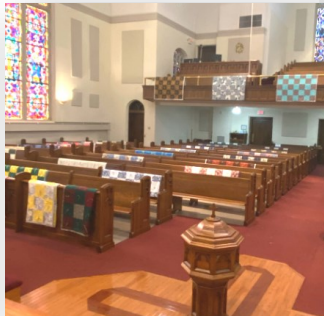


### Blessing of the Quilts

There are 66 quilts to be delivered to Lutheran World Relief to help those less fortunate around the world. Thank you quilting group!



**Celebration for  
Reformation Day  
Sunday, October 29  
Wear Red to Church!**

**Coffee Time”  
First Sunday  
of the Month  
9:30 am**



**Meeting in  
Christ & Coffee Bar**

**Bible Timeline Talk  
Thursday, Oct. 19, 7 pm  
Parlor  
You're invited!**





**From the Pastor:**

Maybe you have not noticed this, but I love the Bible. I love to read it, study it, talk about it, or preach about it. I love the stories in the Bible. I love the wisdom in the Bible. I love the teachings of Jesus we discover in the Bible.

I know that there are places in the Bible that confuse me, places where I wrestle with the stories to discover the underlying blessings. I know that there are places where I find delight, favorite passages and favorite stories that I turn to regularly.

I am glad that Martin Luther saw the importance of translating the Bible into the language of the people but I also recognize that this collection of books is, at minimum, 1,900 years old. There are parts of what make up these books that are implied for the original audience that we don't have right at hand. This is what makes the reading and studying so special. There are also parts of scripture that we are invited to just read and ponder, meditating on the wisdom, the grace, the love of God.

In October, I want to share some of that love of the Bible. On Thursday, October 19 I want to walk through the Bible in 90 minutes. I use a Bible timeline published by Crossways International filled with pictures and symbols to help us learn. We won't tell every story or touch on every book but what we do is see how God's love and faithfulness weaves through all of scripture from creation through Jesus' resurrection to the Revelation.

So, we will meet on Thursday, October 19 beginning at 7pm and we will go through the Bible in 90 minutes (or less). I hope that you will join us as we come to appreciate God's gift in the Bible a little bit more.

Peace,  
Pastor Steve



**Lori Holt**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Yet another month has passed, and it's now October! It brings about my favorite season, Autumn! I love winter; but Autumn brings about falling leaves, football, crisp cool weather, more football, baseball playoffs, and yet more football! By this time we'll know if our Reds have made the playoffs. I sure hope so! After losing 100 games last year, it'd be amazing!

October 1 is my brother's birthday. This year he would've been 65. I miss him so much. I don't know how you can miss someone that you never knew, but I do. I miss the relationship we would've had. But, I will see him someday.

Reformation Sunday is October 29!! Please be here for one of the worship services. And don't forget to wear RED!!



A Mighty Fortress is our God!!

Happy Birthday, Johnnie!!

Love in Christ,  
Lori

**OCTOBER 14  
2023 —**

Join us as we walk for the  
millions of human trafficking  
victims across the globe.

**TIME:** 5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Shelby County Court Square

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**When we show up** for the freedom of others, we show up for the world we want to see. A world where justice, human dignity, and freedom prevail. Your steps matter. Your voice matters. For those enslaved in your city, and around the world.

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The Thrift Shop had just closed one afternoon when a man came to the back door and asked if he could have a shirt. He explained that he had recently arrived in Sidney, was homeless and had much of what he owned stolen from him. As is customary, he was given the opportunity to pick out two or three sets of clothing. As he was selecting several t-shirts, a couple of pairs of shorts, socks, a pair of shoes and a jacket, he spoke about his current situation and how he was sleeping outside in places frequented by the homeless here in Sidney. He mentioned that he was on the waiting list for the Mercy Mission House shelter and he was very happy to hear that they serve free meals at that location. He also had hopes of being hired at American Trim.

He was very thankful for the clothing he received and he prepared to leave. As he walked through the work room towards the door, he saw a quilt that had arrived that day. He stopped, gently touched it and after a moment, politely ask if he might have it since the nights were beginning to get much cooler and it was harder to stay warm while sleeping. So, the quilt was also placed in a bag for him to take along. As he left the Shop, he continued to express his gratitude with many thank you's. And then he said "*I am blessed.*".

It may be easier some days than others, but we can always say "I am blessed". For we truly are blessed. God promises to be with us, give us strength and see us through whatever comes our way, be it easy or hard.

The Thrift Shop's fall change-over and the annual coat give-away will both take place in early October. If you would like to help with either of these events, please contact Mary at 937-492-0337.

