

The Forerunner

May 2026

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Ask the Pastor

“What does it mean to celebrate Easter the way Jesus did?”

Easter is often marked by familiar and meaningful traditions - dyeing eggs, sharing meals, wearing bright clothes, and filling sanctuaries with music and the long-awaited “Alleluia.” These celebrations are good and beautiful. But the resurrection story invites us to consider something deeper: what does it mean to celebrate Easter the way Jesus did?

Easter morning (Matthew 28) begins not with joy, but with grief. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary go to the tomb carrying the weight of loss and trauma. Jesus has been executed, and with him, their hopes seem buried. Friends had abandoned him. Leaders chose power over compassion. Crowds turned. And if we are honest, we can see ourselves in that story as well. We know what it is to stay silent, to step back, to fail one another.

Yet Easter tells a different truth about God.

Jesus returns - not as an idea or memory, but alive. Scarred, but no longer bound by what was done to him. And when he appears, he does not come with anger or condemnation. He does not demand explanations or apologies. Instead, he moves toward those who failed him. He speaks peace. He restores relationship. He forgives.

This is what makes the resurrection so surprising. If we were writing the story, we might expect accountability first - some acknowledgment of harm, some proof of change. But Jesus acts out of grace, not because it is earned, but because it's who he is.

To celebrate Easter, then, is to practice that same kind of grace. It is to forgive - not in a shallow way that ignores harm, but in a deep and honest way that refuses to let hurt have the final word. Forgiveness is not easy. It is often a daily, intentional choice. It does not erase boundaries or excuse wrongdoing. But it does free us from being bound to the moment of pain.

Easter also invites us to ask where we need resurrection in our own lives. Where has a relationship grown distant? What wound still shapes how we see someone else? Who have we quietly placed outside the circle of grace?

The invitation of Easter may begin with something small - a prayer, a willingness, a first step toward release. Because resurrection is not only something we believe in; it is something we live.

So yes, celebrate. Sing. Gather. Rejoice. But don't stop there. The truest way to celebrate Easter is to embody it - to step out of the tomb, to walk into the light, and to learn, day by day, how to forgive as we have been forgiven.

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.



The Annual
**NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER**
First Thursday of May



In Memory of Elaine Gruetter

Carol Vargo
 Beth Johnson
 Faye Milbrodt
 Barbara & Garth Peterson
 Carolyn Lasseter
 & Marilyn Sandrock
 Barbara Jensen
 Arline Sabin
 Leroy and Bonnie Williams
 JoElaine Schimming
 Merle Wilhelm
 Betty Roecker & Family
 Sue Avers
 Morris Weaver & Keith Keller
 Phil & Audry Milbrodt
 Doris Tigemeyer
 Fred Kusian
 Lenore Harmeyer & family
 Warren & Rosemary Schlievert
 Carol & Keith Taylor
 Steve & Marcia Morgan
 Roger & Diane Mortensen
 Doyle Sommer
 Ted & Pat Lacumsky-Erhman
 Ray & Judy Robaszkiwicz
 & family
 Judy Yockey
 Jane Phillips
 Bob & Diane Kapp
 Darlene Carstensen
 Larry & Nancy Strohscher
 Linda Schlievert
 Mary Harmeyer
 Ron & Diane Gerkenmeyer
 Kim and Brian Raymond
 Mary & Paul Kruse
 Pam Rybka
 Joe & Jody Kapp
 John & Helen Meyer
 Gene & Amy Bihn
 Lowell & Diane Hartman
 Dennis & Cindy Hartman
 Glen & Beth Leppert

Gene & Judy Michel
 Jim Kusian
 Kathleen Shuck &
 Jim Kluding
 Jim & Mona Vogelbacher
 Karl & Roberta Orians
 Roland & Janice Sandrock
 Carole Beamer
 Denny & Rosemarie
 Dickinson
 Thomas & Carol Wagoner
 Rich & Joni Hillman
 Cheryl & Ladd Skelly



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt and the Easter Breakfast! Despite the weather, all had a wonderful time and the food was delicious!

