



**JULY / AUGUST  
2025**

## **NEWSLETTER**

**Join us for  
Worship  
each Sunday:**

**Traditional  
Worship**  
9:00 a.m.

**Contemporary  
Worship**  
10:45 a.m.



**Summer  
Blessings**

1100 N. Main St., Celina, OH 45822      419-586-2332  
E-Mail: [office@purpledoorchurch.org](mailto:office@purpledoorchurch.org)

**Be a part of our Sunday worship services!**  
**VOLUNTEERS are needed to serve as:**

- Readers
- Welcome Team member (serve coffee & treats!)
- Ushers/Greeters
- Communion assistants
- Altar Guild member
- Share special music

**Please contact the church office for more details or place a note on the attendance card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate.**



The 2025 Altar Flower sign up calendar is now available on the bulletin board outside of the office. When you provide flowers for the altar, not only do you get to remember a special event or person, the flowers are then given to members of the church who are shut-ins or now live in nursing homes to brighten up their day.

**Stay informed about happenings at St. John:**

- ✝ *Our website:* [www.purpledoorchurch.org](http://www.purpledoorchurch.org)
- ✝ *On Facebook:* [www.facebook.com/purpledoorchurch](http://www.facebook.com/purpledoorchurch)
- ✝ *Download our app:* *St John Lutheran Celina*  
Click "**Announcements**" on our App.  
Those announcements will always be up-to-date.
- ✝ *Sign up to receive "Looking Out My Window" via email each week.*



## SEWING CIRCLE NEWS

Everyone is welcome to join us as we sew for missions!

Our circle meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month, at 9:00 a.m. in the church sewing room.

If you can tie a knot, you are qualified to be part of our sewing circle! Come when you can and stay an hour or all day!

**If anyone is getting rid of any good used or new FLAT sheets, King, Queen, or Full the Sewing Club would love to have them! They use them for the back of the quilts. You can drop them off at the office or at the sewing room.**



*Join the Contemporary Praise Band*

Singers and musicians are needed for our  
10:45 Contemporary Worship service on  
Sunday mornings

Contact Amanda Barrett or the church office

**The Praise Band is also looking  
for a leader.**

## Living with Alzheimer's

Trinity Lutheran Church in Moulton is hosting several events / times for fellowship specifically for aging people and their friends/caregivers. This series, sponsored by the **Alzheimer's Association NOW Chapter**, began in October and will continue through July 2025. It is held on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

Registration is requested. Call 419-419-5858 or email [matorsell@alz.org](mailto:matorsell@alz.org).

See Pastor Deb Monnin if you'd like more information. It is free to attend and available for anyone who is interested.

## C.A.L.L. MINISTRIES

St. John is a generous contributor to the C.A.L.L. Food Pantry, which offers much needed support to those who need a hand up.

- Requests for July: Canned fruits and/or meats.
- Requests for August: Religious reading material, especially bibles.
- Monetary donations are also welcome. **Please no clothing.**

*If you have any questions, contact the church office.*

*Donations can be placed in the grocery cart in the Narthex.*

**July  
Delivery**  
Rick  
Hagen



**August  
Delivery**  
Jim &  
Margie  
Fennig

## Funeral Dinner Team

**Beth Heiby (419-733-7964)** and I are coordinating funeral dinners through text messages. We will be using one list of names. If you choose not to be involved please private message us to let us know. If you have an interest in this ministry and have NOT heard from us in the past year, please message us with your name and phone number.

This ministry is for families who have lost a loved one and would like a luncheon following the funeral service...no matter if the service is at the church or at the funeral home. The food is provided by the women of the church and is held in the fellowship hall. The menu usually consists of ham sandwiches, hot vegetables, salads, desserts, and drinks.

We feel this ministry gives families a place to have some fellowship with family and guests following the service. We are always looking for volunteers to help with food and help in the kitchen. It's a wonderful way to make new friends!

