

# This week at St. John's

## Top/New Announcements

- Forum with Pastor Mars—Today
- Reformation Crawl—October 21
- Reformation Service—October 29—  
3pm @ First Lutheran Church
- Bishop's Fall Gatherings
- LSS—Food Pantry volunteers needed
- W/ELCA—Fall Fellowship—Oct 14
- W/ELCA Collection for Jacobs School
- Pop-up Bookstore—see info on back

## Reformation 500 Crawl

October 21  
10am-2pm

On Oct 21, congregations all over the synod will be providing a Reformation related experience. Each site will be open from 10am-2pm. Some will be an open house format with congregation members greeting you and talking about the significance of their property or programs. At other sites a speaker will offer a short (20-30 min) presentation at 10am, 11:30am or 1:30 pm And, IT'S ALL FREE!! Travel to different locations throughout our Synod to experience unique presentations celebrating 500 years of our Lutheran heritage. Maps are available on the synods web-site at [www.nwos-elca.church](http://www.nwos-elca.church)

Sunday, October 1

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Noisy Collection for ELCA Fund for Leaders

9:30 am Worship followed by Fellowship time

11:00 am Forum with Pastor Mars

Tuesday, October 3

3:30 pm Homework Club

6:45 pm Boy Scouts 338/parents

7:00 pm Back Porch String Band

Wednesday, October 4

9:00 am Believer's Bible Study

Thursday, October 5

3:30 pm Homework Club

Sunday, October 8

17th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship followed by Fellowship time

11:00 am Adult Sunday School

## Fall Bishop's Gathering featuring the Bishop's Bake-off!

Join Bishop Daniel for worship, fellowship, and learning.

A Taize service will start at 6:30pm followed by the Bishop's Bake-Off!. This will be an evening of prayer, delicious baked goods, and companionship with new and old friends alike! Consider bringing a dessert to share and vote by donation for your favorite! Donations will support our new "Discipleship Institute"

October 10—St. John's Lutheran Church,  
Fremont, Lemon

October 12—St. Paul's Lutheran Church,  
Upper Sandusky, Pumpkin

October 17—St. Stephen's Lutheran Church,  
Hamler, Apple

October 19—Community of Christ Lutheran Church  
Whitehouse, Chocolate

October 26—Zion Lutheran Church,  
Lafayette, Spice

Please sign up in the hall way, so that a reservation can be made in your name. Please indicate which date you are attending and if you will be making a dessert related to the theme of that meeting

## W/ELCA Collection for Jacob School

W/ELCA will be accepting donations to help the children at Jacob's school. The following is a list of item that will be collected.

**Hat & Mittens,**

**Laundry soap & fabric softener**

**cereal bars and Peanut butter & cheese crackers**

**toothbrushes & toothpaste**

**hair brushes and combs**

Place you donations in the basket  
on the table in the hallway

## Reformation Services

Sun, October 29, 3pm  
Central Conference and Local  
Roman Catholic Prayer  
Service will be held at  
First Lutheran Church, Findlay

## Pastor Mars office hours

Tues & Thurs  
10am-4pm

Please call the office if  
you would like to sched-  
ule a time to meet  
with her.

## St. John's WOMEN OF THE ELCA

### MISSION ACTION PROJECT

for  
October & November

### Operation Christmas Child Christmas Shoeboxes

(No Food items or tooth paste)

There will be a display of on the hallway  
table to help you prepare your boxes.  
The Boxes will be collected and taken to  
College First Church on Nov

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SEE  
RUTHANN SCHRAMM.



## WELCA Central Fall Fellowship Gathering

October 14, 2017  
9 am-1pm  
cost \$7

English Lutheran Church  
111 Grove St  
Bluffton, OH

Theme: " This is Most Certainly True

### Offering:

1/2 to Synodical Treasurer, 1/4 to Conf  
Treasurer/ 1/4 in kind offering (paper  
goods and personal items for the Bluffton  
Food Pantry)

Please sign up in the hallway, before  
**Sunday, Oct 9** to make your reservation.



Next Meeting with  
Pastor Mars

**TODAY**

in the Fellowship Hall  
after Worship

All are encouraged to  
participate

### FELLOWSHIP TIME

*Coffee, Snacks & Cleanup Sunday*

**October 8**

Believer's Bible Study, Mary Roth,  
Ruthann Schramm, Wilma Webber,  
Karen Cavitt

## Pop-Up Bookstore

On the table in the Hallway, St. John's will  
be hosting a Pop-Up Bookstore,

**October 1-15**

There are approximately 20 books on the  
table ranging from children to adult books.  
The books are 50% off the original price and  
free shipping. **(The price on the order  
sheet is the 1/2 off price of the book)**  
Place your order on the order form, then  
give your payment to Lynn. She will be or-  
dering the books October 16, and will dis-  
tribute them when they arrive. Please DO  
NOT take the books from the table, so they  
are there for others to look at. After the  
bookstore is over these books will become a  
part of St. John's Library.

## Lutheran Social Services Needs Your Help!

Over the past 10 years your congregation has  
been most generous with monetary and food donations to  
our LSS Food Pantry in Findlay. Our emergency choice  
pantry, located at St. John's on Tiffin Avenue continues to  
serve more and more people who are among the 1 in 8  
considered to be "food insecure" within Hancock Coun-  
ty. Like Chopin Hall and Christian Clearing House, our  
services depend on volunteers, and we are currently down  
3 volunteers per week. If you are already volunteering at  
one of the other agencies, I applaud you. If you have not  
taken the "volunteer plunge," I would ask you again to  
prayerfully consider doing so with LSS. Our hours are cur-  
rently Monday and Thursday 1P.M. to 4P.M. and Tuesday  
11A.M. to 2P.M. We have volunteers who work every  
week and some who work just once a month. There is  
paperwork with clients (done with paper and pen) and  
some light lifting as you help clients select groceries off the  
shelves.

If you think you might like to try this, come for a  
visit during our hours, pick up an application, and be  
Christ's hands, heart, and healing. To inquire further, you  
may call the office (419-422-7917) and speak to Lou, or  
call Jane Ebersole, volunteer coordinator (419-422-  
9640). Thanks for your consideration. God's blessings.