#### August Thrift Shop Statistics

Clients:	14
\$ Assistance:	\$408.67\$
In-kind Assistance:	\$0



*Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.  
Jeremiah 17:7*

# St. John's Church Council Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:** President, Jacob Cook

**OPENING DEVOTION:** Pastor Steve Edmiston

**AGENDA REVIEW:** Addition: New business: Thanksgiving meal preps, Annual report, Congregational meeting. Old business: Council replacements, Transfer outs, Remove Church Bus from agenda. \*Linda Fogt moved to approve as amended, Kaleb Headings seconded. Motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### Thanksgiving meal

Just to review this is coming up. Evangelism committee works on this process and will provide outline at next meeting.

### Annual Report prep

Requesting committees take notes throughout the year to supply a summary of activities to congregation. This will be published in the annual report.

### Congregational Meeting

\*Pastor Steve moved to hold Congregational meeting on Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>, Norb Mertz seconded. Motion passed.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Council replacements

Continue to ask for volunteers – would like to have them on the list by the Congregational meeting date. Those going off council: Jacob Cook, Tina Ike, Linda Fogt, Joyce Fishbaugh.

### Transfer Outs

Noted this was on new business last month, and will be closing out this month.

### Wellman construction update

Scheduled to begin work within the next 7 days.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** A copy of the Secretary's report was distributed with the agenda. \*Kaleb Headings 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. \*Tina Ike moved to accept the report as submitted, Wes Cavinder seconded. Motion passed.

Additional notes from Thomas: Thomas provided copies of the 2024 Budget draft and reviewed them with Council. Feedback from committees is requested for the October meeting.

## STAFF REPORTS

Pastor Report: Report reviewed by Pastor Steve. Points reviewed: 3 funerals since last meeting, hosted Cluster Pastors meeting, pool party with youth, next year's national youth meeting conflicts with other activities, welcoming new members Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – approx. 8 adults plus additional kids, 90 minute Bible walkthrough class being planned.

Volunteer Coordinator Report: No report submitted.

Thrift Shop Report: No report submitted. Mary insisted not to take a salary during her time off in September; however, if the shop is open during that time with volunteers, Council will discuss covering her salary.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Ministry – Education & Youth:* Per Joyce, reviewed the Library Rally and ELCA Good Gifts program. Per Sharon, she suggested Sunday School kids do cards for Shut Ins, and Michelle Cavinder has started as a regular in the Sunday School room. Per Tina, David Crowder (Christian artist) is in concert at Versailles in December and asked Pastor to bring that up to the older youth. Per Jen, can we put a more obvious call out in the bulletin for Sunday School opportunities for adults/children that visitors can see.

*Ministry – Music & Worship:* no report.

*Outreach – Evangelism:* Per Linda, Cards for Christ has started – over 300 so far (mostly signed), guest bags are beneficial but encourage people to speak to new folks.

*Outreach – Parish Life:* Per Jen, Donut Sunday is a hit, considering doing a breakfast after annual meeting – review timing next month.

*Operations – Finance:* Per Thomas, monthly statements were signed.

*Operations – Property:* Per Kaleb, we have some prospective buyers for the bus.

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## St. John's Church Council Meeting Minutes Continues...

### PRAYER REQUESTS

DEVOTIONS: Pastor Steve

### INFORMATION:

Sign-up sheets for communion assistants and devotions.

Newsletter deadline: Tuesday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup>

Next Council Meeting: Monday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 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, Thomas Martin, Norb Mertz, John Widney. Excused: Becky Mann, Deb Mertz, Tatum Werntz.

### New Faces

*Have you ever considered joining a group or an organization but felt out of place and unwelcome when you attended?* We have been blessed with a number of visitors here at St. John's over the past few months and we hope to see more in the future. And it's up to us to make these visitors feel welcome and included in our worship services. If you see a new face at one of our services, please consider introducing yourself. Your introduction can be as simple as... "Hi. I'm Bob. I don't think we've met before." The time you take to say hello may seem like a small gesture but it might make a world of difference to the individual you speak to.

If you find that someone is a first time visitor to St. John's, please offer them one of the purple guest bags found in the sanctuary and the chapel. And please invite them to return again. It's what Jesus would want us to do.

### Cards from Christ

Fall is just around the corner, kids are back in school, the football season is in full swing and it's time to work on **Christmas Cards!**

St. John's will once again be collecting Christmas cards for the 2023 'Cards from Christ' project. 'Cards from Christ' is the Ohio Christmas Cards for Inmates ministry. Its goal is to provide a Christmas card to every incarcerated man and woman in the Ohio prison system.

