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Sent by the crucified and Risen Jesus together we:



for the renewal of Northwestern Ohio & the world.

Ask the Pastor

“Should I give to people on the street asking for a handout?”

It's a moment many of us have faced... You're at a stoplight, and someone's holding a sign. You're walking downtown, and someone asks, “Spare any change?” You're leaving the grocery store, and someone approaches quietly, not asking for much – just a little help. And in that moment, we freeze. We fumble. We wonder... What should I do? Am I supposed to give something? What is enough and what is too much? What if they use it for the wrong thing? What would Jesus want from me in this moment?

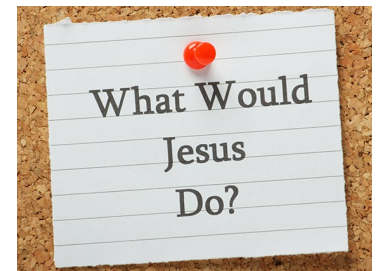
It's not an easy decision. But it's one worth wrestling with because at the heart of this question is not just how we handle a few dollars – it's about how we respond to human need, how we honor dignity, and how we live out our faith when it's no longer theoretical.

We'll start with the last sub-question in that list, “What would Jesus want from me in this moment?”

In the Gospels, Jesus spoke directly and uncomfortably about generosity. He said things like, “Give to everyone who begs from you.” (Luke 6:30), “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...” (Matthew 6:19), “Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40) This question came up in a post-Gospel reading discussion of the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus tells us being a neighbor means seeing the person in need and responding with compassion. So, maybe that's a good first step in these situations. Even if we don't give something physical, we can give something just as valuable, our attention. We can stop seeing a “problem,” and start seeing a person – we can see someone made in the image of God. Even a moment of eye contact, a kind word, or a short conversation can affirm someone's humanity. People on the streets are often treated as invisible. Whether or not we give materially, offering our attention and respect is powerful.

Addressing the second to the last sub-question from my list, “What if they use it for the wrong thing?” Let's be honest, many of us hesitate because we worry the money will be used in harmful ways – drugs, alcohol, or other things that may do more harm than good. That's where discernment comes in. Giving money directly might not always be wise, but that doesn't mean we have to walk by without doing anything. Some people carry gift cards, granola bars, water bottles, or resource lists for local shelters.

That way, we can respond compassionately and generously without fueling harm.



A second solution to that issue... instead of giving to the individuals directly, support the organizations and ministries that help. Take the money you would have handed out on the street and support local shelters and food banks. Recent cuts in federal funding for food distribution programs, coupled with rising food prices have significantly strained food bank resources AND created greater need.

Some food banks are reporting reduced deliveries of essential items like produce, meat, and dairy, and are struggling to keep up with the growing need for assistance. Your donation could potentially make an enormous difference to a food pantry.

Consider volunteering your time as an individual or a church group to serve meals or collect supplies.

*To help the people in downtown Toledo, I would suggest donating to the food pantry run by **Lutheran Social Services**. They are an Emergency Choice Food Pantry that helps families of the area in times of need. They are located at 2149 Collingwood Blvd. To donate, volunteer or for more information, call 419-243-9178.

*Our own **Blessing Box** provides food and resources for several people each day. You can find a list of current needs in the newsletter or in the bulletin each week.

*St. John helps at the **Genoa Food Pantry** a couple times a year (our next time to serve is October 18).

*The **LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry** in Elliston serves a meal and distributes food & household items once a month. Call the church office and LisaAnne can help you get involved.

Any of these organizations would be glad to have you work with them.

A third answer that you may not have thought of... advocate for policies that provide housing, mental health support, and recovery services. In addition to helping people in the short term, look at the root cause of hunger, homelessness, unemployment, etc. and partner with ministries already doing this advocacy work in our community. Jesus didn't just respond to individuals. He reshaped communities.

And he calls the Church to do the same.

So... back to the original question, "Should I give?" The short answer is yes, you can and should give, but there's no formula or fixed rules about when or how to give. If you don't feel comfortable giving money to someone on the street, you can give food, time, eye contact, resources, advocacy. And above all, you can give respect.

Maybe that's a good way to think about it... Give when you can. Give in the way you can. And give with love. If you feel led in the moment to help – do it. If you don't feel safe or prepared, that's okay too.

But always look with compassion.

Always treat people with dignity.

And always listen for the quiet nudge of the Spirit.

Because sometimes God speaks loudest not from the pulpit, but from the street corner.

