

St. John's
Lutheran Church
Cross Connection
April 2023

He is Risen

Alleluia

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 2

8:30 & 10:30 am Services

6 pm, Saturday (*April 1*)

Maundy Thursday, April 6

7 pm Service

Good Friday, April 7

1:30 & 7 pm Services

Easter Sunday, April 9

8:30 & 10:30 am Services



“Do this in remembrance of me”

As we begin the month of April we immediately step into Holy Week. From Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday, from Good Friday right into celebrations of Jesus' resurrection we spend time with Jesus in his final week. We hear again the stories of his love for the disciples and all of us. We hear of his betrayal and arrest, his trial before Caiaphas and Pilate, his conviction, beatings, humiliations, suffering and eventually his death.

Holy Week is an emotional time for us all. We join in singing Hosanna to begin Palm Sunday but here crowds chanting crucify before the service is over. On Thursday, we hear of Jesus giving us the Lord's Supper and the inspiration of foot washing to show us from where our strength comes and to what end that strength is given. This year, three young people will be invited to the Lord's Table for the first time that day. Then we move to Friday with passion stories, with meditation of the cross, and confronting our part in the entire story. Jesus dies for us, each of us, as well as for all the others.

April begins with the stories of suffering and death, with the implications that we are part of the problem. April continues with the celebration of our Lord's resurrection. We will sing and shout our praise and alleluias, kept quiet these forty days. We will celebrate the goodness and power of God's love as Jesus conquers death, as Jesus opens the floodgates of God's love for us all and leads us into the world in love, service, hope and peace. We begin celebrating Easter on the 9th but our celebrations continue on into May. We will celebrate Baptisms and find joy in the presence of our sisters and brothers as well as our risen Lord.

I want to invite you to come and be part of all this here at St. John's. If you are regularly attending, I hope that you are excited by the coming services. If you haven't been lately, we miss you and would love for you to join our remembrance, our confessions, our celebrations. If you have never been here before, but are somehow reading this, you are welcome to find God's love with us here. For in this month of April we get to see our Lord Jesus become, for us all, the resurrection and the life, the light of the world, our hope, our strength, our joy and our stay.

May the emotions of Holy Week and the joy of Easter fill us all this year.

Pastor Steve

Lori Holt

Happy April, Brothers and Sisters,

Spring flowers blooming, leaves on the trees, looking forward to summer flowers, and baseball season in full swing (no pun intended!!)

I hope you've been taking the opportunity to join us for our Wednesday evening Lenten worship services.

April 1 and 2 will bring us worship on Saturday at 6:00 and Palm Sunday worship at 8:30 and 10:30. April 6 we'll have our Maundy Thursday worship service at 7:00. April 7 we'll have worship services at 1:30 in the Chapel and 7:00 in the Sanctuary. Easter Sunday worship is April 9 at 8:30 and 10:30 services. There will be no Saturday worship service on April 8.

A person who is near and dear to my heart once said, "We are Easter people." We are indeed Easter people who celebrate the risen Christ always!

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

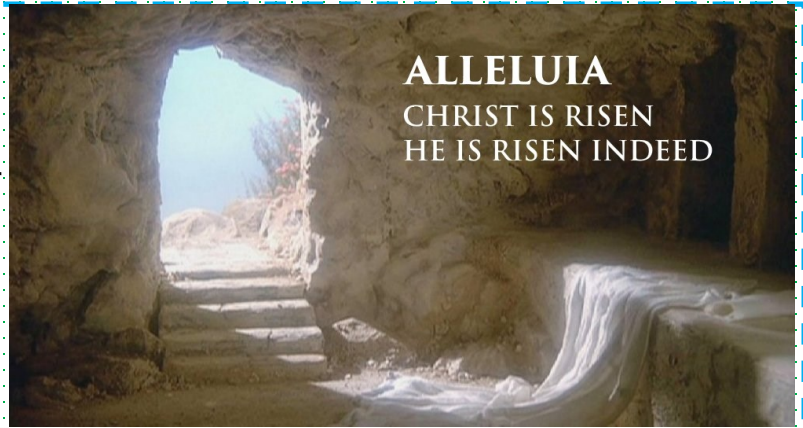
A blessed Easter to you all!!

Happy Birthday, Karol!

Happy Birthday, Mom!

Love in the risen Christ,

Lori



Easter Basket Blessing



On Good Friday, April 7th at 1:30 and 7:00 services Pastor Steve will have a "Blessing of the Basket". Families are invited to bring a basket of foods to be blessed that will be shared and eaten among your family and friends on Easter. The types of foods found in the baskets vary according to custom of what is served at the family Easter meal. Everyone is invited to bring a basket to be blessed. Items that are commonly placed in the basket are bread, butter, seasonings, eggs, meats, cheese, and candles. See Jen Maier for questions or call/text 586-201-2217.