St. John Family,
 Thank you for your generous donations of a portion of your Lenten Offerings which benefit the LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry at Elliston Zion UMC. Your generosity allows us to provide high quality food and non perishable items to those in need, feed families through our community dinner and it also helps stock our Mobile LIGHT Pantry which is now on the road. Your support is truly a blessing!

LisaAnne Gregg

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Saturday Worship
at 5:00 PM

Sunday Worship 9:45 AM
(9:00 AM beginning June 7th)

Deadline for the
June 2026 newsletter is
Monday, May 25th at 9 AM
Please send articles and/or
information to
office@stjohnwilliston.org.

At St John....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 Admin.
 9am—3pm
 M-T-W
 Thurs. hours
 may vary
 Office closed
 on Friday₂

Circle and Board Meetings- May 2026

ESTHER CIRCLE: Tuesday, May 12th at 2:00 PM
(rescheduled due to voting)
The June 2nd meeting will be held at NOON. We will be cleaning the kitchens.

REBEKAH CIRCLE: Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study: Book discussion



The "Blanket Ladies" gather every week to make quilts on **Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am.**

Bed sheets (Queen size) are needed for quilt backings.

Donations may be left in the box outside the church office.

Come join us!

You only need to know how to tie a knot and the coffee is always on!



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 (cell phone 419-378-1112), Margaret Berger (419-340-2150) or the church office (419-836-5514) who will begin the prayer chain. Prayers are sent out by phone message and by email. Please keep your message to the minimum to avoid any errors in passing it on. *Please contact the church office if you would like to be added to this wonderful ministry!* Thank you!

Faith Practice

#3 Reading the Bible

Our Faith Practice Readings begin on Monday. Read the scripture and answer Pastor's question in worship that weekend and receive a special gift!

May 3-Isaiah 18 May 11- Isaiah 19
May-18-Isaiah 20 May 25-Isaiah 21



SHARE YOUR IDEAS!

We're planning some future **Adult Luther League** events and looking to gauge interest. Use this form or send an email to the Pastor (pastorobrien@stjohnwilliston.org) Please indicate which activities you would be interested in and likely to attend. If you have any additional ideas, please write those down or let Pastor O'Brien know.

- Merry-Go-Round Museum and lunch in Sandusky (approximately \$10, plus lunch)
- Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (approximately \$40, plus lunch and transportation)
- Maritime Museum of the Great Lakes and lunch in Toledo (\$14, plus lunch)
- Frankenmuth, Michigan – shopping at Bronner's Christmas Wonderland and Bavarian food for lunch
- Future show at the Stranahan or Valentine theater and dinner/lunch (price varies)
- Digital Scavenger Hunt (the youth group did this several years ago, it involves traveling around the area with your group and finding local attractions)
- Euchre Tournament 2 (in the church basement)
- Amish Country visit (similar to what we did last year; approximately \$235)
- Other ideas? Let Pastor know your thoughts!



If you are a Thrivent investment or insurance policy holder, our church may be eligible to earn Thrivent Action Team Dollars to financially assist the efforts of our St. John congregation. This is a very quick and easy process which can qualify you for \$250 Thrivent Action Team dollars that can be used for many projects in our church and our community. In 2025 our St. John Family qualified for more than \$7,000 from this process. Please contact Diane Gerkenmeyer at rondiangerk@aol.com or 419-276-3800 to learn how you can get Thrivent support for our church and our St. John community.

Scholarship

Recipients



Congratulations to our
2026 Scholarship Recipients
at St. John.

