



♡ Happy ♡  
Valentine's Day

**Installation of  
Church Council 2024  
Sunday, February 4  
Both Services**

*The members will be in-  
stalled at the service of  
their*

**Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services**

**You are invited to attend our Ash Wednesday and  
Lenten services.**

**The date and times are below.**

**Ash Wednesday Service with Communion:**  
***Feb. 14 1pm (Chapel) & 7 pm (Sanctuary)***

**Lenten Services:**

***Wed. Feb. 21 7 pm***

***Wed. Feb. 28 7 pm***

***Wed. March 6 7 pm***

***Wed. March 13 7 pm***

***Wed. March 20 7 pm***

## ***Lent is coming!***

This may not be the same kind of startling announcement as “The British are coming!” when Paul Revere rode around saying it, but it is still true. Lent is coming. Ash Wednesday is February 14 and that begins Lent.

Now, Lent is a time of preparation for Christians. It is a time when we spend time in repentant reflection, in earnest meditation about God’s love for us and all humanity. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word “*lencten*” which means “spring.” Lent is a time where, as our faith lives may lie fallow, we work on our faith, our relationship with God and our actions as we follow Jesus. Lent is the time when we get to “work the soil” of our faith allowing God to plant his love in our lives so that we might bear fruit.

For some, Lent is a time to deny themselves and “give up something.” That can be a good exercise. Giving up something that is part of your everyday life so that you can reflect on God’s goodness and gracious giving in our lives can mean a lot. Some give up things like chocolate or pop. Some give up a lunch out every week so they can donate the money they would have spent to a group or charity that deals with the hunger of others. Sometimes, for kids, its as simple as giving up gum and giving what would have been spent on gum in the Sunday School collection. Some put away a quarter for every day of Lent and donate the money to church or another charity. It’s not only about denying yourself but finding a way to use that denial to help you focus on your faith and on God’s love.

Some add things to their lives. Fifteen minutes for prayer or Bible reading they don’t usually do. Some commit to attending worship throughout Lent to give themselves opportunities for prayer and fellowship. Some begin exercise in order to get, or remain, healthy so that they can be of service to others. Some write letters or cards, others visit people but again this addition is meant to help focus on growing faith and on God’s love.

Lent is coming and whether you give up something, add something, or whatever, it is my prayer that your Lent is an opportunity for growth and joy.

***Lent is coming!***

Pastor Steve



# Lori Holt

Brothers and Sisters,

Yet another month has passed, and we're now in February. By this time we'll know who's playing in Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas!!



Well, believe it or not Ash Wednesday is February 14, the beginning of Lent. Worship services will be held at 1:30 in the Chapel and 7:00 in the Sanctuary, both with Holy Communion. Please be at one of these worship opportunities to "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." I find this a very solemn service. And since this is the beginning of Lent, we'll have two Wednesday Lenten worship services in February. They'll continue into March. More opportunities to worship as we prepare for the Easter celebration!!

There are five things we can do during the Lenten season. Read the Bible daily to help us grow in our faith, pray throughout the day, give up something and use the money saved to help a cause or local organization that's special to us, do random acts of kindness and we can find a place to serve at church or with a local organization.

Something I very much enjoy, thanks to our former Intern Russ Crouthamel, is Lent Madness. It began in 2010 by Rev. Tim Schenck. He created a fun way for people to learn about the men and women who are saints, servants of the church and those who have made a big difference in the life their of society. If you're interested, <https://www.lentmadness.org/about/#:~:text=Lent%20Madness%20began%20in%202010,with%20this%20unique%20Lenten%20devotion>. will help you get started!!

Holy Lord, please guide us in our worship during this Lenten season and always. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Happy XL Birthday, Diana!!

Love in Christ,

Lori

## St. John's Info!

### 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,



Altar Guild  
Volunteers  
February

**Patti Puckett**

Youth Meeting

6 pm Sunday, Feb. 18

**Dorothy Love**  
Monthly Worship Service  
10 am, Feb. 20  
Pastor Steve presiding.

Joy Circle  
Feb. 20  
Tuesday, 1 pm

Quilting Circle  
to meet  
Feb. 28, 9 am

Winter was near and temperatures were dropping. A woman arrived at the Thrift Shop hoping to find a coat for her mother who is blind. Along with being the correct size, the coat needed to zip in the front since this type of coat would be the easiest for her mother to put on. The daughter found a coat but was concerned that it might not fit. She was very surprised and appreciative when she was told she could take the coat with her and then return it if it didn't fit or pay for it later if it did. The daughter returned to the Thrift Shop the next day. She teared up as she told how well the coat fit and described the expression of love she witnessed as her father told his wife how beautiful she looked in that coat. Stories like this warm the hearts of those who work at the Thrift Shop.

