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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—3 pm
*Thurs. hours may vary * Office closed Friday*
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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



Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 9:45 AM

Ushers

3- Tim & Deb Hepner

10-Jack Mathews

17- Buhrow Family

24 - Donnelly Family

31-Ron Gerkenismeyer

Ushers

4-Jim Vogelbacher

11- Diana Lambert

18- Titgemeyer's

25- Jim Vogelbacher

Lectors

3- Sandy Toth

10- Nancy Strohscher

17-Beverly Harder

24- Jonah D.

31- Amy Schloegl

Lectors

4- Jerry Goldstein

11-Tim Titgemeyer

18-Kellie Ulrich

25-Diana Lambert

Acolytes

3- Jonah

10-Trenton

17-Pierce

24-Jonah

31- Trenton

Acolytes

4-Makenna

11-Rylie

18-TBD

25-Rylan

Communion

3- Nancy Strohscher

10- Ron Gerkenismeyer

17-Jo Elaine Schimming

24- Carol Vargo

31-Al & Traci Brown

Communion

4- Margaret Berger

11-Deanna Neuman

18-Rose Marie D.

25-Robin Perkins



**We always need more
worship helpers! Serve the
Lord during worship!
Simply let Pastor know or
call/email the church office.
Training is available! What a
great time to “FALL” into
service!**

October 3 & 4, 2026 Pentecost 19



Welcome to St. John!

The colors and beauty of autumn remind us that every season carries evidence of

God's goodness. As we enjoy cooler days and changing leaves, may we pause to give thanks for His provision and share our blessings with those around us. Would you like to know more? 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.

This Week- October 5-11

Mon: Faith Practice Reading Isaiah 40

Tues: Blankets 9 AM (**Help needed to pack**)

Tues: Esther Circle 2 PM

Tues: Rebekah Circle 7 PM

Weds: Breakfast at Mc Donald's 7 AM

Thurs: Committee Night 7 PM

Friday: Mazur/Tomor Wedding Rehearsal

Sat: Mazur/Tomor Wedding

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



Altar Flowers

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory celebration of Dave & Vicki Huber's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The **Chancel Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Ben & Robin Perkin's 9th Wedding Anniversary and Robin's birthday by their children and grandchildren.

Carolyn Lasseter- medical concerns
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
Cliff Bury-medical concerns
Frank Komives-medical concerns
Justin Tank-medical concerns
Jerry Hurley-medical concerns
Lisa Eisenback-medical concerns
Lori K (friend)-medical concerns

Sack for a Sack is on now!



For every SACK by the Genoa Comets, St. John will donate \$50 to the Genoa Community Food Pantry.

Want to help? Simply write a check to St. John with SACK in the memo line and on your envelope or give online at www.stjohnwilliston.org.

IT'S POPCORN TIME!

PACK 342 WILL BE SELLING POPCORN
BEFORE AND AFTER BOTH SERVICES
THE WEEKENDS OF 9/19 & 10/10

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

PACK 342



CASH, CHECK, VENMO, &
CASH APP ACCEPTED

PACK 342



Faith Practice #3 Readings

Oct. 5- Isaiah 40

Oct. 12- Isaiah 41

Oct. 19- Isaiah 42

Oct. 26-Isaiah 43



Blanket Ministry Weekend is here!

The Blanket Ladies will again be displaying their many, many blankets starting the weekend of **September 26 & 27th and again on October 3rd and 4th.**

Please feel free to stop in and shop!

Blankets will be sold for a donation of \$30.00. Baby and small children size are \$20.00. The children's blankets will be displayed in the front rows of the church.

They will also have special blankets on a silent auction! Those will be hanging in the cloister. Bids are to increase by \$5.00 increments on these special auction items.

There will also be several blankets placed by the windows up for raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 and are to be placed in the container corresponding to the number on the blanket. Please write your name and phone number on each raffle ticket.

Please remember to mark any donations turned into the offering plate or office as "blankets". Those will be on display for three weeks, ending Oct. 13th.

The blankets will out for 2 weeks and then help is needed to remove and pack for our charities This will happen Tuesday, October 6 at 9 a.m.

This year, this small but mighty group produced 467 beautiful blankets! 349 are on display and 118 have already been sold or donated to local charities! They also produced 20 Fabric Kits which will be given to Lutheran World Relief!

Amazing!!



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JOIN US FOR OUR TRUNK OR TREAT!

**Sunday
October 18, 2026**

2 PM to 4 PM

**St. John Lutheran Church
21140 W Toledo St.
(SR 579) in Williston**

**St. John Lutheran Church
Williston, Ohio**

**Join us for fun, food,
games, prizes and lots of
CANDY!**

**Decorate your trunk and
join the fun!**

**All are welcome!
Invite your friends!**

The Scouts are looking for donations of Halloween decorations for their Haunted Trail. If you have any décor, please place it on the table in the Scout Room in the basement by October 18th (morning). Thanks!

We are also looking for donations of CANDY! There is a donation box in front of the church office.



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.

WELCA Circle Meetings

ESTHER CIRCLE: Tuesday, October 6 2:00 p.m.
Meeting in the Social Hall

Women of the Bible Bible Study: Doris

REBEKAH CIRCLE: Tuesday, October 6 7:00 p.m.

Meeting in the Lounge—Nancy S.

Please join us! You ARE welcome here!

**Learn about
Leading Worship**

On **Tuesday,
October 13th at 7 PM** ,
Pastor O'Brien will hold a
meeting open to all who



would like to learn how they can serve God and serve the congregation by leading worship. When you lead worship, you're helping God's people gather around God's Word. You have the privilege of conducting liturgy, leading prayers, and helping the congregation worship together. In a very real sense, you are giving voice to the prayers of God's people and speaking God's promises to them through the words of Scripture and the liturgy. That's a sacred privilege.

Asking questions doesn't commit you to anything...We can have a conversation, and together we'll discern whether this might be a way God is inviting you to use your gifts.



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.

Here are the churches for October

Oct. 4– St. Paul (Bowling Green)

Oct. 11– St. James (Bradner)

Oct. 18– St. Luke (Curtice)

Oct. 25– Grace (Elmore)

Nov. 1– Hosanna (Grand Rapids)

The October FORERUNNER is available at the church and online at www.stjohnwilliston.org.

Looking ahead! **Our Annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service and Meal** will be held on

Sunday November 22, 2026, with worship at 5 PM and the meal to follow in the basement.

Mark your calendars and join us in giving thanks to God this holiday season! Watch for more info soon!

This project is all about love! *What's it all about?*

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!