



Congrats Graduates!

Mitchell Davis
Sidney High School

Ellie Henman
Fairlawn High School

Thomas Leonard
Ohio University
Bachelor Degree of Business
Admin., Marketing Major

Cole Pitchford
Wright State University
Bachelor Degree of Finance
Minor in Economics &
International Business

Trey Werntz
University of Cincinnati
Bachelor Degree
Sports Administration

Celebrating Pentecost Sunday, May 19
& Holy Trinity Sunday, May 26th

**National Day
of Prayer**

5:30 pm, Thursday, May 2

Meeting at:
Sidney First Presbyterian Church

**St. John's Vacation Bible
School**

"Creation"

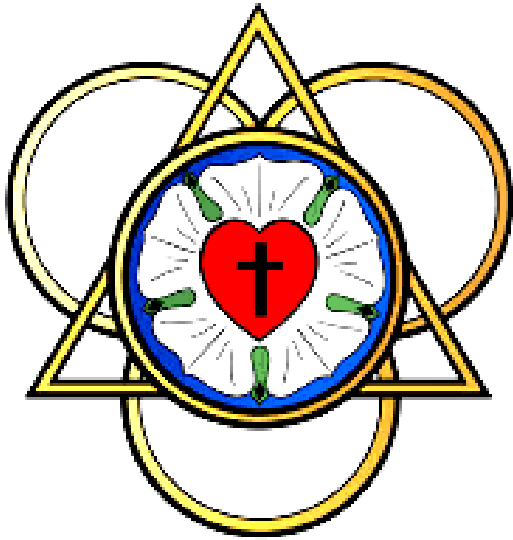
July 16, 17, 18

5:30—7:30 pm

Preschool - all school-ages
More Details to Follow!

Scholarship Applications
Due: Friday, May 31
Church Office





Pentecost

is a Christian holiday which takes place on the 50th day after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, mother of Jesus and the Apostles of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles.

It's May. Jesus is still risen and we continue to celebrate Easter. The lilacs are blooming. The grass is growing, the trees are budding and things are looking good. This is an amazing month to see God's goodness in creation.

This is also an amazing month to see God's goodness in worship as we come together. As I said, we continue celebrating Easter. The resurrection of Jesus is the most important, most influential event in all history. The world thought that they had silenced this one who remembered the forgotten, who searched for the lost, who healed the weak and ill, who cast out demons and stood for all the ones those in charge want us to cast out. Jesus made them all look ineffective, or mean, or callous, or unconcerned and they wanted to silence him and keep him silent. Crucifixion typically did that but this time it was not enough. The love of God defeats the suffering; it defeats the abandonment and the death. Jesus rises again and death is defeated. That is worth celebrating and we continue our alleluias this month.

We also celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. At the Ascension, Jesus asks the disciple to remain because the Holy Spirit is to be given them. With a rush of wind, a loud noise, and tongues of fire the Spirit descends giving the disciples, and through them even us, the inspiration, the strength, the stamina to share God's love with all. We proclaim God's love through the presence of the Spirit in our lives and we use words when we have to.

At the end of May, when we celebrate with graduates we also pause to remember God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Moving into the world we have the grace of God Father as creation gives us strength. We have the forgiveness of the Son, Jesus Christ, God's Word made flesh who grants us new life to try again. We have the presence of the Holy Spirit leading us, guiding us, and guarding us as we move into the struggles of everyday life bringing love and peace, mercy and hope.

It's really spring when May arrives. The world awakens and we find delight. May we also find delight in the presence of the risen Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the goodness of the Trinity to inspire us. It's May and may we all live as God's children.

Lori Holt Brothers and Sisters,

May has arrived. Gosh, I just noticed tonight (April 15) that my butterfly bush is coming up. The last several years it hasn't come up until June!

As of this writing, the Reds just swept the White Sox in Chicago; their first sweep for 2024 and their first sweep of the White Sox in franchise history! They're having a rough time right now in Seattle. Hopefully, the offense can come around and the pitching can do likewise!

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all mothers, no matter what they mother; and our mothers who loved, took care of and supported us always a very Happy Mother's Day, May 12!!

A big congratulations to our two high school graduates!! Ellie Henman graduates from Fairlawn High School on Friday, May 17! Mitchell Davis graduates from Sidney High School on Saturday, May 18! May God bless and guide you both as you continue your lives.



May 19 is Pentecost!! Please join us for worship: Saturday or Sunday at either 8:30 or 10:30!! AND don't forget to wear RED!!!

May 26 is Holy Trinity Sunday! Again, please join us for worship: Saturday or Sunday at either 8:30 or 10:30!!!

God, please bless us as we continue through Your Spring. Amen.

Love in the risen Christ, Lori

Joy Circle
May 21
Tuesday, 1 pm

Youth Meeting
6 pm Sunday
May 19

Dorothy Love
Monthly Worship Service
10 am, May 21
Pastor Steve presiding.

