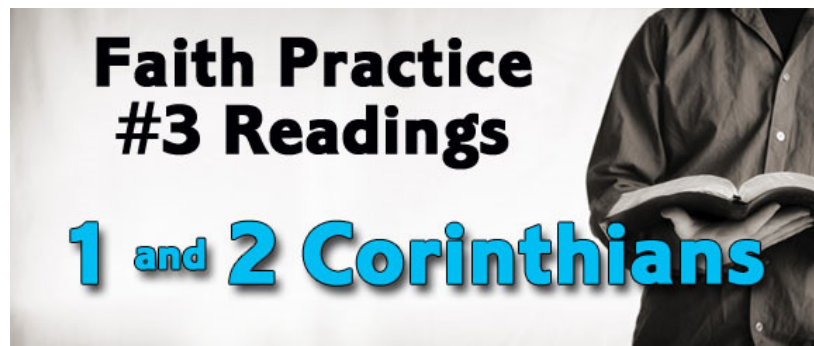
Overall, the letter calls this fractious congregation to unity, Paul reminds them their actions should be informed by love (chapters 8 and 13), and closes with an appeal to let this love be the governing power in the life of the community.

2 Corinthians is perhaps the most difficult to interpret of all Paul's letters. Scholars think it is a combination of several fragments of different letters. This makes it seem disjointed in places. It is certainly a mixed letter, containing different styles and various elements; appeals, exhortations, rebukes, threats, attacks, counterattacks, self-defense, self-praise, and irony.

We will continue with our 'one chapter per week' reading plan as follows: *for the week starting...*

September 7 – 1 Corinthians 1
September 14 – 1 Corinthians 2
September 21 – 1 Corinthians 3
September 28 – 1 Corinthians 4
October 5 – 1 Corinthians 5
October 12 – 1 Corinthians 6
October 19 – 1 Corinthians 7
October 26 – 1 Corinthians 8
November 2 – 1 Corinthians 9
November 9 – 1 Corinthians 10
November 16 – 1 Corinthians 11
November 23 – 1 Corinthians 12
November 30 – 1 Corinthians 13
December 7 – 1 Corinthians 14
December 14 – 1 Corinthians 15

December 21 – 1 Corinthians 16
January 4 – 2 Corinthians 1
January 11 – 2 Corinthians 2
January 18 – 2 Corinthians 3
January 25 – 2 Corinthians 4
February 1 – 2 Corinthians 5
February 8 – 2 Corinthians 6
February 15 – 2 Corinthians 7
February 22 – 2 Corinthians 8
March 1 – 2 Corinthians 9
March 8 – 2 Corinthians 10
March 15 – 2 Corinthians 11
March 22 – 2 Corinthians 12
March 29 – 2 Corinthians 13



Week of September 7

1 Corinthians 1

Paul greets the church, which is sanctified (set apart) in Jesus Christ, called to be saints. He makes a plea for unity – Christ is not divided. The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Week of September 14

1 Corinthians 2

Paul did not preach to the Corinthians with 'wisdom' or excellent speech. Faith should not be in human wisdom, but in the power of God. The wisdom of God is not the same as the wisdom of the world – if it had been, Christ would not have been crucified. God's wisdom is known only by the Holy Spirit.

Week of September 21

1 Corinthians 3

The Corinthians have a carnal mindset – they are babes in Christ, fed with milk rather than solid food. Corinthian factionalism suggests carnality. 'I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.' Individual Christians are temples.

Week of September 28

1 Corinthians 4

We are servants and stewards of Christ. Paul is justified not by human courts, but answers only to God. Do not be puffed up with pride. 'We are weak, but you are strong!' – Paul sarcastically contrasts his own 'foolishness' with their greatness. Shall I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?

Week of October 5

1 Corinthians 5

There are accusations of sexual immorality among the Corinthians – a man with his father's wife. Paul, who is present in spirit, has judged the person who has committed this sin – he must be given over to Satan, that his flesh may be destroyed, and his spirit saved. A little sin affects everyone – a little leaven leavens the whole lump. Let us purge this leaven, for Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Paul admonishes church members to keep themselves separate from immoral people.

