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We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church.
We are...“creating and nurturing lifechanging 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—3 pm

*Thurs. hours may vary * Office closed Friday*

Email: office@stjohnwilliston.org

Worship & Learn with us this weekend!

Contemporary Worship: Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday School and Confirmation 8:30 AM

Sunday School— age 3 and up 9:00 AM

Traditional Worship: Sunday 9:45 AM

Serving this week and next

Sat: October 24th

Ushers: Donnelly's

Lectors: Jonah

Acolyte: Jonah

Communion: Carol Vargo

Sun: October 25th

Jim Vogelbacher

Diana Lambert

Rylan

Robin Perkins

Sat: October 31st

Ushers: Ron Gerkenmeyer

Lectors: Amy Schloegl

Acolyte: Trenton

Communion: Al & Traci B

Sun: November 1st

Diana Lambert

Melissa Lammers

Ellie

Margaret Berger



**This “Black Friday,”
GIVE a gift...the
Gift of LIFE!**

This Black Friday, skip the crazy lines at the stores and help us save lives right here in our community. St. John is hosting its annual **Black Friday Blood Drive on November 27, 2026, from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.**

Every drop counts, but we cannot do it alone! We are looking for donors, volunteers, and food contributions to make this event a success. Here is how you can get involved:

- **Be a Donor:** Roll up your sleeve and give the gift of life.
- **Volunteer Your Time:** We need friendly faces to help set up the event space and sign donors in at the welcome desk.
- **Support the Canteen:** Donate food (snacks, baked goods, or sandwiches) or help serve refreshments to our donors after they give blood. Whether you can give blood, give time, or give a plate of cookies, your support makes a massive difference. To schedule your donation slot or sign up for a volunteer shift, please contact Robin Perkins at 419-250-1018 or rkperkins@yahoo.com.

October 24 & 25 2026 Pentecost 22



Welcome to St. John!

This is Reformation weekend, days to remember with gratitude those who called the church back to God's Word

and the good news of salvation through faith in Christ. We rejoice in the freedom, grace and hope we have in Jesus and welcome all who have gathered to worship Him. Would you like to know more about our church? Just ask! We would love to tell you all about life at St. John. There is an elevator to the left of the pulpit for those who would like to use it. www.stjohnwilliston.org

This Week- October 26 - November 1

Mon: Faith Practice Reading Isaiah 43

Tues: Blankets 9 AM

Tues: AED/CPR Training 6:30 PM

Weds: Breakfast at Mc Donald's 7 AM

Sat: Worship 5 PM

Sun: Adult Sunday School/ Confirmation 8:30

Sun: Sunday School for kids 3 thru 5th grade

9:00 AM-main hallway classrooms

Sun: Worship 9:45

Sun: Choir Practice following worship

Sun: Scouts 6 PM

*Note** LisaAnne will be out of the office on medical leave Oct 26th -31st. The office email will be checked and feel free to leave a voicemail. See Pastor Shawn for any immediate needs. Thanks!*



*Meet us at McDonald's!
We meet every Weds. morning
7 AM at McDonald's in Genoa for
conversation and coffee!*

Church
FAMILY
—PRAYER LIST—

Jodi (Sievert) Main-medical concerns
Wayne Schimming-medical concerns
Merle Berger-medical concerns
Betty Roecker-medical concerns
Mark Joehlin-medical concerns
Rose Mary Fredericksen-medical concerns
Jennifer Nelson-medical concerns
Andrew Janney-medical concerns
Frank Komives-medical concerns
Justin Tank-medical concerns
Lisa Eisenback-medical concerns
Lori K (friend)-medical concerns
Sara Beck- medical concerns
Karen C. -medical concerns
Godwin (friend of Judy Y.)-medical concerns
Family and friends of Sgt. Jacob Roesler and the Clay Twp. Police Dept. and Community.



Altar Flowers

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Emory Lasseter by Carolyn Lasseter & Marilyn Sandrock
The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Patricia Delventhal by Kent and Evie Delventhal.



