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SEPTEMBER 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 AM Traditional

In the Sanctuary

10:45 AM Contemporary

In the Sanctuary

Kids Praise

for Ages 3 thru Grade 4

10:30 AM Radio Broadcast

WCSM – 96.7 FM

9:00 & 10:45 AM

Live Stream

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Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

9:00am-3:00pm

Friday: *building open*

9:00am-12:30pm



For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

For yourself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design:
peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

WELCOME

Whether you're new here, or you've been worshipping here for years, we look forward to helping you make a home for faith at St. John.

WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS

Doors 1 & 2 are the most convenient for traditional and contemporary worship.

We are a church whose unity is in Jesus, who gathers us around word and water, wine and bread. Our worship is the foundation of our faith. Worship is about what *God is doing* and *our response to God's loving action in our lives*. Worship is an encounter with God, who saves us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our worship services have four basic movements:

Gathering: We sing, pray, and share God's peace.

Hearing: We hear the Word of God proclaimed through the reading of the Bible and preaching. We respond in faith through confessing our sins, receiving the promise of forgiveness, and songs, prayers, and offering.

Celebrating: We celebrate Holy Communion at every worship service. It is the Lord's Table, so everyone present is welcome to participate.

Sending: Filled and refreshed by our encounter with God, we are sent out into the world for mission through singing and words of blessing.



WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS

Doors 6, 7, & 8 are the most convenient for WOW.

Every Wednesday we gather around the table. We start each evening at 5:30 with a meal served by one of our volunteer meal teams. Children and adults, non-members are then invited to join us for fellowship, Bible study, and more at 6:30. Make sure you check in, grab a nametag, and check the whiteboard for your room assignment for the night. At WOW, we come together with those same movements as our Sunday morning services: *Gathering, Hearing, Celebrating, Sending*. Come eat, learn, and find out what God has in store for you on Wednesday nights.

This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.
We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace.
Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

Northwestern
Ohio Synod



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

St. John Church Council

JULY 20, 2026

Present: Diane Menchhofer, Chad Sapp, Matt Gilmore, Myron Buxton, Ed Fuelling, Moriah Plattner, Lorna Saddler, Jen Roidt, Ron Heindel, Vicar Mary Miller, Ingrid Tebbe

Opening: Diane Menchhofer called the meeting to order and presented the devotional.

Support Pastor Report: Vicar Mary Miller's report highlighted completing her three-month evaluation for her internship and expressing enjoyment in leading worship and working alongside Pastor Dale Schaefer.

Business Manager Report: Summary of June Financial Report was presented. Council discussed questions of trajectory of giving in comparison to anticipated budget. Chad Sapp made a motion to accept June Financial Report; Matt Gilmore seconded. Motion passed.

Staff Report: Larissa Jackson, youth intern, is showing growth within her second month of the Education and Faith Formation Internship. Council recommended Larissa to formally introduce herself to the congregation during the blended service of Labor Day weekend. It was suggested Larissa could learn SubSplash to update the church's website. Updating the computer Larissa has been using to a newer model would broaden functionality.

Ingrid Tebbe is working towards updating church staff photos since there have been several changes to staffing since the last time photos were taken.

Junior high and high school youth are assisting Jenelle Gross with decorating the church this week for Vacation Bible School. VBS will occur from 6pm-8:30pm on July 27-30, and a celebration for participants and volunteers will be on July 31st at the Bryson Pool. Jenelle wished to extend appreciation to Kim Plattner for his work on preparing outdoor play areas in time for VBS.

Committee Reports: Vicar Mary presented highlights from the Worship Committee. Currently, no date has been set for the next meeting.

Unfinished Business: Diane Menchhofer made a motion to approve June Council Meeting Minutes; Ed Fuelling seconded. Motion passed.

New Business: Ron Heindel presented a report on the Car Show that occurred on July 12 with the Ice Cream Social. The Car Show had a record-breaking 192 entries and raised \$2300. Net proceeds from the Car Show will be donated to the Alzheimer's Foundation, St. John's Capital Improvement fund, and St. John's Youth fund. Improvements to consider for next year include having more volunteers to assist with registering entries, establishing an option to pre-register, and creating a QR code to facilitate ease of entry registration.