*Worship
with us
from*
HOME

Missing Church? Not ready yet?

That's ok! We have the answer!

**We are gathering together in person for worship but
you can also worship with St. John ONLINE!**

Until we can all join together comfortably in worship, we
will be live streaming our worship services on our Face-
book page and on our YouTube channel on Saturdays at

5PM and will show it again

Sunday mornings at **9:45 AM.**

Not online? That's ok. Let the office know and we will
send you an Audio CD of the latest worship service.

Our Facebook link is [https://www.facebook.com/
stjohnwilliston/](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnwilliston/)

For continued services, you may also search
YouTube for Shawn O'Brien

Email/Text Reminders

**If you would like to be notified about events,
activities, schedule changes, etc. through email or
text, join St. John on Remind...**

**Text @stjohnw to the number 81010. (You'll
receive a welcome text from Remind.)**


(If you have trouble with 81010, try texting @stjohnw to (419) 679-4578.)

Visit rmd.at/stjohnw to sign up for email notifications.

If none of those work, send a message to the church office.

We can sign you up.



Women of the
ELCA 

NEWS

There will be no Esther Circle meeting
in September.

The Rebekah Circle plans to meet on Tuesday
evening, September 1st as planned at 6 PM
at Nancy Strohscher's home.

The WELCA board will meet as scheduled on
Tuesday, September 8th at 7 PM church basement.



Friends and Family in Christ,

There is no greater time than now to focus on God and remember to turn to him in prayer when we feel weak or uncertain. Parish Education and Sunday School teachers gathered to discuss what is to be done in September to return to Sunday School, and what that will look like.

We are offering in person classes for all ages. Masks and social distancing will be practiced for all ages, we will begin on **Sunday, September 13, 2020.**

Preschool through second grade will continue to meet in the classroom in the main hall where they have always met. Third through fifth grade will meet in the first room of the basement. These ages normally have opening in the sanctuary. Instead, we will hold openings in our classrooms in order to limit movement. We will consider the possibility of Zoom after we get started.

Catechism classes (grades 6 through 8) will meet together in the social hall. Pastor O'Brien will send a letter with further details.

High School students will meet at the far end of the basement.

Two Adult classes are currently offered. One is based on parenting, and is generally attended by catechism aged parents, but all are welcome! Parents meet in the classroom first up the stairs and on the right (just before the sanctuary).

Our second adult class is a bible based class, open to all adults. This adult class plans to meet in the fourth floor elevator lobby, the top floor by the big windows. They plan to sit in chairs in a circle to socially distance.

As with everything COVID-19 related, please consider your options and do what is best for your family. We are your faith family, and we are thinking of you in this difficult time.

Faithfully yours,
Parish Education Committee

A prayer to consider:

Almighty and loving God, fill me with your peace, for I am prone to worry, anxiety threatens to steal my peace. The world around me can be frightening, my situation perilous. The storms and trials in my life overwhelming. Yet, I know you are more than all of this. Fill me with your peace which passes all understanding. Help me to pray first, and worry less. Remind me that you will fight for me and I don't need to worry or be anxious about anything. For you are mighty and all-powerful, and in you I can find peace and strength. All this I pray through your loving Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.



Dear Parents,

As always, the safety and well-being of all our Sunday School family is our top concern! Please have your child wear a mask to Sunday School. And, please fill out the form on the following page so we have all the information needed in case of an emergency. You may drop the form off at the church office or have your child bring it on the first day of Sunday School. Thank you!

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, WILLISTON, OHIO
EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORM

Grade _____

Student's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Student's Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Purpose: To enable parents and guardians to authorize the provision of emergency treatment for children who become ill or injured under the supervision at St. John Lutheran Church.

