

happy
mother's
day



Romans

Bible Study

Beginning May 4, on Thursdays

7 pm-8:30 pm

You are invited!

Celebrate
Memorial Day
May 29, 2023



Recognition of High School Graduates

Sunday, May 28

(Both Services)

Wyatt Bisbee

Liberty Davies

Kennah Herrick

Parker Herrick

Alex Kellersmith

Katie Leonard

Olivia Pitchford

SOUTHERN OHIO SYNOD ASSEMBLY

We are looking for two confirmed members (one male and one female) willing to **volunteer to attend** the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly on **Saturday, June 3, 9 am- 4:30 pm**. It is at: Peace Lutheran Church, 3530 Dayton Xenia Rd. , Beavercreek, Oh 45432. Please call the church office if you are interested. Thanks!



A SOUTHERN OHIO SYNOD ASSEMBLY EXPERIENCE...

A few years past, I was asked if I would like to go on a visit to the Southern Synod Assembly. I had never experienced their gathering before, so I decided to go along and find out what it was all about. I traveled with our Pastor and another Sister Lutheran. The Assembly was being held at Wittenberg University. I had been there before, but that was when I had just graduated from high school.

When we arrived, we were very lucky that we were early because parking was really close to the entrance. We went in and were met by the greeting committee. We received our name badges and our welcoming bag (which had all sort of goodies in it!). Our Pastor seemed to know everyone and everyone soon was greeting us all. It was a very comforting feeling to know we were surrounded by so many fellow Lutherans.

We entered the meeting hall and found booths set up all around. We stopped at almost every booth and picked up whatever they were passing out. It was a good thing that the welcome bag was large because by the time we made it around, it was almost full! We found our assigned seats as the meeting was set to begin.

The meeting was opened with a prayer. The head table all introduced themselves and a roll call was taken. It was decided that there were enough in attendance to have a quorum, so business could begin. There were several issues to vote on, and all the issues passed unanimously. There were a few that were tabled for future discussion.

There were several Pastors that spoke and the topics were very interesting. Before we knew it, lunch time was at hand, so we went to the lunch area. There was a wide variety of food to select from and everyone was encouraged to sit with someone that they did not know. Our group split up and I was at a table with very out spoken Lutherans. I don't remember where they were from, but let me tell you everyone took their turn to contribute to the conversation! Before we knew it, lunch break was over, and we headed back to the meeting hall.

The meeting was opened with prayer. We finished voting on all the issues that were left over from the morning meeting. The big decision was before us to elect a new Southern Ohio Bishop. The candidates were given the opportunity to speak and there was much discussion and questions to be answered. This went for almost the whole afternoon. It was very interesting to get all of their points of view of how the Southern Ohio Synod should go forward.

Our delegations were in favor of Pastor Suzanne Dillahunt. When all the votes were counted, it was to our delight that the new Southern Ohio Bishop elect was Suzanne Dillahunt. Bishop Elect Dillahunt was given the chance for closing remarks and a word of prayer. The meeting was adjourned.

We were all invited to attend a church service to end our day. It was a very large gathering of Lutherans and the service was very moving. It brought everyone together and we all left with a very good feeling of what we had been a part of all day long. The ride home was full of conversation of the day's activities, and it seems like we were back in Sidney before we knew it.

If any of you would be interested in a day full of great conversation with other Lutherans (from all over our Synod), combined with all the business that needs to take place, I would recommend that you volunteer to attend the next meeting for a very rewarding experience!

Kermit Dorsey

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ’s sake, has forgiven you.” (Ephesians 4:32)

Once again we are back to our passage from Ephesians. This verse is a song and is a reminder, a brief and quick reminder, of what we are called to as followers of Jesus. We get to be kind and this kindness can be some simple act that quickly fades or it can be lasting enough to help faith to grow. We get to be kind to “one another” seeing all those around us as recipients of kindness and love. Paul is also reminding us that he is talking to each of us as individuals, as well as collectively, that kindness can flow to the world around us.

Today I want to talk a little about the how. How are we to be kind to one another? Paul gives us some great help. We are to be tender-hearted to each other. Paul is showing us from where our kindness can come, from a tender heart. Just as Jesus loved us and showed us kindness from his tender-heart, so too are we called.