**2026 Younker
Memorial Scholarship**

Kennedy Donnelly
(University of New Hampshire)
Ben Sommers
(Ohio Northern University)
Lucas Titgemeyer
(Bowling Green State University)

**2026 Carol and Robert Tank
Memorial Scholarship**

**2026 Earl Johnson
Memorial Scholarship**
**2026 Martin & Phyllis Parks
Memorial Scholarship**

Lindsey Cashen
Megan Hoefft
Shane O'Brien
Jacob Titgemeyer

Let us pray,

Lord, help our students face their tasks with calmness, confidence, and courage; with wisdom, faithfulness, and honesty; that they may do justice both to themselves and to their professors, and set forth your glory, who yourself are wisdom and truth, and the giver of knowledge and of every virtue and good gift in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confirmation 2026

The following young people have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public Affirmation of their Baptism...

We will join them in the Affirmation of Baptism on Saturday May 16, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

Nolan Alexander Delventhal

Liam Kenneth Delventhal

Let us pray,

Holy Spirit, strengthen our students with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, to faithfully serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ.

Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within so that they can count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet. Come, Holy Spirit! Come! Amen!

A Time to Plant

Ecclesiastes 3:2



Your Evangelical Lutheran neighbors invite you to join us for

Rogation Days

A celebration of agriculture during the planting season

May 10-14: Blessing of Farms

Area pastors will bless local fields, livestock
and equipment.

To have your farm included, contact you pastor or congregational leader
or if they are not available, Pastor Shawn O'Brien at
pastorobrien@stjohnwilliston.org

Please include your name, phone number, location, and preferred
date and time of blessing.

May 14: Worship & Dinner

6:00 p.m. Worship Celebration

Following worship: Enjoy a FREE farm-style meal at:

Solomon Lutheran Church

305 W Main St.

Woodville, OH

Prepared by Ole' Zimms Wagon Shed

Sponsored by:



**Northwestern Ohio Synod
North Central Conference
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

News around St. John!

McDonalds Breakfast

Join us for breakfast and fellowship at the Genoa McDonald's on Wednesday morning. We gather starting at 7:00 AM and if you are available, we invite you to stop by and have breakfast with your St. John friends.



Our last Sunday School for ages 3 thru 5th grade (before summer break) will be on May 17th at 9 AM
Come join the fun!
We will have Bible lessons, crafts, music and more!
Invite a friend!

**Rainforest Falls
Vacation Bible School is
coming to St. John!
June 15th-June 19th
9 am to Noon**

We are looking for Youth and Adult
Volunteers to lead
our littles as we explore the
Nature of God!
Want to help?

Contact Melissa 419-367-6220
or Carol at 419-340-2518.
We'll see you in the Rainforest!!



WORSHIP TIMES

BEGIN JUNE 7TH

SATURDAY CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 5:00 PM

SUNDAY TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 9:00 AM



St. John Lutheran Church-Williston
RAINFOREST FALLS Vacation Bible School
June 15-19, 2026 9 AM to Noon
REGISTRATION FORM

Student's Information		
Name (first last)		
Age		
Last Grade Completed	School	
Home Church?		
Special Needs/Allergies/Medical Information/Other		
Parent/Guardian Information		
Name		
Address		
Cell Phone	Work Phone	
Email		
#1 Student's Emergency Contact		
Relation to student		
Contact number		
#2 Student's Emergency Contact		
Relation to student		
Contact Number		

Photo release: St. John/VBS has my permission to use my child's photograph publicly in VBS materials. I understand the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee, or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Yes_____ No_____

Stewardship for May 2026



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Follow Him in Generosity

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Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” (John 13:15). We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job is already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus’ generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: “The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity” (Rom. 12:8).

So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the generosity that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but willingly and cheerfully, each “as he has decided in his heart,” as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us!

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love is always love “in deed” (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly that they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5–6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord’s work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

Stirring Up a Life With Meaning

When Winston Churchill once dined at a prestigious London restaurant, he tasted his soup and promptly sent it back to the kitchen. “It has no theme,” he complained.