Mother's Name _____ Home Phone _____ Work _____

Cell Phone _____

Father's Name _____ Home Phone _____ Work _____

Cell Phone _____

Name of Relative or Childcare Provider _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

PART I OR PART II MUST BE COMPLETED

Part I: To Grant consent

I hereby give consent for the following medical care providers:

Physician _____ Phone _____

Dentist _____ Phone _____

Medical Specialist _____ Phone _____

Hospital _____

In the event reasonable attempts to contact me have been unsuccessful, I hereby give my consent for the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by the above-named doctor/ dentist, or in the event the designated preferred physician/ dentist is not available, by another licensed physician/ dentist.

This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two other licensed physicians or dentists concurring in the necessity for such surgery are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery.

Facts concerning the child's medical history, including allergies, medications being taken and physical impairments to which a physician should be alerted: _____

Date _____ Signature of parent/guardian _____

Address _____

Part II: Refusal to Consent

I do NOT give my consent for emergency medical treatment of my child. In the event of illness or injury requiring emergency treatment, I wish the church authorities to take the following action: _____

Date _____ Signature of parent/guardian _____

Address _____



September Stewardship

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*

**“There are a variety of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.
1 Corinthians 12:5-6**

Every Wednesday evening before small-grouping for missions or Bible study or “prayer meeting” we as a church family would get together for supper. The church supper committee supplied the main course—meat and potatoes, chicken and potato salad, fish and chips—and every family brought in a favorite vegetable or salad or bread and/or dessert.

After supper everyone took their dirty dishes to the kitchen, scraped plates, emptied glasses, and placed the used hardware on the counter where it was immediately removed to the grand industrial-grade dishwasher that had been given to the church several years before by the university when their kitchen equipment was upgraded. It was a well-oiled, good Baptist operation, and the dishes were steaming clean almost before everyone finished at table, and, before the kitchen committee left for prayer meeting, put away for use another day.

Except of course for the big pots and pans in which the main dishes had been cooked and served. Those monsters would not fit in the assembly-line trays of the dishwasher. The heavy-duty pots and pans had to be washed by hand in the deep double sinks.

So there she stood, sleeves rolled up about six laps, full-length cafeteria apron secured round her neck and waist, and up to her elbows in hot soapy water scrubbing and rinsing those heavy, greasy pots and pans.

She was in her seventies. She was not frail. But she was beginning to show her age. And now perspiration beaded up on her softly wrinkled forehead. And she sometimes struggled to lift that heavy stock pot or that huge baking pan.

Naturally, when I noticed her hard at work, and saw that no one else—uncharacteristically for those good folk—even offered to help her, and, perhaps, seeking to make a new-preacher good impression—I offered to help her with her heavy load.

“Miss Alma,” I offered, “let me help you with those heavy pots and pans, and then,” I ventured, “let’s see if we can get someone else to share this job with you.” I was not prepared for her strong response.

“Pastor,” she said, “this here is my job! I been doin’ it for years. I ain’t got much education, so I can’t teach a class. And I can’t carry a tune in a washtub, so I can’t sing in the choir. But I raised six children and now I’m helping raise twelve grandchildren. I know how to wash pots and pans! That’s my talent! You just go on and help somebody who needs help. I got this job covered!”

Do I need to tell you that I never again offered to take some of the load? And I understood why no one else offered to help either—“This here is my job!”

Every Christian has some talent, ability and a spiritual gift he or she has received from God.

1 Peter 4:10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

CONNECTING KIDS TO CHRIST The Connection



Sunday School
Starting Sept. 13th @ 8:30 AM
Bring a friend!

The 5 Finger Prayer

Thumb: Those closest to you, your family.

Pointer: Those that point you in the right direction (teachers, doctors, priests) ask for wisdom & support.