**Lorna Saddler**  
**419-790-5584**



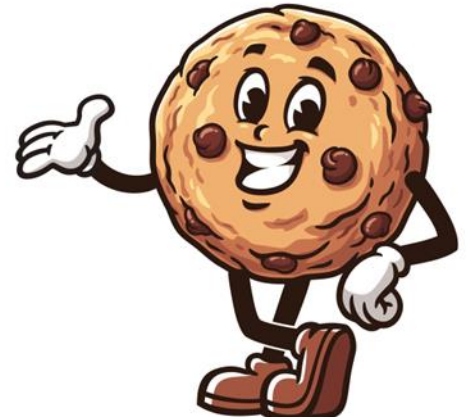
**On the Go with God Boxes**, take your faith on the road this summer! These FREE boxes are packed with fun activities, devotions, and surprises for families to enjoy wherever your summer takes you—at home, on vacation, or on the go. Perfect for all ages—supplies are limited. **Grab yours today!** The boxes are located in the Lobby and in the back of the Narthex.



# **We Need Cookies for the Freezer.**

**Calling all Bakers!!!!!!**

Since we started serving cookies at the Welcome Center on Sundays and sometimes for WOW or meetings, we are having a difficult time keeping the freezer full. Everyone seems to enjoy the cookies way more than donut holes. I must thank all those who continue to check and bake a couple extra dozen whenever you have your mixer out! I



think this is kind of a fun mission. We can use any kind of finger dessert which can include brownies or tarts or rice krispie treats or surprises that can be eaten without utensils. We love them all. So, I'm just reminding you to think of the church freezer when you are baking and drop something off. The church is open Mon. thru Thursday 8am to 4pm and Fri mornings 8am to noon. A HUGE thank you to all those who have baked cookies to fill up our freezer! You are awesome! Keep up the good work and keep baking.



**Remaining Summer Combined Worship Services**

**July 6, 2025**

**August 31, 2025**

**All services will start at 10:30 am**



## **Save the Date!**

### **All Campers and Cabin Dwellers**

**Make your reservations now for the St. John/St. Paul annual campout to be held September 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> at Lake Loramie State Park.**

**Call:**

**Jen Roidt (419) 586-8004**

**Sue Buxton (419) 305-7008**

**Myron Buxton (419) 733-3043**

**Jim Rismiller (937) 621-1113**

**DEADLINE for reservations is JULY 27, 2025**

**Don't be shut out!**



Garry Gray would like to send a sincere thank you to everyone who brightened his day with birthday cards and well wishes! He would also like to thank the flower ministry for the flowers they left for him.

# ST. JOHN BUILDERS



**SUNDAY, JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>, FOOD AND ICE CREAM WILL  
BE SERVED FROM 4 TO 6 PM**

**Donations of pies would be greatly appreciated.**

**Volunteers are needed to help make this a successful event.**

**God Bless and thank you so much in supporting our mission.**

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**Barb Hare** has graciously volunteered to be head of the **prayer chain**. If you have any prayers needs, you may call her at: (419) 586-8834 or email her at: [bjhare@hotmail.com](mailto:bjhare@hotmail.com).



*5th Annual*

# PURPLE DOOR CAR SHOW

AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL BY ST JOHN BUILDERS

# 2025

**All Custom, Classic, Street Rod,  
Rat Rod, Motorcycles and Trucks.  
All Years Welcome.**

Door Prizes | MUSIC | Dash Plaques [1st 100]  
Top 25 Awards, Peoples Choice Award, St  
John Youth Award, Bill Fritzinger Award, Best  
Truck, and Multiple Motorcycle awards

## EVENT DETAILS

Sunday, July 13, 2025

Registration (\$10): 2 - 4 pm

Show: 4 - 6 pm

Ice Cream Social: 4 pm

Location: St John Lutheran Church  
1100 N Main St | Celina, OH

Questions? Ron Heindel: 419-303-7983  
RAIN OR SHINE



**Left to Right: Carl Stuck, cancer patient and port-shirt advocate; Janna Hirschfeld of Gang of Seamstresses; Deb Hemmelgarn, Director of the MED Foundation and Volunteer Services; Amy Lyons, RN, Outpatient Center and Infusion Center; Gail Stelzer, RN, Outpatient Center and Infusion Center.**

**Thanks to Carl Stuck and Janna Hirschfeld, our Port-Shirt Ministry is making a big impact >>> Recently donating 50 modified t-shirts to Mercer Health for patients receiving infusions. These shirts offer both comfort and dignity during treatment.**

**Since 2018 nearly 23,000 shirts have been distributed across the region!**

**Want to help? Donations of new t-shirts or supplies are welcome, and monetary gifts can be made through Greene Giving. Drop-offs can be made at the church—just mark them for the “Gang of Seamstresses”. Thank you to everyone who continues to support and serve through this powerful ministry!**

Join or donate  
to our team!

