

# November FORERUNNER

A publication of St. John Lutheran Church Williston, Ohio

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## Ask the Pastor

### “How (and when) does my child get **First Communion instruction?**”

Around the time of COVID (perhaps even before) it was difficult to get young people together for First Communion classes. **During the pandemic, we couldn't have an official 'class' but I didn't want to neglect the importance of instruction** before receiving the sacrament. Therefore, I put together a packet of information based on the lessons I had previously used, combined with some additional outside materials. With the packet, parent(s) and child could work through the lessons in their own time. When the packet was completed and parents felt like their child understood the lessons, I would meet with **them and discuss/review some of the highlights (Christ's presence, grace, forgiveness, etc.)** and review the practical aspects of receiving Holy Communion. After meeting with the pastor, the student was able to receive their first communion whenever they and their parents were ready.

So, a question for parents of children who have not received First Communion instruction: what method/approach would work best for you and your family? Would you like me to try to schedule a class sometime in the next few months? Or would it be more convenient to keep using the packets and working on the materials at home? I am interested in receiving your feedback.

**To the question of “when?” The short answer is, “after Baptism”, but I'm sure that's not very helpful.** Practices have varied throughout church history and among Lutherans. For most of Christian history, ALL baptized members of the church were invited to the Lord's Table every time they gathered for worship. (Still today in Orthodox churches newborn infants are brought forward in a parent's arms and the priest touches a crumb of bread and a spoon of wine to the child's lips.) Sometime in the 12th Century, Roman Catholics considered age 7 as **the “age of reason” so that's when they did instruction.** In the time of Martin Luther, First Communion was celebrated at the same time as Confirmation. That practice continued among American Lutherans until the 1980s when the church published a study separating First Communion and confirmation and began inviting children to commune at a younger age.

### Ask the Pastor-Continued

In 1997 the ELCA adopted a statement called **“The Use of the Means of Grace”** that discusses how we deal with the sacraments, scripture, and worship in general. It includes this statement regarding the age for First Communion...

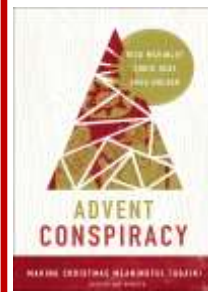
Application 37C -- **“Baptized children begin to commune on a regular basis at a time determined through mutual conversation that includes the pastor, the child, and the parents or sponsors involved, within the accepted practices of the congregation. Ordinarily this beginning will occur only when children can eat and drink, and can start to respond to the gift of Christ in the Supper.”**

The reasoning behind this is that since we baptize people regardless of age, we should consider communing people regardless of age. Holy Communion, like Baptism, comes to us as a gift of faith. God is the primary actor in the sacrament and our role is to receive and believe. Therefore, the effectiveness of Holy Communion is not dependent on us, but wholly upon God. Christ promises his presence for us and we have a need for his presence regardless of age.

**Back to the question, “when should my child receive their first communion?”** The ‘best’ way to determine if a child is ready is **“through mutual conversation that includes the pastor, the child, and the parents or sponsors”**. If you feel your child is ready to receive communion instruction, please make an appointment to speak with me. Some parents have found it helpful to begin working through the packet first and then determining if their child is ready.

Adults/parents of older children, if you have questions or thoughts about First Communion, please make an appointment to speak with me. If you would be interested in taking a more detailed look at **“The Use of the Means of Grace” specifically the parts about Holy Communion** to gain a better understand of Lutheran faith practices, please speak with me about a time we could form a study group.

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.



### From Pastor O'Brien

This December I am going to be reading the book, **“The Advent Conspiracy: Making Christmas Meaningful (Again)”** and I would like to invite you to join me.

From their website: Advent Conspiracy shows you how to substitute consumption with compassion by practicing four simple but powerful, countercultural concepts: Worship Fully—because Christmas begins and ends with Jesus. Spend Less—and free your resources for things that truly matter. Give More—of your presence: your hands, your words, your time, your heart. Love All—the poor, the forgotten, the marginalized, and the sick in ways that make a difference. Find out how to have a Christmas worth remembering, not dreading. Christmas can still change the world when you, like Jesus, give what matters most—your presence.

The four concepts of Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More, and Love All seem like nice reminders as I prepare for Christmas and I think they would fit well with our Reverse Advent Calendar Project too.

If you are interested, the book is available on Amazon for \$9.00 <https://a.co/d/glJOdVc> (\$5.99 for Kindle) It may also be available at your local library, but I have not verified.

How are we going to read the book together? At the very least, I would like to create space for discussion on our St. John Williston - Online Community Facebook group. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3270411673060044>)

This is accessible to anyone who has a Facebook account regardless of location and mobility. I plan to post questions based on a couple of chapters at a time throughout Advent.

I am also open to meeting for an in-person **discussion group like we did for “The Journey”** last year. This could be morning or evening, at the church or a different location (a local restaurant, a park, someone’s home, etc.). We could meet once to discuss the entire book, or make it more of a short-term study group during the four weeks of Advent. Take a look at the book, maybe read the first chapter, and let me know what sort of gathering you would be interested in.

However you choose to participate (or not) in discussion with your church friends, I hope you will consider reading the book.

# GRATEFUL Thankful & BLESSED



To the Congregation at St. John

**John 15:12 "My command is this: Love over each other as I have loved you."**

**Wayne's St John Congregation has served him his entire** life. Wayne was baptized, confirmed, married and buried through this church. He loved the Lord and it is such a comfort to know that he will see all of us in the perfect place-heaven. I often think of the reunion he had when he arrived, so many loved ones that have passed. He and others must have been beaming.

After the past several months, we have felt your love for our family and words will never express how much this love has meant to us. The two meals a day stretched to a weeks worth of food. I am not sure how I would have been able to handle his care and cook. Plus, the cooking was amazing!