You can’t really be kind with a hard heart. In the Old Testament, Pharaoh’s heart was hardened. He would not listen or relent no matter how Moses pleaded. Even after he released the Israelites, Pharaoh chased after them in an attempt to rescind his release. A hard heart is not a kind heart. So Paul reminds us that the source of our kindness can be a tender heart, like Jesus’ heart.

Jesus’ heart was never hardened. Even when he encountered those who worked against him, Jesus was kind and compassionate, listening, teaching, trying to share God’s love. As we celebrated Lent and Easter, we watched as Jesus’ tender-heart weathered betrayals, denials, abandonment, lies, mocking, beatings, and execution. Jesus’ heart was still filled with kindness, even as he was dying he forgave (more on that next month).

We are called to look at the world around us with a tender-heart. That can seem impossible as the news, and social media, give us reasons to harden our hearts against a “them” that never really exists. We are told to withhold kindness from those not like us, or those left out from lack of work, or health, from those ill or lame, addicted or weak. Paul reminds us that we are called to kindness, to tender-hearts.

It is my hope that we can, all of us and each of us, discover ways to let go of our hard hearts and instead look at the world searching for ways to live the kindness God’s love leads us to. I hope that we can all live a little more tender-hearted as we follow Jesus into the world around us.

Blessings,

Pastor Steve

Lori Holt

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Holy cow!! It's May already!! 2023 is just flying by!! Flowers blooming, trees with lots of leaves, and baseball. I really wish the Reds were doing better. But it's beautiful weather outside now!!

May 14 is Mother's Day!! Don't forget to tell your Mom just how special she are!!

We will celebrate Pentecost on May 28. Pentecost means 50 and is 50 days after Easter. Pentecost is the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit in the form of what appeared to be tongues of fire over each of Jesus' disciples. The Holy Spirit allowed them to speak languages other than their own; and they began to spread the Good News of Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension to the world! Please join us for worship, and don't forget to wear RED!!

May is graduation for our Seniors!!
Dates are:

Anna - Sunday, May 28

Houston - Sunday, May 21

Sidney - Saturday, May 20



Congratulations to Wyatt Bisbee, Liberty Davies, Kennah Herrick, Parker Herrick, Alex Kellersmith, Katy Leonard, Nolan Merickel, Seth Oberdorf and Olivia Pitchford.

Please pray for these graduates, that they seek God's guidance as they enter the next chapter in their lives.

Happy Birthday, Mae!!

Happy Mother's Day!!

Love in Christ,

Lori

A common question at the Thrift Shop ... **"What is this?"**. We often sort through donations and come across something we don't recognize. It could be an antique implement, a unique item used in a workplace or an original invention made by a creative soul...who knows?

Here's an item that arrived at the Thrift Shop recently.

What is this?



If no one knows what an item is, the volunteers often imagine possibilities. And the customers even join the guessing game at times. Once all local knowledge is exhausted, the next step is to consult Google. Google has lots of answers. But there are still those times when we price an item without knowing what it is. The customer who buys it may actually know what they are buying. But many times, they just see a use even though they don't know it's original purpose.

We are grateful that God gives us amazing minds full of creativity and imagination. And it's wonderful to witness these gifts at the Thrift Shop. If you feel called to be a part of this St. John's ministry, please contact Mary at 937-492-0337

Client: 31

Assistance: \$1253.00

In Kind Assistance: \$68.75



Dear St. John's Friends:

To turn 90 years old and receive so many visits, cards and well wishes has been a wonderful blessing. Thank you each and everyone for making the event a great blessing again.

Thank you so very much!

Sincerely, Darlene Hall

St. John's Church Council Meeting Minutes

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 10, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: President, Jacob Cook

OPENING DEVOTION: Pastor Steve Edmiston

AGENDA REVIEW: Addition: New business: Wellman's update, elevator maintenance. Old business: Holy Week advertising, Special offering. *Linda Fogt moved to approve as amended, Tina Ike seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wellman's update

Contract sent and slated for mid to end of June, finishing up in July. We are still arranging the process to confirm acceptance of work.

Elevator maintenance service

To meet licensure requirements, it was necessary to replace the elevator cable. Cost was \$4600 which is covered under the 'elevator maintenance' budget line. This preventative maintenance process will be included in future budgeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Holy Week Advertising

Advertising was completed in both print and on-line version of newspaper.