## Purple Door Pacers

Scan to go directly to team page:



or visit [alz.org/walk](https://alz.org/walk)

**Grand Lake Walk to  
End Alzheimer's**  
Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025  
Lake Campus - WSU  
9:00 Activities  
10:00 Promise Garden  
Ceremony & Walk

**WALK TO END  
ALZHEIMER'S**

### EACH PROMISE GARDEN FLOWER HAS A SPECIAL MEANING



**ORANGE  
MEANS**

"I SUPPORT THE CAUSE  
A WORLD WITHOUT  
THE DISEASE."



**YELLOW  
MEANS**

"I SUPPORT OR CARE  
FOR SOMEONE LIVING  
WITH THE DISEASE."



**PURPLE  
MEANS**

"I'VE LOST A  
LOVED ONE TO  
THE DISEASE."



**BLUE  
MEANS**

"I'M LIVING  
WITH THE  
DISEASE."

We will have a **reception** for **Pastor Becky Erb Strang** after each service on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> in the parlor. Come and wish her well in her new position at the synod in Milwaukee, Wisconsin!



Present: Diane Menchhofer, Pam Rasawehr, Ed Fuelling, Moriah Plattner, Pastor Becky Erb Strang, Jennifer Barrett, Matt Gilmore

Opening: Diane Menchhofer called the meeting to order. Ed Fuelling presented a devotional for the meeting.

Support Pastors' Reports: Pastor Becky Erb Strang stated May 2025 reports from herself and Pastor Deb Monnin have been submitted for Council to view.

Pastor Becky stated that she and Pastor John Mobley have been asked again by the Lake Festival committee to lead the Lakefest Sunday service on July 27th at 10:30am. As such, she requested that the 10:45am contemporary service on July 27th be cancelled and to invite people to attend the lakeside service. Pam Rasawehr motioned to accept the service adjustment. Moriah Plattner seconded; motion carried.

Pastor Becky reported that she has been asked to mentor Pastor Randin Jello - the pastor of a new Marshallese Church in the area with 50-75 members. Currently, the church is without a permanent home; Pastor Becky is assisting Pastor Randin with trying to obtain a loan through the UCC for funding a location to permanently establish. Pastor Randin asked if Pastor Becky could request Council if the Marshallese church could temporarily use the Family Life Center. This request was presented during April's Council meeting; the request was declined at that time. Matt Gilmore stated did not think this would be permitted under the Synod though will verify.

Committee Reports: Pastor Becky Erb Strang and Moriah Plattner presented a report for the Worship Committee. During the meeting, concerns were raised about miscommunications leading up to the combined service during Memorial Day weekend. Diane Menchhofer proposed adding a notice to the blue worship insert with the known dates for upcoming altered

services: June 29th combined 10:30am service for the Mission Trip Report, July 6th combined 10:30am service for Independence Day weekend, July 27th 10:30am service at Lakefest, August 31st combined 10:30am service for Labor Day weekend, and December 28th combined 10:30am service as the Sunday following Christmas. Ed Fuelling and Pam Rasawehr mentioned seeing notifications sent to the congregation of June 15th being a combined service, but that date was never approved for being a combined service. Therefore, the insert will also communicate a correction that services on June 15th will be at the standard times of traditional worship at 9am and contemporary worship at 10:45am.

