

**October 18 & 19, 2025**



**Welcome to St. John!**

Our faith community welcomes you to worship today. We are a community that prays for and with one another. If you wish, we invite you to fill out a Contact card (in the pew rack) to share your prayer request. If you are a visitor and would like us to get in touch with you, please provide your information on the back and drop it in the offering plate. 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 visit: [www.stjohnwilliston.org](http://www.stjohnwilliston.org)**

**This Week: October 20-26 2025**

**Mon: Forerunner deadline today 9 AM**

Mon: Faith Practice Reading 3 John

Mon: Amish Country Trip (Mon-Weds)

Mon: Scout Committee Meeting 7 PM (B)

Tues: No Blankets this week.

Weds: No Breakfast this week

Sat: Worship 5 PM

Sun: Confirmation 8:30 AM

Sun: Sunday School 9:00 AM

Sun: Worship 9:45 AM

Sun: Choir following worship

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory to God and in loving memory of **Ralph and Edna Sandrock** by Carolyn Lasseter and Marilyn Sandrock



The **Chancel Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Patricia Delventhal** By Kent Delventhal and Evie Zimmerman

**Our Faith  
Practice #3  
Readings**

Oct. 20- 3 John

Oct. 27-Jude

Nov. 3-Jonah 1

Nov-10-Jonah 2



Carolyn Lasseter- medical concerns  
Dennis Carstensen-medical concerns  
Jodi (Sievert) Main-medical concerns  
Betty Roecker-medical concerns (at Genoa Care)  
Jeff Wegman-medical concerns  
Kevin Delventhal-medical concerns  
Betty Ueberroth-medical concerns  
Janis Wolf-medical concerns  
Gertrude Eckerman-medical concerns (at Genoa Care)  
Jolene (Jan Sheahan's niece)-medical concerns  
Jill Mathews-medical concerns  
Pat Sievert-medical concerns  
Lynn Jackson-medical concerns  
Elaine Gruetter-medical concerns (at Genoa Care)  
Sparky Haeft-medical concerns  
Kim Sommers-medical concerns  
Diane Gerkenmeyer- medical concerns  
Jeff Schimming-medical concerns  
Cody Witt-medical concerns

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**JOIN US AT**  
**St. John-Williston**  
**for our**  
**trunk or**  
**TREAT**

**Sunday**  
**OCTOBER 19**  
**2:00-4:00 PM**  
**Bring the whole family**  
**and join us!**

**Hayrides!**  
**Pumpkin Decorating!**  
**Halloween Tattoos!**  
**Food and Drinks!**  
**Candy! Candy!**  
**Prize baskets!**

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
Williston, Ohio  
21140 W. Toledo Street (SR 579) Williston, Ohio

## Worship Assistants

Saturdays 5:00pm	Sundays 9:45 am
Ushers	Ushers
18-Buhrow Family 25-Donnelly Family	19-Titgemeyer's 26-Jim Volgelbacher
Lectors	Lectors
18-Jonah D. 25-Nancy Strohscher	19-Kellie Ulrich 26-Diana Lambert
Acolytes	Acolytes
18-Jonah D. 25-Liam	19-Rylie 26-Rylan
Communion	Communion
18-JoElaine Schimming 25-Al & Traci Brown	19-Roland Sandrock 26-Robin Perkins

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!



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 may also drop off a donation at the church office or give online at [www.stjohnwilliston.org](http://www.stjohnwilliston.org).



# Community THANKSGIVING

Worship Service and Dinner

Join us for our Annual Community  
Thanksgiving Worship Service and Dinner!

Sunday November 23rd

Worship 5PM

Dinner 6 PM

All are welcome!

**Please RSVP on the sign up sheet next to Pastor's Office door.**

We also need people to help clean up.

If you can help us, please sign up. Thanks!

**It's Poinsettia time!** Yes, already!! We will be ordering Christmas Poinsettias in November. Order forms are available throughout the church. Orders are due early, so please turn your payment and form in (to the office or offering plate) by **NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>. No late orders, please.** Flowers are \$10.00 each, available in red or white and each plant promises 5 or more blooms.



**Faith Practice #3 Readings:** We are nearing the end of the non-Pauline letters. I've had a request for the book of Isaiah. That's another long one, so we'll take that up after Christmas. In the meantime, we will read the book of **Jonah**. Jonah is only four chapters which will be a nice fit in our schedule up to the season of Advent. If you have finished John and Jude, you can get a head start. If you have any requests for what we read after Isaiah, please let me know.