Thank you all for your calls, cards, kind visits and just asking if there was anything you could do to help. Our church community was there for us this entire journey.

Your prayers and prayer chains were felt.

Please continue to pray for our family.

Thank you to all who helped at the funeral. So many of our family and friends made comments on how good the luncheon was. The desserts were in abundance and the ladies serving were amazing. Just another example of how you show your love for us.

The music provided during the service and singing

**Wayne's favorite songs will not be forgotten. Thank you** for Pastor Shawn for coming to our home, to the hospital and to the care centers over these past difficult months.

He seemed to show up at the most appropriate times, when we needed a prayer, a word of kindness or just to see his face gave such comfort to our family.

I cannot imagine what our life would have looked like without our church family. Your outpouring of love we truly felt. John 15:12 sums up our feelings for the St John Community.

Many Blessings,  
Linda Bauman and family

Thank you!

**I wish to thank Pastor O'Brien for his caring visit while I** was at Kingston Rehab in Perrysburg. Also, I thank everyone for all the uplifting cards and beautiful flowers during **my stay there. I can't begin to thank and appreciate my** quilt ladies and friends who took the time to drive me to my therapy sessions these past weeks.

Thank You!  
Arline Sabin

My St. John Friends,

Thank you for the dear card I received the other day.

**Your concern and prayers mean so much to me. God's people are what keeps the world and it's people safe and** cared for all the time. Bless all of you!

Kathy Varga  
Nightingale's Harvest

St. John Family,

Thank you to everyone for your thoughts and prayers as I went through treatment and recovery this past year. I am doing much better! Your support is much appreciated.

Kimberly Sommers

Our St. John Family,

Thank you for your support of the **LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry at Elliston Zion. Once again, in September, the 'St. John Church Ladies' prepared a wonderful dinner for our** pantry guests, complete with dessert and special treats. Carol Vargo also made Halloween treat bags to make sure the kids had a special surprise to take home in at our October pantry night.

We could not continue to support and feed HIS people without the love and support of our wonderful church community and neighbors.

Thank You So Much!  
LisaAnne

Dear Friends at St. John Williston,

Thank you for the donation to our school supply collection for Lutheran World Relief. With your contributions, we were able to send an additional 20 + school kits! Working together in HIS name is such a blessing!

St. John Lutheran-Rocky Ridge

Thank You!

What a gift! The quilts are just beautiful. We especially **liked the kid's quilts. A lot of love and time was put in to** each one. Bless the fingers that made them. The Ruth **Ann's House Family will love them, too!**

The Ruth Ann's House Staff

Thank You,

Thank you to our St. John family for all the calls, visits and cards received while Allen was hospitalized and while recovering. Your prayers were felt and so greatly appreciated.

Allen and Judy Yockey





All Saints' Day celebration has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. It began as a commemoration of the martyrs who had died for the faith, and it has since become a day when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ. Martin Luther held that all Christians are simultaneously sinner and saint--a sinner because of our rebellious nature, but a saint because of salvation in Jesus. The family of St. John remembers those who have passed in the last year.

*Ronald Schimming \* Kathryn Wilka  
Ann Tschappat \* Dorothy (Dee) Wukotich  
Kathleen Vogel \* Richard Phillips  
Dorothea Anderson \* Edna Rideout  
Henry Krukemyer \* Jeanette Lentz  
Wayne Bauman*

Let us pray... Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen



**In Memory of Wayne Bauman**

Beth Johnson  
 Mary Harmeyer  
 Bob Hansen  
 Rex and Cindy Palmer  
 Rich and Joni Hillman  
 Duane and Tamil Tailford  
 Marlene Brinkman  
 Micheal and Elaine Niese  
 Irene Meech  
 Steve and Char Modlich  
 Diane Dickinson  
 Gene and Amy Bihn  
 Carol Vargo  
 Mike and Susan Hausch  
 Margaret Berger  
 James and Kathleen Walters  
 Vivian Nelson

Doug and Carol  
 Van Horn  
 Tracy and Kyle Nash  
 Brad and Melissa VanHorn  
 Larry and Nancy Stroschker  
 Merle and Shirley Berger

**In Memory of Jeanette Lentz**

Mary Harmeyer  
 Merle and Shirley Berger

**In Memory of Edna Rideout**

Carol Vargo  
 Alice Witt  
 June Smarkel  
 Sandra Stahl  
 Marlene Brinkman  
 Sara and Myron Zibbel

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Fall/Winter Worship  
 Saturday at 5:00 PM  
 Sunday Worship 9:45 AM

Deadline for the  
December 2024 Forerunner is  
Monday, November 18th  
 Please send articles and/or  
 information to  
 office@stjohnwilliston.org.



We welcomed

*Eloise Patricia  
 Delventhal*

into the church  
 and the family of St. John  
 through the  
 Sacrament of Holy Baptism  
 on October 26th.

Eloise is the daughter  
 of Aaron and Jenifer.

Her sponsors are  
 Ali Peterson, Lily Sondergeld  
 and Trance VanLiere.

Welcome, Eloise!



**Don't forget to turn  
 your clocks back  
 1 hour on  
 Sunday, November 3rd!**

Fall/Winter Worship Hours  
Saturday-  
 Contemporary Service 5 PM  
Sunday-  
 Confirmation 8:30 AM  
 Traditional Service 9:45 AM

Worship services are also  
 streamed live on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/  
 stjohnwillison



**“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  
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Mon-Tues-Wed 9am—3pm  
 Thurs. hours vary  
 Closed Friday



### Circle Meetings

**ESTHER CIRCLE:** Tuesday, November 12, 2:00 p.m.  
(delayed one week due to Election Day)  
Meeting in the Social Hall  
Bible Study: Group Study

Tuesday, December 3, 2:00 p.m.  
Christmas Sing-a-long/Diane Hartman

**REBEKAH CIRCLE:** Tuesday, November 12, 7:00 p.m.  
Group Study

Tuesday, December 3, 7:00 p.m.  
Group Study

The prayer chain will be updated effective Jan. 1, 2025. If you are on the prayer chain and wish to remain, there is nothing for you to do.