The Thrift Shop's spring change-over took place the first week of March. Shelves and racks were emptied and soap, water and vacuums were pulled out as the volunteers cleaned from top to bottom. In the process, one volunteer addressed the old green carpet in the linen room. The linen room carpet has seen better days and as this volunteer was attempting to trim some loose edges on the carpet, she caught a glimpse of what was beneath. Below that rough, worn carpet was a decent tile floor which now brightens the linen room.



In 1 Samuel 16:7b we read... "...for the LORD sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

And in Matthew 7:1, Jesus says ... "Judge not, lest you be judged."

When people come to the Thrift Shop for assistance, many times they look a little rough and worn from life's experiences just like the old linen room carpet. Since we can't see beneath that outward appearance, we are not to judge but to simply help as we are able. We leave it to God to look beneath a rough and worn exterior to a person's heart.

Volunteers are always needed at the Thrift Shop. If you'd like to help, please contact Mary at 937-492-0337.



February Thrift Shop Statistics

Clients: 25

\$ Assistance: \$473.96

\$ In-kind Assistance: \$8.25



St. John's Church Council Meeting Minutes

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

March 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: President, Jacob Cook

OPENING DEVOTION: Pastor Steve Edmiston

AGENDA REVIEW: Addition: Holy Week advertising, New council member, Committee assignments, Special offerings. *Jacob Cook moved to approve as amended, Kaleb Headings seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Holy Week Advertising

*Jacob moved to advertise Holy Week in Sidney paper (physical copy) on Wed March 29, Sat April 1, Wed April 5. A 2x4" ad is \$180, Kaleb seconded. Motion passed.

Special offerings

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday are special offering days. Discussion on whether Lenten collections should go to a specific cause. *Jen Maier moved that Ash Wednesday and Lenten collections should go to Elizabeth House, Linda Fogt seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Motherhood Reclaimed Ministry

Weekend of May 6/7th Temple Talk and bulletin insert for the month of May.

New Council Member Appointments

*Pastor Steve moved to appoint Becky Mann to fill in the remainder of Carroll Cutler's term (2 years), Deb Mertz seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Assignments

Executive Committee: Jacob Cook, Kaleb Headings, Tina Ike, Thomas Martin, Pastor Steve

Education and Youth: Tatum Werntz and Joyce Fishbaugh

Music and Worship: Margy Headings, Deb Mertz and Becky Mann

Evangelism: Linda Fogt and John Widney

Parish Life: Jen Maier and Wes Cavinder

Property: Kaleb Headings and Norb Mertz

The Executive Committee will serve as the Finance committee.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A copy of the Secretary's report was distributed with the agenda. *Jacob Cook moved to accept the report as submitted, Linda Fogt seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A copy of the Treasurer's report was distributed with the agenda. Per Linda, the Thrift Shop typically dips lower in generated funds during changeover, but sales are looking good right now and finances will be on track by next month.

STAFF REPORTS

Pastor Report: Report reviewed by Pastor Steve and enclosed hereto. Midweek Lenten services have been well attended, First Communion classes starting this week, Youth Group meeting 3rd Sunday of the month, National Youth Gathering is July 2024, Synod Assembly Sat June 3rd in Peace Lutheran Church in Beavercreek – looking for 2 delegates (1 female, 1 male, and Pastor).

Volunteer Coordinator Report: No report submitted.

Thrift Shop Report: Financial statement submitted, no additional report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ministry – Education & Youth: Per Joyce, Sharon is starting on Vacation Bible School.

Ministry – Music & Worship: Per Deb, Irish Strings are playing for St Patrick's Sunday, Multi church bell festival will be at St John's last Sunday of March at 8:30 am, and St John's Bells will be playing Palm Sunday at St John's.

Outreach – Evangelism: Per Linda and John, they made 70 garden crosses that have all been given out. There is still some demand for a few more.

Outreach – Parish Life: Per Jen, suggest doing a Food Blessing on Good Friday service. She will complete a write up to submit to bulletin.

Church Council Minutes continues

Operations – Property: Per Jacob bus inspection renewal is coming up and they will be evaluating options for next month. Per Linda, there was some leaking at the Thrift Shop during recent rain – Property committee to review with Mary.

PRAYER REQUESTS

DEVOTIONS: Jacob Cook

INFORMATION:

Sign-up sheets for communion assistants and devotions.

Newsletter deadline: Tuesday, March 21st

Next Council Meeting: Monday April 10, 7pm. Exec mtg 6:30.