We will be collecting cards between now and Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> in drop off boxes just inside the sanctuary. You are encouraged to sign the cards with your first name only or 'Your Friend' or 'Your Brother/Sister in Christ'. And you are welcome to include encouraging messages. Please remember that not all recipients will be Christian but all will respond to kindness. Most importantly ... please pray that each card goes to the one who needs it the most, even if that person feels they need it the least.

Since these cards are going into the prison system, there are some rules ... **Store-bought cards only, no envelopes (just cards), no trifolds, no pockets, no pop ups, no glitter, no loose pictures or messages, no trinkets, keepsakes or gifts, no full names (just first name, please), no addresses, no phone numbers, no crayon, INK ONLY.**



If possible, please rubber band your cards or place them all into a larger envelope with a count. There will be a collection box for signed cards and a second box for unsigned cards. It's fine if you would like to donate cards but prefer not to sign them. We'll see that they are signed before being sent.

Over the past several years, the members of St. John's have generously supported this ministry. And with your help, we hope to do the same again this year. So please consider joining this effort to tell others about the wonderful God we serve.

# St. John's Info!

Joy Circle  
Oct. 19  
Tuesday, 1 pm  
Parlor

Altar Guild  
Volunteers  
October  
*Lynn Pitchford*

Quilting Circle  
to meet  
October 25, 9 am

Senior Group  
Event  
Thursday, Oct. 12

Dear St John Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,000.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

*Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).*

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA you share this amazing grace with others and help people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love.

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

In Christ,



Amanda White  
Director, Congregational Generosity

## THE SALVATION ARMY

Captain E

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SIDNEY, OH 45365  
(937)492-8412

September 14, 2023

St. John's Lutheran Church  
120 W Water St  
Sidney OH 45365

Dear St. John's Lutheran Church:

On behalf of The Salvation Army, I want to thank you for supporting our Back to School Event by collecting school supplies. With your help, we were able to provide backpacks and school supplies for 267 children here in Shelby County.

Your church provided a total of 239 school supply items which directly impacted kids in our community. Thank you for your support and your generosity!

God Bless You



Bryan Bender, Captain  
Corps Officer  
419 N. Buckeye Ave  
Sidney, OH 45365  
Bryane.bender@use.salvationarmy.org

Youth Meeting

6 pm

Sunday, October 15

**Dorothy Love**  
**Monthly Worship Service**

10 am, Oct. 17

Pastor Steve presiding.

Please stop by and join us for worship!

**CORE (Council of Religious Education)** is excited to announce that we have 226 students signed up for our program at Northwood. We have increased from one day a week to 4 days a week. This is in addition to the 5 days per week that we already do at Emerson and Longfellow! This increases our need for classroom aids. If anyone is interested in helping in this ministry, please contact the office or Pam Wagner for a list of responsibilities and an application or with questions.

**The Council of Religious Education** is looking for classroom aides for the 2023-24 school year if anyone can help! Being an aide is a **volunteer position**, and you can work one class a week or as many as you'd like! We have 40 classes we serve each week. We begin class October 2nd.

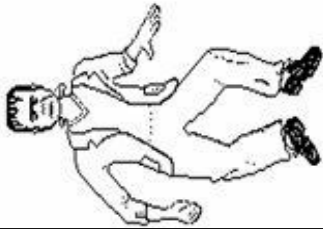
Longfellow school 9:05-9:45 & 9:50-10:30