Jen Roidt presented on behalf of Community Engagement a report for the Ice Cream Social. Organizing the Ice Cream Social was a joint effort between Cheryl Heindel and

Community Engagement. The location of the Ice Cream Social in the Family Life Center and the golf cart transportation from parking to the venue by Dan and Kathy Snider were very well received, along with additions of a balloon artist and a bounce house to expand on activities for the family. The Ice Cream Social raised at least \$1600. Some of these proceeds will go to Our Home for their back-to-school drive.

Jen Roidt and Lorna Saddler brought to Council’s attention some complaints/suggestions of the congregation, such as having a detailed line-item budget printed in the congregation packets during congregational meeting. Other subjects included sharing names of confirmands in both service bulletins, adding contact information for Vicar Mary Miller and Pastor Dale Schaefer to the blue insert of bulletin, and sharing Council meeting minutes and church newsletters (with more info about church happenings) in a more timely manner. Discussion was held about church website management, restructuring and updating. Future plans for the parsonage the church rents from the city to be available for a future pastor was discussed and determined to keep this plan in place.

Executive Session: Council entered into executive session for approximately one hour to discuss personnel.

After Council exited the executive session, Matt Gilmore made a motion to replace Colin Brogan with Sarah Plattner for Visual Content Creator. Myron Buxton seconded motion. Motion passed with five in favor and one abstention.

Adjournment and Prayer: Diane Menchhofer called the meeting to adjournment. The Council meeting concluded with the Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted respectfully,
Moriah Plattner

Addendum: On July 28th, Matt Gilmore resigned his position on Church Council.

July Financials

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Brief Financial Report			
		Jul-26	2026 YTD
	Income	\$42,421	\$329,791
	Expenses	\$36,617	\$292,463
	Net	\$5,804	\$37,328
Giving was 13.73% less than budgeted for the month.			
Expenses were 21.43% less than budgeted for the month.			



Summer has flown by, and we're excited to kick off another season of Worship on Wednesdays (WOW)!



**SIGN
UP!**



Join us this fall for faith,
friends, food, & fun.
Service Night & Pizza Included!



VOLUNTEER!



Wednesday nights are something special!



We are excited to be coming back on **September 30th** for a special Service Night! During our service night, we will be assembling the Warm Kits that we raised money for during VBS. We are so excited to serve together and put those funds into action!

Our normal Wednesday night W.O.W. programming will begin October 14th due to the Homecoming Parade in Celina on October 7th.

If you have never experienced a Wednesday night here, something very special happens. We come together and break bread, have fun, and learn together. We would love for you to be a part of our Wednesday nights!

We are also prayerfully asking you to consider joining our volunteer team. There are many different ways you can help, but this year we especially need teachers, crew leaders, and meal team volunteers.

Meal teams are so much fun to do with friends!

You may serve about once a month, and the smiles on the kids' faces say it all—they love being here! It is such a meaningful and rewarding way to give back to our church and our community.

Wednesdays are something special, and we would love to invite you to join us!

If you would like more information or want to learn how you can help, **please contact Jenelle Gross or Ingrid Tebbe**. We would love to chat with you!

Come be a part of something special!



PURPLE DOOR YOUTH

2026 SUMMER SCHEDULE GRADES 7-12

Sun, July 19 10:30 AM
Bibles & Breakfast after church
The Bay - 117 Lakeshore Dr
Celina, OH



Tue. July 21-
Thu. July 23
10 AM - 3:00 PM
Vacation Bible School
Decorating
Purple Door Church



Mon. July 27-
Thu. July 30
5:00-10:00 PM
Vacation Bible School &
Late Night
Purple Door Church



Sun. Aug. 9 6:30-8:30 PM
Youth Group at the Lehmans'
5801 Tama Rd
Mendon, OH



Sun. Aug 23 10:30 AM
Bibles & Breakfast after church
The Bay - 117 Lakeshore Dr
Celina, OH



Sun. Sep. 13 6:30-8:30 PM
Youth Group at the Behms'
2157 Carmel Church Rd
Celina, OH



Sun. Sep. 20 1:00 PM
Youth Golf Scramble -The Lynx
1221 Irmischer Blvd
Celina, OH



Pack a swimsuit



Pack a chair



Meal provided



Pack your Bible

SIDE QUEST COFFEE CLUB

St. John Lutheran Church
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with intellectual
disabilities &
autism

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with fun and laughter
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provided!***