Special offerings

It was discussed that we referenced the incorrect recipient name at the previous meeting. *Pastor Steve moved that we correct the recipient name for Holy Week offerings from 'Elizabeth Center' to 'New Choices', Kaleb Headings seconded. Motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A copy of the Secretary's report was distributed with the agenda. *Pr. Steve moved to accept the report as submitted, Norb Mertz seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A copy of the Treasurer's report was distributed with the agenda. *Linda Fogt moved to accept the report as submitted, Becky Mann seconded. Motion passed. Additional notes from Thomas: Expenses continue to be under budget. The only area noticeably higher is the maintenance/custodial line, due mainly to the aforementioned elevator maintenance. There was a request to verify the level of Rental income.

STAFF REPORTS

Pastor Report: Report reviewed by Pastor Steve. Three young people received first communion, Youth group meetings are making progress, Synod assembly June 3rd still needs 1 male/1 female delegate to go with Pr. Steve (*add to bulletin), Pr. Steve will not be available on Mother's Day service due to his daughter's graduation.

Volunteer Coordinator Report: No report submitted.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ministry – Education & Youth: Per Tatum, this Sunday is next youth meeting, 3 people attended last meeting – still encouraging more attendance.

Ministry – Music & Worship: No report.

Outreach – Evangelism: Per Linda future projects are in the works to be shared out when ready.

Outreach – Parish Life: Per Jen, basket blessing on Good Friday was a start and we hope to increase participation next year.

Operations – Finance: Per Thomas, we reviewed elevator and property expenses.

Operations – Property: Per Kaleb, reviewing state of bus expenses and will be reporting out recommendations next month. Leak in Thrift Shop being evaluated.

Church Council Minutes continues

PRAYER REQUESTS

DEVOTIONS: Norb Mertz

INFORMATION:

Sign-up sheets for communion assistants and devotions.

Newsletter deadline: Tuesday, April 18th

Next Council Meeting: Monday May 8, 7pm. Exec mtg 6:30.

ATTENDANCE:

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

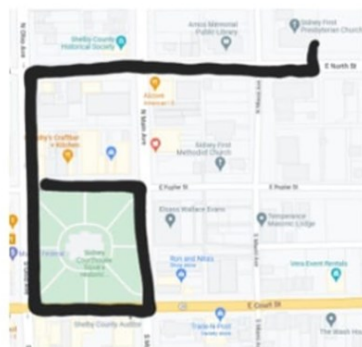
*Bring your friends and family as we join in UNITY
to pray for our nation and community !*

**Church*Family*Health Care*First Responders*Government*Agriculture
*Veterans/Military*Business*Education*Media/Entertainment*Industry...**

***5:30 pm Meet**
Sidney First Presbyterian Church
202 N Miami Ave
Sidney, Ohio

***Opening Prayer**

***Start Prayer walk along
designated route to the
Shelby County Courthouse.**



Shelby County National Day of Prayer

inclement weather changes and prayer support

May 4, 2023



3 HEATH BROTHERS

Join Morgan's Place Cemetery
as we present the 3 Heath Brothers.
Hear their inspiring Pro-life story
and listen as they share their gift of music.

- Friday May 19, 2023
- Palazzo in Botkins, Ohio
- Doors open at 5pm
- Dinner served at 6pm
- Performance at 7pm
- 50/50 and Raffle Prizes

Ticket on sale until May 7th: \$25.00

Online: <https://www.morgansplacecemetery.org/events>

Right to Life- Sidney, Ohio

Believe Art from the Heart- Sidney, Ohio

Silver Cross- Fort Loramie, Ohio

Ticket Information: Greg and Priscilla Wilt: 937-497-8118



**Helen Dill will
be celebrating
her 101st birth-
day on May 23.**
We are asking
everyone to
send her a birth-
day card, in
May. She lives
at Birchhaven Vil-
lage, 15100
Birchhaven Ln.
Birch 40,
Findlay, Oh
45840. Thank
you!

St. John's Info!

Dorothy Love Monthly Worship Service

10 am, May 16, 2023

Pastor Steve presiding.

Please stop by and join us
for worship!



Joy Circle

Tuesday, May 16

1 pm

Parlor

The Quilting Circle Fellowship Hall 9 am

Wednesday, May 24

If you would like to join,
please just show up!

Senior Lunch

Thursday, May 11.

Details to follow.



