

**First Communion**

**We celebrate:**  
**Charlotte Lichtenberg**  
**Avery Maier**  
**Mya Sutton**



**CHURCH BIBLE STUDY**

**PLEASE JOIN PASTOR STEVE**  
**TOPIC: BOOK OF REVELATION**  
**STARTS: ON THURSDAY, APRIL 11**  
**TIME: 6:30 PM**  
**SEE YOU THERE!**



**New Members Church Service**

**We will hold a service welcoming new members into our community at St. John's on Sunday, April 28 at both services. We have been blessed with many guests who are considering joining our fellowship. Join us as we welcome them. Also, any guest considering joining is invited to meet with Pastor Steve on Sunday April 14 and 21 in between services. This will be a time to answer any questions you might have. Join us.**

**Jesus is risen!** He is risen indeed, alleluia! It is Easter. We have made it through Lent. As the grass grows and turns green, as the lilacs get ready to bloom, we walk into our lives with our risen Savior by our side. Let us rejoice.

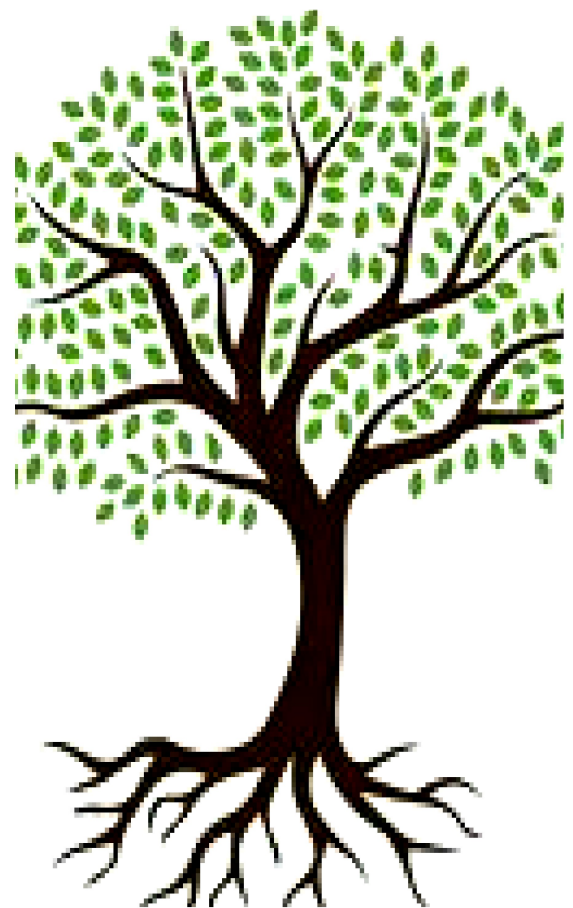
There is much to be excited about in the coming month. First, there is a total eclipse of the sun on Monday, April 8. We are close to the best place to witness this astronomical event and I hope that you can see it. Schools in the area are closing and there are special glasses that you can use to watch.

There is more normal and earthly things happening as well. We will begin a Bible Study on the book of Revelation. This book terrifies some people while others are obsessed with the visions within. Too often, this book is used to scare people and so we will look at Revelation, as Lutherans, and gain insight into the last book of the Bible. Our study begins on Thursday, April 11 at 6:30pm.

We also have a new member Sunday coming at the end of the month. At St. John's, we have been blessed with many guests coming to join us in worship. Some of these guests now wish to join our fellowship and so on Sunday, April 28 we will welcome these new sisters and brothers.

As the days grow longer and warmer, may the blessings of our risen Lord fill your lives as we go into the world with hope, with grace, and with love.

Pastor Steve



## Lori Holt

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
Seems like we just celebrated New Year's, and now it's April! I know this is what most of you have been waiting for; the first full month of spring. As I say the word spring, I can just smell the spring flowers. Early this month we'll find out who won the NCAA and NIT championships, both men and women. AND, of course, a lot of us are super excited because of baseball season!! GO REDS!! GO JACKETS!!

Many of us are looking forward to April 8 and the solar eclipse. There are many groups having special events regarding the eclipse. There's some pretty awesome music being played at the Inn Between leading up to that solar eclipse!! Something also happening on April 8—my kitty Fuzzy will be 12 years old. I know a lot of you couldn't care less, but I think it's pretty cool. He's a very good kitty. When he was born in 2012, April 8<sup>th</sup> was on Good Friday!



AND this month we continue our Easter celebration!! Christ is risen!! He is risen indeed!! Hallelujah!!

April 17—Happy 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Diana and James!!  
April 19—Happy 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Mom. I miss you!!  
April 24—I celebrate 16 years since I quit smoking!!

Love in the Risen 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

April

Karen Adkins  
Pam Wilson

Youth Meeting

6 pm Sunday, Apr. 21

Dorothy Love  
Monthly Worship Service  
10 am, April 16  
Pastor Steve presiding.

Joy Circle  
April 16  
Tuesday, 1 pm

Quilting Circle  
to meet  
April 24, 9 am

Our mission at the Thrift Shop is to share God's love through helping those in our community. In most cases, that involves assisting individuals when they are experiencing difficult times. But we also look for other opportunities. We were able help in several instances over the past month or so.

Wilson Health Hospice Care is a program designed to bring care to people facing a life limiting illness or injury. No one is denied care and they recently held a fund raiser to support their work. St. John's Thrift Shop provided two gift baskets of items donated to the Shop in support of Hospice.