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,



Quilting Circle
to meet
May 22, 9 am



A rather large blue flower pin was donated to the Thrift Shop. It didn't seem to be very special at the time. Even though most people wouldn't find it interesting, and it probably wouldn't sell very quickly, it was cleaned, given a small price and displayed in the jewelry case. At some point, someone did purchase the pin and another item took its place in the case.

Sometime later, a customer came into the Shop sporting a trendy hat. What made the hat so special was that very same blue flower pin. It looked as if the pin was made just for that hat, and it caused people to take notice. The woman who was wearing the hat recognized the pins potential when she first saw it in the jewelry case and envisioned how well it would complement her hat. And she wasn't wrong.



Some may ignore us or look at us and think that we are not very special. But God always sees us, and he always sees our potential. He knows how special we are because he made us in his image. And if we follow in Jesus' footsteps, God will be with us every step of the way to help us reach our full potential and glorify him as we go.

March Thrift Shop Statistics

Clients: 76

\$ Assistance: \$53.79

\$ In-kind Assistance: \$13.50

Morgan's Place-Dayton Dragons Baseball Game Fundraiser

Sunday June 9 at 1:05 pm

Tickets \$14.00 (\$7 goes to Morgan's Place)

Deadline: May 9 for tickets

Order online at: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/Morgansplace>

Check it out!



St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Date: April 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: President, Kaleb Headings

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Pastor Steve Edmiston

AGENDA REVIEW:

Kaleb motioned to add AED training and donation choice of special offerings from Lenten, Palm Sunday and Easter services to Old Business. Pastor Steve seconded the motion and motion passed.

Myron moved to add sell / donation of the bus to New Business. Wes seconded the motion and motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The bus continues to cost the church and has bending expenses. Myron has spoken with the minister of the Lima Baptist Church who suggested that they could use the bus if St John's was willing to donate it. The bus operation remains problematic. The Property committee has been unable to get a clear Kelley Blue Book value due to variables and current problems. Myron suggested that the church should donate it while it still can be driven away. Myron motioned to donate the bus to Lima Baptist Church and Ann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. AED training - Kaleb spoke to Sidney Fire Chief. A free training (not CPR) to be scheduled out several months so that there is sufficient time to announce in bulletin and newsletter. Kaleb will contact the fire chief again to iron out details and set a date. Margy also spoke to the Zoll representative. He suggested a training session to help make individuals feel comfortable but urged the church to avoid not using the AED in an emergency until the training can be done.
2. Lenten / Holy Week special offerings donation was tabled previously so Jen could gather information regarding Motherhood Reclaimed Ministries. In Jen's absence, Ann reported the information. It was unclear what the relationship is between MRM and Just Breath Health and Wellness. Kaleb will get more details this. Becky suggested that the donations be given to Indian Lake to support their recovery from the tornado. Pastor Steve pointed out that Luther's Purse is contributing to this. Myron motioned to donate the contributions to MRM and Margy seconded

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A copy of the secretaries report was distributed with the agenda. Ann moved to amend the report due to absent "Outreach - Parish Life" and the activity of planning of pet blessing with incorrect committee. Pastor Steve seconded the motion. Correction made in March minutes.

TREASURER REPORT

Thomas absent, therefore, this months Treasurer's report will be reviewed at the next meeting.

STAFF REPORT:

- Pastor Report-
 1. 75 people attended Lenten services
 2. 3 ladies took first communion
 3. 3 funerals
 4. This week will start a new Bible study
 5. April 28 will have a new member service. May be 14 individuals considering.
 6. One male and one female (and pastor) invited to attend Synod Assembly. Theme is "Out of the Water- Follow Me"
 7. Pastor Steve received a letter from Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center (ELCA ministry for abused children under the age of 18). They are asking to come to St. John's to speak and are asking for donations. Pastor Steve wanted to bring this up with council for consideration.
 8. Will be taking Memorial weekend off for his father -in -law's celebration of life.
 9. Will be taking off weekend of July 7th when he will be meeting with his siblings in Minnesota.
- Volunteer Coordinator - No report
- Thrift Shop Report- report attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Ministry - Education & Youth:* Setting up for youth meeting between services then attending adult Sunday School. Thinking about providing donuts the first Sunday of the month for youth. Suggested meeting with Pastor to discuss further. Sharon Koester is scheduling Vacation Bible School for July 16-18, 2024
- *Ministry - Music & Worship:* Did not meet
- *Outreach - Evangelism:*

Wes reports that he reached out to Bonnie Sturm regarding Cards for Christ. Is planning a car show in the spring for a community event. Has some related ideas such as selling t-shirts and entry fees, reaching out to see who might want to be involved, seeing if youth would want to sell food, etc. Kaleb wondered if the project was so large, would we want to involve other churches in joint event. Pastor Steve suggested that this event not be planned to occur too soon so have sufficient time to organize well (flyers, social media, decide on how judge). Wes states that the committee is targeting June. Ann pointed out that there is a car show at Tawawa Park on June 28th.
- *Outreach - Parish Life:* Did not meet. No report. Pastor Steve suggested a meeting with him.
- *Operations - Finance:* No report
- *Operations - Property:* Myron reports that Skinner's bill for interior work has increased since initially quoted, from estimate about 3 yrs ago by about \$4000.