Pastor Shawn

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.

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**Saturday Worship
at 5:00 PM**

**Sunday School 9:00AM
Every Sunday
Beginning Sept. 7th**

**Sunday Worship
9:00 AM June thru August
9:45 AM beginning Sept 7.**

**Deadline for the
September 2025 newsletter is
Monday, August 18th at 9 AM
Please send articles and/or
information to
office@stjohnwilliston.org.**



**"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
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M-T-W
Thurs. hours
may vary
Office closed
on Friday

CELEBRATING a LIFE & LEGACY

Memorial Gifts to St. John

In Memory of Norma Jean Gast
Terry Gast

In Memory of Robert (Bob) Begell
Gary and LisaAnne Gregg



for Serving at St. John!

Thank you to our “gardener” who shows up early in the morning to keep the flower beds, the hostas and the flowers in shape!
It always looks beautiful!

Thanks to Paul for mowing and keeping our church neat and tidy and for moving tables and chairs (that are really heavy!)

Thanks to Marilyn and Carolyn and Ron and those who keep the Blessing Box stocked every day!



Women of the ELCA



**No Circle Meetings in
July or August
Have a blessed Summer!**



Online Worship

Worship with us anytime!
Home or away!

<https://www.youtube.com/@stjohnwilliston>
Questions? Just ask Andy after worship! Or you may email him at akessler@stjohnwilliston.org

Assisting Opportunities

IN



WORSHIP

**We are in need of worship
assistants!
Would you like to serve at St. John?**

Lector (read the scripture)

Communion Server (assist Pastor serve
and set up communion)

Usher (unlock doors, greet people,
pass out bulletins)

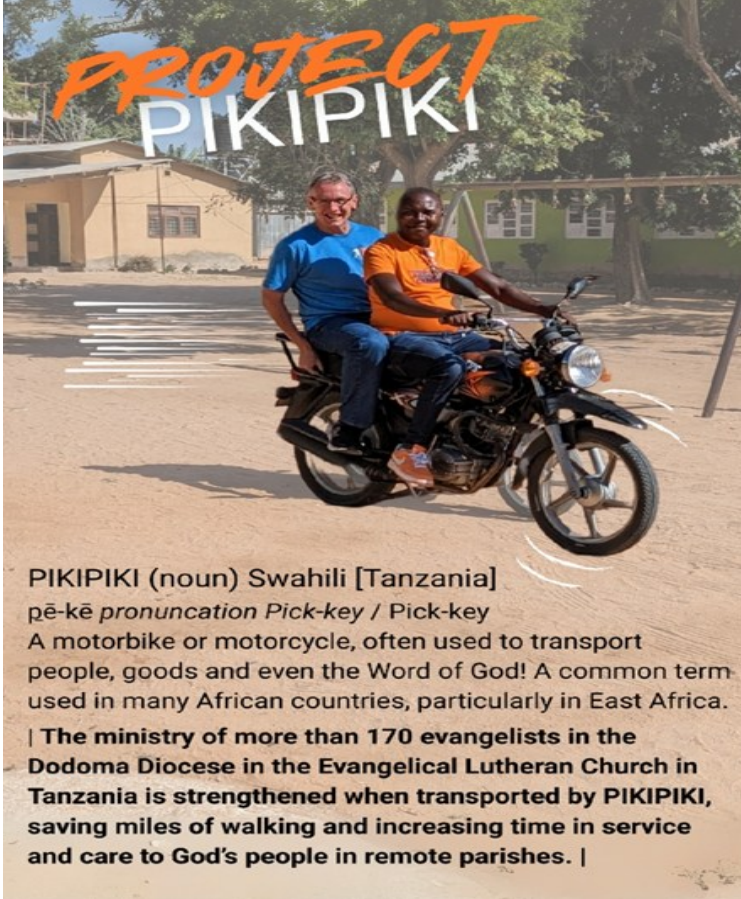
Training is available! Simply let Pastor O'Brien or the office know you would like to be added to our rotating lists.

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!

Serving Together!



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. |



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 boxes) Fruit cups,

soup, small snacks, canned pastas, canned fruits and veggies, pre-packed shelf stable lunch packs (**no glass, medicine or expired food, please**). There is a donation box near the church office. Thank you for helping our neighbors!

Seven Faith Practices

I will strive to...