ATTENDANCE:

Jacob Cook, Pr. Steve Edmiston, Joyce Fishbaugh, Linda Fogt, Kaleb Headings, Margy Headings, Tina Ike, Jen Maier, Becky Mann, Deb Mertz, Norb Mertz, Tatum Wertz, John Widney. Excused: Wes Cavinder, Thomas Martin

Bible Crossword X

<p>Across</p> <p>1 Donkey (3)</p> <p>2 Jesus' Father (3)</p> <p>4 One of the twelve (9)</p> <p>8 Didn't believe in resurrection (9)</p> <p>12 One of David's warriors (5)</p> <p>13 First word of the Lord's Prayer (3)</p> <p>14 New Testament name for Noah (3)</p> <p>15 Wish harm upon (5)</p> <p>16 Hole in the ground (3)</p> <p>17 Adversary (5)</p> <p>18 Savour (5)</p> <p>19 First woman (3)</p> <p>20 Mother of John the Baptist (9)</p> <p>21 Family of priests (9)</p> <p>22 Third son of Jacob (4)</p> <p>23 Hates (8)</p> <p>26 Assurances (8)</p> <p>30 Endured pain (8)</p> <p>31 Return from the dead (4)</p> <p>32 Intercessor (8)</p> <p>35 Decorating (8)</p> <p>39 Old Testament book of the Bible (4)</p> <p>40 The prince of Rosh, Mesech and Tubal (3)</p> <p>42 A wise insect (3)</p> <p>44 Dwelling place of kings (6)</p> <p>45 Make bigger (8)</p>	<p>Down</p> <p>1 One of God's messengers (5,2,3,4)</p> <p>3 1940s archaeological find (4,3,7)</p> <p>4 Tread down (7)</p> <p>5 Father of Jonah (7)</p> <p>6 Very salty water bordering Israel (4,3)</p> <p>7 Defensive structures (11)</p> <p>8 Refuges (11)</p> <p>9 Dirty (7)</p> <p>10 Devout (7)</p> <p>11 Pieces of money (7)</p> <p>24 Used to listen (3)</p> <p>25 Used to see (3)</p> <p>26 Positions (5)</p> <p>27 Made available (7)</p> <p>28 Snake (7)</p> <p>29 Destroyed along with Gomorrah (5)</p> <p>33 Finish (3)</p> <p>34 Possess (3)</p> <p>35 King of the Amalekites (4)</p> <p>36 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)</p> <p>37 Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)</p> <p>38 Present (4)</p> <p>41 Unfasten (4)</p> <p>43 Fish traps (4)</p>
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<http://biblepuzzles.org.uk>

Holy Week Offering: Offering envelopes designated for: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday (envelopes that have these special days printed on them) will be donated to New Choices. This is a shelter, in Sidney, that helps victims of domestic violence. Please note the regular offering is separate and will be put towards budget, etc. Thank you.



St. John's Info!

ALTAR GUILD

APRIL

KAREN ADKINS

PAM WILSON

Senior Lunch

Thursday, April
13. Meeting at
the In-Between
restaurant
11:30 am

The Quilting Circle
Fellowship Hall 9 am
Wednesday, April 26
If you would like to join,
please just show up!



If you would like to have an opportunity to volunteer, try Altar Guild. During a month, once a week, the sanctuary candles and altar cloths would need tended to. It is a rewarding and easy way to get involved. Please call the church office.

Joy Circle

Tuesday, April 18
1 pm
Parlor

On Wednesday, April 5, 2023 we'll hear from Michael Gutmann, LPA, McCulloch, Felger, Fite & Gutmann Co. LPA "Estate Planning 101 - Let's Talk About It." Complete with lunch, entertainment, and tours of our beautiful facility.

DAY:

First Wednesday of each month

TIME:

Presentation at 11:00, Lunch at Noon, and finish by 2:00

LOCATION:

1567 Garbry Ridge Road, Piqua OH

Advanced Registration is Required. To RSVP, please call or text Kathy with the event date and the names of attendees at (937) 418-7624. A minimal fee of \$5 will be collected after lunch.

Dorothy Love Monthly Worship Service

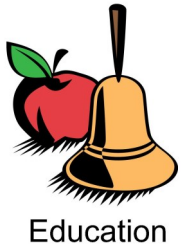
10 am, April 18, 2023
Pastor Steve presiding.
Please stop by and join us
for worship!

Bells News



Calling all 4th-9th Grade Students: We would like to form a small **kids' bell choir** to play with the senior choir on May 21st. We would practice 9 am (for a half hour) before Sunday school and one Thursday evening with Senior Bells in April. More info, please see Deb Mertz or call her (937) 492-3445.

Memorial Scholarships



Glenna Fogt

The Glenna Fogt Memorial Scholarship has been established by the Memorial Committee of St. John's Lutheran Church and the family of Glenna Fogt in loving memory of her influence on the countless number of students she touched over the years. Glenna was a long-time member of St. John's, a renowned teacher in Sidney, had a love of history and students and was a great friend of education.

