

St. John's Weekly  
**VOICE**

August 16, 2026

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



**Sign up for 2026 Altar Flowers!**

1 bouquet for AUG 23 & 30



The 2026 order forms are posted. You can also sign up for 2026 flowers on Sign-up Genius. Use the QR code to access it!



Volunteers are ready to pray for the needs of others. Contact Clyde at 419-874-8175 or the church office at 419-837-5115.

**Note:**  
**As of July 1,**  
**the cost of**  
**our altar flowers**  
**is**  
**\$25.00 per vase.**



**SOCIAL MINISTRIES**

We are collecting the following for  
August:

- Food**
- cereal (any kind)
  - jars of turkey gravy
  - boxed stuffing

The Food Pantry is currently serving  
65 families.

- Shared Bounty:**
- toothpaste
  - hand soap

*Please place in containers in the  
Coat Room. Thank you!*



*Attention St. John's  
Committees and Families*

We need help with set up/clean up  
of Cookie Hour for **August**. Cookies  
are in the kitchen freezer. A sign-up  
sheet is hanging on the bulletin  
board. Please consider helping with  
a Sunday for this fellowship!  
Thanks!



Going through a difficult time? A  
Stephen Minister can help you or  
someone else. To learn more, talk  
to one of our Stephen Leaders —  
Joe Nycz @ 419-575-3895 or  
Nancy Nycz @ 419-349-1932  
Clyde Bame @ 419-874-8175

**Church Office Hours**  
**Week of August 17**

Mon 8/17 ~ 8:30a - 3:30p  
Tue 8/18 ~ 8:30a - 3:30p  
Wed 8/19 ~ 8:30a - 3:30p

**OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED TH & F**

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**Saturday, October 17**

**3rd Annual  
Rise Against Hunger  
Mission Project**

**We need 60 volunteers!**  
**Please join us!**

**Next Week's Readings 8/23/26**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6  
Psalm 138  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 12:1-8  
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

UPCOMING EVENTS

**St. John's Fall**  
**Camping Trip**  
**Sauder Village**  
**September**  
**11-13**  
**See Pustays or Orths**  
**for more info!**  
**PLEASE JOIN US!!**

**Let's Eat Lunch!**  
**'Ole Zim's'**  
**WAGON SHED**  
**Sunday, SEPT. 20**  
**@ NOON**  
**Sign-up Coming Soon!**

**New 5-week Bible Study**  
*coming this Fall...*  
**The Way of Love**  
**Mondays @ 11am or 6pm**  
**SEPT 21 & 28**  
**OCT 5, 12 & 19**  
*Sign up in Narthex or*  
*call the church office*

**Mark your Calendars for our**  
**Fall Painting Party!!!**  
**Saturday,**  
**October 10 @ 2PM**  
**St. John's Parish Hall**  
**Cast your vote to help us decide**  
**which fall picture to paint. See**  
**the display in the Narthex!**

CHURCH INFORMATION:

Phone: 419-837-5115    Fax: 419-837-5578  
Mail: St. John's Lutheran Church  
P.O. Box 279 (must use P.O. Box for mail)  
5520 Fremont Pike, Stony Ridge, OH 43463  
Pastor Cindy Ritter's email:  
    pastorcindy@stjohnsstonyridge.net  
Pastor Howard Abts email:  
    pastorhoward@stjohnsstonyridge.net  
Office Administrator's email:  
    officeadmin@stjohnsstonyridge.net  
Find us on FB: facebook.com/StJohnsOH  
Website: www.StJohnsStonyRidge.net

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

**SUNDAY, August 16**  
10:00 a.m.                      Worship

**MONDAY, August 17**  
September VOICE articles due ASAP  
Practice in Sanctuary  
    6:30 p.m.                      JJAAM  
    7:30 p.m.                      Stones of Praise

**TUESDAY, August 18**  
Noon                              Prayers via ZOOM  
                                        or in person (Chapel)  
6:30 p.m.                      Executive Comm. (L)  
7:00 p.m.                      Church Council (L)

**WEDNESDAY, August 19**  
6:00 p.m.                      Dayschool Parent Meeting  
7:00 p.m.                      Dayschool Board Meeting

**THURSDAY, August 20**  
**Church Office Closed**  
7:00 p.m.                      Stephen Ministry (L)  
8:00 p.m.                      AA (PH)

**FRIDAY, August 21**  
**Church Office Closed**

**SATURDAY, August 22**  
12:30 p.m.                      Event Set-up (PH)

**SUNDAY, August 23**  
10:00 a.m.                      Worship  
12 Noon                          Private Event (PH)

LAST WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

**Attendance** Sunday Worship:  
**Offerings** through August 9, 2026  
**General Fund Income** (Year-to-Date):

| <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> |
|---------------|---------------|
| \$103,749     | \$141,369     |

**Benevolence Fund** (Year-to-Date):

| <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> |
|---------------|---------------|
| \$16,200      | \$11,047      |

**Improvement:** \$20,022 (Y-T-D)

ELECTRONIC GIVING



We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program. It takes just a few minutes to set up a giving plan. To set up a recurring or one-time giving schedule, visit us online at stjohnsstonyridge.net (or scan the QR square with your phone) and locate the Give Generously button.