Moriah stated another concern presented during the Worship Committee was about the altar candles and the sacristy. Joann Plattner expressed concerns of multiple people - and not members of altar guild - directly adjusting the battery-operated altar candles instead of using the remote or seeking Joann in the event of a problem. One of the candles has become faulty as a result of the intermeddling. Joann has been searching for a replacement set of battery-operated candles; unfortunately, manufacturers appear to have stopped making the needed size for the altar. Joann stated Don Trisel approached her last Sunday to inquire if the battery-operated candles could be changed to oil or wax candles. Joann has oil candles that - once an adaptor is received - will work on the altar. However, she expressed that years ago Pastor Jeff strove for battery-operated candles as a safety measure due to potential fire hazards. Moriah stated Joann would like the input of Council on whether to use oil candles permanently for the altar or to try to switch back to battery-operated candles once a new set becomes available. Council expressed they would trust Joann's judgment for the altar candles and leave the decision to her. Furthermore, concerns were expressed by Council of individuals outside of altar guild members meddling with the altar without Joann's knowledge. Diane Menchhofer encouraged signs to be placed by the altar candles stating to contact Joann in the event of any problems or concerns. The Council stated that actions

concerning the front of the church should go through Joann as Head of Altar Guild and is willing to support Joann as she requests. The next Worship Committee meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Pastor Becky reported the Community Outreach Committee met to discuss upcoming events for the Fall. Events discussed were the Annual Church Campout at Lake Loramie, North Star's Fall Festival on September 21st, and a campfire event on August 23rd. The next Community Outreach Committee meeting is scheduled for June 17th at 6:30pm.

Business Manager's Report: Don Trisel (not present) submitted the financial report for May. The financial report showed giving was 5.02% less than budgeted for May and expenses were 6.23% less than budgeted. Therefore, the net income for May ended up in the positive. Ed Fuelling motioned to accept the financial report. Jennifer Barrett seconded; motion carried.

President's Report: Jennifer Barrett updated Council on the progress of improving the church calendar for better communication. Both David Barrett and Ingrid Tebbe reported to Jennifer that the solution is possible though complicated due to needing to coordinate multiple platforms - each necessary in its functioning. They expressed hoping to move forward with improvements soon.

Old Business: Jennifer Barrett stated that Sherry Krieger of the ELCA met with staff members to check in on how our church is doing amidst our CALL process. Sherry stated there has not yet been any applicants to pass on.

Council also discussed the Heffner Endowment Grant that was voted upon through email. Council members would like to ask Don Trisel if line items for next year's Heffner Endowment Grant could be presented sooner to allow more time before making a decision.

New Business: Due to circumstances, the church office is temporarily closed with a notice stating that individuals may drop a note in the lock box beside the office door or speak with Don Trisel or Ingrid Tebbe with concerns. Moriah Plattner expressed concerns for visitors of the church being able to find their way to either Don's or Ingrid's offices due to lack of signage to indicate the way. She suggested a sign - whether temporarily or permanently - be hung on the four-way corner by the coat area that could assist visitors with finding their way to routinely used areas of the church.

Diane Menchhofer stated in the past a flyer was presented to the congregation on the different ways members could financially give to the church. She suggested creating a smaller version of the ways to give - complete with QR code - that could be laminated and fit in the pews where the gray cards are located. Moriah suggested having a couple cards per pew in case someone wanted to take a card home for ease of giving there. Council expressed the giving cards as a good idea to try and should be fairly simple to create since there already exists a template for the proper size with the gray cards.

Next council meeting is scheduled for June 23rd at 6:30pm.

Executive Session: Council entered into executive session for approximately 45 minutes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Moriah Plattner

Addendum: Diane Menchhofer motioned to approve minutes, Matt Gilmore seconded, and Council passed motion via text messages on June 4, 2025.



**Denny Rolfes** has announced his retirement by the end of 2025. While no official date has been set, we are now accepting applications / resumes for the position of **St. John Lutheran Church Property Steward**. This position is part-time and includes responsibility for ensuring the facility and property of St. John is well maintained, clean, attractive, in working order and well prepared for events and programming.

For more information,  
contact Chad Sapp  
(call or text 419-733-7293, email [clsapp@bright.net](mailto:clsapp@bright.net)).

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As the **call committee works to find prospective pastors**, we are wanting to reach out to the local people who trained and moved away. Not only to find out if any would **like** to look at the job opportunity at St. John's, but also to find out if they possibly know of anyone in their circle of contacts that might be interested.