If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, you have a change in phone number or change in your email address, please let Margaret Berger (419-340-2150) or the church office know. (419-836-5514 or email [office@stjohnwilliston.org](mailto:office@stjohnwilliston.org))

The email prayer chain is distributed via email by Margaret, Pastor O'Brien or the church office. You do not need to do anything but pray. There is no need to respond to the emails.

When phone call prayer chain reaches you, you are asked to call the next person on the prayer list to keep the chain going. We try to keep the information distributed at a minimum to avoid any errors or misinformation.

The prayer chain may be used for medical concerns, special needs or in a time of thanksgiving in your family or friends..

And as always, we prayed for YOU today!



Attached to your November Forerunner you will find an envelope for the 2024 WELCA Thankoffering. Envelopes will also be available near the offering plates and near the office.

WELCA's roots date back to 1837, when the first American Lutheran Women's Society was established. Today WELCA supports women across the US and the globe by

- \* granting resources such as devotionals, bible studies, workshops and retreats.
- \* granting scholarships to women preparing for lay or ordained ministry.
- \* providing training about issues such as human trafficking, racism, domestic violence, bullying and immigration.

The Thankoffering tradition honors generations of women joyfully joining together in God's service, giving thanks for what HE has given us.



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*Connecting faith & finances for good.®*

Attention Thrivent Members:  
Did you know??

If you are Thrivent insurance or investment policy holder, our church may be eligible to earn Thrivent contributions to financially assist the efforts of our St. John congregation.

Please contact Diane Gerkenmeyer at [rondiangerk@aol.com](mailto:rondiangerk@aol.com) or 419-276-3800 to learn how you can get Thrivent support for our church and St. John community.



**ORDER DEADLINE**  
**MONDAY NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>!**

**(no late orders, please!)**

Please place this 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.

The deadline to order is Monday, NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>.

| Please Circle your color selections:                    | In Memory or in Honor of |
|---|--------------------------|
| In Memory of or<br>In Honor Of<br>Color    RED    WHITE | _____<br>_____           |
| In Memory or<br>In Honor Of<br>Color    RED    WHITE    | _____<br>_____           |
| In Memory or<br>In Honor Of<br>Color    RED    WHITE    | _____<br>_____           |
| In Memory or<br>In Honor Of<br>Color    RED    WHITE    | _____<br>_____           |

Purchaser's name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Ordered**

\_\_\_\_\_ plants at \$10.00 = (amount enclosed) \_\_\_\_\_

*Plants will be ready for pick up following Christmas Eve Services at St. John.*



Shopping with the Stars  
Available now!

Just pick a star or take a gift list  
from the table located in the  
narthex and purchase a gift for  
one of our neighbors at  
The Luther Home of Mercy

No Wrapping Needed!!  
Return to church  
by Sunday,  
December 8th.



Most are inexpensive  
but bring great joy to  
the residents.



2025 Altar and  
Chancel Flowers are  
ready to order!  
Please see the sign up  
list on the office door  
across from the main  
staircase.

Altar Flowers are still \$25  
Chancel Flowers are still \$20

Please fill out the Flower Order Form and  
submit it along with your payment to the  
church office or place it in the offering  
plate. Please do this early as the spots fill  
up quickly and the office needs to know  
the information before the weekend  
selected.

*Please keep in mind that flowers cannot be  
ordered without both the form and the  
payment. Thank you!*



**Join the St. John Dartball Team!  
Dartball begins November 5th**

**Get those pitching arms ready!  
Join us for fun on  
Tuesday nights when the  
Western Ottawa County  
Dartball League begins its new season.**

**The first game will be on Tuesday,  
November 5th at 7:30 PM  
at at Oak Harbor UMC**

**All are welcome. No experience is needed.  
All are welcome to come and cheer  
on our St. John Team, too!**

**See or call Jeff Schimming for more info.  
419-356-3552**





# THANKS GIVING

*Community Worship  
and Dinner*

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE GIVE THANKS  
TOGETHER!

Sun.  
Nov.  
24

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AT 5:00 pm  
COMMUNITY DINNER AT 6:00 pm  
ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WILLISTON, OH

Please welcome our neighboring churches as we come together in fellowship, worship and thanksgiving!  
**Donations of desserts would be greatly appreciated.**  
We are also collecting canned goods at this service to share with our area food pantries.



**Join us for Once a Month Sunday School!**  
**We meet every first Sunday of the month, October through May, in the basement at 8:30 am**



Bring the whole family for a bible story, craft, snack, video, and music!  
 (Yes, we want parents too!)

See you November 3rd at 8:30!

**Confirmation NEWS**

Confirmation Class  
 Every Sunday  
 at 8:30a.m.



**ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

**"CHRISTMAS AT THE BEACH"**

**WILL BE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH DURING THE 9:45AM CHURCH SERVICE**

**THE ADVENT TEA WILL FOLLOW THE CHURCH SERVICE IN THE BASEMENT.**

**PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT TO SHARE FOR THE ADVENT TEA.**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR BEACH ITEMS TO BORROW FOR THIS PROGRAM. PLEASE CALL TAMMY MAZUR FOR INFORMATION.**

**419-266-6491**

**Prayer/Contact Cards...**  
 You will see blue Prayer/Contact cards in the pews. Please fill them out if you have a prayer request, a change in your contact information, would like to join the St. John family or to speak with the Pastor. Just place them in the offering plate.



## SACK FOR A SACK

St. John will be supporting **SACK FOR A SACK** again this year. Every time the Genoa defense sacks the opposing team's quarterback, St. John will donate a \$50 sack of groceries to the Genoa Food pantry.