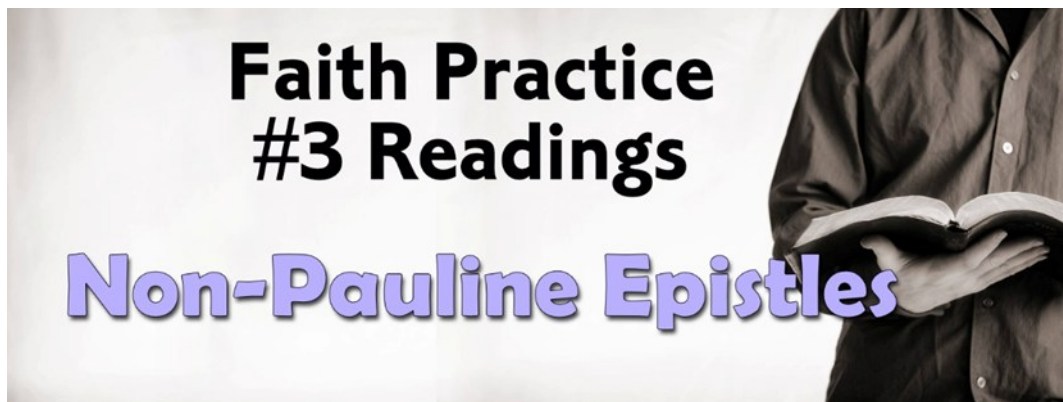
1. **PRAY** daily
2. **WORSHIP** weekly
3. **READ** and study the Bible
4. **SERVE** at and beyond St. John
5. **INVITE** others into a loving relationship with Jesus
6. **GIVE** of my time, talents, and resources
7. **ENCOURAGE** spiritual growth in others

Our Summer Mission Focus Project Pikipiki

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 additional 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 this link. 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.



The non-Pauline epistles are the New Testament letters that were not written by the Apostle Paul. These letters are sometimes referred to as the "Catholic" or "Universal" Epistles, because they were not written to specific churches or individuals but rather to a wider audience. They include James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, and Hebrews. The book of Hebrews was our Faith Practice reading in 2024, so we will be focusing on the rest this time.

Here's a general overview:

James: Traditionally attributed to James, the brother of Jesus, though its authorship is debated. James argues that true faith is evidenced by good works, emphasizing that faith without action is dead or incomplete. The author calls believers to live out their faith authentically and practically, demonstrating their love for God and neighbor through obedience, wisdom, and compassionate action.

1 Peter and 2 Peter: Both letters, attributed to Peter the Apostle, encourage believers to persevere in their faith and live faithfully in the face of persecution and false teachings. 1 Peter emphasizes hope and holy living amidst suffering, 2 Peter focuses on combating error and preparing for Christ's return.

1 John, 2 John, and 3 John: All three are attributed to John the Apostle. They provide instruction and encouragement for believers to live in fellowship with God, adhere to sound doctrine, love one another, and support the spread of the gospel, while also warning against the dangers of false teachings and divisive behavior.

Jude: Attributed to Jude the brother of James. Jude writes to equip believers to recognize and resist false teachers, remain steadfast in their faith, and live out their calling as followers of Christ while awaiting his return.

These non-Pauline letters offer different perspectives on Christian life and theology compared to the Pauline epistles. They address various issues and concerns within the early church, providing valuable insights into the development of early Christian thought.

Our reading schedule is as follows: *for the week starting...*

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
September 1 – 2 Peter 3
September 8 – 1 John 1
September 15 – 1 John 2

September 22 – 1 John 3
September 29 – 1 John 4
October 6 – 1 John 5
October 13– 2 John
October 20 – 3 John
October 27 – Jude



