

Nov. 30/Dec. 1, 2024 1st Weekend of Advent

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Happy New Year! Today the church calendar begins anew with Advent as we celebrate Jesus' coming in the past, present and future.

Welcome to worship! We invite you to become a member of the St. John family. There is an elevator to the left of the pulpit for those who wish to use it.



Coming Up at St John Mon. Dec. 2-Sun. Dec.8

Tues: Blankets 9 AM

Tues: WELCA Christmas Gathering (SH) 2 PM

Tues: DartBall HOME us Elmore St. Paul 7:30P

Wed : Breakfast -GENOA McDonald's 7AM

Wed: Ring the Bell at Miller's 10AM-6PM

Wed: Cub Scouts Committee Mtg. (B) 6:00 PM

Friday: Office closed

Sat: Worship 5 PM

Sat: Community Christmas Tree Lighting and Meal following worship!

Sun: Shopping with the Stars gifts due today!!

Sun: Confirmation 8:30 AM

Sun: Traditional Worship 9:45 AM

With Children's Christmas Program

Sun: Choir Practice 11:00 AM

Sun: Scouts Court of Honor (B) 5 PM

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Saturday Worship 5:00pm

Sunday Worship 9:45am



Doug Blausey- medical concerns
Carolyn Lasseeter- medical concerns
Elaine Gruetter-medical concerns
Richard Brossia-medical concerns
Dennis Carstensen-medical concerns
David Witty-medical concerns
Jakub Goldstein-medical concerns
Wayne Schimming-medical concerns
Ron Sheahan-medical concerns
Allen Yockey-medical concerns
Rich Bittner-medical concerns
Kathy Varga-medical concerns
Alicia Kardatzke-medical concerns
Lori and her caregiver Carol-medical concerns
Jacob LaRue-medical concerns
Mike Mann- medical concerns
Eric Smithers-medical concerns



The **Altar flowers** are given to the
Glory of God and in honor of
Rosemarie Dickinson
by her Grandchildren, Jacob,
Nicholas, Mason, Lauren, Allison
and Bobby.

Reverse Advent



Calendar

We are collecting items for the Advent Lutheran Center-a day program of the Luther Home of Mercy and for the LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry at Elliston Zion UMC-a free choice food pantry serving all of Ottawa County.

How? Take one of the boxes located near the church office or just take a Reverse Advent Calendar and day by day through Advent collect the items of the day. Return then when you have all the products or before Christmas Eve.

Thank you to Welch Packaging (Nate Gregg) for supplying our boxes!

Thank you for helping us to bless our neighbors this Christmas Season!!

Assistants for this weekend & next!

Saturdays 5:00pm	Sundays 9:45 am
Ushers	Ushers
30- Buhrow Family	1-Jill Kao
7-Jack Mathews	8-Diana Lambert
Lectors	Lectors
30- Sandy Toth	1-Deanna Neuman
7-Beverly Harder	8-Diana Lambert
Acolytes	Acolytes
30-Jacob H.	1-Mila M.
7-Liam D.	8-Makenna C.
Communion	Communion
30-Al & Traci Brown	1-Roland Sandrock
7-Ron Gerkenmeyer	8-Kellie Ulrich



The CHOSEN returns on
Sundays following worship
Join us for lunch and fellowship!
Dec. 1st
Dec. 15th



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!
Breakfast Gatherings have moved to the McDonald's in **Genoa!** So, join us Weds. at 7 AM for food and fellowship!

Join the St. John Dart Ball Team!
Our next game is this Tuesday at HOME! Get those pitching arms ready and join us for fun on Tuesday nights!
This weeks game will be on Tues. Dec. 3rd vs Elmore St. Paul HERE @ 7:30 PM



Ladies,
There is a place for you with the Women of the ELCA! Want to know more? Please feel free to attend a meeting (1st Tues. of the month at 2pm or 7pm) or contact the office. We would love to have you join our ministry to love and serve the Lord!

**The 7th Annual Williston
Community Christmas Tree Lighting & Meal
Saturday, December 7th following worship!**

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'll 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.





The STARS are out!

The Stars and the shopping lists for "Shopping with the Stars" are in the Narthex. Simply take a star or take a list and purchase a gift for our friends at the Luther Home of Mercy. Gifts do not need to be wrapped. All gifts need to be returned to the church by **Sun. December 8th**. Thanks!



Women
of the
**EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
IN AMERICA**

Esther Circle would like to invite the Rebekah Circle to join us for our December meeting at 2 pm on **Tuesday, December 3, in the Social Hall**. We are studying "The Women of the Bible"....."Esther" for our December meeting. We'll follow our study with singing Christmas Carols and then we'll socialize. We would ask that you bring either an hors d oeuvre OR a plate of cookies. **Any other ladies in the congregation are also cordially invited.** If you're interested, please confirm with Diane Gerkenmeyer at 419.836.7052. It's bound to be an enjoyable afternoon. Please join us.

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A new building access system has been installed at St. John.

Those needing regular entry to the church, outside of regular business hours (Mon-Thurs 9-3), will be issued a personalized access card to gain entry to the main doors near the parking lot. There is an access box on the right side of the main door. **If you have a need for an access card, please see Andy after worship or stop in the church office.** Further information, including instruction videos on the new system, will be available soon. Please watch your weekly email & the Forerunner for more information. This project is part of and is paid in part by Andy Kessler's Senior CapStone project at the University of Toledo.



Mark your calendars! Next Sunday!

Christmas on the Beach

The Children's Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 8, 2024 during the 9:45 church service. Light refreshments will be served after worship. The program this year is "**Christmas on the Beach**".

Bell Ringers Needed!

Help us ring the bell for the

Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign!

Dec. 4 10 am to 6 PM. Miller's in Genoa

Time slots are available and you may ring for as long as you wish! Sign up sheet is near the Pastor's door.



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. Thank you for helping to make their Christmas a little more special ♥! You may drop them off in the box by the office.



CHRISTMAS CARDS
FOR OUR VETERANS

WORSHIP HELPERS NEEDED

We are in need of WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for both Saturday and Sunday services. There is always a need for lectors, communion servers, and ushers. We also need Saturday Singers and Sunday Choir Members!

And..Christmas is Coming! We will need Worship Assistants for Christmas Eve Services at 4-7-11 PM. Check out the list next to Pastor's Office

If you are willing to help throughout the year, please contact the church office by email (office@stjohnwilliston.org) or call (419)836-5514. Thank you for serving the Lord in worship!

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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.”

Saturday Worship 5 PM

Confirmation Class Sunday 8:30 AM

Sunday Worship 9:45 AM

Sunday School meets on the 1st Sunday of the month

(October-May) 8:30 AM Fun in faith for the whole family! (Yes! Parents, too!!)

Join us on Christmas Eve at 4PM, 7PM or 11PM!



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. Thank you!!