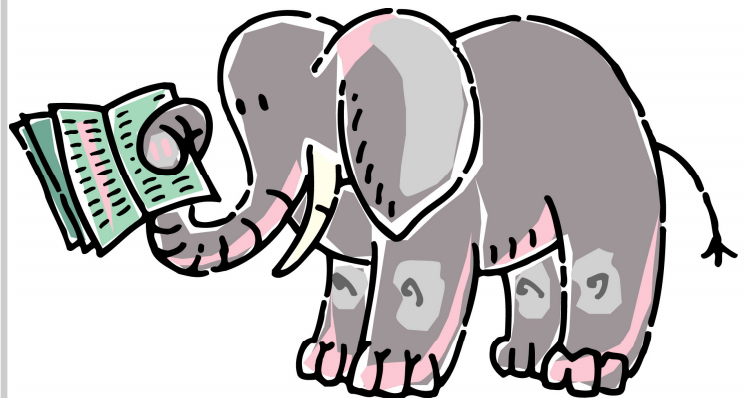
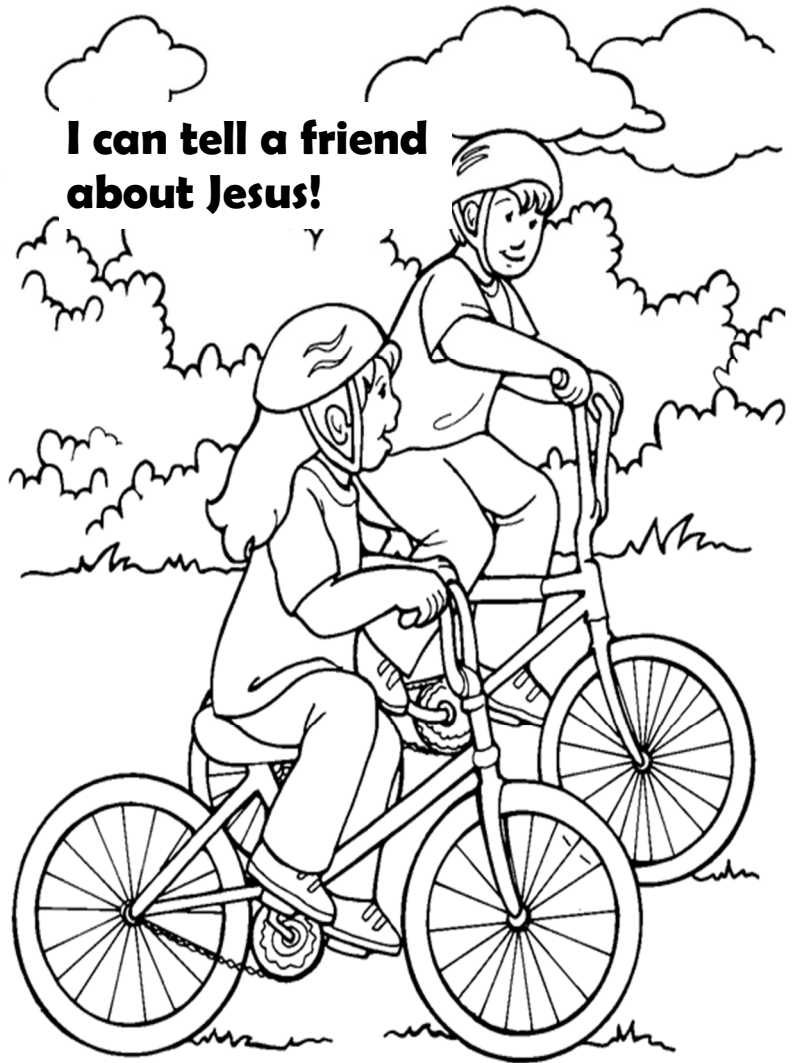
Index: (tallest) Those that lead us, (Government) ask for guidance & wisdom.

Ring: (weakest) Those that are weak, in trouble, or in pain. We cannot pray too much for them.

Pinkie: (smallest) Our prayers for ourselves & our own needs.



**I can tell a friend
about Jesus!**

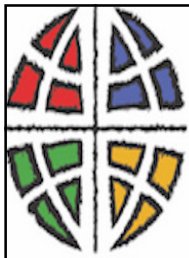


Memory Verse

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I will say it again: Rejoice!