St. John's Church Council Meeting Minutes

- Notes that there have been no leaks after all the heavy rains since the outside work has been completed.

PRAYER REQUEST:

Chad Vogler is recovering from serious burns.

Darlene Hall is having some testing this week regarding replacement of a heart valve.

INFORMATION:

-Sign up sheets for communion assistance and devotions were circulated.

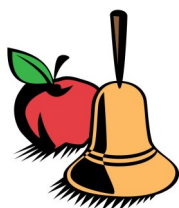
-Newsletter deadline: Tuesday, April 24, 2024.

-Next Council Meeting Monday, May 13, 2024 at 7:00

ATTENDANCE :

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



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.

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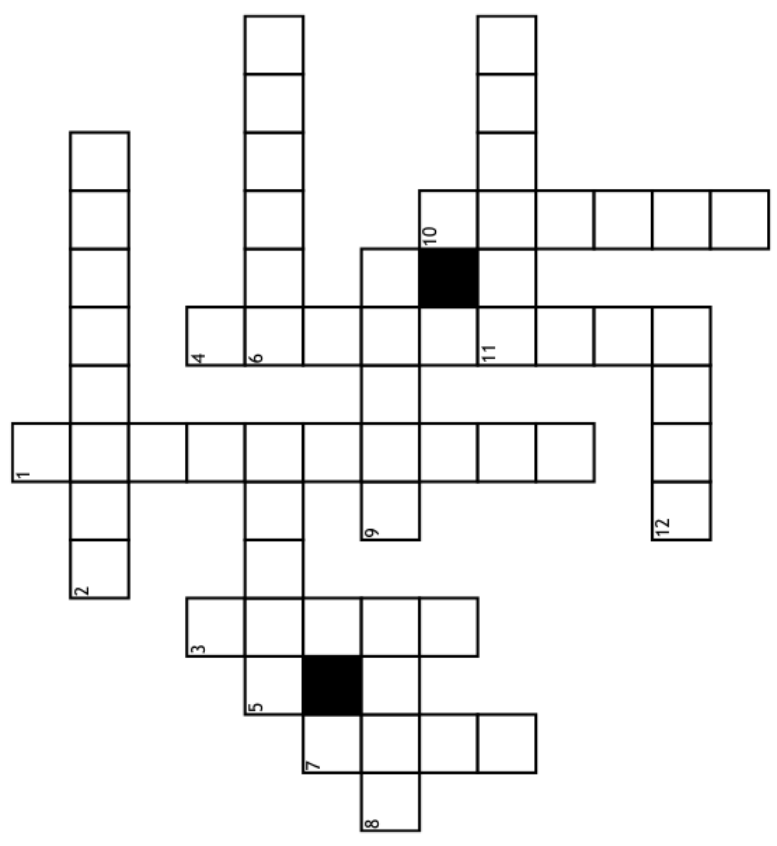
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Pentecost



Across

- 2. The eleven followers of Jesus
- 5. Visited the apostles when they were scared
- 6. How many apostles were there during Pentecost?
- 8. How did the Holy Spirit present himself?

Down

- 1. Jesus promised to send the _____.
- 3. Addressed a crowd and made them realize their sin
- 4. The event in which the apostles were fill with the Holy Spirit.
- 7. What did the apostles feel before the tongues of fire appeared on their heads?
- 10. The Holy Spirit _____ the Church.

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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

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 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

Fair Haven, 2901 Fair Rd., Sidney, Oh 1150

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

*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 capaci-
ties, while at the same time enjoying Christian fellow-
ship. 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			1 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	2 Bible Study, 6:30 pm	3 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	4 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
5 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	6 AA, 12 pm	7	8 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	9 Senior Lunch, 12 pm Piano Tuning, 10 am Bible Study, 6:30 pm	10 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	11 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
12 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am Mother's Day	13 AA, 12 pm Church Committee, 6 pm Church Council, 7 pm	14	15 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	16 Bible Study, 6:30 pm	17 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	18 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
19 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am Youth Meeting, 6 pm Pentecost	20 AA, 12 pm	21 Dorothy Love, 10 am JOY Circle, 1 pm	22 Quilting, 9 am AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	23	24 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	25 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
26 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am Holy Trinity	27 AA, 12 pm Memorial Day	28	29 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	30	31 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	