A good soup, he insisted, should have a theme.

The same can be said of many things that matter: a good book, a meaningful concert, a memorable film, a powerful sermon, a beautiful work of art.

It is also true of a good life.

Joan of Arc, the French martyr, declared, “God must be served first.” That was her theme. St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians that he desired to know nothing among them except Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 2:2). That was his theme. Again and again, we see that every truly devoted Christian lives with a central, guiding focus — an overriding theme.

That realization invites a personal question: What is ours?

Pastor and psychologist Dr. Curtis Nigh offers this challenge: “If the heart does not have a noble or goodly theme, then it develops an anti-theme.” In other words, if we do not intentionally shape our lives around what is good and holy, something lesser will quietly take its place.

To be a Christian is to embrace a compelling, Christ-centered theme. It shapes our priorities, our decisions, our relationships and our hope. It is not simply an idea we admire — it is the heartbeat of a life lived for God.



Northwestern Ohio Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



2026

THE WAY OF LOVE

1 JOHN 4:19



“We love because he first loved us.”

The 2026 theme for the Northwestern Ohio Synod is the Way of Love, which is the Way of Jesus. In Matthew 22:37-39, Jesus shares the Greatest Commandment.

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:

‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

Many of us remember learning this beautiful teaching of Jesus in Sunday School or catechism class. Many of us have committed these words to memory. But learning and quoting the words of love is not the same as living the Way of Love. The love that Jesus calls us to is unconditional. This is a love that is not based on our worth or our ability to reciprocate. This is a love that shows up in deeds and not simply words. *“Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action”* (1 John 3:18). The way of love is enduring. St. Paul reminds us, *“Love never ends”* (1 Corinthians 13:8a). Finally, the way of love is transformative, and calls us to reflect God’s love with and for the neighbor, the community, and the world. This is a love that when mobilized has the power to change the world.

The way of love always begins with God. Here is God’s self-giving love, fully revealed in Jesus, poured into us by the Holy Spirit, and lived out in our lives for the sake of the other. As we read in the 2026 Way of Love Memory Verse, *“We love because he first loved us,”* 1 John provides a beautiful glimpse into the Way of Love, which is a love that we are called to share with the world.

Lakeside Lutheran Chautauqua

June 20-27, 2026



Celebrate faith, fellowship, and family during Lakeside Lutheran Chautauqua. Join fellow Lutherans for uplifting worship during Faith For Living (featuring Rev. Michael Adam Beck), family activities, and joyful community along the shores of Lake Erie.

For more information about registration, the Preacher of the Week, and the Lakeside Lutheran Chautauqua experience: sites.google.com/view/lutheransatlakeside

Registration due by May 29, 2026 for those who wish to stay for the full week. Various versions of day passes or complimentary passes are available through Lakeside: lakesideohio.com/visiting-lakeside/passes/

Email lutheranatlakeside@gmail.com with questions.



An Easter Message
from Bishop Curry

Hear messages and news from ELCA Bishop Curry and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on the ELCA YOU TUBE channel www.youtube.com/@ELCA





Save the date for VBS!



JUNE 15th—JUNE 19th!

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR ME



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 29:11

Yes, Summer Break is coming soon! But, did you know it is still important to stay connected to God...even while you are on vacation??

How can you stay connected, even while you are busy this summer?

1) Take a little time to talk to God every day. Make time for a little rest and just talk to God and pray.

2) Ask a friend to help you! Friends in Christ are a great way to stay connected to God. Make a plan to spend a little time together in prayer or in bible reading and help each other stick to the plan.

3) Go to church! Plan family events around church time. Fellowship continues through the summer time! Invite a friend to go with you!

4) Keep studying the Bible through the summer. Even if you find an online bible class, spend time in HIS word. And, Vacation Bible School is fun, too!!!

GROWING IN GOD'S word



Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

What you need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



What you do:

1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write: Growing in God's Word.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adults help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.