If you would like to contribute to "Sack for a Sack" and the Genoa Food Pantry, mark your donation "Sack for a Sack" and place it in the offering plate.

You can also drop off a donation at the church office.



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), Fruit cups, soup, snacks, Packaged/shelf stable lunches and snacks. (no glass, medicine or expired food, please) There is a donation box near the office



**Join the Choir...**

**You'll Be Glad You Did!**

If anyone interested in joining the bell choir and/or singing with the choir this fall and winter, please contact Beckie Goldstein or see her after church services.

**Practices are after Sunday's service.**



JOIN US IN WATCHING THE CHOSEN SERIES

WE WILL GATHER FOLLOWING SUNDAY'S WORSHIP (11:00ISH) AND HAVE PIZZA WHILE WE WATCH THE SHOW.

WE WELCOME ANYONE TO JOIN US. IF YOU MISS AN EPISODE OR NEED TO CATCH UP, YOU CAN FIND THE SHOW AT

[HTTPS://WWW.ANGEL.COM/WATCH/THE-CHOZEN](https://www.angel.com/watch/the-chozen)

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 3 NOVEMBER 17

DECEMBER 1

DECEMBER 15 JANUARY 12

JANUARY 26



**PAJAMAS!  
PAJAMAS!  
PAJAMAS!  
PAJAMAS!**

We are collecting **PAJAMAS**

for distribution with the **Ottawa County Holiday Bureau.** Through November, there will be **MOONS** set out with the gender and size needed for you to pick up!

You may wrap your gift if you like, but make sure you attach the moon or label it.

Please help to provide the wonderful gift of snuggly pajamas!

Any questions call Cheryl @419-345-3941.

# Around our community

PACK 342 INVITES YOU TO  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

WHEN: NOV 16, 2024

TIME: 8AM - 11AM

WHERE: ST JOHN WILLISTON CHURCH

**\$5 ADVANCED TICKETS**

AVAILABLE THROUGH NOV 3, 2024



**AT THE DOOR:**  
KIDS 4 & UNDER : FREE  
KIDS 5-12: \$5  
ADULTS: \$8  
SENIORS 60+: \$6



TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH ANY PACK  
342 MEMBER OR THROUGH STEPHANIE  
BOSS AT 419.250.8161 (TEXT OR CALL)



Ladies,  
You are cordially invited to attend  
Our 27th Annual Advent Brunch

*Is There a Star in Your Eyes?*



November 30, 2024

9:30 a.m.

St. John Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge, Ohio

**Tickets**

\$10.00 with reservation, limited seating

RSVP with payment to LisaAnne in the church of-  
fice (St John-Williston) no later than  
November 10th.

This year's brunch will benefit the  
"Todd Hablitzel Do-It-Best for BCS Fund," which  
supports families in the BCS School district who  
are facing the challenges of cancer.



## BBQ Pork Chop Dinner



**Sunday, November 3, 2024**

11:00 AM until Sold-Out

St. Peter Lutheran Church (Blackberry)

17877 W. St. Rt. 579

Corner of St. Rt. 579 and Elliston –Trowbridge Rd.

BBQ Pork Chops \* Redskin Potatoes/Stuffing  
Vegetable \* Cole Slaw/Applesauce  
Rolls/Butter \*Homemade Desserts

One Chop \$13.00 Two Chops \$15.00  
**Carry Out Only**

## Allen-Clay Joint Fire District Station 34- Williston



## Feather Party

## Sat. Nov. 16th 7:30 PM



Mark your calendars for our  
First Annual



**American  
Red Cross**

## **BLACK FRIDAY BLOOD DRIVE** at St. John-Williston!

Friday, November 29th 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Gather your friends, finish shopping for all your gifts and then come and give the most important gift of all- the **GIFT OF LIFE!**

Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to make  
your appointment today!

Blood Drive volunteers are also needed!  
See the sign up sheet on the church office door.



ONCE AGAIN, THE BLANKET LADIES HAD A SUCCESSFUL YEAR! WE FINISHED WITH A TOTAL OF 261 BLANKETS. WE WERE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE BLANKETS TO NIGHTINGALE'S HARVEST, HOLIDAY BUREAU, BEACH HOUSE, RUTH ANN'S HOUSE, MOM'S HOUSE, AND LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF. WE ALSO HAD A BOX OF FABRIC KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, WE PASS BLANKETS TO MEMBERS OR FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION THAT HAVE HEALTH ISSUES. WE ALSO GAVE BLANKETS TO A FAMILY WHO LOST EVERYTHING IN A HOUSE FIRE.

**AUCTION HIGHEST BIDDERS WERE...**

**LORI BUHROW, GARY LAMBERT, MONICA DENNISTON AND TAMMY MAZUR**

**RAFFLE WINNERS WERE...**

**MIKE KING, VICTORIA KISS, AMY SCHLOEGL, DIANE HARTMAN, BEVERLY MARSH, EVALYN WITTY, RYLAN SANDROCK AND BEN PERKINS.**

WE WANT TO THANK ALL WHO PURCHASED BLANKETS, RAFFLE TICKETS AND BID ON THE AUCTION. ALSO, A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED SHEETS, MATERIAL AND THREAD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. ON AVERAGE, WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY \$8.00 COST IN EACH BLANKET, PLUS HOURS OF LABOR. WE HAVE BEEN DRIVING TO SHILOH, OH TO

PURCHASE THE FILLER, AS WE FOUND THE SIZE AND PRICE IS BETTER THAN IF WE WOULD PURCHASE LOCALLY. WE TIE BLANKETS EVERY TUESDAY MORNING FROM 9:00 TO 11:30 IN THE BASEMENT. THE CUTTING OF SQUARES, SEWING THE TOPS AND FINISHING THE EDGES ARE DONE AT HOME. THE BLANKET LADIES CURRENTLY INCLUDE MARCIA MORGAN, BEVERLY HARDER, MARVEL NELSON, MELISSA LAMMERS, ARLINE SABIN, GERTRUDE ECKERMAN AND MARGARET BERGER AND WE RECENTLY WELCOMED DIANE GERKENSMeyer TO THE GROUP, TOO! ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US AND THE COFFEE IS ALWAYS ON!