Santa's Workshop was held at the Thrift Shop on Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> for children whose families shop at the Thrift Shop. This event allows children to pick out Christmas presents for family members and then experience the joy of giving. 10 children took part in this event and we thank all of the volunteers who helped make this day possible!

#### December Thrift Shop Statistics

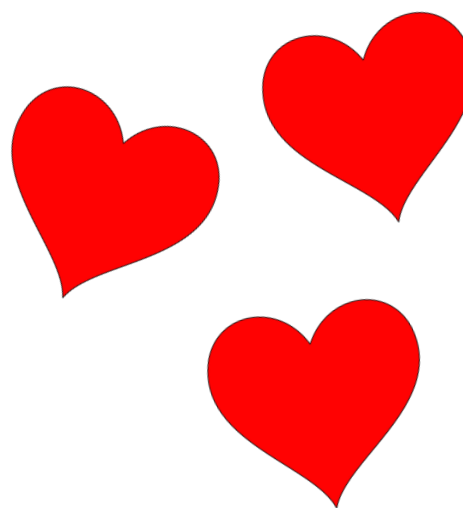
Clients: 49

42 Assistance: \$1,225.08

7 In-kind Assistance: \$47.85



MY  Grace  
IS ALL YOU  
Need  
2 CORINTHIANS 12:9



**St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Date: Jan 8, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Jacob Cook

**OPENING DEVOTIONS:** Pastor Steve Edmonton

**AGENDA REVIEW:** Tina Ike motioned to approve as submitted and Kaleb Heading seconded. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Election of officers were completed.

President -Kaleb Headings, Vice President - Myron Koester, Secretary - Margy Headings

Committee Selections - to be assigned by Pastor and with be presented at the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Medical Needs-

Transport wheelchairs (2) have been purchased and have been place at each of the indoor entrances of the elevator.

A Zoll AED has been selected. Also, to purchase pediatric pads, a cabinet, and "bleed" first aide kit.

Discussed if training for AED will be needed. This was shelved for now.

Discussed placement of the cabinet and agreed that in the connector near the bulletin board would be best.

Annual reports need to be in to Lynn regarding activities of the committee 2023.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Ann Huber moved to approve the Secretary's Report as submitted and Wes Cavinder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A copy of the Treasurer's report was distributed with the agenda. Pastor Steve moved to approve as submitted and Myron Koester seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Additional notes from Thomas:

Dec. was a good month financially and ended on a positive note.

Phase 2 of the capital project will begin as weather allows. 70% of the funds needed have been received. US bank manages investments following guidelines. No additional funds added or removed.



**STAFF REPORT:**

- \* Pastor Report -
  - No recent funerals.
  - Very happy that Christmas Eve services were very full (including the balcony) and about 240 individuals communed.
  - John Widney had surgery last week and is home recovering.
  - Two people are in hospice.
  - Jan 22-26 Pastor Steve will be visiting his brother (out of office).
  - Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14, 2024
- \* Volunteer Coordinator - No report
- \* Thrift Shop Report- Financial report enclosed

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*Ministry- Education & Youth:* No meeting

*Ministry- Music & Worship:* No meeting

*Outreach - Evangelism:* No meeting

*Outreach - Parish Life:* Report given by Jen. Successful Dec. Donut Sunday last Sunday went well. The committee will be meeting to discuss activities for Lent.

*Operations - Finance:* No report

*Operations - Property:* Report per Kaleb - Still working on selling the bus. Jacob will be helping with posting this and selling the bus. Tina suggested that a thank-you note be written to Frank and Ed Lingenkamp for their assistance in inspecting the capital project. They were unwilling to be paid for this service. Lynn will be asked to do this.