The Glenna Fogt Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a member of St. John's Lutheran Church who is enrolled fulltime in school. The applicant must be at least a **Junior majoring in education or a field related directly to education**. Those working on advanced degrees may also apply. The recipient may reapply.

Applications are available in the church office or can be emailed to you. The deadline for turning in the application is May 31, 2023.



Laurence B. Anderson, Jr. Memorial

This Scholarship has been established through the Memorial Committee of St. John's Lutheran Church in accordance with Mr. Anderson's desire to assist students pursuing a degree in the **nursing profession**.

It will be awarded annually to a member of St. John's who is enrolled in an accredited program. The applicant must have completed one year of a nursing degree program or a field directly related to health care. Those working on an advanced degree may also apply. Any recipient of this scholarship may reapply.

Applications are available in the church office or can be emailed to you. The deadline for turning in the application is May 31, 2023.

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THRIFT SHOP
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PHONE: 937-492-0337

WORSHIP SERVICES:

SATURDAY, 6:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, 8:30 & 10:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30
AM

*"Go therefore and make disciples
of all nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit, and
teaching them to obey everything
that I have commanded you. And
remember, I am with you always,
to the end of the age."*

Matthew 28:19-20



Please pray for our Homebound Members and mail them a card to:

Doris Conrad, 2360 Wapak Ave. #106, Sidney, Oh 45365
Helen Dill, 15100 Birchaven Lane, Apt. 116, Findlay, Ohio 45840
Mildred Hughes, 2016 Fair Oaks Dr., Sidney, Oh 45365
Erika Montgomery, 2333 Apache Dr., Sidney, Oh 45365
Rhonda Vance, 1302 Spruce St., Sidney, Oh 45365
Dick Wilson, 5577 Heathrow Dr., Powell, Oh 43065-7970

Dorothy Love, 3003 W. Cisco Road, Sidney, Oh 45365

Residents:

Norma Durnell-W15, Marilyn Brulport-E14, Wayne Brockman, E-20
and Christine Weber-A03

Dorothy Love Apartments:2500 N. Kuther Rd.

Margaret Ike, Apt. 213

Jeanne Mears, Apt. 301, Sidney, Oh 45365

Dorothy Love Homes:

Jerry Gibbs, 701 Bennett Circle

Fair Haven, 2901 Fair Rd., Sidney, Oh 45365

Residents: None at this time

Landings of Sidney, 1150 Russell Road, Sidney, Oh 45365

Resident: LeRue Gooder, Rm. 506

Phyliss Blust, Rm. 508

Heartland

Pamela Morgan, 275 Kienle Drive, Room 409, Piqua, Oh 45356

Vancrest Assist. Living, 1035 Hager St., St Mary's, Oh 45885

Paul Shreffler

***God's Vision,
Our Mission***

*At St. John's, we are given the opportunity
to worship God, study His Word, and serve
Him in many capacities, while at the same
time enjoying Christian fellowship. Please
consider ways that you can get involved!*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
2 Palm Sunday Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	3 AA, 12 pm	4	5 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	6 Maundy Thursday, Service, 7 pm	7 Good Friday, Services, 1:30 pm & 7 pm Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	8 NA, 8 pm
9 Easter Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	10 AA, 12 pm Church Commit- tee, 6 pm Church Council, 7 pm	11	12 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	13 Senior Lunch, 12 pm	14 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	15 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
16 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school & WFC, 9:30 am Youth Mtg., 6 pm	17 AA, 12 pm	18 JOY Circle, 1 pm Dorothy Love, 10 am <i>Piano Tuning, in pm</i>	19 Quilting, 9 am AA, 12 pm Catechism, 6 pm	20	21 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	22 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
23 Baptism, 8:30 am Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am, WFC, 9:30 am ***** 30 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	24 AA, 12 pm	25	26 Quilting, 9 am Catechism, 6 pm	27 	28 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	29 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5 Sam Cook Clara DeWeese	6 Judy Harvey	7	8 Ranaya Conrad Elliot Wilson
9 Norman Frantom Claire Henman Lacey Gibbs	10	11	12 Mike & Jill Bisbee	13 Allison Fultz Chris Clark	14	15 Jim & Judy Harvey Victoria Snyder
16 Paul Baker Krista Wolfe	17 Dan & Ann Hubler Lorri Henman	18 Lee Huskey Fred Smith	19 Krista Sprague-Miller Brenda Riddle Kelli Ward	20 John & Sharon Fultz Erika Montgomery Pat Mullen	21 22	22
23 Jason & Lindsey Kennedy	24	25 Tyler & Pam Wilson Phyllis Blust	26	27 Jim Wick	28 Beverly Kocher	29
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