***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

November 4 – Job 17  
 November 11 – Job 18  
 November 18 – Job 19  
 November 25 – Job 20

**ADVENT BREAK**

December 30 – Job 21

January 6 – Job 22  
 January 13 – Job 23  
 January 20 – Job 24  
 January 27 – Job 25

February 3 – Job 26  
 February 10 – Job 27  
 February 17 – Job 28  
 February 24 – Job 29

March 3 – Job 30  
 March 10 – Job 31  
 March 17 – Job 32  
 March 24 – Job 33  
 March 31 – Job 34

April 7 – Job 35  
 April 14 – Job 36  
 April 21 – Job 37  
 April 28 – Job 38

May 5 – Job 39  
 May 12 – Job 40  
 May 19 – Job 41  
 May 26- Job 42

# November Stewardship



This year, our offerings received through our Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes will be donated to the Ottawa County Holiday Bureau. Please use your orange bordered offering envelope which is marked "Thanksgiving Offering" to give to this charitable cause which helps our neighbors in need during the Christmas Season. You may also note "Holiday Bureau" on an envelope, drop your donation off at the church office or give online at [www.stjohnwilliston.org](http://www.stjohnwilliston.org). Thank you for helping us help our neighbors!



Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*



**Lord, Thank you for showing us how to give back through stewardship.  
Our hearts and souls are forever grateful.**



St. John Lutheran Church  
Williston, Ohio

## Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

### The 7th Annual Williston Community Christmas Tree Lighting & Meal

**Saturday, December 7th**

Join us for Saturday worship  
at St. John at **5 PM**  
and then follow us outside to  
the Christmas Tree (just east of the parsonage)  
where we will celebrate the season together!

Following the Christmas Tree lighting, we will  
join together for a Community Meal to be  
served in the St. John Church basement.  
We will also have games with prizes!

Please join the Evangelism Committee, your  
church family and your neighbors to celebrate  
the beginning of the Advent season.

Thrivent Choice Dollars will be donating the  
cost of the meal.

We will be collecting donations of paper  
products and personal items  
for Nightingale's Harvest.

They have a need for certain items such as  
liquid dish soap, liquid hand soap and toilet  
paper, but all items are greatly appreciated.  
A box will be placed by the elevator for all to  
donate at any time.

Nightingale's Harvest provides a food pantry for  
families with cancer in Northwest Ohio. They are  
located at Our Savior Lutheran Church on Alexis  
Rd. in Toledo. They have received many of our  
blankets over the years. We have invited the  
founder and representatives to join us.



## CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR OUR VETERANS

Christian Community Life would like donations  
of NEW CHRISTMAS CARDS !!

They will be sent to the  
Sandusky County Veterans Home.  
We will be signing them from our church.  
We are looking into a FAITH card or  
something like that to put inside!  
Thank you for helping to make their Christmas  
a little more special ♥!  
You may drop them off in the box  
by the office.



WREATHS  
— across —  
AMERICA

**REMEMBER the Fallen. . .**  
**HONOR those who Serve. . .**  
**TEACH our children the value**  
**of Freedom.**

On **December 14, 2024 at 11:00 am**,  
Wreaths Across America  
will be at Clay Township Cemetery,  
Harris-Elmore Cemetery and  
Union Cemetery in Oak Harbor, Ohio to  
remember and honor our veterans  
through the laying of Remembrance  
Wreaths on the graves of our country's  
fallen heroes and the act of saying the  
name of each and every veteran aloud.  
Please join us and help lay these wreaths  
upon the hundred's of graves of our  
honored veterans.  
You may also sponsor wreaths with your  
financial donations at  
[www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org) 16



## **How many of you are familiar with an Advent Calendar?**

*The idea dates back to the German Lutherans in the 1800s. It is based on the tradition of writing chalk tally marks on walls or lighting candles to count the remaining days until Christmas. Modern Advent calendars help you count down the days by either moving a little star on a calendar or opening up a little pocket or box to reveal a tiny gift (or moving Hans Gruber down the Nakatomi Plaza). Since they were very little, we have gotten chocolate Advent calendars for our kids. (Actually, that's something we still do.) Each day they can open the numbered window and count down the days until Christmas with a piece of chocolate. One year we even found an Advent calendar filled with dog treats. I doubt Fancy understood the sentiment, but she was glad to have a daily treat.*

*This year, I would like you to consider participating in a twist on that idea... a Reverse Advent Calendar. Instead of taking something out for yourself, the idea is to put something in or set something aside to give to someone else— thus giving instead of getting. There are boxes and calendars listing different items for each day until Christmas available at the church. Or you can print a calendar from the newsletter or Facebook and use your own box from home. At the end of Advent, the reverse calendar will result in a collection of 24 items that can be dropped off at the church to support a good cause at Christmas time.*

*The calendar we have created supports the needs pantry at the **Advent Lutheran Center and the LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry at Elliston Zion.***

*The **Advent Lutheran Center** is one of five day programs operated by Luther Home of Mercy. Here, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities socialize with others, interact with the community and learn new skills. When this site opened several years ago, there was a strong desire by participants to give back to their community through volunteering. However, they discovered many places are not willing or able to accommodate persons with disabilities as volunteers and the offer to help was frequently declined.*

*That did not deter the Advent participants... instead, they opened their own personal needs pantry. (They believe this to be a first-of-its-kind program in Ohio and a true celebration of the positive community spirit of those they serve.) This project is largely funded by the individuals themselves, their families, and the staff who work there. They are not always able to keep up with the community demand for products. Our help enables the participants to keep the pantry open and keep offering smiles and needed items to others.*