*Additional notes-*

**PRAYER REQUEST:**

**DEVOTIONS:** Pastor Steve

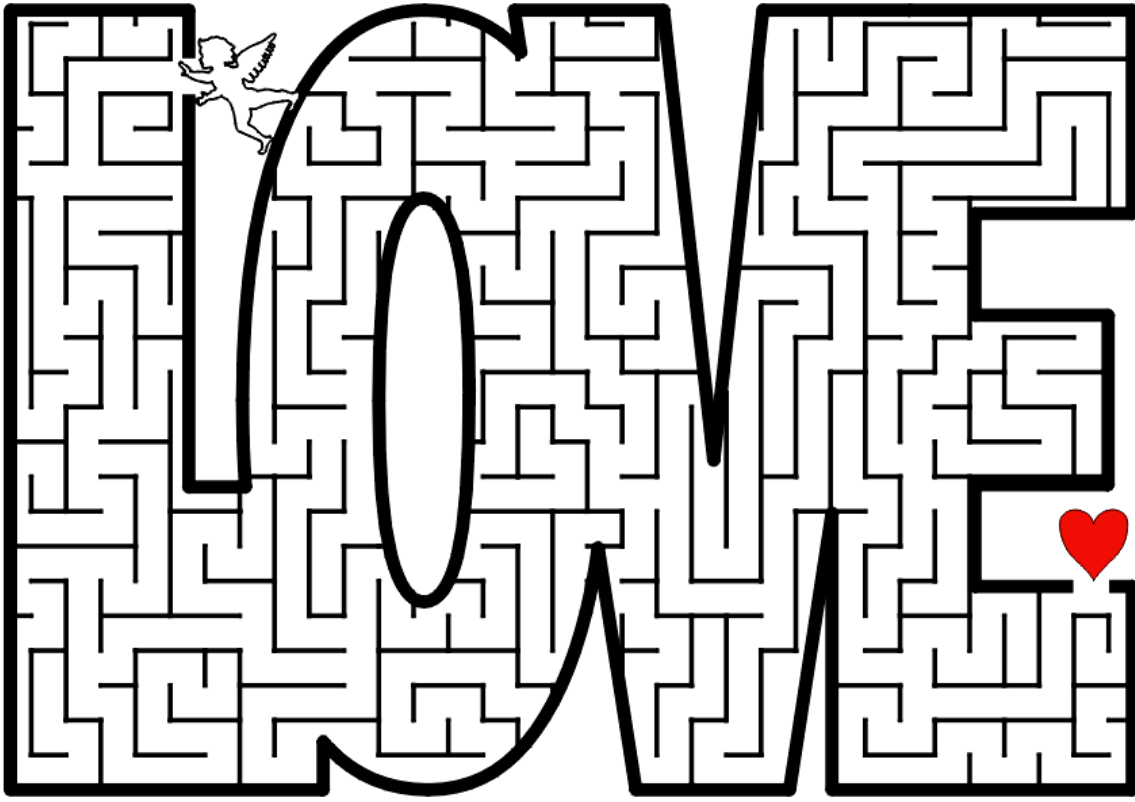
**INFORMATION:**

- \* Sign up sheets for communion assistants and devotions
- \* Newsletter deadline : Jan 24, 2024
- \* Next Council Meeting: Feb 12, 2024

**ATTENDANCE:**

Present: Michelle Cavinder, Wes Cavinder, Pastor Steve Edmonton, Kaleb Headings, Margy Headings, Ann Huber, Myron Koester, Jen Maier, Thomas Margin Norm Mertz, Tatum Wertz

Excused: Becky Mann, Deb Mertz, John Widney



# VALENTINE FUN PAGE



## Valentine's Day Word Search

c j e v a l e n t i n e s v  
 g s f h o o k r o s r o w c h  
 f l o e c k y r p o d s r h r c  
 e h p c e d r e d i l s s l  
 r e i p a e r s e n l r f a  
 s a d s r o w x r h t s i e k  
 i r a r t o w x r h t s i e k  
 p t e e t s f r i e n d h e k

valentine

arrow

cupid

hearts

love

red

fourteenth

hugs

chocolate

pink

roses

friend

flowers

sweetheart

kisses

## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

120 W. WATER STREET  
SIDNEY, OHIO  
45365

PHONE: 937-492-8047  
FAX: 937-492-2462  
HTTP://WWW.SIDNEYSTJOHNS.COM

ST. JOHN'S  
THRIFT SHOP  
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:*

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  
Dick Clark, Apt. 303N

### 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
Church Office Open Mon-Thurs. 8-3 pm Fri., 8 am-12:30 pm					2 Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	3 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
<b>4</b> Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sun- day school, 9:30 am	5 AA, 12 pm	6	7 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	8 Senior Lunch, 12 pm	9 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	10 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
11 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sun- day school, 9:30 am	12 AA, 12 pm <b>Church Committee,</b> <b>6 pm</b> <b>Church Council,</b> <b>7 pm</b>	13	14 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>Serv., 1 pm &amp; 7 pm</b> <b>Valentine's Day</b>	15	16 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	17 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
18 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sun- day school, 9:30 am Youth Meeting, 6 pm	19 AA, 12 pm Right to Life Contest, 6 pm	20 Dorothy Love, 10 am JOY Circle, 1 pm	21 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm <b>Lent Service, 7 pm</b>	22	23 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	24 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
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