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We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church.
We are...“creating and nurturing lifechanging 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

Worship & Learn with us this weekend!

Contemporary Worship: Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday School and Confirmation 8:30 AM

Sunday School— age 3 and up 9:00 AM

Traditional Worship: Sunday 9:45 AM

Serving this week and next

Sat: October 31st

Ushers: Ron Gerkensmeyer

Lectors: Amy Schloegl

Acolyte: Trenton

Communion: Al & Traci B

Sun: November 1st

Diana Lambert

Melissa Lammers

Ellie

Margaret Berger

Sat: November 7

Ushers: Tim & Deb Hepner

Lectors: Nancy Strohscher

Acolytes: Pierce

Communion: Ron G.

Sun. November 8

Tim Titgemeyer

Jerry Goldstein

Makenna

Rosemarie D.



**This “Black Friday,”
GIVE a gift...the
Gift of LIFE!**

This Black Friday, skip the crazy lines at the stores and help us save lives right here in our community. St. John is hosting its annual **Black Friday Blood Drive on November 27, 2026, from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.**

Every drop counts, but we cannot do it alone! We are looking for donors, volunteers, and food contributions to make this event a success. Here is how you can get involved:

- **Be a Donor:** Roll up your sleeve and give the gift of life.
- **Volunteer Your Time:** We need friendly faces to help set up the event space and sign donors in at the welcome desk.
- **Support the Canteen:** Donate food (snacks, baked goods, or sandwiches) or help serve refreshments to our donors after they give blood.

Whether you can give blood, give time, or give a plate of cookies, your support makes a massive difference.

To schedule your donation slot or sign up for a volunteer shift, please contact Robin Perkins at 419-250-1018 or

rkperkins@yahoo.com.

October 31st/Nov 1st All Saints' Day



Welcome to St. John!

On this wonderful day that is designated All Saints' Day, we have

come to invoke the presence of God. We welcome with joy all worshipers. Remember with gratitude all who have been faithful to God throughout the centuries. Would you like to know more about our church? Just ask! We would love to tell you all about life at St. John. There is an elevator to the left of the pulpit for those who would like to use it.

This Week- November 2 -November 8

Mon: Faith Practice Reading Isaiah 44
Tues: VOTING HERE all Day (no blankets)
 Tues: Rebekah Circle 7 PM (lounge)
 Weds: Breakfast at Mc Donald's 7 AM
 Thurs: Memorial Service for Ken Cousino
 Sat: Worship 5 PM
 Sun: Adult Sunday School/ Confirmation 8:30
 Sun: Sunday School for kids 3 thru 5th grade 9:00 AM-main hallway classrooms
Sun: Worship 9:45 (Blausey Baptism)
 Sun: Choir Practice following worship
 Sun: Scouts Court of Honor 6 PM



*The Altar Flowers
 are given to the
 Glory of God and in
 loving memory of all
 the Saints who have
 gone before us.*

Jodi (Sievert) Main-medical concerns
 Wayne Schimming-medical concerns
 Merle Berger-medical concerns
 Betty Roecker-medical concerns
 Mark Joehlin-medical concerns
 Rose Mary Fredericksen-medical concerns
 Jennifer Nelson-medical concerns
 Andrew Janney-medical concerns
 Frank Komives-medical concerns
 Justin Tank-medical concerns
 Lisa Eisenback-medical concerns
 Lori K (friend)-medical concerns
 Sara Beck- medical concerns
 Karen C. -medical concerns
 Godwin (friend of Judy Y.)-medical concerns

You are cordially invited
**COMMUNITY
 THANKSGIVING
 WORSHIP AND DINNER**
 Sunday November 22, 2026
5 PM Worship 6 PM Dinner
St. John Lutheran Church
Williston, Ohio
 All are welcome to join us for a time of
 giving thanks to God in
 worship and fellowship.

A Thrivent Action Grant is providing funds for this event. Donations received will benefit Lutheran Social Services of NW Ohio's Food Pantry

**Please sign up to help clean
 up following the dinner.
 There's a sign up sheet next
 to Pastor's Office.**





The 8th Annual Williston Community Christmas Tree Lighting and Meal

Saturday, November 28th-5 PM

Join us for Saturday worship at St. John at 5 PM
and then follow us outside to

the Christmas Tree (just east of the parsonage) where we
will celebrate the season together!