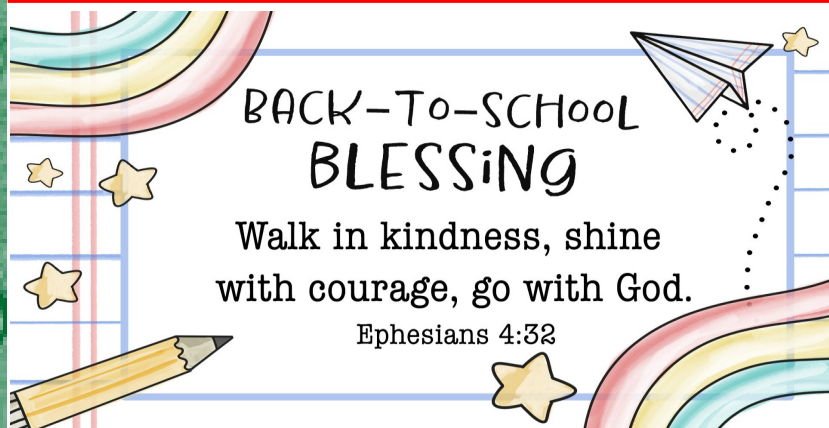
Back to School Prayer For Students

God of wisdom and might,
We praise you for the wonder
of our being,
for mind, body, and spirit.
Be with us as we begin a
new school year.
Bless us and the teachers and staff
at our school.
Give strength and grace
to our growing bodies,
wisdom and knowledge to our minds
as we search for understanding,
and peace and zeal to our hearts.
We ask this through
Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



Coming Soon In the fall!

**Sunday School will
resume
EVERY SUNDAY
beginning September 7th
9-9:30 AM!
Invite a friend and join us!**



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSiNG

Walk in kindness, shine
with courage, go with God.

Ephesians 4:32

BACK TO SCHOOL


Genoa Local Schools - August 20
Benton-Carroll-Salem-August 20 (1-7)
- August 21 (8-12)
Woodmore Local Schools- August 26
Lake Local Schools-August 20(6 & 9)
August 21 (all students)
Oregon Local Schools- August 18th
(staggered-see calendar)



BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Saturday August 16th 5 PM
Sunday August 17th 9 AM

Students, teachers and all school employees and helpers are invited to attend worship and receive a special blessing!
Bring your bookbags, tools & briefcases, too!
Invite a friend!





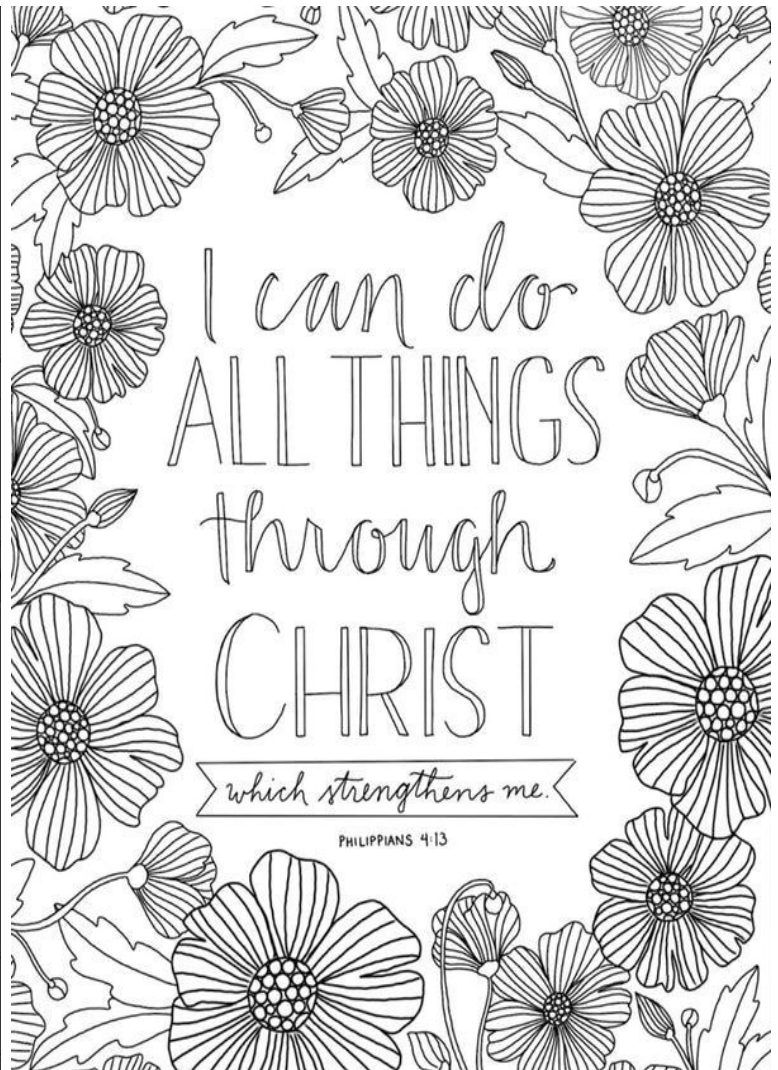
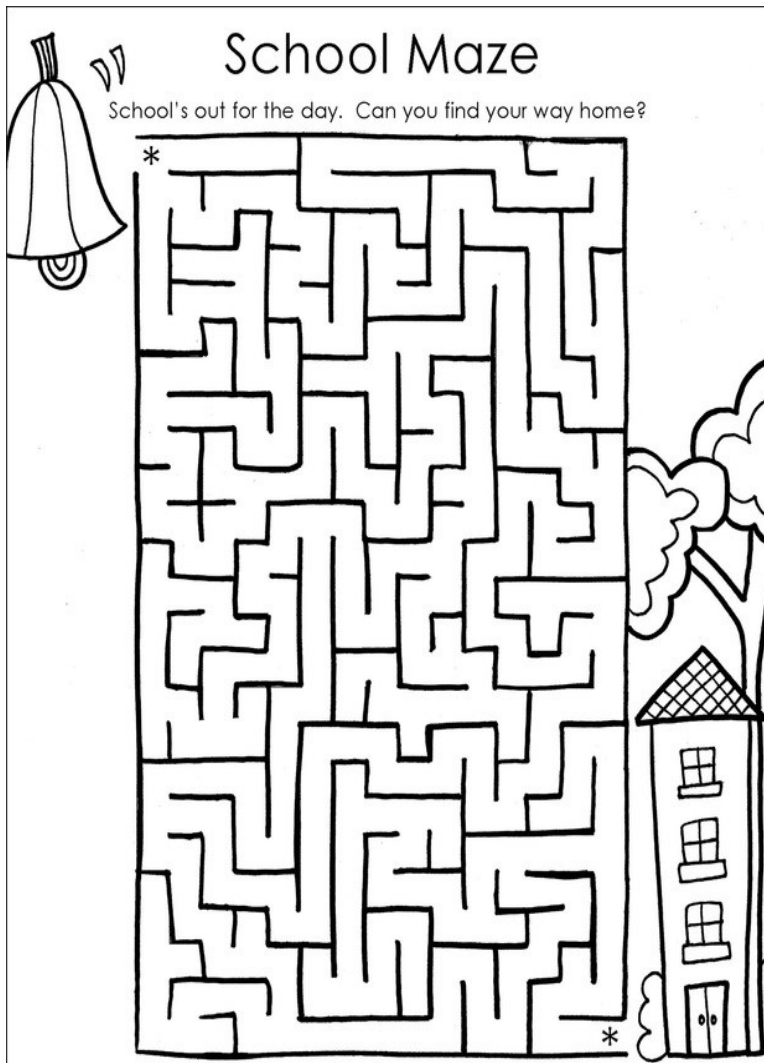
Parent and Student Meeting
Sunday September 7th 8:30 AM
(*at least one parent should attend
with student*)

