



***"Big Top"***

***Vacation Bible School***

***July 11-13***

***It was a great time!  
Thank you to everyone  
who helped!***



***Confirmation Sunday***  
***10:30 am Service, August 6***  
***We celebrate:***  
***Rachel Bisbee***  
***Kaia Kellersmith***





## Confirmation Sunday

is something that many of us remember. It used to happen on Palm Sunday or Pentecost Sunday. Sometimes there was a public examination of those to be confirmed with students nervously waiting to answer their question. In some families it was a time for a big celebration, almost like a graduation. For others it seemed no big deal. As a pastor, I enjoy Confirmation Sundays because, for me, they are always filled with excitement and hope.

This year, on August 6 at the 10:30 service two young ladies will *Affirm their Baptism* (that's the official title for what happens). They have been in class with me these past two years. First year, we read and discussed the Bible and thirty important stories or passages found in the Bible. Their second year we learned about our identity as Christians, as Lutherans, as followers of Jesus, and as children of God. We examined the Apostles' Creed, Lutheran history, the Small Catechism and also looked at ways to sustain growth for our faith.

These two young ladies are bright, and fun, and will be a blessed addition to our congregation family. I would like to ask you all to keep Rachel Bisbee and Kaia Kellersmith in your prayers, along with their families. It is an exciting time in their lives as they accept responsibility for their faith and answer the questions of their Baptism, this time for themselves.



I hope that you will join us for Confirmation Sunday. Again, it is Sunday, August 6 at 10:30. Help us to celebrate accomplishments, marvel in new faith, and add our prayers of support for the confirmands.

Peace,

## Youth Meeting & Pool Party

This month, at the third Sunday Youth Meeting will be a pool party. We have been invited by Pam Wagner to use their pool. We will meet on Sunday, August 20 from 4 until 6 in the afternoon. We will have food, drinks and fun. All youth, going into grades 9 to 12 are welcome, and you can invite your friends if you wish. See you then.



# Quilting Group



## QUILTING \_ \_ \_ \_



is a delightfully hands on ministry at St. John's where we meet in the church basement, the fourth Wednesday of each month, 9-11:30 am. The more hands we have growing our quilting group, the merrier. You do not need to be a skilled quilter to take part.

- ♦ If you can tie your shoes, you can help us make quilts.
- ♦ Are you recently retired and looking for a way to fill some of your new-found free time serving God and others?
- ♦ If you work most comfortably at home, you may enjoy cutting squares or stitch binding.
- ♦ A supportive atmosphere and fellowship is just what many of us crave. We talk, we listen, we laugh a lot! This is our monthly therapy.





Happy August, Brothers and Sisters!

Beautiful summer flowers blooming all over the place, weekly trips to the Drive-In for me, and yet another month of BASEBALL!!! How excited are we!!! Our Reds are doing fantastic!! Who knew that these kids with a few veterans would be playing the way they are!! As of this writing, Matt McLain hit his first ML Grand Slam (7/21)!!! We're really hoping they win our division for starters!!!

On Sunday, August 6, at 10:30 worship we'll celebrate the confirmation of two of our young ladies, Rachel Bisbee and Kaia Kellersmith!! Please join us for this always special day!!

School starts this month.

Anna - August 22  
Fairlawn - August 23  
Houston - August 17  
Sidney, August 30

Please keep our Confirmands in your prayers as they continue on their faith journeys, and please keep our students in your prayers as they begin the new school year.

Happy Birthday, MLA, Sean!!

Love in Christ,  
Lori



## HONOR & GLORY

with Special Guests

*Jonathan & Emily Martin*



**Free Concert**

Connection Point Church

1510 Campbell Rd Sidney, Ohio

Saturday, September 30th at 7 pm



aims to inspire people thru God and music  
to overcome life's challenges!

For more information go to: [liftitup-sidney.weebly.com](http://liftitup-sidney.weebly.com)





Many people enjoy making their home's entryway welcoming. We want everyone who comes to the St. John's Thrift Shop to feel warmly welcomed as well. Like many homes of that era, the Thrift Shop has a wonderful old porch. To make our porch more inviting, an updated Thrift Shop sign was installed in recent times and an 'OPEN' flag encourages people to stop in. We display seasonal banners that flutter in the wind and one volunteer does a wonderful job of maintaining the front flower beds during the spring and summer months. Thanks to the recent Lenten project, a white cross is also prominently displayed in the shade of our maple tree.

