

April 18 & 19, 2026

Easter 3



You are welcome here.
To all who are weary and need rest,
To all who mourn and long for
comfort,
To all who fail and need strength,
And to all who sin and need a Savior,
This church opens wide its doors and
its heart with a welcome from Jesus

Christ. Do you have questions? Just ask! We are happy to tell you all about us! There is an elevator to the left of the pulpit for those who wish to use it.

For more info visit: www.stjohnwilliston.org

This Week: April 20-April 26

Mon: Faith Reading Isaiah 16

Mon: Forerunner articles due today!

Tues: Blankets 9 AM

Weds: Breakfast Fellowship at McDonalds 7 AM

Sat: Livestock Unlimited 4-H (B) 9 AM

Sat: Worship 5 PM

Sun: Adult Sunday School and Confirmation 8:30 AM

Sun: Sunday School Age 3 thru Grade 5 9:00 AM

Sun: Worship 9:45 AM



The Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory of God and celebration of the
marriage of Drew and Marissa

Schloegl on April 18th

By Marty, Amy and Owen Schloegl.

JOIN US for Fellowship!

Our Breakfast Gatherings are Wednesdays at McDonald's in Genoa! Join us this Weds. at 7 AM for a few laughs, too!



Want to know more about St. John? Simply call, stop in or visit our website at

www.stjohnwilliston.org.

We are also on Facebook and YouTube!



PRAYER list



- Carolyn Lasseter- medical concerns
- Jodi (Sievert) Main-medical concerns
- Wayne Schimming-medical concerns
- Ben Perkins-medical concerns
- Gene Bihn-medical concerns
- Kayla Korik-medical concerns
- Beth Keller-medical concerns
- Deb Wehner-medical concerns
- Jill Mathews-medical concerns
- Shirley & Richard Crosskill-medical concerns
- Terrie Ziegler-medical concerns
- Craig Blausey-medical concerns
- Sharon-medical concerns

A Time to Plant

Ecclesiastes 3:2



Your Evangelical Lutheran neighbors invite you to join us for

Rogation Days

A celebration of agriculture during the planting season

May 10-14: Blessing of Farms

Area pastors will bless local fields, livestock and equipment.

To have your farm included, contact your pastor or congregational leader or if they are not available, Pastor Shawn O'Brien at pastorobrien@stjohnwilliston.org

Please include your name, phone number, location, and preferred date and time of blessing.

May 14: Worship & Dinner

6:00 p.m. Worship Celebration

Following worship: Enjoy a FREE farm-style meal at:

Solomon Lutheran Church
305 W Main St.
Woodville, OH

Prepared by Ole' Zimms Wagon Shed

Sponsored by:



Northwestern Ohio Synod
North Central Conference
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

HOW CAN
we Pray
FOR YOU?

Need prayers? You may ask for the prayers of your sisters and brothers at St. John. If such a need arises, please call Margaret Berger (419-340-2150), Pastor O'Brien (419-378-1112) or the church office (419-836-5514) who will begin the prayer chain. Please keep your message short and concise to avoid misinterpretation. Thanks! If you are new to St. John and would like to be on the prayer chain call list, please let Margaret, Pastor or the office know. Email: office@stjohnwilliston.org



Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School is coming to St. John!

June 15-June 19th 9 am to Noon

We are looking for Youth and Adult Volunteers to lead our littles as we explore the Nature of God!

Want to help?

Contact Melissa 419-367-6220

or Carol at 419-340-2518.

We'll see you in the Rainforest!!

Saturdays 5:00pm

Ushers

18-Donnelly Family
25-Jack Mathews
2-Buhrow Family

Lectors

18-Beverly Harder
25-Jonah D.
2-Sandy Toth

Acolytes

18-Pierce
25-Nolan
2-Nolan

Communion

18-JoElaine S.
25-Al & Traci Brown
2-Nancy Strohscher

Sundays 9:45 am

Ushers

19-Jim Vogelbacher
26-Titgemeyer's
3-Diana Lambert

Lectors

19-Kellie Ulrich
26-Tim Titgemeyer
3-Jerry Goldstein

Acolytes

19-Rylie
26-Rylan
3-Makenna C.

Communion

19-Margaret Berger
26-Rose Marie D.
3-Dave Neuman

Worship
Assistants
Needed



We need Worship Helpers!

Won't you step in?

We are short on people willing to help

during worship! We need Ushers, Lectors, and Communion Assistants!

Task descriptions and trainings are readily available! See Pastor or stop in the office for more info!



