

**November 18 & 19, 2023 25th Sunday after Pentecost**

**WELCOME TO ST. JOHN WILLISTON**

Psalm 90 proclaims: "Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations" (v. 1, NRSV). May children, youth and adults all feel at home in this, Christ's church. Welcome.

We hope that you feel right at home and we invite you to become a member of the St. John Church family. There is an elevator to the left of the pulpit for those who wish to use it.



**ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP ON SATURDAY**

**Ushers**

11/18- Jack Mathews

11/25- Ron Gerkenmeyer

**Lector**

11/18- Nancy Strohscher

11/25- Christine/Jonah Danhoff

**Acolyte**

11/18- Liam Deluenthal

11/25-Lauren Hoeft

**Communion**

11/18- Ron Gerkenmeyer

11/25- Alice Witt

**ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP ON SUNDAY**

**Ushers**

11/19- Jill Kao

11/26- The Titgemeyer Family

**Lector**

11/19- Jill Kao

11/26- Roland Sandrock

**Acolyte**

11/19- Mila McQueary

11/26- Logan Hays

**Communion**

11/19- Roland Sandrock

11/26- Cebie Titgemeyer



- Kim Sommers- medical concerns
- Doug Blausey- medical concerns
- Carolyn Lasseter- medical concerns
- Diane Gerkenmeyer- medical
- Betty Roecker- medical concerns
- Lori Vogelbacher- medical concerns
- Bob Fleitz- medical concerns
- Kayla Korek- medical concerns

If you would like to add a name, please contact the office, 419-836-5514 or [office@stjohnwilliston.org](mailto:office@stjohnwilliston.org). Names will stay on the list for one month and then are removed.



**THIS WEEK'S GLANCE**



**November 19-26, 2023**

- Sun: 5pm Thanksgiving Service**  
**6pm Thanksgiving Meal**
- Mon: 9am December Forerunner Deadline**
- Tues: 9am Blankets**  
**7:30pm Dartball- Here (St Paul Meth)**
- Wed: 7am Breakfast Gathering**
- Thurs: Happy Thanksgiving- Office Closed**
- Fri: Church Office Closed**
- Sat: 5pm Worship Service**
- Sun: 8:30am Confirmation Class**  
**9:45am Worship Service**  
**10:45am Choir Practice**

Faith Practice  
#3 Readings  
**PSALMS**



Nov 13– Psalm 136  
Nov 20– Psalm 137  
Nov 27– Psalm 138

### TODAY'S FLOWERS

THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE IN MEMORY OF  
ROB & CLARA LASSETER GIVEN IN LOVE BY  
CAROLYN LASSETER & MARILYN SANDROCK

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE IN MEMORY  
OF LOVED ONES GIVEN IN LOVE BY  
BOB & DIANE KAPP

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE IN CELEBRATION OF  
LOWELL HARTMAN'S 88TH BIRTHDAY  
GIVEN IN LOVE BY THE HARTMAN FAMILY



Shopping with the Stars for Luther Home of  
Mercy are now available!

Pick a star or take a gift list from the table lo-  
cated outside the church office and purchase a  
gift for one of our neighbors at Luther Home.

No Wrapping Needed!!

Return by Sunday, December 3rd.

Most are inexpensive but bring great joy to the  
residents.



The **2024 Altar and Chancel Flower** chart  
is posted outside the church office.

Please sign up for the weekend you  
would like to order altar or chancel  
flowers. Fill out the order slip and  
place it in the offering plate or drop  
it off at the office with your payment.

**Altar flowers are \$25.00**

**Chancel flowers are \$20.00**



Interested in an Advent

Book Study/Discussion Group?

Monday 10am 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18

Tuesday 7pm 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19

Please see Pastor O'Brien for more  
information.



### NIGHTINGALES HARVEST

We will be collecting paper products and  
toiletries until December 2nd for  
Nightingale's Harvest. A box is across from  
the office to place your items in. Thanks to  
all who have already donated.

### **Christmas Services Change**

**Saturday, Dec 23rd at 5pm–  
4th Week Advent**

**Sunday, Dec 24th at 9:45am–  
4th Week Advent**

**Sunday, Dec 24th at 4pm–  
Christmas Eve Service**

**Sunday, Dec 24th at 7pm–  
Christmas Eve Service**

**Monday, Dec 25th– No Services**

The 6th Annual Community  
Christmas Tree Lighting  
will be held on Saturday,  
December 2nd following the  
worship service

6pm– Meal

6:45pm– Tree Lighting

\*Don't forget donation to  
Nightingales Harvest

**Food, Fellowship & Caroling**



## SUNDAY SCHOOL



First Sunday of the month, October-May  
See you Dec 3rd at 8:30am!

The Blessing Box needs your help!

Needed:

Chunky/Progresso Soup  
Canned Meat  
Canned Pasta  
Boxed Pasta Sides  
Applesauce- cups

Thank you so very much for helping those in

REMINDER: Women's Ecumenical Service Ladies...Please call the office or let Diane G know by **November 29th** if you will be attending. She will be phoning in the RSVP on November 30th. Thank you!



### BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

We will be ringing the bell at Miller's on Wednesday, December 6th from 10am-6pm. Please call Pam LaRue at 419-262-1207 to schedule your time!



The church office will be closed **November 23-24** in observance of Thanksgiving.

St. John Community Thanksgiving Worship & Dinner  
Sunday, November 19th  
Worship at 5:00pm  
Dinner at 6:00pm



Please sign up by Pastor's office to bring a dessert!



Interested in playing DARTBALL?

Our church team is looking for men and women to play! Please contact Jeff Schimming 419-356-3552 for more information.

## POINSETTIA ORDERS



### **ORDER DEADLINE -December 6th!**

Please place the order form and payment in an envelope marked with your name and "Poinsettia" in the offering plate or drop your payment off at the church office. Please make checks out to St. John.



Poinsettias will be red or white- \$10 each



## St. John's Annual Christmas Pageant

"12 Symbols of Christmas"  
(in place of sermon)

will be on Sunday,  
December 17, 2023

with the 9:45am regular Church Service

The Advent Tea will follow the church service  
In the basement.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.



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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.”***

Contemporary Worship: Saturday 5:00 pm  
Confirmation Class: Sunday 8:30 am  
Traditional Worship: Sunday 9:45 am  
Sunday School for all ages returns...  
1st Sunday of the month, October-May at 8:30 am

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## **NWOS Daily Bible Reading Guide: The Story of Jesus**

### **The Farwell Discourse (According to John)**

Nov. 20 Jesus Before the Sanhedrin Matt. 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65;

Luke 22:63-71; John 18:12-14, 19-24

Nov. 21 Peter's Denial Matt. 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-62;

John 18:15-18, 25-27

Nov. 22 Jesus Before Pilate Matt. 27:1-2; Mark 15:1; Luke 23:1; John 18:28

Nov. 23 The Death of Judas Matt. 27:3-10

Nov. 24 The Trial Before Pilate Matt. 27:11-14; Mark 15:2-5; Luke 23:2-5; John 18:29-38

Nov. 25 Jesus Before Herod Luke 23:6-12

Nov. 26 Jesus or Barabbas Matt. 27:15-23; Mark 15:6-14; Luke 23:17-23; John 18:39-40

.....this week's readings