Confirmation Class for Students
September 14th at 8:30 AM

Confirmation Classes at St. John are a 3 year program (usually grades 6 thru 8) designed to strengthen and enrich faith, help develop what it means to be a Lutheran Christian and prepare young people for the rite of Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism).

We combine grades to form one class and everyone will learn the same information-just maybe in a different order. If you know a student who should be enrolled in confirmation classes, please let Pastor O'Brien know.

Questions? Feel free to email: pastorobrien@stjohnwilliston.org





WHAT'S GOOD IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?



Fall into Worship

Our Fall Schedule begins on
Sunday, September 7th.

Saturday Worship 5:00 PM

Sunday Confirmation Class 8:30 AM
Parent meeting 9/7
Students return 9/14

Sunday School for ages 3 thru 5th grade
9-9:30 AM

Sunday Worship 9:45 AM

Choir practice Sunday following worship



**GROW with us
at Sunday
School!
Sunday School
Begins
Sunday
September 7th
At 9 AM!!**

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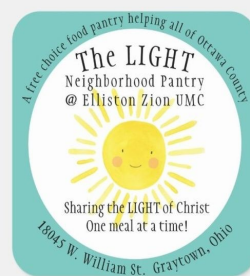
100% OF THE PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT:

First Step - Oregon Senior Center
Liberty Center of Fremont - NCAT of Tiffin - Ottawa County Transitional Housing
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

\$5.00 PER TICKET

100% OF TICKET SALES GOES TO CHARITY
**TOTAL MONEY RAISED FOR CHARITIES IN THE PAST
22 YEARS IS \$1,301,909**

Tickets available in the St. John Church Office during regular
business hours. (cash only please)



**The LIGHT
Neighborhood
Pantry at Elliston Zion**
is open on the 2nd Weds. of every
month from 5 to 7 PM.

We are a free choice food
pantry helping all of Ottawa County.
And we offer a free community meal
during pantry hours.