04/16/2026-St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting Highlights

Devotions – Pastor O’Brien shared devotions from Jonah 4:4 & Luke 6.

Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes.

Motion passed

Pastor’s Report

I. Worship Attendance:

- In Person average for March 2026-130.8 compared to March 2025-117.0
- Online average for March 2026- 88.4 compared to March 2025- 74.6

II. Numbers

- 18 hospital/home-bound visits/individual or family meeting/3 committee/group meetings
- 11 community/youth/fellowship events
- 7 professional/clergy activities/4 Special Worship Services/1 Funeral/1 Wedding

III. Funeral

- I presided at the funeral of Elaine Gruetter on March 23.

IV. Wedding

- I presided at the wedding of Tyler Traver and Amanda Partin on March 23.

V. Luther League

- April 30- Jesus Christ Superstar at the La Comedia Dinner Theater. There is more information on each of these events in the newsletter next to my office door.

VI. Confirmation

- Pastor made a motion stating that having completed all the assigned tasks and classwork, I recommend the following Confirmands be approved for Affirmation of Baptism: Liam Delventhal and Nolan Delventhal. Joni Hillman 2nd. Motion passed.

VII. Confirmation II

- Confirmation will be on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Finance Committee Report-

Income: We are at 107% of our monthly budget and 110% of our year-to-date budget.

- Expenses: We are at 98% of the monthly budget and 99% of the year-to-date budget.

Parish Education:

- Easter Egg Hunt - 26 kids attended there were 8 youth helpers
- Easter Breakfast – 75 people were served \$400 dollars was collected for the Blessing Box
- VBS – The theme is Rainforest Falls. It will be June 15 – 19. The committee is working on finding workers. Breanna Hodnett will be our VBS Director.

Stewardship:

- Golf Outing will be on Saturday, September 26, 2026. Sign-up sheets and hole-sponsor sheets will be available soon. Get your teams and hole sponsors ready!!

Worship Life:

- May 2nd/3rd - Pastor needs someone to fill in for him. He has contacted Rick Jensen that is willing to cover for him that weekend. Pastor will contact Rick to confirm.
- May 9th/10th - Pastor needs someone to fill in for him.
- April 19th - Becky will be on vacation - Andy and Becky will do recording
- Diana Lambert asked to move the costumes and decorations for the Living Last Supper to the music room from the attic. They will be stored on the two-sided coat rack from the basement. Pastor said she would need to clear it with Tammy, Beckie and Traci Brown. We will wait to see if we need another coat rack for the basement.
- We discussed that Becky and Diana could shop for a new Cantata for next year’s Maundy Thursday service.
- Numbers from Passion Week services: Maundy Thursday -86. Good Friday -66. Easter Saturday - 125. Easter Sunday -145
- Changing linen schedule: White until Pentecost - May 24th change to RED. Change Back to WHITE following week - May 30th & 31st. June 6th & 7th change to GREEN
- June 7th will begin 9am Sunday services
- **Property:** Took the snow blade off the lawn mower. Changed the oil in the lawn mower getting it ready for the grass-cutting season.
- Painted the lounge
- Fixed the hinge on the Blessing Box.

Old Business:

- Stewardship committee has recommended Tom Cashen to fill the open position for 1 year. Rick Buhrow made a motion to have Tom Cashen fill the vacancy on the Stewardship Committee.

New Business:

- We had discussion about the replacement of the AED machine and contacting Denny Hartman as a retired firefighter to get his opinion of what would be best for our church. Cebie Titgemeyer mentioned that the American Heart Association does the AED classes with their CPR instruction now.
- There will be a sign-up sheet outside Pastor’s office door if you would be interested in taking part in these CPR and AED classes.

