



Welcome to St. John

A place to grow, serve & belong.

July 26 & 27, 2025 Pentecost 7

Welcome to St. John!

Our faith community welcomes you to worship today.

We are a community that prays for and with one another. If you wish, we invite you to fill out a blue Contact card (in the pew rack) to share your prayer request. If you are a visitor and would like us to get in touch with you, please provide your information on the card and drop it in the offering plate.

Welcome to St. John! We are happy you are here!

This Week: July 28 through August 3rd

Mon: Faith Practice Reading 1 Peter 3

Mon: Scouts 7 PM (B)

Tues: Blankets 9 AM

Tues: Scout Committee Mtg. 7 PM

Weds: Breakfast at Genoa McDonald's 7:00 AM

Sat: Buhrow-Basement 11-3

Sat: Worship 5 PM

Sun: Worship 9:00 AM

Sun: Choir following worship

Sun: St. John at the Mud Hens Game at 4:05

JOIN US for Food & Fellowship!

Our Breakfast Gatherings are Wednesdays at McDonald's in **Genoa!** Join us this Weds. at **7 AM** for food and fellowship and a few laughs!



**Faith Practice
#3 Readings**

Non-Pauline Epistles



PRAYER
list...

Carolyn Lasseter- medical concerns
Elaine Gruetter-medical concerns
Dennis Carstensen-medical concerns
Jodi (Sievert) Main-medical concerns
Jeff Wegman-medical concerns
David Sabin-medical concerns
Lisa Downard-medical concerns
Andrea Goodwin-medical concerns
Sydney Socha-medical concerns
Rosemary Fredericksen-medical concerns
Kay Johns-medical concerns
Sally Koenig-medical concerns
Diane Gerkensmeyer-medical concerns
Charlie Krotzer-medical concerns

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Robert Bench, Sr.**

by Mr. and Mrs. Denny Dickinson, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Bench, Jr and Mr. and Mrs. Brad LaRue.



The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Megan Elizabeth Goldstein** by Jerry & Beckie Goldstein and family.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Alice Witt** on her birthday (7/26) by her sisters Joann Trier and Pat Cutcher.

July 28- 1 Peter 3
August 4-1 Peter 4
August 11- 1 Peter 5
August 18-2 Peter 1
August 25- 2 Peter 2

Worship Assistants

Saturdays 5:00pm	Sundays 9:00 am
Ushers	Ushers
26-Ron Gerkenmeyer 2-Donnelly Family 9-Buhrow Family	27-Jim Vogelbacher 3-Diana Lambert 10-Diana Lambert
Lectors	Lectors
26-Amy Schloegl 2-Sandra Toth 9-Bev Harder	27-Cebie Titgemeyer 3-Diana Lambert 10-Jerry Goldstein
Acolytes	Acolytes
26-Jonah 2-Liam 9-Nolan	27-Makenna C. 3-Rylan S. 10-Rylie
Communion	Communion
26-Al and Traci Brown 2-Nancy Strohscher 9-Ron Gerkenmeyer	27-Margaret Berger 3-Pam LaRue 10-Roland Sandrock

"Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times." —Martin Luther



Coming Soon In the fall!

Sunday School for KIDS
age 3 thru 5th Grade will resume
EVERY SUNDAY
beginning Sept. 7th from 9-9:30 am!
Invite a friend and join us!!



Need prayers? You may ask for the prayers of your sisters and brothers at St. John. If such a need arises, please call Margaret Berger (419-340-2150), Pastor O'Brien (419-378-1112) or the church office (419-836-5514) who will begin the prayer chain. Please keep your message short and concise to avoid misinterpretation. Thank You!



PIKIPIKI (noun) Swahili [Tanzania]
 pē-kē pronunciation Pick-key / Pick-key
 A motorbike or motorcycle, often used to transport people, goods and even the Word of God! A common term used in many African countries, particularly in East Africa.
| The ministry of more than 170 evangelists in the Dodoma Diocese in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania is strengthened when transported by PIKIPIKI, saving miles of walking and increasing time in service and care to God's people in remote parishes. |

85% of evangelists in the Dodoma Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania serve remote communities, often walking 12-20 miles between parishes to preach, provide worship leadership and pastoral care to multiple communities of faith. This summer, the Global Mission Board of the Northwestern Ohio Synod will match gifts made towards the purchase of pikipikis dollar for dollar! \$1600 buys one motorcycle with regular maintenance and makes ministry more accessible for one evangelist in Tanzania.

This year our Vacation Bible School offering will be used to support Project PikiPiki. With the help of the congregation, we hope to raise enough money to provide a PikiPiki to support the ministry of our brothers and sisters in Tanzania.

If you would like to contribute to this project, you can mark your donation "Project PikiPiki" and place it in the offering plate. You may also contribute online using the link below.
 Select the box that says "Project PikiPiki".
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YRCC/home> or go to our website www.stjohnwilliston.org and click on the "who we are/online giving" link.



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!

Foursome Team Scramble Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025

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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For information: Tom (419) 295-1942 or the church office (419) 836-5514

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First Step - Oregon Senior Center

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Parker's Purpose - CASA of Seneca, Sandusky & Wyandot Co.

Back to the Wild - NAMI of Seneca, Sandusky & Wyandot Co.

Engaging Opportunities - Riders Unlimited - Joyful Connections

United Way of Sandusky County Cancer Care Fund - F.A.C.T. of Seneca County

Genoa Area Food Pantry - Oak House of Port Clinton - Arc of Ottawa Co.

Ovarian Cancer Care

Tickets \$5 (Cash only please)

Available in church office M-T-W from 9-3.



U.S. FLOODING LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is difficult for us to fully imagine the impact of the recent flooding that has affected so many dear ones in Texas. As I watch the news coverage and learn more about the incredible work happening to render aid, recover lives, and re-imagine life along the river, I clearly hear the request of my colleague, Bishop Sue Briner to "pray, pray, pray".

We pray for those who have lost loved ones. We pray for the families of all who are still missing. We pray for the loss of homes, and spaces of rest and recreation where people felt safe. And we pray for the violent destruction of our creation, which seems ever more before us in such catastrophes.

In addition to prayer, we have the opportunity to be a partner in the work of response and recovery in these vulnerable communities. I would encourage you, your family, and your parish, to consider a financial donation to Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR).

The people of Northwestern Ohio are always exceedingly generous to the remarkable mission of LDR. It is my prayer that we will partner with Lutheran Disaster Response, the Southwestern Texas Synod, and so many others to respond to this emergency.

Gracious God, your word of peace stills the storms that rage in our world. Bring hope to places that know devastation in the calm after the storm. Bring comfort to those who grieve the loss of loved ones and property. Let your love be known through those who work to bring order out of chaos. Help us to shoulder the burden of suffering and make us bearers of the hope that can be found in you Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Bless you,
Bishop Daniel G. Beaudoin**

To give today, you may make a check out to St. John and write **FLOODING RESPONSE** on the envelope and place it in the offering plate or give directly at www.elca.org/flooding Thank you!



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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 to 3pm Thurs. hours may vary. Office closed Friday
Email: office@stjohnwilliston.org

Join us for worship every weekend!
Saturday Worship 5 PM Sunday Worship 9 AM (June-Sept)



Watch worship while your are
away from home!

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