If you have any contact information of anyone who lived/worshiped here, trained to be a pastor, and moved away would you mind passing that information onto

Angie McLaughlin at  
423-619-4116 or [Angieb3759@gmail.com](mailto:Angieb3759@gmail.com)

# Community Campfire Night

Join us for a fun campfire night! Food, a cornhole tournament, kids' games and activities, and community! Hot dogs, s'mores, and drinks provided. Please bring your own lawn chairs. Sign up for the tournament when you arrive—no partner needed. All are welcome and bring your friends!



**August 23, 2025  
5:00-7:30 pm  
On the Church grounds**

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We are looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to help keep the church's flowerbeds looking beautiful. Please call Lynne Fuelling at (419) 953-5809 if you can help a little or a lot.



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**“Taco-bout filling big shoes” We’re so thankful for Linda Fisher’s amazing leadership over the years. Now it’s your turn! Join the Taco Meal Team—we promise it’s *nacho average volunteer gig*.**



# Serving in Worship – July & August

## 9:00 a.m. / July 2025

Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Ushers/ Greeters	Communion Assistants	Welcome Team	Kids' Praise
July 6 10:30	Cindy Wendel	Todd Hone	Kevin Meyer, Tena Potts, Dennis Dagley	Todd & Yolanda Hone	Trisha McMurray	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
July 13	Kent Miller	Kris Heiby	Tim Menchhofer, Beth Heiby, Dan Snider	Beth Heiby, Tim Hone	Lorna Saddler	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
July 20	Carrie Cubberley	Lauren Fuelling	Kevin & Mary Meyer	Ed & Lauren Fuelling	Sam Schmitz	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
July 27	Cindy Wendel	Sue Buxton	Sam Schmitz, Beth Heiby, Dan Snider	Jen Roidt, Ginny Wade	Dianna Spicer	<i>Volunteers needed</i>

## 9:00 a.m. /August 2025

Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Ushers/ Greeters	Communion Assistants	Welcome Team	Kids' Praise
Aug 3	David Barrett	Mike Overman	Mike & Diana Spicer, Jerry & Vicki Weisman	Mary Meyer, Rhonda Overman	Jen Roidt	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Aug 10	Cathy Weis	Sam Schmitz	Dan Bird, John Dieringer, Ron Heindel, Todd Hone	Lorna Saddler, Don Green	Margie Fennig	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Aug 17	Kent Miller	Anna/Ady Caylor	Dave McMurray, Tim Menchhofer, Mike Overman, Steve Siebert	Mike & Diana Spicer	Lynne Fuelling	<i>Volunteers needed</i>

## Flower Delivery Schedule

July 6	Yolanda Hone
July 13	Angela & Greg White
July 20	Brenda Vantilburg
July 27	Judy Menchhofer

Aug 3	Diana Spicer
Aug 10	Angela & Greg White
Aug 17	Judy Menchhofer
Aug 24	Yolanda Hone
Aug 31	Brenda Vantilburg

## 10:45 a.m. / July 2025

Date	Reader	Ushers/ Greeters	Communion Assistants	Welcome Team	Kids' Praise
July 6	Combined Service	Combined Service	Combined Service	Combined Service	Combined Service
July 13	Michelle Behm	The Buening Family	John Maury, Emilie Buening	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
July 20	Madelyn Stover	Tena Potts & Dennis Dagley	John Maury, Pam Rasawehr	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
July 27 10:30	<i>Lake Festival</i>	<i>Lake Festival</i>	<i>Lake Festival</i>		

## 10:45 a.m. / August 2025

Date	Reader	Ushers/ Greeters	Communion Assistants	Welcome Team	Kids' Praise
Aug 3	Claire Kuehne	Brian & Michelle Miller, Pam Rasawehr	Michelle Miller, Pam Rasawehr	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Aug 10	Kent Miller	The Buening Family	John Maury, Emilie Buening	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Aug 17	Michelle Behm	Trey Stober & Family	Michelle Miller, Emilie Buening	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>