Some of our porch's welcoming charm revolves around how busy it is. When we participate in the down town sidewalk sales, we set out tables of sale items on the porch. And since floor space in the shop is limited, we also have days when larger merchandise is displayed on the porch. After hours, it is not unusual for bags and boxes of donations to magically appear on the porch. And sometimes those donated items also magically disappear from the porch (which is why we encourage donations be made during business hours). In one recent case, a donation disappeared overnight but the honest soul who took it left \$2.00 on the porch to cover the cost.

For those less fortunate in our community, the Thrift Shop porch has been a place to get out of the sun or rain or even to charge a cell phone using the outside outlet.

We pray that all who enter the St. John's Thrift Shop find it to be a warm and welcoming place as they donate, shop or receive assistance.

**Welcome one another,  
therefore, as Christ has  
welcomed you, for the glo-  
ry of God. Romans 15:7**



# St. John's Church Council Meeting Minutes

## ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

June 12, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice President, Kaleb Headings

**OPENING DEVOTION:** Pastor Steve Edmiston

**AGENDA REVIEW:** Addition: Old business: Wellman construction update and Recommendation on future plans for Church bus. \*Tina Ike moved to approve as amended, Margy Headings seconded. Motion passed.

### NEW BUSINESS:

No new business to review

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Wellman construction update

Contract documents are signed. Original date was end of June / July. Note we need to review with outside inspectors at beginning of project, so we know what to inspect at end.

#### Bus Recommendation

\*Pr. Steve moved to un-table bus discussion from previous meeting, Deb Mertz seconded. Motion passed. Recall work has been completed. Additional checks needed to identify issue with cylinder – if repair is minor, we will complete. Situation is that bus is depreciating and not utilized much. \*Kaleb Headings moved to follow Property Committee's recommendation to sell the bus and put the money into transportation budget. Sale to be finalized by Executive Committee with coordination of Property Committee. Margy Headings seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion passed.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** A copy of the Treasurer's report was distributed with the agenda. \*Tina Ike moved to approve as submitted, Joyce Fishbaugh seconded. Motion passed. Additional notes from Thomas: We can make 1<sup>st</sup> two payments to Wellman without borrowing from Memorial Committee. As a follow up from a question on rental income from last month, Alcoholics Anonymous pays \$50/month for basement space usage.

### STAFF REPORTS

Pastor Report: Report reviewed by Pastor Steve. Points reviewed: catechism classes complete, confirmation set for Sunday Aug 6 at 10:30, Bible study on Romans continues, he attended Synod Assembly and the single day format worked well, out of town for Father's Day service, VBS July 11-13, Youth planning for July.

Volunteer Coordinator Report: No report submitted.

Thrift Shop Report: Financial statement submitted. Requests from Mary: 1) please blow off porch when cutting grass, 2) was told two years ago that camera would be put on porch and she would like a follow up.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Ministry – Education & Youth:* Per Joyce, VBS is July 11-13, 6-8pm. Sign up forms added into kid's activity bags and bulletins.

*Ministry – Music & Worship:* Per Becky, working with Evangelism group on small groups, will have trumpet player for July 4<sup>th</sup> service, New Horizon Musical School for confirmation Sunday. Per Deb, kids bell choir playing July 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 service.

*Outreach – Evangelism:* Per Linda, working with Lynn to get more guest bags. Looking at a new picnic table across from Chilly Jilly's.

*Outreach – Parish Life:* Per Wes, donuts and coffee went well, getting involved in small groups.

*Operations – Finance:* Per Thomas, reviewed bank reconciliations.

*Operations – Property:* Per Norb, Bob discussed picnic table and recommends we replace it, it needs a new lock. Rock fountain float valve needs corrections.



## **COMING IN OCTOBER**

### **“ST. JOHN’S SINGERS”**

By the time August and September roll around, the phrase “hit the ground running” becomes extremely applicable in almost every home!