Joni Hillman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by John Mazur. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by: Diana Lambert, Council Secretary



Saturdays 5:00pm	Sundays 9:45am
Ushers	Ushers
2-Buhrow Family	3- Diana Lambert
9- Ron Gerkenmeyer	10-Jim Vogelbacher
16-Donnelly Family	11-The Titgemeyer's
23-Jack Mathews	24-Diana Lambert
30-Buhrow Family	31-Jim Vogelbacher
Lectors	Lectors
2- Sandra Toth	3-Jerry Goldstein
9-Nancy Strohscher	10-Melissa Lammers
16- Amy Schloegl	17-Tim Titgemeyer
23-Jonah D.	24-Diana Lambert
30- Beverly Harder	31-Cebie Titgemeyer
Acolytes	Acolytes
2- Nolan	3- Makenna C.
9-Trenton	10-Rylie
16-Liam	17-Rylan S.
23-Jonah	24-Ellie
30-Pierce	31-Rylan
Communion	Communion
2-Nancy Strohscher	3-Dave Neuman
9-No Communion	10-No Communion
16-JoElaine Schimming	17-Margaret Berger
23-Ron Gerkenmeyer	23-Diana Lambert
30-Al & Traci Brown	31-Robin Perkins

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Thank you for serving the Lord! If you cannot make your assignment, please make arrangements for a replacement then let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you!

Sunday Worship times change to 9 AM June 7th





Hello May



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p> <p>8:30am -9:30am Confirmation Class 9:00am -9:30am Sunday School age 3-5th grade 9:45am -10:45am Worship 11:00am -12:00pm Choir practice</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Faith Practice Reading- Isaiah 17</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00am -12:00pm Blankets</p>	<p>29</p> <p> 7:00am Breakfast Gathering at GENOA McDonalds</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Luther League to Springboro, OH</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Office closed 6:00pm -8:00pm Cub Scouts Committee Meeting (B)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:00pm Contemporary Worship</p>
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<p>17</p> <p>9:00am -9:30am Sunday School age 3-5th grade 9:45am -10:45am Worship 11:00am -12:00pm Choir practice 3:00pm -5:00pm Livestock Unlimited 4-H (B)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Faith Practice Reading- Isaiah 20</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am -12:00pm Blankets</p>	<p>20</p> <p> Scout Committee Meeting 7 PM (B) 7:00am Breakfast Gathering at GENOA McDonalds</p>	<p>21</p> <p> Council Meeting 7 PM</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:00pm Contemporary Worship</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:45am -10:45am Worship 11:00am -12:00pm Choir practice</p>	<p>25</p> <p> Faith Practice Reading- Isaiah 21 Forerunner deadline 9 AM Office Closed for Holiday</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00am -12:00pm Blankets</p>	<p>27</p> <p> 7:00am Breakfast Gathering at GENOA McDonalds</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>30</p> <p>12:00pm -4:00pm Diana Lambert-Basement 5:00pm Contemporary Worship</p>
<p>31</p> <p>9:45am -10:45am Worship 11:00am -12:00pm Choir practice</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Faith Practice Reading- Isaiah 22 6:00pm -8:00pm Cub Scouts Committee Meeting (B)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Esther Circle NOON Cleaning Day! Rebekah Circle 7 PM 9:00am -12:00pm Blankets</p>	<p>3</p> <p> 7:00am Breakfast Gathering at GENOA McDonalds</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00am -5:00pm Social Hall - Spmmers 5:00pm Contemporary Worship</p>



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Our Seven Faith Practices

I will strive to...

1. **PRAY** daily
2. **WORSHIP** weekly
3. **READ** and study the Bible
4. **SERVE** at and beyond St. John
5. **INVITE** others into a loving relationship with Jesus
6. **GIVE** of my time, talents, and resources
7. **ENCOURAGE** spiritual growth in others

Worship Hours at St. John

Saturday Contemporary Worship 5:00 PM

Sunday Traditional Worship 9:45 AM (Sept-May)

****Sunday Worship at 9 AM beginning June 7th**

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