If you are a Thrivent investment or insurance policy holder, our church may be eligible to earn Thrivent Action Team Dollars to financially

assist the efforts of our St. John congregation. This is a very quick and easy process which can qualify you for \$250 Thrivent Action Team dollars that can be used for many projects in our church and our community. In 2025 our St. John Family qualified for more than \$7,000 from this process. Please contact Diane Gerkenmeyer at rondiangerk@aol.com or 419-276-3800 to learn how you can get Thrivent support for our church and our St. John community.



WELCA Notes:

The May Meeting of the Esther Circle will be held on MAY 12th at 2 PM (rescheduled due to voting)

The June Meeting of the Esther Circle will be held on JUNE 2nd at NOON. We will be doing our yearly kitchen cleaning. See you then!

SHARE YOUR IDEAS!

We're planning some future **Adult Luther League** events and looking to gauge interest.



Use this form or send an email to the Pastor (pastorobrien@stjohnwilliston.org) Please indicate which activities you would be interested in and likely to attend. If you have any additional ideas, please write those down or let Pastor O'Brien know.

Merry-Go-Round Museum and lunch in Sandusky (approximately \$10, plus lunch)

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (approximately \$40, plus lunch and transportation)

Maritime Museum of the Great Lakes and lunch in Toledo (\$14, plus lunch)

Frankenmuth, Michigan – shopping at Bronner's Christmas Wonderland and Bavarian food for lunch

Future show at the Stranahan or Valentine theater and dinner/lunch (price varies)

Digital Scavenger Hunt (the youth group did this several years ago, it involves traveling around the area with your group and finding local attractions)

Euchre Tournament 2 (in the church basement)

Amish Country visit (similar to what we did last year; approximately \$235)

List ideas of your own!

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Zion Lutheran Church

303 Park Dr., Luckey, Ohio



Registration and breakfast will begin at 8:15 AM in the church fellowship hall located in the

basement. The church is handicap accessible at the door under the carport and the elevator is just inside the door. The program begins at 9 Am upstairs in the sanctuary. The cost of the program is \$12 and includes a continental breakfast, the speakers, and lunch.

Speaker: The Cocoon

The Cocoon is Wood County's comprehensive domestic and sexual violence agency providing shelter and advocacy services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, sex trafficking, stalking, and adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. The speakers will discuss the Cocoon's mission, what services they offer, basic statistics, their history over the last 20 years and how we can help.

We are asking all women to bring a non-perishable food item, women's personal hygiene products, or feminine products to be given to The Cocoon. Items that The Cocoon cannot use, will be given to the Luckey Food Bank.

Please return the registration slip and a \$12 check made to Zion Lutheran with WELCA in the memo line to PO Box 155, Luckey, Ohio 43443. Or, Venmo payment to @Brooke-Hahn-8 and email the registration to zionluckey@gmail.com Please note on the registration "Venmo Payment". Pre-registration is GREATLY appreciated and due by April 18th but we will take registrations at the door too.

For questions, please contact Brooke Hahn with a call or text at 419-704- 7040 or email her at zionluckey@gmail.com

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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
Email: office@stjohnwilliston.org

Contemporary Worship: Saturday 5:00 pm
Adult Sunday School and Confirmation Class: Sunday 8:30 am
Sunday School (age 3 thru 5th grade) every Sunday 9 AM
Traditional Worship: Sunday 9:45 am



Watch worship while your are away from home or unable to attend worship in person!
<https://www.youtube.com/@stjohnwilliston>



Did you know our Blessing Box is used by the community every day?

Needed: Spaghetti Sauce (cans) Peanut Butter, Jelly, Hamburger Helper, Canned Meat, Rice A Roni/side dishes, Applesauce cups, Cereal (small boxes) Fruit cups, soup, snacks, Packaged/shelf stable lunches and snacks.

(Please no glass, medicine, pet food or expired food).
*Thanks for helping us help our neighbors!
(The donation box is across from the office)*



Thursday, April 30th at 11:00 AM

**Elliston Zion United Methodist Church
18045 W. William Street (off Elliston Trowbridge Rd)
Graytown, OH**



Please come to hear our guest speaker, Cathy Boldt from the Area Office on Aging as she helps us learn about “Healthy Eating!” Then stay and enjoy lunch and fellowship! Feel free to bring a side dish to share.

RSVP to Julie, Health Ministry Coordinator at 419-276-4018

Presented by the Health Care Ministry of Elliston Zion.



As part of our Seven Faith Practices, we are committed to read and study the Bible. This year, we will read through the *Book of Isaiah*. We will study each verse independently and then Pastor will discuss it during worship. Answer the question-and receive a treat!

April 6 – Isaiah 14
April 13 – Isaiah 15
April 20 – Isaiah 16
April 27 – Isaiah 17
May 3 – Isaiah 18
May 11 – Isaiah 19
May 18 – Isaiah 20
May 25 – Isaiah 21