*The **Light Neighborhood Pantry at Elliston Zion** is open to all residents of Ottawa County struggling with food insecurity. They are a free local choice food pantry where clients can select the items they want and will use. The pantry can get many food items from the Toledo NWO Food Bank, but hygiene and personal need items are rarely available. Our help enables them to provide these items for the people they serve. On average, the **LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry** serves 25-40 families each month and serves dinner once a month to as many as 70 people. The **LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry** is open on the 2nd Weds. of each month from 5-7 PM and is also available in emergency circumstances. They also have a partnership with the Blessing Box here at St. John to share items they have in abundance with our community.*

*Our Reverse Advent Calendars will support both organizations when they are filled. Also this year our Christmas offering will be designated to support our neighbors as they meet these community needs. You will hear more about these ministries in the season of Advent.*

# Supporting our neighbors at

The Luther Home of  
Mercy Needs Pantry

The LIGHT Neighborhood  
Pantry at Elliston Zion



## REVERSE CALENDAR OF GIVING FOR ADVENT

|                                     |                         |                                     |                                       |                                  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1<br>Shampoo                        | 2<br>Deodorant          | 3<br>Small pack<br>Toilet<br>paper  | 4<br>Hairbrush                        | 5<br>Body Wash                   |
| 6<br>Small<br>Laundry Soap          | 7<br>Razors             | 8<br>Dish Soap                      | 9<br>Shaving<br>cream                 | 10<br>Lotion                     |
| 11<br>Feminine<br>Hygiene items     | 12<br>Dryer sheets      | 13<br>Toothbrushes                  | 14<br>Body powder<br>(Gold Bond type) | 15<br>Toothpaste                 |
| 16<br>Small<br>Laundry Soap         | 17<br>Q-tips            | 18<br>Dish Soap                     | 19<br>Deodorant                       | 20<br>Body Wash                  |
| 21<br>Disinfectant<br>(Lysol) Wipes | 22<br>Hand<br>Sanitizer | 23<br>Small pack<br>Toilet<br>paper | 24<br>Shampoo                         | 25<br>Merry Christmas<br>to all! |



Give thanks  
to the Lord,  
for HE is good.  
His love endures  
forever.

Psalm 136:1



## Links of GRATITUDE

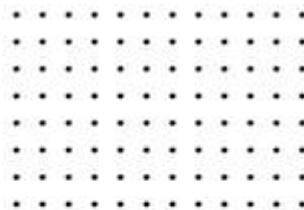
Make this meaningful decoration for your Thanksgiving table.

**What you need:**

- Construction paper (in fall colors)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Jar
- Stapler
- Adult help

**What you do:**

1. Cut the paper into strips about 2 inches wide.
2. Place the strips and pen in the jar. Then set it in a prominent place in your home.
3. Throughout November, have family discussions about what you're thankful to God for. Write or draw each item on a paper strip.
4. Make a paper chain by linking and carefully stapling the strips.
5. Keep adding to your decoration and display it during your Thanksgiving meal.

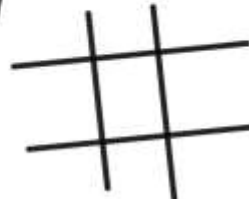
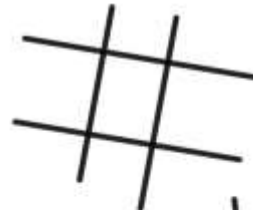


I AM THANKFUL FOR...

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**Join us for Sunday School!**  
**Sunday, November 3rd- 8:30 AM**  
**Invite a friend to Sunday School!**



From the Bishop

*Daniel Blecker*

Dear Friends in Christ,

In Psalm 46, we are reminded that God is with us, and especially present in times of pain and peril.

So many of our fellow citizens continue to struggle to rebuild their homes and their lives in the Southeast following two major hurricanes in the past month. Though my parents were in Michigan, and not in Florida at the time of Hurricane Helene, their home and the homes of their neighbors were flooded by the storm surge that accompanied that hurricane. We are grateful for the help of neighbors and volunteers.

Once again, I invite and encourage you and the people of God in your faith community to reach out to help those who are in need through Lutheran Disaster Response. Give today at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) or through your local church.

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make  
glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup>The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

<sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>**'Be still, and know that I am God!**  
I am exalted among the nations,  
**I am exalted in the earth.'**

<sup>11</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge. (Psalm 46)



## Foundations Courses

Registration now open for:

# Christianity in a Lutheran Key

Thursdays nights from 6-9 PM  
November 7th - December 12th  
Cost: \$65 for this 5-Week Class  
Location: Zoom

Learn more:

[www.growinginfaithohio.org](http://www.growinginfaithohio.org)

Register Now!

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PARISHES

NURTURE  
NEW  
COMMUNITIES

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## Practical Courses

Registration now open for:

# Church History

Thursdays nights from 6-9 PM  
November 7th - December 12th

Cost: \$65 for this 5-Week Class  
Location: Zoom

Learn more:

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# council meeting highlights

**Members Present:** Pastor O'Brien, Dan Kessler, Tim Titgemeyer, Diana Lambert, Margaret Berger, Cheryl Berger, Pam LaRue, Kellie Ulrich, John Mazur, Deanna Neuman, Dave Neuman, Kristina Wildman. **Members Absent:** Jennifer Nelson

**Devotions led by Pastor:** Psalm 91 and we had discussion with Pastor about active rest and what kind do you need.

**Pastor's Report: Worship Attendance:** In Person average for September 2024-115.8 compared to September 2023-170.5. Online average for September 2024- 94.2 compared to September 2023-96.5.

