

January 4/5, 2025 2nd Weekend of Christmas
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Dear God, at the start of this new year, and the Epiphany season, shine your light on our path. Amen.

We hope you feel the light of Christ here at St. John!

We invite you to become a

member of the St. John family. Any questions? Just ask! There is an elevator to the left of the pulpit for those who wish to use it.

Coming Up at St John Jan 6, –Jan. 12, 2025

Mon: Annual reports due to office

Tues: Blankets 9 AM

Tues: Esther Circle Meets 2 PM

Tues: Rebekah Circle Meets 7 PM

Tues: Dart Ball at St John Genoa 7 PM

Thurs: Committee Night 7 PM

Sat: Worship 5PM

Sun: Confirmation 8:30 AM

Sun: Worship 9:45 AM

Sun: Choir Practice 11 AM

Sun: 2025 Budget Review 11 AM

Sun: The Chosen 11 AM

Sun: Scouts Committee Mtg 6:00 PM (B)

Committee Members: Please have your 2024 Annual reports to the office by MONDAY, January 6th. Please email them to lgregg@stjohnwilliston.org



Faith Practice
#3
Readings
The Book of Job



Jan 6-Job 22
Jan. 13-Job 23
Jan. 20-Job 24
Jan. 27-Job-25



- 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
- Heather Cashen-medical concers

ESTHER CIRCLE:

Tuesday, January 7 at 2:00 pm

REBEKAH CIRCLE:

Tuesday, January 7 at 7:00 PM



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Robert Lasseter by Carolyn Lasseter and Marilyn Sandrock.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for all of those who help support the Blessing Box at St. John.

January

Worship Assistants



Saturdays 5:00pm	Sundays 9:45 am
Ushers	Ushers
4- Jack Mathews	5- Jill Kao
11- Ron Gerkenmeyer	11- Jim Vogelbacher
18- Donnelly Family	18- The Titgemeyers
25- Buhrow Family	26- Diana Lambert
Lectors	Lectors
4- Sandy Toth	5- Jerry Goldstein
11- Nancy Strohscher	12- Cebie Titgemeyer
18- Beverly Harder	19- Tim Titgemeyer
25- Jonah D.	26- Melissa Lammers
Acolytes	Acolytes
4- Jacob H.	5- Mila
11- Liam D.	12- Makenna
18- Jonah D.	19- Rylan
25- Nolan D.	26- Lauren
Communion	Communion
4- Alice Witt	5- Roland Sandrock
11- Carol Vargo	12- Margaret Berger
18- Ron Gerkenmeyer	19- Cebie Titgemeyer
25- Al & Traci Brown	26- Robin Perkins

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



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.

There is a place for you with the Women of the ELCA!

A place for you

of the **Women ELCA** 

The women's ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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!

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!***

Annual Congregational meeting

Sun. Jan. 19th 11 AM



New 2025 Church Council Officers and Committee Members will be installed during worship on January 25th and 26th. Please plan to attend one or both services.



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!



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



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 February 2nd!



2025 Offering envelopes are available in the Cloister. Please do not use your 2025 envelopes until after January 1st. Your "giving number" may change in the New Year. Thank you!

WORSHIP



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.