We always welcome new volunteers!

Our helpers stock shelves, rotate stock, check expiration dates,
prepare and serve meals and clean up.

Community service credits can be earned.

For more information, call LisaAnne at 419-250-1188
(or see me in the office at St. John.)

Thank you for your continued support!



Come join me at Sunday School!

Hello Freind,

I would love for you to join me at Sunday School!
Class begins on Sunday, September 7th
from 9-9:30 AM and
we'll have lots of fun while we learn about Jesus!
You can stay for worship at 9:45, too!
I hope to see you at
St. John Lutheran Church in Williston!

Sincerely,

Hey Kids! Color this page and give it to a friend!



13th Annual Benevolence Golf Outing

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

**PRIZES PRIZES
PRIZES**

For information: Tom (419) 205-1942 or the church office (419) 836-5514

FOURSOME REGISTRATION FORM



13th Annual Benevolence Golf Outing 9/20/2025

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Would you like to be contacted about next year's golf outing? _____ Yes _____ No
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Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Would you like to be contacted about next year's golf outing? _____ Yes _____ No
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Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

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Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Would you like to be contacted about next year's golf outing? _____ Yes _____ No



August Stewardship

O merciful Creator,
your hand is open wide to
satisfy the needs of every
living creature: Make us
always thankful for your
loving providence; and grant
that we, remembering the
account that we must one
day give, may be faithful
stewards of your good gifts;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who with you and the
Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Online giving is now available at St. John.
Simply visit our web site at www.stjohnwilliston.org
and click on the "online giving"
link at the top of the page.

Not online? See LisaAnne in the office to set up an
account or fill out an "Authorization Form" and return
it to the office.

Mark your calendar!



God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

Stewardship Thought for August Jesus' Transforming Presence



"But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.' Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost'" (Luke 19:8-10 NIV).

Who knew, all those kids sitting in Sunday school were getting a lesson in stewardship! Generations of children have very often heard lessons based on the familiar account of Zacchaeus. The diminutive tax collector's curiosity surrounding the person and ministry of Jesus is what the Holy Spirit used to set him on a collision course for a total stewardship transformation. This transformation, according to the text of Luke 19, is not just about this life. This stewardship transformation is about eternity as well!

Remember the story: Zacchaeus was a tax collector. Do not think of friendly neighborhood IRS agents. This was more like a toll booth operator, but the governing authorities did not set the toll. They would contract men to staff roadside booths and tax the commerce that was passing along the road. This was an enterprise full of greed and graft. The tax collectors would take as much as they could and only pass on a portion to the government. The rest did not go into the community chest either! It went into the pocket of the tax collector. This is why the people had such disdain for Jewish tax collectors. They were seen as both crooks and traitors. They were crooks in that they extorted their compatriots and others in the toll process. But worse, they were seen as traitors because their efforts supported the occupying Roman authorities. That is the real reason that the people would not make way so that short Zacchaeus could see Jesus. For this reason, he runs ahead and climbs a tree. He had heard all the stories. He wanted to see this Jesus with his own eyes. Mercy is on display. This hated crook and traitor gets a direct audience with Jesus — at Jesus' own request! Jesus invites Himself to Zacchaeus' house.

This is where the transformation is about to take place!

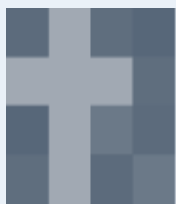
Notice how Jesus does it. He does not preach a three-week sermon series, nor does He ask Zacchaeus to make a pledge. There is nothing programmatic about Jesus' approach. But Zacchaeus is completely transformed! The transforming force is the very presence of Jesus! Direct time with Jesus takes a crooked, selfish, criminal and makes him the most faithful steward.

This new life of stewardship is marked by the promises made.

First, he gives half of his ill-gotten gains to the poor. These are people whom he would not have defrauded at all! Yet, after spending time with Jesus, they are His first concern. Only after this does he double the requirement of the Levitical law on fraud. And what does Jesus say is the result? Salvation!