**Numbers:** 32 hospital/home-bound visits/individual or family meeting, 4 committee/group meetings, 5 community/youth/fellowship events, 4 professional/clergy activities, 2 funerals

**Funeral:** I presided at the funerals of Jeanette Lentz on September 17 and Wayne Bauman on September 21..

**Trunk or Treat**-Sunday, October 20, from 2-4 pm.

**Thanksgiving Worship**-St. John will again host the Community Worship on Sunday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. followed by a community meal at 6:00 pm.

## **Financial Secretary, Treasurer & Finance Committee**

**Report:** Income: We are 101% of our monthly budget and 97% of our year-to-date budget.. Expenses: We are 91% of the monthly budget and 95% of the year-to-date budget. Budget updates should be ready for November Committee meeting

**Christian Community Life:** There are plenty of moons to pick up for the donation of pajamas to the Holiday Bureau patrons. Thanks to those who have already donated pajamas. They would like to collect Christmas cards to be sent to the Sandusky County Veterans Home. Food Pantry items: Families served 31; Patrons-66; Expenses were \$4101.56; Donations- \$345; Spring Simply Give Total was \$23507. The cupboards have been removed to make more room. Genoa Custom Interiors leveled the floor for free.. Bauman Car Raffle has ended and the first drawing will be Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> and the final drawing on November 9th.

**Evangelism:** Ready for Trunk or Treat. Received \$250 from Thrivent to help cover the cost of food for the Christmas Tree Lighting. We will be collecting personal and paper products for them. They are in need of liquid hand soap, liquid dish soap and toilet paper.

**Parish Education:** We had 6 children and 7 adults at Sunday School this month. Trunk or Treat is this Sunday. Fliers have

been placed and an ad was run in the Suburban Press. We have gotten a lot of candy donated and we are hoping for several decorated cars and some catechism age kids to help out. Gary Johnson will be driving the hay-ride wagon

**Stewardship:** The Golf Outing raised \$2716 for the Good Samaritan Fund with 11 teams this year compared to 18 teams last year. Next year the Golf Outing will be on 9/20/2025.

**Worship Life:** LisaAnne Gregg will be leading worship on October 19 & 20. Reformation Sunday on October 26/27 please wear red for this service.. Community Thanksgiving service is planned for November 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00, meal after the service at 6:00. St. Luke and St. Peter are invited. Meal being planned is chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and salad. We would like volunteers from all participating churches to provide desserts. A dessert sign up sheet will be posted. We would like volunteers to help with the clean up afterwards. We discussed the Christmas Eve service. We discussed keeping 4,7,11 as it has been in the past. Do we want to continue with three services, do we want to condense to two services so that attendance would be less spread out. If so, what time for traditional/candle light service? We will monitor the attendance at 4, 7, 11 this year and then re-evaluate the Christmas Eve service times next year.

**Property:** Dimech replaced the air separator on the boiler for \$3561.00. Sump pump was replaced. Circuit breakers were replaced. Purchasing a WiFi thermostat for the control of the heat in the sanctuary. Also, need to purchase a new thermostat for the parsonage.

**Nominating Committee:** Positions needed to fill for the upcoming year are 1 Evangelism, 1 Worship Life, and 1 Property.

**Old Business:** Garbage pickup choices for the extra trash after a busy weekend with lots of trash were discussed.

**New Business:** None

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by John Mazur..

Seconded by Dave Neuman. Meeting adjourned at 8:19..

Minutes submitted by: Diana Lambert, Council Secretary





# Worship Assistants



| Saturdays 5:00pm      | Sundays 9:45 am        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Ushers</b>         | <b>Ushers</b>          |
| 2-Buhrow family       | 3-Jill Kao             |
| 9-Jack Mathews        | 10-Jim Volgelbacher    |
| 16-Ron Gerkenismeyer  | 17-Diana Lambert       |
| 23-Donnelly Family    | 24-Titgemeyers         |
| 30-Buhrow Family      |                        |
| <b>Lectors</b>        | <b>Lectors</b>         |
| 2-Amy Schloegl        | 3-Jerry Goldstein      |
| 9-Jonah D.            | 10-Kellie Ulrich       |
| 16-Nancy Strohscher   | 17-Melissa Lammers     |
| 23-Beverly Harder     | 24-Tim Titgemeyer      |
| 30-Sandy Toth         |                        |
| <b>Acolytes</b>       | <b>Acolytes</b>        |
| 2-Liam D.             | 3-Lauren H.            |
| 9-Nolan D.            | 10-Rylan S.            |
| 16-Jonah D.           | 17-Rylie C.            |
| 23-Trenton K.         | 24-Lauren H.           |
| 30-Jacob H.           |                        |
| <b>Communion</b>      | <b>Communion</b>       |
| 2-Carol Vargo         | 3-Margaret Berger      |
| 9-Alice Witt          | 10-Dave Neuman         |
| 16-Ron Gerkenismeyer  | 17-Roland Sandrock     |
| 23-JoElaine Schimming | 24-RoseMarie Dickinson |
| 30-Al & Traci Brown   |                        |

| Saturdays 5:00pm      | Sundays 9:45 am     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Ushers</b>         | <b>Ushers</b>       |
|                       | 1-Jill Kao          |
| 7-Jack Mathews        | 8-Diana Lambert     |
| 14-Ron Gerkenismeyer  | 15-Jim Vogelbacher  |
| 21-Donnelly Family    | 22-The Titgemeyers  |
| 28-Buhrow Family      | 29-Diana Lambert    |
| <b>Lectors</b>        | <b>Lectors</b>      |
|                       | 1-Deanna Neuman     |
| 7-Beverly Harder      | 8-Diana Lambert     |
| 14-Amy Schloegl       | 15-Melissa Lammers  |
| 21-Nancy Strohscher   | 22-Cebie Titgemeyer |
| 28-Jonah Danhoff      | 29-Kellie Ulrich    |
| <b>Acolytes</b>       | <b>Acolytes</b>     |
|                       | 1-Mila M.           |
| 7-Liam D.             | 8-Makenna           |
| 14-Nolan D.           | 15-Rylan S.         |
| 21-Jonah D.           | 22-Lauren H.        |
| 28-Trenton            | 29-Mila m.          |
| <b>Communion</b>      | <b>Communion</b>    |
|                       | 1-Dave Neuman       |
| 7-Ron Gerkenismeyer   | 8-Kellie Ulrich     |
| 14-JoElaine Schimming | 15-Pam LaRue        |
| 21-Carol Vargo        | 22-Robin Perkins    |
| 28- Al & Traci Brown  | 29-Roland Sandrock  |