Emerson school 1:15-1:55 & 2:45-3:25

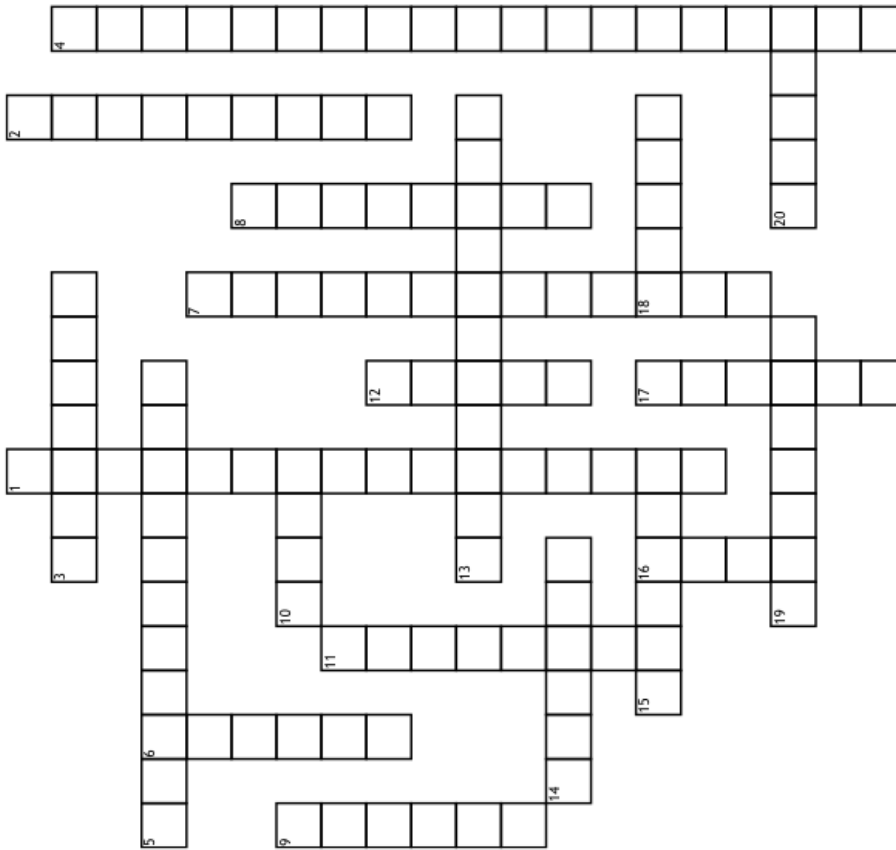
Northwood 8:45-9:30, 9:35-10:20, 10:25-11:10, 1:45-2:25 & 2:30-3:15

# Tricky Halloween Word Search

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bat black bones broom caldron cat costumes creepy dracula frighten  
ghosts goblins halloween haunted monster moon mummy night owl pumpkin  
scary skeleton spider spirits spooky trick or treat vampire werewolf witch zombie



- Across**
- Which 1980 Stephen King book adaptation is hated by King?
  - Ed Gein inspired which 1974 slasher killer?
  - Who is the detective in Child's Play?
  - Why was Hannibal Lecter imprisoned?
  - Which was the first Stephen King novel to be adapted into a film?
  - Norman Bates is the killer from which Alfred Hitchcock film?
- Down**
- 247 people die in a plane crash in which horror film?
  - Which two-year old dies in Pet Semetary?
  - Jason Voorhees is from which film franchise?
  - What is the name of the camp in Sleepaway Camp?
  - How many "A Nightmare on Elm Street" films are there?
  - Charles Lee Ray transferred his soul into which kind of doll?
  - Which slasher killer has the highest kill count?
  - Who made £93,000 from Army of Darkness?
  - Which 1973 horror film was the first horror to be nominated for a best picture Oscar?
  - Which family is in the Texas Chainsaw Massacre?
  - Melanie Daniels is the protagonist in which 1963 film?
  - "In space no one can hear you scream" is from what film?
  - Which film is about a rabid St Bernard?
  - Who is the demon in the Exorcist?

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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SIDNEY, OH 45365  
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**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:*

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

**Dorothy Love Apartments: 2400 N. Kuther Rd., Sidney, Oh**

Margaret Ike, Apt. 213

Jeanne Mears, Apt. 301

Gary & Judy Paul, Apt. 324, Sidney, Oh 45365

**Dorothy Love Homes:**

Jerry Gibbs, 701 Bennett Circle, Sidney, Oh 45365

**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, 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**


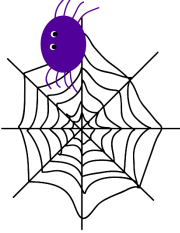
Pamela Morgan, 275 Kienle Drive, Room 409, Piqua, Oh 45356

**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
<b>1</b> Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am <b>Coffee Time, 9:30 am</b>	<b>2</b> AA, 12 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	<b>7</b> Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
<b>8</b> Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	<b>9</b> AA, 12 pm <b>Church Commit-tee, 6 pm</b> <b>Church Council, 7 pm</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	<b>12</b> <b>Senior Lunch, 12 pm</b>	<b>13</b> Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	<b>14</b> Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
<b>15</b> Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school & <b>Youth Meeting, 6 pm</b>	<b>16</b> AA, 12 pm	<b>17</b> <b>Dorothy Love, 10 am</b> <b>JOY Circle, 1 pm</b>	<b>18</b> AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	<b>19</b> <b>Bible Time Line Talk, 7pm</b>	<b>20</b> Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	<b>21</b> Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
<b>22</b> Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	<b>23</b> AA, 12 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Quilting, 9 am</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	<b>28</b> Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
<b>29</b> Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am <b>Reformation Sunday</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				<i>Church Office Open            Mon-Thurs. 8-3 pm            Fri., 8 am-12:30 pm</i>