Following the Christmas Tree lighting, we will join together
for a Community Meal to be served in the St. John Church
basement.

Please join the Evangelism Committee, your church family
and your neighbors to celebrate the beginning of the
Advent season.

**We will be collecting donations of paper products and
personal items for Nightingale's Harvest.**

They have a need for certain items such as liquid dish soap, liquid
hand soap and toilet paper, but all items are greatly appreciated. A

box will be placed by the elevator for all to donate at any time.

Nightingale's Harvest provides a food pantry for families with
cancer in Northwest Ohio. They are located at Our Savior

Lutheran Church on Alexis Rd. in Toledo. They have received
many of our blankets and donations over the years to help those
who are facing difficult times.



Adults/Confirmation

Classes meet at 8:30 AM

Sunday School for KIDS

age 3 thru 5th Grade

EVERY SUNDAY

from 9-9:30 am!

Kids meet in the

**Sunday School rooms on
the main floor.**

Invite a friend and join us!!

**Kid's Bells are back...join us
to make a joyful noise!!**

Shopping with the Stars....



Just pick a star or take a gift list
from the table located in the
narthex and purchase a gift for
one of our neighbors at

**The Luther Home of Mercy
No Wrapping Needed!!**

Return to church by Sunday,

December 6th

Most are inexpensive but bring
great joy to the residents!

Join the St. John Dartball Team!

Dartball begins November 3rd!

Get those pitching arms ready!

Join us for fun on Tuesday nights when
the Western Ottawa County Dartball
League begins its new season.

Nov 3 at Elmore St. Paul 7:30 PM

Nov. 10 at HOME 7:30 PM

Nov. 17 at HOME 7:30 PM

Nov. 24 at Elliston Trinity UCC 7:30 PM

All are welcome.

No experience is needed.

All are welcome to come and cheer
on our St. John Team, too!

We need more players!!

See or call Jeff Schimming

419-356-3552 or Mike Haef

419-345-0113 for more info!



Northwestern Ohio Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

REFORMATION DAY OF GIVING

OCTOBER 31ST, 2026

Reformation Day is not just a historical commemoration; it is a call to live out the Reformation's principles today- *sola scriptura* (Scripture alone), *sola fide* (faith alone), *sola gratia* (grace alone), *solus Christus* (Christ alone), and *solus Deo gloria* (glory to God alone).

The Synod, through it's 142 congregations, continues to proclaim the Lord as Martin Luther did over 500 years ago. His proclamation changed the church and the world. Assist us in continuing this mission by making a donation on the anniversary of Reformation.



**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
NWOS ANNUAL FUND
AND GIVE TODAY!**

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[nwos-elca.church/
nwosannualcampaign/](https://nwos-elca.church/nwosannualcampaign/)

Want to support Reformation Day of Giving? Simply make your check out to St. John and note **REFORMATION GIVING** on envelope or memo line. We will collect for this campaign until Advent.



Please join The North Central Conference of the NWOS of the ELCA in praying for each congregation in our conference. Each Sunday, we will pray for one of our churches, our Bishop and our faithful church leaders.

Nov. 1-Hosanna (Grand Rapids)
Nov. 8-St. Paul (Marblehead)
Nov. 15-Salem-Grace (Luckey)
Nov. 22-Sonfire (Pemberville)

Our Faith Practice #3 Readings

October 5-Isaiah 40
October 12-Isaiah 41
October 19-Isaiah 42
October 26-Isaiah 43
November 2-Isaiah 44
November 9-Isaiah 45
November 16-Isaiah 46
November 23-Isaiah 47

Thankoffering



"... gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings."

—Women of the ELCA Constitution

The month of November is designated as THANKOFFERING Month by the WELCA. Special envelopes are in your November Forerunner and will be available in the Sanctuary throughout the month of November. THANKOFFERING monies are used for scholarships, grants for local projects and global ministries, creating resources for women's spiritual growth.

This tradition has been a long standing custom among Lutheran women dating back to the early 1800's. Women set aside small amounts of money throughout the year in response to moments of grace or gratitude. It is a beautiful way to combine a personal spiritual practice of gratitude with financial support for the vital work of the **Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**. Thank YOU for your support of the WELCA.