Aug 22nd
Sept 19th
Oct 3rd
Oct 17th
Oct 31st



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2026-2027 Course Offerings

**Class dates are subject to change at the discretion of the Instructor.*

Foundations Classes

Worship Matters

Sep 10, 17, 24, Oct 1, 8

Christianity in a Lutheran Key

Oct 22, 29, Nov 5, 12, 19

Intro to Old Testament

Dec 3, 10, 17, Jan 7, 14,

Intro to New Testament

Jan 28, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

Lutheran Creeds & Confessions

Mar 11, 18, Apr 1, 8, 15

Living as Christians in the World

Apr 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27

Practical Classes

Pastoral Care

Sep 10, 17, 24, Oct 1, 8

Church History

Oct 22, 29, Nov 5, 12, 19

Proclamation

Dec 3, 10, 17, Jan 7, 14,

Healthy Congregations

Jan 28, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

Cultural Diversity

Mar 11, 18, Apr 1, 8, 15

Christian Ethics

Apr 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27



Classes offered on Zoom

NEWS FROM ST. JOHN

A Card Shower for Terry McGlaughlin

Many of you know Terry and her love for St. John Lutheran Church, a place she often calls her "Happy Place." Due to serious health concerns, Terry has had to retire effective immediately. While this isn't the retirement she had planned, we'd like to surround her with love, encouragement, and prayers during this time. We invite you to send Terry a card and let her know you're thinking of her. Cards may be mailed to:

St. John Lutheran Church
1100 N. Main St.
Celina, OH 45822

Let's show Terry how much she means to our church family and help fill her mailbox with kindness and support. Please keep her in your prayers.

Church Camp-Out

LAKE LORAMIE STATE PARK CAMPGROUND

Mark your calendars for the St. John & St. Paul Annual Camp-Out at Lake Loramie State Park, September 11–13. Whether you camp all weekend or just come for the evening, we'd love to have you join the fun and fellowship.

Saturday Carry-In Dinner: 5:00 PM
Worship Service: Around 6:00 PM, following dinner



Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair. Everyone is welcome. Let Myron Buxton or Jim Rismiller know if you are going so they can order food. See you at the campground!

Searching for Crockpots

We're making our Wednesday night meals a little more exciting—we're adding soup to our salad bar! Our church Crockpots are well-loved, so we're looking for some larger (8qt & 10qt) Crockpots to replace them. Contact Jenelle or Ingrid with questions. Thank you!

NEWS FROM ST. JOHN

Did you know...

That period products, hygiene supplies, and diapers are not covered by WIC or SNAP? That means it falls on us to help provide these essential items to our friends and neighbors in need. St. John is a generous contributor to the C.A.L.L. Food and Clothing Pantry. It is often asked, "What is needed?" In response to this, we are doing "Items of the Month."



SEPTEMBER ITEMS OF THE MONTH – PERSONAL CARE

Pads
Tampons
Diapers (all sizes)
Baby Wipes

Confirmation Classes 2026-2027

Do you know a 7th or 8th grader who is interested in Confirmation? Because of the unique nature of our W.O.W. program, our confirmation program welcomes all, not just members of the Purple Door Church. Join us for a meeting with students and parents on October 14 at 6:30 PM in the Confirmation classroom, 106-B.



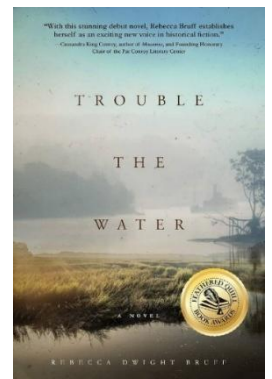
Contact Vicar Mary Miller (419) 305-2222 or Ingrid Tebbe (i.tebbe@purpledoor-church.org) for more information.

Book Club

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 14 at 1:00 PM in the Library

Our book this month is *Trouble the Water* by Rebecca Dwight Bruff. This is a biographical fiction work inspired by the life of Robert Smalls, an enslaved man who became a Civil War hero and a U.S. Congressman.



NEWS FROM ST. JOHN

Sewing Circle 2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday, September 8

Tuesday, September 22

Can you tie a simple knot?
Then we need you! Join us
for a morning of fun and
fellowship, and stay for
lunch!



NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM

Ice Cream Social

Thanks to your generous support at our annual Ice Cream Social & Car Show on July 12, we were able to donate \$1,500 to Our Home for backpacks and school supplies for the 2026-2027 school year. It was a wonderful day of fellowship, fun, and community support!



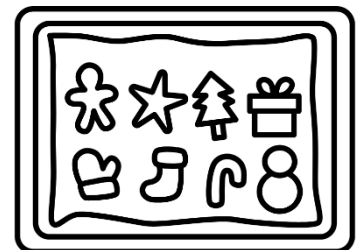
Save the Date: Christmas Cookie Exchange

Who: All are welcome!

When: Wednesday, December 9

Where: In the Fellowship Hall

What: Cookies, fellowship, and fun! Bring your friends, loved ones and enjoy a cozy night filled with treats, laughter, and holiday cheer. Cookie exchange, warm drinks, and more!



NEWS FROM ST. JOHN

20s & 30s Bible Study Group

Life gets busy. Between work, family, relationships, and everything else on the calendar, finding meaningful community can be tough. If you're in your 20s or 30s and looking to connect with other young adults, we'd love to help you get plugged in! Join us for Bible study this month on Tuesday evenings in the Parlor:

Tuesday, September 15, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 29, 6:30 PM

Contact Ingrid at i.tebbe@purpledoorchurch.org or (419) 953-7003 to be added to the group and stay in the loop on upcoming events and opportunities. Come as you are. We'd love to connect with you.



Welcome, Larissa!

Help us to welcome our new ministry intern, Larissa Jackson!

Larissa was confirmed at St. John in 2022. She recently graduated from Celina High School, and she was in the top-10 in the class of 2026. She lives in Celina with her mom, Laura, and her cats, Watson and Zeke. When she's not at the church, you might see her on the weekends waiting tables at the Speakeasy and Bob Evans. She enjoys playing pickleball, spending time with friends, going to concerts and music festivals, and hunting for treasures at the thrift store.

Larissa joined our ministry team in June. She is working with Vicar Mary, Jenelle, and Ingrid on projects relating to faith formation & education and service & outreach. We are so thankful to have her on our team!

St. John Builders

St. John Builders is a house-building and maintenance ministry of St. John. They work with families in need of homes and home repairs. St. John Builders projects are largely funded by donations. The newest project completed by the Builders is this wheelchair ramp on W. Logan Street. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!



September

WALKING SCHEDULE

MEET AT 10:00 AM

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2	3 Dog Park Meet at the Boat Dock	4	5
6	7 No Walking Labor Day	8	9	10 Kuffner Nature Preserve 1480 County Rd 66A St. Marys	11	12
13	14 Maria Stein Retreat House	15	16	17 Boardwalk Meet at the Gazebo	18	19 Walk for Alzheimer's Wright State Lake Campus 9:00 AM
20	21 Hermon Woodlands 485 Wapak Rd. Lima	22	23	24 Mercer County Fairgrounds Meet at Grandstand	25	26
27	28 Huffy Pond Back side of Eastview Park	29	30			

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

Bill & Cindy Snyder	9/2
Brian & Meg Davis	9/5
Jim & Mary Hawk	9/5
Don & Mindi Bird	9/9
Kim & Joann Plattner	9/10
Myron & Sue Buxton	9/14
Mike & Diana Spicer	9/17
Matt & Jess Peterson	9/22
Larry & Amy Boley	9/27

Help us to celebrate you! If your anniversary or birthday is missing from these lists, let us know.

NOTES FROM THE CONGREGATION

Dear friends of Mom who served the luncheon after her funeral,
Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!
She loved serving right along with you all!
Francis Nusbaum and Annette

Thank you for your support of the school supply project—we had a record 403 students that will get to start the year with pride & dignity. We appreciate all you do for Our Home year-round.
Kevin Draiss

Thank you for continuing to support the Red Cross Blood Drive by providing the use of the Family Life Center. On our August 17 blood drive, we collected 41 units of greatly-needed blood. Thank you for your help.
Beth Bricker and Sharon Miller

Terry is very thankful for all the cards and personal notes she has already received.
Thank you for sharing some love!

BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

Sheena	Stover	9/1
Julie	Bollenbacher	9/2
Chad	Cramer	9/2
Jenelle	Gross	9/3
Maddie	Kuehne	9/4
Pam	Arps	9/6
Ryan	Rutschilling	9/7
Marissa	Gibbons	9/8
Don	Bird	9/9
Barbara	Ahrens	9/12
Amanda	Barrett	9/13
Ron	Heindel	9/13
Joe	Gallman	9/14
Sue	Buxton	9/17
Pr. Andrea	McDonough	9/17
Bill	Menchhofer	9/17
Emily	Stewart	9/18
Linda	Long	9/19
Sue	Fennig	9/21
Gayetta	Hogan	9/21
Marilyn	Nelson	9/23
Mary	Hawk	9/25
Heidi	Henry	9/27
Kelsey	Brandon	9/28
Adam	Smith	9/30

Kevin & I can't begin to thank you all for all the love & support you have given us. We will have some ways to go, but I believe we'll get there. Thanks for the gifts card for gas, too.
Kevin & Mary Meyer



CHURCH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

3 – THURSDAY

1:00 pm Shalom Bible Study

4 – FRIDAY

5 – SATURDAY

2:00 pm Side Quest Coffee Club

6 – SUNDAY

10:30 am One Worship Service/Sanctuary

7 – MONDAY (LABOR DAY)

Church offices closed

8 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor

9:00 am Sewing Circle/Sewing Room

9 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC

1:00 pm Book Club/Library

10 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/Kuffner Nature Preserve

11 – FRIDAY

12 – SATURDAY

13 – SUNDAY

9:00, 10:45 am Worship

14 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/Maria Stein Retreat House

7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

15 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor

6:30 pm 20s & 30s Bible Study/Parlor

16 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC

17 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/Boardwalk

18 – FRIDAY

19 – SATURDAY

2:00 pm Side Quest Coffee Club

20 – SUNDAY

9:00, 10:45 am Worship

21 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/Hermon Woodlands

7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

22 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

23 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC

24 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/Fairgrounds

25 – FRIDAY

26 – SATURDAY

27 – SUNDAY

9:00, 10:45 am Worship

28 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/Huffy Pond

7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

29 – TUESDAY

30 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC

5:30 pm WOW Kickoff /FH

These dates and events are subject to change. Please stay up to date with cancellations and postponements on our website or Facebook.



SERVING IN WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

Altar Flowers	Altar Guild	Flower Delivery
6: none	6 & 13: Ed Fuelling (9am)	6: Brenda VanTilburg
13: Myron & Sue Buxton	6 & 13: Ed Fuelling (10:45am)	13: Linda Long
20: Mike & Diana Spicer	20 & 27: Rhonda Overman (9am)	20: Vicki Weisman
27: Gayetta Hogan	20 & 27:	27: Diana Spicer

9:00 am

	Ushers/Greeters	Readers	Communion Assistants	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister
September 6	Yolanda & Tim Hone, Kathy & Dan Snider	Karen Leugers	Jim & Margie Fennig	Trisha McMurray	Cindy Wendel
September 13	Lu & Mike Grunden Diana & Mike Spicer	Ginny Wade	Judy & Lee Fennig	Margie Fennig	Kent Miller
September 20	Dan Bird, Ron Heindel, Vicki & Jerry Weisman	Kathy Snider	Lauren Fuelling, Beth Heiby	Don Green	Carrie Cubberly
September 27	Todd Hone, Dave McMurray, Mike Overman, Steve Siebert	Sue Buxton	Yolanda & Tim Hone	Lauren Fuelling	David Barrett
October 4	Margie & Jim Fennig, Beth Heiby, Tim Menchhofer	Jim Fennig	Tim Menchhofer, Rhonda Overman	Sam Schmitz	Kent Miller

10:45 am

	Ushers/Greeters	Readers	Communion Assistants	Welcome Center
September 6	<i>Combined</i>	<i>Combined</i>	<i>Combined</i>	<i>Combined</i>
September 13	Buening Family	Gabe Ventura	Emily Buening; Pam Rasawehr	Volunteers Needed
September 20	Dylan Karbowiak, Michelle & Brian Miller, Pam Rasawehr	David Barrett	John Maury, Michelle Miller	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>
September 27	Trey Stover Family	Michelle Behm	Emily Buening, Pam Rasawehr	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>
October 4	Dennis Dagley, Bill Grier, Cindy Grier, Tina Potts	Adalyn Caylor	John Maury, Michelle Miller	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>

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