Pastor O'Brien

## 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!



## Sing to the Lord, join the Choir, and Ring the Bells!

We welcome anyone interested in playing bells or singing in the Sunday Morning Choir for the upcoming fall and Christmas season to join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord!!

We always need more singers and ringers! Interested? Please meet Beckie Goldstein after church! Saturday voices needed and welcome, too! We meet before service on Saturday. If interested in singing with us on Saturday, see Tami Tailford! All are welcome!



Watch worship while your are away from home or unable to attend worship in person!

<https://www.youtube.com/@stjohnwilliston>



## SUPPORT HOLY LAND ARTISTS

When Pastor O'Brien was in Israel in 2023, he met Elias Ghareeb who helped guide his Holy Land trip. On that trip many of the pilgrims purchased olive wood souvenirs in support of the local artisans.

To help the people in Bethlehem and surrounding communities, Elias has asked if we would be willing to purchase artisan craft items. There are carvings, crosses of different size and shape, prayer beads, necklaces, small nativity carvings, and assorted items of various prices. Elias has provided a catalogue of all the items he has available. There is a printed copy available at the church. All proceeds from all sales will be sent back to Israel in support of the artisans and their families. If you are looking for small gift for a friend or an item for yourself, that also support families in Israel this would be a great investment. These items would also make wonderful Christmas gifts if you are looking to support a good cause with your gift. **If you would like to make an order, let Pastor O'Brien know the item numbers and quantity and he will place an order for the group at the beginning of November.**

Let's turn **BLACK**  
**FRIDAY** into

**COMMUNITY BLACK FRIDAY BLOOD DRIVE**  
**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**WILLISTON**

Drive volunteers  
needed, too!  
Sign up on the  
Bulletin board by  
Pastor's office

# RED FRIDAY



With each blood donation, save 3 lives!

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 NOON TO 5 pm**

Gather your friends, shop for your gifts  
and then come in to give the **GIFT OF LIFE!**

**Make your appointment today at**  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)





Northwestern Ohio Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



## Northwestern Ohio Border Immersion by Border Servant Corps, November 5-9, 2025

**Las Cruces, New Mexico | El Paso, Texas | Juarez, Mexico**

During this Year of Listening, the Northwestern Ohio Synod is partnering with Border Servant Corps (BSC) to journey to the borderlands to learn about the current reality of immigration through a faith lens. Raiden & Jordan Browning (Olivet-Sylvania), Andrew Wells and Pastor Chris Hanley (Glenwood-Toledo), Pastor Shawn & Megan O'Brien and Connor Kacenjar (St. John-Williston), Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Pastor Sarah Schaaf and Calla Gilson (NWOS Synod Staff) will journey together to explore the infrastructure, legal systems and on-the-ground work that impact immigration at the US southern border. The team will also have the opportunity to visit BSC partner shelters on the Mexican side of the border who are responding to the current immigration situation in faithful ways.

**Respetrans** opened as as shelter during the "Remain in Mexico" (Migrant Protection Protocol) era just before the Covid pandemic. Since that time, the shelter has expanded to house migrant families and is providing a temporary home for folks whose CBP One appointments were canceled by the Trump Administration and are in limbo without established residency in Mexico. BSC supports the work of this shelter with donations of food, medical supplies, children's items, and the installation of electricity in their building.

**Cathedral** is providing services that more closely resemble the "long welcome" of refugee resettlement, including food distributions and legal aid assistance to migrant families who have found work and housing in Juarez. These families have established residency in Mexico and are seeking asylum in Mexico since access to the United States is not currently an option for them. Border Servant Corps is a newer partner with this shelter and provides regular food donations and volunteer support.

As you bless the participants from your parish on their way, we would ask that members of your congregation consider the following ways to support:



**Pray** for this journey, each participant and all of the people and places we will learn from during this time.

**Give** to support the meaningful work of these shelters.

**Be Open** to the stories that will be brought home by participants, introducing opportunities to learn and act.



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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  
Email: office  
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Church office hours:  
M-T-W 9am to 3pm  
Thurs. hours may vary.  
Office closed Friday

**Join us for worship!**  
**Saturday Worship 5 PM**  
**Confirmation Classes—**  
**Sunday 8:30 AM**  
**Sunday School-age 3**  
**through 5th grade**  
**9:00 AM**  
**Sunday Worship 9:45**  
**AM (through May)**