Philippians 4:4



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



Jesus cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

– John 7:37-38

If you travel to the Grand Canyon and hike along the rim in the desert you will find an interesting sign. It reads, **"Stop! Drink water. You are thirsty, whether you realize it or not."** It is a baffling idea to think that we may not recognize our own thirst. But we human beings know that it is very possible to be so preoccupied living, working, checking off our to-do-list, that we forget to nourish our bodies. More than once I have come home from a busy day to suddenly discover, "I am thirsty". I am not alone, 75% of Americans don't get enough water to drink each day. Three out of four of us walk around in a chronic state of dehydration and we don't even realize it.

The same can happen in our faith lives. A sign could be posted for us in the dry places cautioning, **"Stop! Drink water. You are thirsty, whether you realize it or not."** Sometimes I think the Holy Spirit suddenly makes us aware of our thirst for a reason. Realizing your thirst is a gift. It allows you to seek a source of abundant nourishment.

Four years ago we began Diakonia (pronounced dee-ak-on-ee'-ah) here in the Southeastern Conference. We noticed that there were lay leaders in our congregations thirsty for deeper understanding, so we gathered teachers and learners together and brought the Diakonia Program here to Northwestern Ohio. Diakonia is Greek for service. Diakonia is a call to discipleship. It gathers Christians together to grow and learn in order to more fully respond to the call to serve Christ. The curriculum consists of twelve courses, with six courses offered each academic year. Each course has five sessions that meets in three-hour increments on Tuesday nights. Each course is taught by a different rostered leader and students come from many different congregations. Weekly reading assignments and reflections are designed to relate to topic of study and stir conversation. Tuition is \$60 per course. Scholarships are also available for all those in need of assistance. Beginning this fall Diakonia will be hosted in five different congregation and online through Zoom.

"Stop! Drink water. You are thirsty, whether you realize it or not." If you are thirsty for deeper spiritual growth, maybe it is time to explore Diakonia. Diakonia is an invitation to gather with other Christians and grow together in our call to be disciples of Christ. Please pray about whether God is calling you or someone you know to this program.

For more information about the National Diakonia Program go to: <http://www.diakoniusa.org/>.

For schedules and applications for our program here in NWOS check our site at: <https://nwos-diakonia.weebly.com/>.

Diakonia is a ministry of the [Northwestern Ohio Synod and other Synods of the ELCA.](#)

Sharing our Many Blessings!



for the Williston community

The St. John Mini Pantry /Blessing Box is Open!

The St. John Mini Pantry is stocked with ready to eat or easily prepared food items and hygiene items which are available to those in our community who may need a little help. It contains boxes of mac and cheese, soup, spaghetti, canned meals, veggies, fruit, peanut butter, jelly and other items. Volunteers check the box daily and replenish it when needed. We are also accepting donations of travel size personal items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, travel size tissues and shampoo.

Worship Helpers...

We did not forget about you! We SO appreciate the help we receive every week from our wonderful worship helpers! Whether you read scripture, serve communion, run the computer and sound, usher or collect the offering...your actions are vital to our worship ministry!

Please watch your email and the upcoming Forerunners for an updated list of worship assignments.

If there are any changes in the way assignments are handled, we will let you know as soon as possible.

We are in need of new worship assistants! If you would like to be added to the rotation, please call the office and we will gladly fill you in on the details!



**EVERY
BLOOD DONOR
IS A HERO**



Our Blood Drive held August 20th was a wonderful success!

33 good units of life saving blood were collected! Each one of those units has the potential to save up to 3 lives! (And thank you to Marilyn and Carolyn for the delicious cupcakes!)

When you give blood....

You give another birthday

You give another anniversary..

You give another day at the beach..

You give another night under the stars..

You give another talk with a friend..

You give another laugh, another smile, another hug....

You give life....

Thank you and God Bless! Watch your Forerunner for upcoming drives.



Church Council Highlights

Council Meeting Highlights- August 2020

Devotions were from The Daily Bread, based on Psalm 138, led by Pastor O'Brien
Secretary Minutes for June were approved with one change

Pastor's Report:

Attendance: Difficult to determine with on line viewing so estimating we have at least 150 per service. Twenty percent in person compared to past attendance figures.