Garbry Ridge

"Eliminating the
Stress of Selling
Your Home"
presentation by
Home 2 Care
Ohio. Wed., May
3, 11 am- 12 pm.
You're invited and
lunch is on us!
Rsvp- Kathy 937-
418-7624. Garbry
Ridge, 1567 Garbry
Ridge Rd., Piqua.

Romans Bible Study

Beginning Thursday, May 4 at 7pm, Pastor Steve will lead a Bible Study on Paul's letter to the Romans. This fascinating book looks at our lives as Christians in relationship with God and with the people around us. Class will end by 8:30 each evening. You are invited to join us in opening our Bibles and listening for God's word for each of us and all of us. Join us on Thursday, May 4.

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.



HopeWood
Outdoors

Summer Camps 2023

LMC at HopeWood Pines Youth and Family Camps

Jun 11-16

Pioneers Full/Half Week (K-2)
Pathfinders (3-5)
Trailblazers (6-8)
Confirmation
Senior High (9-12)

Jun 18-23

Pioneers Full/Half Week (K-2)
Pathfinders (3-5)
Trailblazers (6-8)
Western Riding (6-8)
Confirmation
Senior High (9-12)
Trail Guides (11-12)

Jun 25-30

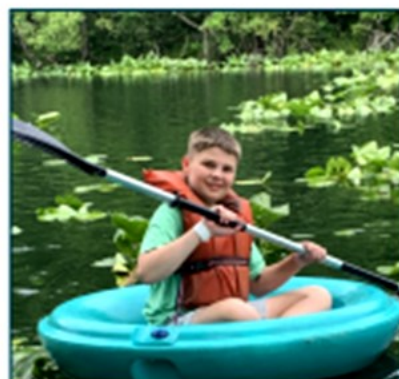
Pioneers Full/Half Week (K-2)
Pathfinders (3-5)
Western Riding (3-5)
Trailblazers (6-8)
Confirmation
Senior High (9-12)
Trail Guides Second Week

Jun 30 - Jul 2

Family Camp
Weekend & LMC
75th Anniversary
Celebration

Jul 5-8

Pioneers Mini Camp (K-2)
Pathfinders Mini Camp (3-5)
Trailblazers Mini Camp (6-8)
Grandparent/Kids Camp



Camp Luther at HopeWood Shores Family Camps

Jun 11-17

Family Camp Week 1

Jun 18-24

Family Camp Week 2

Jun 25-July 1

Family Camp Week 3

July 2-8

Family Camp Week 4

July 9-15

Family Camp Week 5

July 16-22

Family Camp Week 6

July 23-29

Family Camp Week 7

July 30 - Aug 5

Family Camp Week 8

HopeWood Connect Day Camps

July 9-14

July 16-21

July 23-28

July 30 - Aug 4

HopeWood Outdoors

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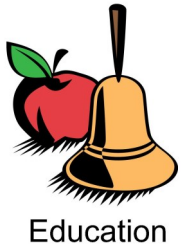


Camp Luther at HopeWood Shores

3901 Lake Road
Conneaut, OH 44030
440.224.2196

shores@hopewoodoutdoors.org

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**.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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319 SOUTH OHIO AVE.
SIDNEY, OH 45365
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
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

Shelby Skilled Nursing

Mildred Hughes, 705 Fulton St., Rm. 8, Sidney, Oh 45365

Birchaven Village Home

Helen Dill, 15100 Birchaven Lane, Birch 40, Findlay, Ohio 45840

Fair Haven, 2901 Fair Rd., Sidney, Oh1150

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 AA, 12 pm	2	3 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm Catechism, 6 pm	4 Bible Study, 7 pm	5 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	6 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
7 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	8 AA, 12 pm Church Commit- tee, 6 pm Church Council, 7 pm	9	10 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm Catechism, 6 pm	11 Senior Lunch, 12 pm Bible Study, 7 pm	12 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	13 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
14 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am Happy Mother's Day	15 AA, 12 pm	16 JOY Circle, 1 pm Dorothy Love, 10 am	17 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm Catechism, 6 pm	18 Bible Study, 7 pm	19 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	20 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
21 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school & WFC, 9:30 am Youth Mtg., 6 pm	22 AA, 12 pm	23	24 Quilting, 9 am AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm Catechism, 6 pm	25 Bible Study, 7 pm	26 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	27 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
28 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am, WFC, 9:30 am Grad Recognition Pentecost Sunday	29 Office Closed AA, 12 pm Memorial Day	30	31 AA, 12 pm			