Dates	Altar Guild		Altar Flowers
	9:00 am	10:45 am	
July 6	Combined service	Emilie Buening	Gayetta Hogan
July 13	Joann Plattner	Emilie Buening	
July 20	Edgar Fuelling	Mary Miller	
July 27	Edgar Fuelling	Mary Miller	Cathy Weis
Aug 3	Cheryl Heindel	Karen Leugers	Terry McGlaughlin
Aug 10	Cheryl Heindel	Karen Leugers	
Aug 17	Cheryl Heindel	Karen Leugers	
Aug 24	Joann Plattner	Pam Rasawehr	Elaine Fritzinger
Aug 31	Joann Plattner	Pam Rasawehr	

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### July

#### 1 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)  
10:00 am Library Meeting (library)

#### 2 – WEDNESDAY

9:00 am St. John Builders (parlor)

#### 3– THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Pacers

#### 4—Friday Independence Day

#### 6–SUNDAY

10:30 am Combined Worship Service

#### 7 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Pacers

#### 8– TUESDAY

9:00 am Sewing Circle (sewing room)  
9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)

#### 10 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

#### 13 – SUNDAY

9:00 am Traditional Worship  
10:45 am Contemporary Worship  
4:00 pm S.J.B. Car Show/ Ice Cream Social

#### 14– MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Pacers

#### 15—TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)

#### 17– THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Pacers

#### 20 – SUNDAY

9:00 am Traditional Worship  
10:45 am Contemporary Worship  
Reception for Pastor Becky between services

#### 21– MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Pacers

#### 22 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Sewing Circle (sewing room)  
9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry (106-D)24 –

#### THURSDAY

10:030 am Purple Pacers

#### 27– SUNDAY

9:00 am Traditional Worship  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship (Lakefest)

#### 28– MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Pacers  
5:00 pm Meal  
6:00 pm Vacation Bible School

#### 29– TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)  
5:00 pm Meal  
6:00 Vacation Bible School

#### 30–WEDNESDAY

5:00 pm Meal  
6:00 Vacation Bible School

#### 31– THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Pacers  
5:00 pm Meal  
6:00 pm Vacation Bible School

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### August

#### 1 – FRIDAY

5:30 pm Pool Party (Bryson Pool)

#### 3 – SUNDAY

9:00 am Traditional Worship  
10:45 am Contemporary Worship

#### 4 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Pacers

#### 5– TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)  
10:00 am Library Meeting (library)

#### 6–WEDNESDAY

9:00 am St. John Builders (parlor)

#### 7 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Pacers

#### 10–SUNDAY

9:00 am Traditional Worship

10:45 am Contemporary Worship

**11 – MONDAY**

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

**12 – TUESDAY**

9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)

9:00 am Sewing Circle (sewing room)

**14 – THURSDAY**

10:00 Purple Door Pacers

**17 – SUNDAY**

9:00 am Traditional Worship

10:45 am Contemporary Worship

**18 – MONDAY**

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

11:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive

**19 – TUESDAY**

9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)

**21 – THURSDAY**

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

**23 – SATURDAY**

5:00 pm Community Campfire Night

**24 – SUNDAY**

9:00 am Traditional Worship

10:45 am Contemporary Worship

**25 – MONDAY**

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

**26 – TUESDAY**

9:00 am Sewing Circle (sewing room)

9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry (106-D)

**28 – THURSDAY**

10:00 Purple Door Pacers

**31 – SUNDAY**

10:30 am Combined Worship Service

**THESE DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE,  
ESPECIALLY DURING THE HOLIDAYS. PLEASE STAY UP  
TO DATE WITH CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS  
ON OUR WEBSITE, OUR APP OR FACEBOOK**