You are cordially invited

**COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING
WORSHIP AND DINNER**

Sunday November 22, 2026

5 PM Worship 6 PM Dinner

St. John Lutheran Church

Williston, Ohio

All are welcome to join us for a time of giving thanks to God in worship and fellowship.

A Thrivent Action Grant is providing funds for this event. Donations received will benefit Lutheran Social Services of NW Ohio's Food Pantry Ministry.

Please sign up to help clean up following the dinner. There's a sign up sheet next to Pastor's Office.

Thanks be To God!




JOIN A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Adults/Confirmation Classes

meet at 8:30 AM

Sunday School for KIDS

age 3 thru 5th Grade

EVERY SUNDAY

from 9-9:30 am!

Kids meet in the

Sunday School rooms on

the main floor.

Invite a friend and join us!!

Kid's Bells are back...join us to

make a joyful noise!!



Office Administrator

NEEDED

Our Office Administrator will be retiring at the end of the year, and St. John is recruiting to fill her position soon! Desired applicants should be proficient in office operations, Word, Excel, PowerPoint (Office 365), finance, payroll and payroll taxes. Familiarity with church operations, liturgies and church management software is a plus! Interested persons may email a resume, outlining work experience and qualifications to office@stjohnwilliston.org by November 1st.



For those who signed up for CPR/AED Training, our training will be held on

Tuesday

October 27th

at 6:30 PM

at St. John.

There is some hands on participation, so please wear comfortable clothing.



Faith Practice #3 Readings

Oct. 26-Isaiah 43

Nov. 9-Isaiah 44

Nov. 16-Isaiah 45

Nov.23-Isaiah 46

Northwestern Ohio Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

REFORMATION DAY OF GIVING

OCTOBER 31ST, 2026

Reformation Day is not just a historical commemoration; it is a call to live out the Reformation's principles today- *sola scriptura* (Scripture alone), *sola fide* (faith alone), *sola gratia* (grace alone), *solus Christus* (Christ alone), and *solus Deo gloria* (glory to God alone).

The Synod, through it's 142 congregations, continues to proclaim the Lord as Martin Luther did over 500 years ago. His proclamation changed the church and the world. Assist us in continuing this mission by making a donation on the anniversary of Reformation.



**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
NWOS ANNUAL FUND
AND GIVE TODAY!**

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[nwos-elca.church/
nwosannualcampaign/](https://nwos-elca.church/nwosannualcampaign/)

Want to support Reformation Day of Giving? Simply make your check out to St. John and note **REFORMATION GIVING** on envelope or memo line. We will collect for this campaign until Advent.



Please join The North Central Conference of the NWOS of the ELCA in praying for each congregation in our conference. Each Sunday, we will pray for one of our churches, our Bishop and our faithful church leaders.

Oct. 25-Grace (Elmore)

Nov. 1-Hosanna (Grand Rapids)

Nov. 8-St. Paul (Marblehead)

Nov. 15-Salem-Grace (Luckey)

Nov. 22-Sonfire (Pemberville)

Our Faith Practice #3 Readings

October 5-Isaiah 40

October 12-Isaiah 41

October 19-Isaiah 42

October 26-Isaiah 43

November 2-Isaiah 44

November 9-Isaiah 45

November 16-Isaiah 46

November 23-Isaiah 47

This project is all about love! What's it all about? It's the last week of the GGP!

The Great Goat Project isn't just about goats—it's about sharing God's love in real, life-changing ways. Through this project, your congregation can help provide goats to families in Kashasha, Tanzania, in partnership with our Companions in the ELCT Dodoma Diocese in Tanzania. All of this grows out of our shared theme: "We love because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19) And.....**Who doesn't want to say they saved the world ... one goat at a time?**



To give—simply mark (GOAT PROJECT) on your check (made out to St John)

or envelope and place it in the offering plate or mail it to St. John PO Box 235 Williston OH 43468.

You can also donate online at www.stjohnwilliston.org and click on the online giving link and select The Great Goat Project!