Supplemental Food Bags: We will continue or food distribution through the end of August. To date we have distributed 653 bags of food.

Office Administrator: LisaAnne has completed her training as a Licensed Local Pastor in the United Methodist Church and has been appointed by the local District to be the LLP at Zion Elliston starting October 1st. This is good news for her, but not such good news for us. Effective Friday, September 25th she will be submitting her resignation as Office Administrator at St. John Williston.

Thank you to LisaAnne for her four plus years of service to St. John and God's blessings on her new ministry.

St. Peter/St Luke: Pastor Rita Bair is retiring at the end of September. She will be returning two weekends and one weekend a month through the end of the year. I have been asked by the Synod to be a "vice pastor" for these congregations for three months. That would mean emergency pastoral care, being a point of contact for funerals, etc. I said I am open to the idea but we did not work out any specific details

Genoa Food Pantry Becky Tank will be resigning as St. John's food pantry board member. Thank you to Becky for her service. We will need to appoint a replacement.

Christian Community Life reported in addition to the Food Panty report given by Pastor, Cindy Hartman will be resigning her position at the Food Panty at the end of the year. Becky and Cindy have been such an asset to the church in their positions. We thank them for all of their good works. The blood drive was held today with all the slots filled for donation.

The Bauman car raffle will continue until September 6. Tickets can also be obtained through Cindy Hartman and Becky Tank. You can mail your money to Cindy Hartman, PO Box 33, Williston, OH 43468 or Becky Tank, 17381 W/ Hausencomb, Graytown, OH 43432 and they will mail you the ticket to you.

Parish Education: Sunday school letters have been sent out. Classes will be zoom or in person; preschool, elementary, adult, the confirmation class will be combining 6,7,8 grades.

Worship Life: Due to lingering COVID concerns, worship life has decided to continue having the majority of our worship prerecorded but will reevaluate September. We will be celebrating Holy Communion each week using the prepackaged elements. Unfortunately, Thanksgiving Eve service at St Peter Blackberry has been cancelled and no replacement has been scheduled until we can meet with the musicians.

Property: reported that Gary Johnson cleaned up the old garden.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

**Next Committee Meeting will be
September 10 at 7:00 pm**

**Next Council Meeting is scheduled for
September 17 at 7:00 pm.**

Respectively submitted,
Marcia Morgan, Council Secretary

ELECTRONIC GIVING AUTHORIZATION FORM

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email: office@stjohnwilliston.org



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If you would like to designate your giving to another fund not listed: please state your desire here. Thank You.					
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	Name on Card:				
	Billing Address (if different from above):				
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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.
 Please allow 2-3 business days for processing. Thank you for being a blessing to St. John Lutheran Church.*

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Traditional Worship	31	1 10:00 AM Blankets 6:00 PM Rachel Circle at Strohscher's	2	3	4	5 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship
6 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Traditional Worship	7  Office Closed for Holiday	8 10:00 AM Blankets 7:00 PM WELCA Board	9  National Teddy Bear Day	10  7:00 PM Committee Night	11	12 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship
13  8:30 AM Sunday School for all ages! 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM Traditional Worship	14	15 10:00 AM Blankets	16 National Play Dough Day! 	17  CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00 PM Council Meeting	18	19 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship
20 8:30 AM Sunday School for all ages! 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM Traditional Worship	21 Don't Miss the  9:00 AM Forerunner deadline	22 10:00 AM Blankets	23	24	25 National Comic Book Day! 	26 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship
27 8:30 AM Sunday School for all ages! 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM Traditional Worship	28  Help a Neighbor Love your Neighbor Day!	29 10:00 AM Blankets	30	1	2	3 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship

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Worship Hours at St. John
Saturday Contemporary Worship 5:00 PM
Sunday School (in person) 8:45 AM
Sunday Traditional Worship 9:45 AM