Doing the acts of stewardship does not save. Rather, the faith in Jesus that is created by the Holy Spirit is what saves! This is critical for us to confess. Failed stewardship can and will cut you off from God. The only antidote for failed stewardship is the presence of Jesus. We do not need to run ahead and climb a tree for this presence of Jesus. He makes Himself available to us every week in worship. He speaks His Word of invitation to us in the pages of Holy Scripture. **This, and this alone, transforms us from sinner to saint, from owner to steward of all that belongs to the Lord.**

Do you want to become a more faithful steward? Spend more time with Jesus. Make WORSHIP a weekly priority. Feast at the Lord's Table weekly! This is the great gift that brings salvation from God's House to yours!



July 7, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

This past week, youth and adult leaders from across Ohio gathered at HopeWood Pines for the All-Ohio Youth Camp. Together, we explored God's boundless love, shared meals and laughter, played games, and—of course—sang plenty of camp songs.

One of the most inspiring moments came during our final evening together, when we gathered for a candlelight chapel service. As the light of Christ filled the space, each camper and adult quietly placed their candle on the altar, beneath the cross of Jesus. It was a sacred and moving witness to the faith growing in the hearts of our young people.

Camp matters. In a world that moves quickly and pulls us in so many directions, camp offers a place to slow down, be present, and encounter God in creation and community. Here is a space where faith is formed, friendships are deepened, and lives are transformed.

HopeWood Outdoors is a vital ministry of our synod. It is more than a summer tradition—it is holy ground. For decades, HopeWood Pines (formerly Lutheran Memorial Camp) has been a place where seeds of faith are planted, where young leaders are nurtured, and where lives are shaped by the love of Jesus.

To ensure this ministry continues to flourish, I invite you to support the \$2.5 Million Growing Hope Campaign. Your generosity will help us strengthen and sustain HopeWood Outdoors (HopeWood Pines, HopeWood Shores, and HopeWood Connect) for future generations. When you give, you are not just supporting a camp—you are investing in the spiritual lives of our young people and in the future of the church.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers, partnership, and financial support.

With deep gratitude,
Bishop Daniel G. Beaudoin

God is growing outdoor ministry!

Growing Hope is your chance to help connect even more campers with their faith and God's creation in ways that bless the world around us.

Through 2029, HopeWood Outdoors is raising \$2.5 million to empower campers of all ages to embrace God's calling in their lives.

This campaign will renovate and build facilities, enhance programs, and ensure sustainability for future generations of campers.

God is active at camp. Join in the action today!

DID YOU KNOW?

Between 2022 and 2024, the total number of campers with HopeWood Outdoors grew by more than

190%



and we project at least 10% annual growth for the next five years!



HopeWood
Outdoors

To support
HopeWood
Outdoors,
you may write a
check to St. John
and note
HOPEWOOD on the
envelope
or give direct
at www.hopewoodoutdoors.org.

ELECTRONIC GIVING AUTHORIZATION FORM

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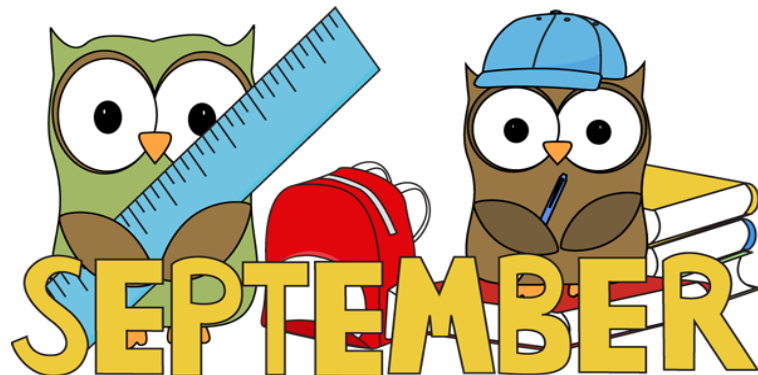
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Worship Assistants

Saturdays 5:00pm	Sundays 9:00 am
Ushers	Ushers
2- Donnelly Family	3-Diana Lambert
9- Buhrow Family	10-Diana Lambert
16-Jack Mathews	17-Jim Vogelbacher
23- Ron Gerkenmeyer	24-Titgemeyer's
30-Donnelly Family	31-Titgemeyer's
Lectors	Lectors
2-Sandra Toth	3-Diana Lambert
9-Beverly Harder	10-Jerry Goldstein
16-Nancy Strohscher	17-Kellie Ulrich
23- Amy Schloegl	24-Tim Titgemeyer
30-Jonah D.	31-Melissa Lammers
Acolytes	Acolytes
2-Liam	3-Rylan S.
9-Nolan	10-Rylie
16-Trenton	17-Makenna
23-Jonah	24-Rylie
30-Liam	31-Rylan
Communion	Communion
2-Nancy Strohscher	3-Pam LaRue
9-Ron Gerkenmeyer	10-Roland Sandrock
16-Carol Vargo	17-Robin Perkins
23-JoElaine Schimming	24- Rosemarie D.
30-Al & Traci Brown	31-Margaret Berger