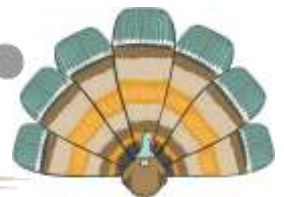
*Thank you for serving the Lord! If you cannot make your assignment, please make arrangements for a replacement then let the office know as soon as possible.*

**Worship assistants will be needed for our Community Thanksgiving Service on 11/24 And at our Christmas Eve Services at 4PM 7 PM and 11PM. Please watch for the sign up sheets!**














# November

## at St. John



GIVE THANKS

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|---|
| <b>27</b><br>8:30am -9:30am Confirmation Class<br>9:45am -10:45am Traditional Worship<br>11:00am -12:00pm Choir practice<br>5:00pm -6:30pm Scouts   | <b>28</b><br>Faith Practice Reading-<br>Job 16   | <b>29</b><br>9:00am Blankets  | <b>30</b><br><br>7:00am Breakfast<br>Gathering at GENOA<br>McDonalds   | <b>31</b>   | <b>1</b><br>Office closed  | <b>2</b><br>Nuti/Buhrow Social<br>Hall<br>5:00pm Contemporary<br>Worship  |
| <b>3</b><br><br>8:30am -9:30am Confirmation Class<br>8:30am -9:30am Sunday School for ALL<br>AGES<br>9:45am -10:45am Traditional Worship<br>11:00am -12:00pm Choir practice<br>11:00am -1:00pm The Chosen Movie<br>5:00pm -6:30pm Scouts (B) | <b>4</b><br>Faith Practice Reading-<br>Job 17  | <b>5</b><br><br>Office closed<br>9:00am No Blankets<br>today<br>7:30pm -9:30pm<br>Dartball at Oak<br>Harbor St. Paul   | <b>6</b><br><br>7:00am Breakfast<br>Gathering at GENOA<br>McDonalds<br>6:00pm -8:00pm Cub<br>Scouts Committee<br>Meeting (B) | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>Office closed  | <b>9</b><br>5:00pm Contemporary<br>Worship  |
| <b>10</b><br>8:30am -9:30am Confirmation Class<br>9:45am -10:45am Traditional Worship<br>11:00am -12:00pm Choir practice<br>11:00am -1:00pm The Chosen Movie<br>5:00pm -7:00pm Scouts (B)   | <b>11</b><br><br>Faith Practice Reading-<br>Job 18<br>Poinsettia Orders Due<br>TODAY!   | <b>12</b><br><br>9:00am Blankets<br>2:00pm -4:00pm Esther<br>Circle<br>7:00pm -9:00pm<br>Rebekah Circle<br>7:30pm -9:30pm<br>Dartball at St. John<br>Rocky Ridge | <b>13</b><br><br>7:00am Breakfast<br>Gathering at GENOA<br>McDonalds   | <b>14</b><br><br>Committee Night 7 PM              | <b>15</b><br>Office closed   | <b>16</b><br><br>8:00am -1:00pm<br>Scouts Pancake<br>Breakfast (B)<br>5:00pm Contemporary<br>Worship |
| <b>17</b><br>8:30am -9:30am Confirmation Class<br>9:45am -10:45am Traditional Worship<br>11:00am -12:00pm Choir practice<br>5:00pm -6:30pm Scouts (B)   | <b>18</b><br><br>Faith Practice Reading-<br>Job 19<br>Forerunner deadline 9<br>AM<br>7:00pm -8:00pm Scout<br>Committee Meeting<br>(B) | <b>19</b><br><br>9:00am Blankets<br>7:30pm -9:30pm<br>Dartball Millbury St<br>Paul UMC   | <b>20</b><br><br>7:00am Breakfast<br>Gathering at GENOA<br>McDonalds   | <b>21</b><br><br>7:00pm -8:00pm<br>Council Meeting | <b>22</b><br>Office closed   | <b>23</b><br>5:00pm Contemporary<br>Worship   |
| <b>24</b><br><br>Thanksgiving Worship Service 5 PM<br>Dinner 6PM<br>8:30am -9:30am Confirmation Class<br>9:45am -10:45am Traditional Worship<br>11:00am -12:00pm Choir practice  | <b>25</b><br>Faith Practice Reading-<br>Job 20   | <b>26</b><br><br>9:00am Blankets<br>7:30pm -9:30pm<br>Dartball at Elliston<br>Zion UMC   | <b>27</b><br><br>7:00am Breakfast<br>Gathering at GENOA<br>McDonalds   | <b>28</b><br><br>Thanksgiving-Office<br>Closed     | <b>29</b><br><br>Office closed<br>1:00pm -6:00pm Black<br>Friday F.R.I.E.N.D.S.<br>Blood Drive! | <b>30</b><br>12:00am -12:00am<br>Ladies Advent Brunch<br>at St John- Rocky<br>Ridge<br>5:00pm Contemporary<br>Worship   |

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## In person and online!

Fall Worship Hours at St. John

Saturday- Contemporary Worship 5:00 PM

Confirmation Class- Sunday 8:30 AM

Sunday School- October-May 8:30 AM

First Sunday of each month- All Ages

Sunday- Traditional Worship 9:45 AM

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