## WALKING SCHEDULE

July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Windy Point
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Huffy Pond, <i>(backside of Eastview Park)</i>
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mercer Co. Fairgrounds <i>(meet at grandstand)</i>
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew L. Tuttle Memorial Museum <i>(Defiance, Oh.)</i>
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	East Bank Rd. <i>(meet at the first shelter house)</i>
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	The Dog Park <i>(meet at the boat ramp lot.)</i>
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Coldwater Park <i>(meet at the swimming pool)</i>
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Franklin Township Greenway Trail <i>(Karafit Rd., Montezuma)</i>
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	Wright State Lake Campus
Aug. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Huffy Pond <i>(backside of Eastview Park)</i>
Aug. 7 <sup>th</sup>	KC Geiger Park <i>(east entrance, 202 Greenville Rd., St. Marys)</i>
Aug. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Faurot Park in Lima
Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Walking to Courthouse and back
Aug. 18 <sup>th</sup>	West Bank Boardwalk <i>(meet at the Gazebo)</i>
Aug. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Zuma Park <i>(behind the Firehouse on SR 219)</i>
Aug. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Coldwater Park <i>(meet at the swimming pool)</i>
Aug. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Maria Stein Retreat



## SIGN UP FOR VBS TODAY!

*July 28-31, 2025*

Meal 5 - 6 PM | VBS: 6 - 8 PM  
Pool Party at Bryson Pool  
Aug 1 - 5:30-7:30 PM

VBS Sign Up!!  
Save your spot!



It's Time for Vacation Bible School!  
For kids ages 3 (potty trained) - entering  
6th grade (Fall 2025)

Families are invited to a special closing on  
Thursday—details are coming soon!

Volunteers Needed!  
Sign up here!



We can't do it without amazing volunteers.  
Whether it's crafts, games, snacks, or  
simply showing up with a smile—every bit  
helps make VBS unforgettable for our kids!


**All Welcome to Join!**

1100 N Main St, Celina | [purpledoorchurch.org](http://purpledoorchurch.org)



## Help Us Get Ready for VBS!

We're collecting supplies to make this year's  
Vacation Bible School amazing!

 Shop Our Amazon Wishlist: <https://a.co/1rplztw>  
Includes decorations, crafts, snacks, book bags for  
the Our Home School Supply Drive & more:

### **Additional Items Needed (Not on the Wishlist):**

600 Mini Bottles of Water

400 Freeze Pops

400 String Cheese

1 Party-Size Box Honey Maid Graham Crackers

Donate early so we can plan well and buy less!



## A message from Jenelle Gross;



We're so excited for this year's  
VBS Mission Focus!

This year, our mission collections will support four amazing local groups that make a big impact in our community and beyond!

### ♥ **School Supply Drive** – Backpacks for Older Kids

We're collecting larger backpacks to support Our Home's School Supply Drive, helping local students start the year prepared and confident.

📺 **Monetary Donations Will Be Divided Among These Three Missions:**  
Each of these organizations has strong ties to members of our church and does meaningful, compassionate work:

1. 🐾 **Celina Cares Cat Rescue** – Giving abandoned cats a second chance at life.
2. 🏥 **Port-Access Shirts for Chemo Patients** – Providing comfort and dignity during treatment.
3. 🎄 **Operation Bubby's Buddies** – Sending Christmas care packages to soldiers away from home.

**Let's come together to Go with God and give generously to make a difference where it matters most!**



Linda Siebert has announced that she will be stepping down as a co-leader of Stephen Ministry Team as of July 22, 2025. We thank Linda for her leadership and the enthusiasm she has shown for this ministry over the past 8 years. If you are interested in joining the Stephen Ministry Team, please reach out to Mike Overman or another member of the team.



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**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

**Christ Caring for People through People.**

That's the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And amid this confidential, one-to-one caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through.

If someone you know is facing a crisis—large or small--and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, please call Mike Overman (419) 953-7370. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to help.



A Thank You From Pastor Becky;

For the past 18 months, I have served as St. John Lutheran Church's part time Support Pastor. In our time together, I have been awed by your community focus, warm welcome, and vibrant worship. Thank you for including me in your faith family!

In early August, I begin work with the ELCA's Greater Milwaukee Synod as Director of Evangelical Mission/Assistant to the Bishop. In a little over a week, we sold our Celina home (under contract), found a home in Milwaukee, and have started the process of packing and saying good-bye to friends.

I encourage you to continue to welcome strangers into your midst, serve the community joyfully, and live the Good News of the Risen Christ.

Peace and Love,  
Pastor Becky

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