We also received some first aid supplies which we forwarded to Compassionate Care of Shelby County. This organization is located across from the post office and is a faith-based healthcare center. It provides quality care and hope to the uninsured and underserved in our community.

We were also able to provide sheets to the St. John's quilters. They use this fabric to make quilts which are then sent where needed by Lutheran World Relief.

March brought spring change over to the Thrift Shop as well. The change over activities went very well and we sincerely appreciate all of the volunteers who helped. As we brought out our spring and summer items, we were able to pass our remaining winter items on to another faith-based organization where the items will be given to those in need.

#### February Thrift Shop Statistics

Clients: 10

9 Assistance: \$493.42

1 In-kind Assistance: 6.50



# St. John's Church Council Meeting Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Kaleb Headings

**OPENING DEVOTIONS:** Pastor Steve Edmiston absent due to illness

**AGENDA REVIEW:** Reviewed and to include discussion of which organization to give Lenten and Easter services offerings to and whether the next meeting should take place April 8, 2024 due to that being the date of the total eclipse of the sun and all the traffic issues associated with that. Kaleb Headings motion to approve the amended agenda and Myron Koester seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussed where to donate Lenten and Easter offerings. Last year was given to New Choices. Considering Motherhood Reclaimed Ministries. Jen Maier will check into this ministry closer and will report back to council next meeting so a decision can be made regarding these funds.

Since the eclipse is earlier in the day, it was not felt that the meeting would be impacted so meeting to remain April 8, 2024 at 7:00.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

AED training- Kaleb had contacted and left a message with the fire chief about how to handle training but had not yet received a return call.

Margy will contact Zoll (AED manufacturer) and see how other churches are handling the training issue.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Secretary's report was moved to approve by Ann Hubler as submitted and seconded by Norb Mertz.

## **TREASURE'S REPORT:**

Report was reviewed by Thomas Martin. A few items were highlighted by Thomas:

-ground maintenance was low due to minimal snow removal.

-Capital Project raising of fund is going well. Hoping to not need to borrow significant funds.

-Will be starting budgeting earlier this year (May) so have complete by Sept and ready to vote on by Oct. Ann moved to approve submitted report and Becky Mann seconded. Motion passed.

## **STAFF REPORT:**

- Pastor Report- Not present for report but communion assistant sign up sheet was passed.
- Volunteer Coordinator -No report
- Thrift Shop Report- Report was enclosed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- *Ministry - Education & Youth: Planning to have donuts between service every 3rd Sunday for 7-12 grade youth. It was suggested that they are then encouraged to attend adult Sunday school services.*
- *Ministry - Music & Worship: No meeting*
- *Outreach - Evangelism: 1. Trying to get a handle on current programs. 2.Planning a pet blessing in church parking lot. Probably in August. Dogs will need to be current in vaccines and on leashes and cats in containers.*
- *Operations - Finance: See report*

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- *Operations - Property:*
- 1. Bus- have had request to sell vs donate. Battery will not hold a charge with undiagnosed electrical problems. Decided to leave this as is to sell or donate. Retitling is due in June and there is currently no insurance on the bus.
- 2. Front entry arch is showing damage. This problem is recognized but will hold off for now due this work will need to be done when there is warmer weather.
- 3. Norb took a closer look at the picnic table across from Chilly Jilly's. He notes that Chilly Jilly's has reopened. He reports that only the seats need to be replaced. Will try to get this squared away soon. He did suggest that Evangelism look into painting something on the surfaces.
- *Additional Notes:*

**PRAYER REQUEST:** Pastor Steve with illness and Thomas' family who lost 2 members of the family in the last week

**DEVOTIONS:** Norb Mertz

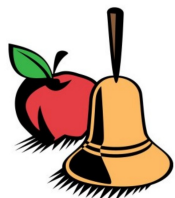
### **INFORMATION:**

- Newsletter deadline: Tues. March 20, 2024
- Next Council Meeting April 8, 2024 at 7:00PM.

### **ATTENDANCE :**

- *Present: Michelle Cavinder, Wes Cavinder, , Kaleb Headings, Margy Headings, Ann Huber, Myron Koester, Jen Maier, Norb Mertz, Tatum Wertz, John Widney, Becky Mann, Thomas Martin*
- *Absent:*
- *Excused: Pastor Steve Edmiston, Deb Mertz*

## Memorial Scholarships



Education

### 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, 2024.



Nursing

### 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, 2024.

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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:*

Wayne Brockman, E-20, Christine Weber-A03

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

Margaret Ike, Apt. 213

Jeanne Mears, Apt. 301N

Gary Paul, Apt. 324

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

Linda Steenrod, Rm. ?

**Heartland**

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

***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	<b>1</b> AA, 12 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	<b>6</b> Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
<b>7</b> Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	<b>8</b> AA, 12 pm <b>Church Committee, 6 pm Church Council, 7 pm</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	<b>11</b> Senior Lunch, 12 pm Bible Study, 6:30 pm	<b>12</b> Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm Piano Tuning	<b>13</b> Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
<b>14</b> Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	<b>15</b> AA, 12 pm	<b>16</b> Dorothy Love, 10 am JOY Circle, 1 pm	<b>17</b> AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	<b>18</b> Bible Study, 6:30 pm	<b>19</b> Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	<b>20</b> Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
<b>21</b> Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am <b>Youth Meeting, 6 pm</b>	<b>22</b> AA, 12 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Quilting, 9 am AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	<b>25</b> Bible Study, 6:30 pm	<b>26</b> Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	<b>27</b> Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
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