

Welcome to worship at St. John as we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming Messiah. We invite you to become a member of the St. John family. There is an elevator to the left of the pulpit for those who wish to use it.



Coming Up at St John Mon Dec. 23-Sun Dec.29

Tues: Christmas Eve Services

at 4 PM 7 PM and 11 PM.

Weds: Merry Christmas (office closed)

Thurs: Church will be open for Poinsettia pick up

Fri: office closed

Sat: V. Kiss (Social Hall) 10-3

Sat: Worship 5PM

Sun: Worship 9:45 AM

Sun: Choir Practice 11 AM



Reverse Advent



Calendar

We are collecting items for the Advent Lutheran Center-a day program of the Luther Home of Mercy and for the LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry at Elliston Zion UMC-a free choice food pantry serving all of Ottawa County. There are still plenty of boxes left! Just follow the calendar, fill the box and bring it back to the Church. Thank You!!



Doug Blausey- medical concerns
Carolyn Lasseter- medical concerns
Elaine Gruetter-medical concerns
Dennis Carstensen-medical concerns
David Witty-medical concerns
Jakub Goldstein-medical concerns
Wayne Schimming-medical concerns
Ron Sheahan-medical concerns
Allen Yockey-medical concerns
Kathy Varga-medical concerns
Alicia Kardatzke-medical concerns
Lori and her caregiver Carol-medical concerns
Mike Mann- medical concerns
Eric Smithers-medical concerns
Chris Allred-medical concerns
Francine Carver-medical concerns

ALTAR and CHANCEL flowers



The **Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Emory Lasseter by Carolyn Lasseter and Marilyn Sandrock.

The **Chancel Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mark Witt and Richard Witt by Alice Witt and family.

The **Chancel flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my family who are always ready to help and in loving memory of Don and Tim Berger by Margaret Berger

Assistants for this December!

Saturdays 5:00pm	Sundays 9:45 am
Ushers	Ushers
21-Donnelly Family	22-Jim Vogelbacher
28-Buhrow Family	29-Diana Lambert
Lectors	Lectors
21-Nancy Strohscher	22-Kellie Ulrich
28-Jonah Danhoff	29-Kellie Ulrich
Acolytes	Acolytes
21-Jonah D.	22-Lauren H.
28-Nolaan	29-Rylie C.
Communion	Communion
21-Carol Vargo	22-Robin Perkins
28-no communion	29-no communion



If you ordered Poinsettias, please take them home following Christmas Eve Services. The office will also be open on Thurs. Dec. 26th for pick ups. Thank you for sharing your Christmas flowers with your church family.

St. John- Williston

December 24, 2024

4:00 pm-Christmas Eve Family Service

7:00 pm-Traditional Worship and Carols

11:00 pm-Christ Mass and Candlelight

Worship Assistants will be needed for all services. Please see the list near Pastor's office



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Sign up to serve on the list by the Pastor's door.

It's Winter (already)!

*If Ottawa County is under a **Level 3** Snow Emergency, we will **not** have worship or any other church related activities until the emergency has been cancelled. *If Ottawa County is under a **Level 2 or Level 1** Snow Emergency, we will still hold worship and activities for those who can travel safely. Please consider your safety and the safety of others on the road when you decide to venture out into the weather. We love you and your wellbeing is our number one concern. ***Please be careful out there this winter season!***



The CHOSEN
is taking a break.
We will be back on Sunday
Jan. 12th!



Our Blessing Box can always use your help in helping our neighbors! Needed: Spaghetti Sauce (cans) Peanut Butter, Hamburger Helper, Canned Meat, Rice A Roni/side dishes, Applesauce– cups, Cereal (small) Fruit cups, soup, snacks, Packaged/shelf stable lunches and snacks. *(no glass, medicine or expired food)*

There is a donation box near the office. Thank you!!

A new building access system has been installed at St. John.



Those needing regular entry to the church, outside of regular business hours (Mon-Thurs 9-3), will be issued a personalized access card to gain entry to the main doors near the parking lot.

There is an access box on the right side of the main door. **If you have a need for an access card, please see Andy after worship or stop in the church office.** Further information, including instruction videos on the new system, will be available soon. Please watch your weekly email & the Forerunner for more information. This project is part of and is paid in part by Andy Kessler's Senior CapStone project at the University of Toledo.

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!



Breakfast Gatherings have moved to the McDonald's in **Genoa!** So, join us Weds. at 7 AM for food and fellowship!



Thanks to our St. John Staff for a wonderful 2024! As we reflect on the many accomplishments of 2024 here at St. John, we extend an invitation to the

congregation to contribute to "Gifts for our Staff" for their hard and dedicated work throughout the year. If you would like to contribute, please mark "Staff Gifts" on an envelope and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!



There is a place for you with the Women of the ELCA! Want to know more? Please feel free to attend a meeting (1st Tues. of the month at 2pm or 7pm) or contact the office. We would love to have you join our ministry to love, share and serve the Lord!



Sunday School for the whole family is held on the

1st Sunday of every month at 8:30 am thru May.

Join us for bible studies, crafts, music and fellowship for the whole family! (Yes, Parents, too!)

See you in Sunday School on January 5th!



Take a T-Shirt! We have lots of Thrivent T-Shirts available on the table near the elevators. Please take one (or more)! We have plenty and there will be more to come!



Out of town or not feeling well? Did you know our worship services are streamed live on Facebook? Thanks to our wonderful Audio/ Visual Team...both Saturday and Sunday services can be seen on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnwilliston>

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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
Email: office@stjohnwilliston.org
Office Hours: M-T-W 9 am to 3 PM Thurs hours may vary
Office closed Friday

Join us for worship every weekend!
Saturday Worship 5 PM
Confirmation Class Sunday 8:30 AM
Sunday Worship 9:45 AM

**Sunday School meets on the 1st Sunday of the month
(October-May) 8:30 AM Fun in faith for the whole family! (Yes! Parents, too!!)**



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! Just fill out an authorization form (available near the church office or on our website) or see LisaAnne in the office or simply visit our website at www.stjohnwilliston.org and click on the **online giving** link.