Children return to school. The demand for Mom and Dad’s taxi service peaks because of sports, band obligations, piano, and dance and on and on. More activities at church come to life! Daylight decreases in these busy days, and falling leaves and lawn work are overwhelming. Also, is it just me, or does the time in between Thanksgiving and Christmas get shorter every year?

In light of our busy lives, I have something I would like you to consider. Reformation is Sunday, October 29. Wouldn’t it be great to have a group of singers to add to our celebration of this grand festival? Luther himself proclaimed that “Next to the Word of God, music is of highest importance.”

There will be but two rehearsals for this occasion. Rehearsals will be 40 minutes in length and occur between our Sunday morning worship services. This will be an informal group—no robes; no processing; no Wednesday night practice—just come from your pew when your bulletin says “we are on”. While we will always try to offer our best to the Glory of God, music technicalities and processes will be very relaxed. Just come to sing!

Please let me know if you are interested in being part of his opportunity.     Becky Mann

## **Church Council Minutes continues**

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**DEVOTIONS:** John Widney

### **INFORMATION:**

Sign-up sheets for communion assistants and devotions.

Newsletter deadline: Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Next Council Meeting: Monday August 14, 7pm. Exec mtg 6:30.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

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



# St. John's Info!

Joy Circle  
Aug. 15  
Tuesday, 1 pm  
Parlor

St. John's Members,  
Chuck, Renae and I would like to say thank you for all the prayers that were said for Parker Downing. She passed and went with the Lord. God was calling her home with Him in heaven. Parker is no longer in pain or suffering.

Brenda Riddle

Church Council  
Meeting, Monday,  
Aug. 14, 7pm

The Quilting Circle  
Fellowship Hall

9 am  
Wednesday

Aug. 23

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

On behalf of CORE, thank you so much for your monthly donation. Exciting things are happening at CORE. We have just been granted approval to have class for 3rd and 4th grades at Northwood. We are also working on strategic planning to reach more kids in Sidney and Shelby County. Thank you!

Pam Wagner, Secretary of CORE

## Altar Guild Volunteers

August

*Rita Gerkey  
Ruth Halpin*

Dorothy Love  
Monthly Worship Service  
10 am, August 15  
Pastor Steve presiding.  
Please stop by and join us for  
worship!

Senior Group Event  
Thursday, August 10  
Noon, details to follow.

## Coffee Time!

Every *first Sunday of the month*, 9:30 am, we will be having a fellowship gathering in our church "Christ and Coffee" bar for coffee, donuts, and fun!

Next gathering time:  
August 6





## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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45365

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THRIFT SHOP  
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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