Worship Assistants

Saturdays 5:00pm	Sundays 9:45 am
Ushers	Ushers
6- Ron Gerkenmeyer	7-Diana Lambert
13-Jack Mathews	14-Jim Vogelbacher
20-Buhrow Family	21-Titgemeyer's
27- Donnelly Family	28-Diana Lambert
Lectors	Lectors
6- Beverly Harder	7-Deanna Neuman
13-Sandy Toth	14-Jerry Goldstein
20- Nancy Strohscher	21- Cebie Titgemeyer
27- Christine Danhoff	28-Kellie Ulrich
Acolytes	Acolytes
6-Nolan D.	7-Rylan S
13- Trenton	14-Makenna C.
20-Jonah D.	21-Rylie C.
27-Liam D.	28-Rylan S.
Communion	Communion
6- Carol Vargo	7-Dave Neuman
13- Al & Traci Brown	14-Pam LaRue
20- No communion	21-No communion
27- No communion	28-No communion

AUGUST



Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
27	9:00am –10:00am Traditional Worship 11:00am –12:00pm Choir practice WORSHIP 9:00 AM	28	Faith Practice Reading-1 Peter 3 7:00pm –8:30pm Scouts	29	9:00am –12:00pm Blankets 7:00pm –8:00pm Scout Committee Meeting (B)	30	 7:00am Breakfast Gathering at GENOA McDonalds	31		1	 National Find a 4-Leaf Clover Day Office closed	2	11:00am –3:00pm Buhrow Shower-Basement 5:00pm Contemporary Worship WORSHIP 5:00 PM
3	St John at the Mud Hens 9:00am –10:00am Traditional Worship 11:00am –12:00pm Choir practice WORSHIP 9:00 AM	4	 Faith Practice Reading- 1 Peter 4	5	9:00am –12:00pm Blankets	6	 7:00am Breakfast Gathering at GENOA McDonalds	7		8	 National Garage Sale Day Office closed	9	5:00pm Contemporary Worship WORSHIP 5:00 PM
10	9:00am –10:00am Traditional Worship 11:00am –12:00pm Choir practice WORSHIP 9:00 AM	11	 Faith Practice Reading- 1 Peter 5	12	9:00am –12:00pm Blankets	13	 7:00am Breakfast Gathering at GENOA McDonalds 5:00pm –7:00pm LIGHT Pantry at Elliston Zion open	14	 7:00pm –8:00pm Committee Night	15	 Office closed	16	 Blessing of the Backpacks 5PM Honey Bee Awareness Day 10:00am –11:30am Genoa Food Pantry Open 5:00pm Contemporary Worship
17	 Blessing of the Backpacks 9:00 Worship 9:00am –10:00am Traditional Worship 11:00am –12:00pm Choir practice WORSHIP 9:00 AM	18	 Faith Practice Reading- 2 Peter 1	19	9:00am –12:00pm Blankets	20	 7:00am Breakfast Gathering at GENOA McDonalds	21	 7:00pm –8:00pm Council Meeting	22	 Be an ANGEL Day! Office closed	23	5:00pm Contemporary Worship WORSHIP 5:00 PM
24	9:00am –10:00am Traditional Worship 11:00am –12:00pm Choir practice WORSHIP 9:00 AM	25	 Faith Practice Reading- 2 Peter 2	26	9:00am –12:00pm Blankets	27	 7:00am Breakfast Gathering at GENOA McDonalds	28		29	Office closed Celebrating National Dog Month! 	30	 WORSHIP 5:00 PM 5:00pm Contemporary Worship
31	9:00am –10:00am Traditional Worship 11:00am –12:00pm Choir practice WORSHIP 9:00 AM	1	6:00pm –8:00pm Cub Scouts Committee Meeting (B)	2	9:00am –12:00pm Blankets	3	 7:00am Breakfast Gathering at GENOA McDonalds	4		5	Office closed	6	Blausey wedding 5:00pm Contemporary Worship WORSHIP 5:00 PM

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