### Koester Pavilion

Mildred Hughes, 3232 N. Co. Rd. 25-A, Room 35, Troy, Oh 45373

### 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

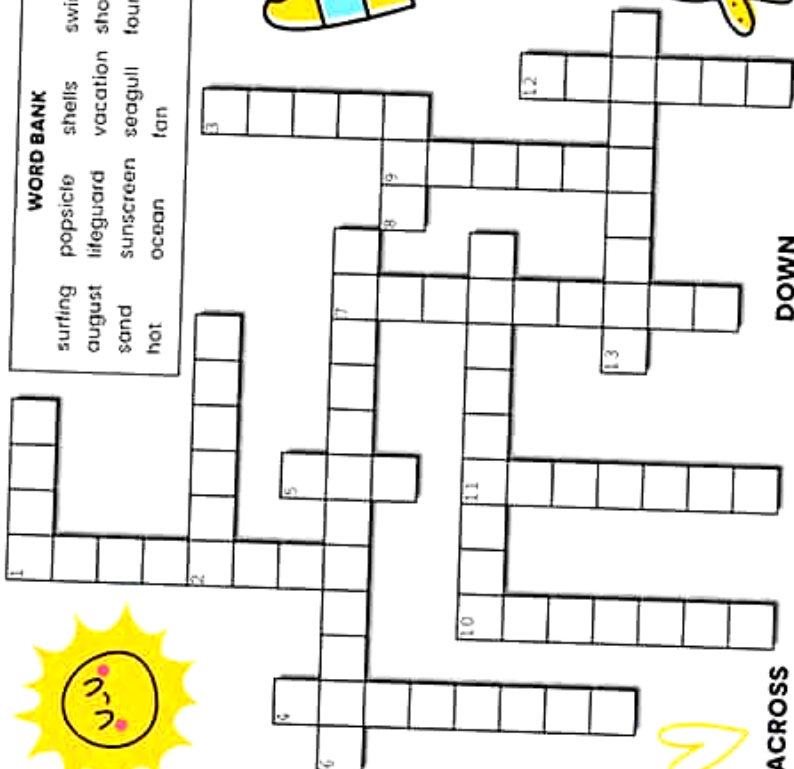
## God's Vision, Our Mission

*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!*

# AT THE BEACH CROSSWORD PUZZLE

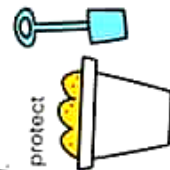




**WORD BANK**  
 surfing    popsicle    shells    swimsuit  
 august    lifeguard    vacation    shorts  
 sand    sunscreen    seagull    fourth of july  
 hot    ocean    fan



## ACROSS

- Kids love to dig in this.
- You can collect these on the beach.
- An American summer holiday.
- You turn this on to cool off.
- We put this on our skin to protect us from the sun.
- A trip away from home.



## DOWN

- What you wear to go swimming.
- You swim in this at the beach.
- A frozen treat on a stick.
- The weather in summer.
- Someone whose job is to make sure swimmers are safe.
- The last month of summer.
- A bird you see often at the beach.
- When you ride a wave with a board.
- Commonly worn in summer.

# Summer Word Search



B	F	G	P	W	S	C	A	M	P	I	N	G	S	P	X	
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| RELAXATION | BARBECUE | VACATION         | WATER PARK |
| TRAVELING  | OCEAN    | SWIMSUIT         | LAKE       |
| HOT        | BEACH    | AIR CONDITIONING | POOL       |
| SUNSHINE   | SUNBATHE | SWIMMING         | CAMPING    |
| POPSICLE   | GRILLING | ICE CREAM        | SPEEDBOAT  |





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Church Office Open Mon-Thurs. 8-3 pm Fri., 8 am-12:30 pm		1 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	2 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	3	4 AA, 12 pm	5 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
6 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am Confirmation, 10:30 am <b>Coffee Fellowship, 9:30 am</b>	7 AA, 12 pm	8	9 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	10 Senior Lunch, 12 pm	11 AA, 12 pm	12 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
13 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	14 AA, 12 pm Church Committee Mtg, 6 pm Church Council Mtg., 7 pm	15 Dorothy Love, 10 am JOY Circle, 1 pm	16 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	17	18 AA, 12 pm	19 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
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27 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am, Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am Wired for Christ, 9:30 am	28 AA, 12 pm	29	30 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	31		



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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6 Steven Meyer	7	8 Pr. Steve Edmiston	9 Karen Adkins	10 ♥Josh & Kelli Ward	11 Phil Kocher ♥Rhonda & Keith Vance	12 James Davis Sean Holt TJ Leonard ♥Jerry & Sharon Allen
13 Judy & Karl Bemus	14 Judy Doll Bill McCroskey ♥David & Kathy Fultz	15 Mitchell Davis Nikki Elsner Diane Hammer Ryan Kies Tyler Kies	16 Kermit Dorsey Layne Meyer	17 Brenda Pinson Taylor Willoughby	18	19 Susie Fultz Ron Young, Jr. ♥Darin & Rence Davis
20	21 Sandy Daum	22 Lori Holt	23 Kim Rosengarten	24 LeAnn Davis ♥Trent & Dottie Snavley	25 Brooks Ware	26 Myles Willoughby
27 ♥Dave & Kathie Fields ♥Steven & Layne Meyer ♥Karen & Jim Olding	28 Sophia Headings Julie Kies Cole Pitchford	29	30 Lauren Barker	31 Chris Berger Hayden Davies Kayela Martin ♥Steve & Sue Blatchly		