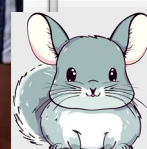




# Blessing of the Pets August 25, 2024



## "Blessing of the Quilts" September 28 & 29





It's September and school started. There will be golf matches and volleyball games, soccer matches and football games. More importantly, there will be classrooms full of students learning things. From ABC's to how to read, from multiplication tables to advance math, from biology and chemistry to physics, geography and history, keyboarding writing sentences, schools are filled with students trying to learn. They are filled with teachers and staff trying all they can to help them. It is a great time of year.

It has always been special to me, the beginning of a new school year. Whether I was in school or my kids, I am thrilled by the start of a new year of learning. To this day I love to learn, to gain new insights, to share new experiences, learning and teaching give me joy and hope. I know that for some learning is difficult. I know that for some they need things to move faster, or slower, it's not the same for everyone but learning is amazing.

In our lives as Christians, learning is just as amazing. For us to learn of God's love in Jesus gives us hope and a sense of peace. Too often, though, we think that knowing a lot about Jesus is what we need when what it is we need is to know Jesus. The gospels, the letters, even the Old Testament can teach us things about Jesus and God's love in Jesus but we are called to know Jesus, not just know about him. Jesus comes into our lives, in worship, at the font and table, in the community of our sisters and brothers, and then Jesus goes with us into the world. That is the Jesus we get to know, the one who inspires our living leading us to love our neighbors and make the world beautiful.

So gear up for some learning. Always be ready to read, or watch, to help someone and thereby learn new facts and skills. Also, be ready to meet our Lord Jesus every day as he shows you how to love one another, how to care for those around you. This way we learn, we teach, we live, we practice, we love just as we are called. Happy September.

Pastor Steve

# Lori Holt

Brothers and Sisters,

September, can you believe it??? Our Reds haven't had the kind of season for which we were all hoping. Football season is gracing us with its presence!! If you know me, you know the teams for whom I'm yelling!! And according to the calendar, Autumn begins this month!!

"There is a time for everything,

and a season for every activity under the heavens:

<sup>2</sup> a time to be born and a time to die,

a time to plant and a time to uproot,

<sup>3</sup> a time to kill and a time to heal,

a time to tear down and a time to build,

<sup>4</sup> a time to weep and a time to laugh,

a time to mourn and a time to dance,

<sup>5</sup> a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,

a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,

<sup>6</sup> a time to search and a time to give up,

a time to keep and a time to throw away,

<sup>7</sup> a time to tear and a time to mend,

a time to be silent and a time to speak,

<sup>8</sup> a time to love and a time to hate,

a time for war and a time for peace.

~Ephesians 3:1-8

Happy Birthday, Stephanie!!

Happy Birthday, James!!

Happy Vacation!!

Love in Christ,

Lori



## 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 fellowship!



## Joy Circle

Wednesday, Sept.  
25 (changed)

## Quilting Circle

to meet  
Wednesday,  
Sept. 18

## Dorothy Love

### Monthly Worship Service

10 am, Sept. 17

Pastor Steve presiding.

Please stop by and join us  
for worship!

## September

### Altar Guild Volunteers

*Kathie Fields*

*Pat Mullen*

Webster's Dictionary defines 'generous' as 'liberal in giving'. Those of us who spend time at the St. John's Thrift Shop not only know the definition but see acts of generosity on a regular basis. Community members generously donate clothing and household goods to the Thrift Shop. Volunteers generously give of their time to clean, sort, price and display the many donations. People generously offer to help others carry items to their vehicles or move boxes from one spot to another within the shop. Customers generously say 'keep the change' as they check out. And clients are generously helped when a need arises and resources are available.

Recently an anonymous person generously donated a new corner shelving unit to the Thrift Shop. Then a volunteer generously gave of his time and expertise to install the unit in the work room where it has been very helpful in keeping that area a little more organized.

The St. John's Thrift Shop is an active and successful ministry because of God's blessings and the generosity of many. And we are very grateful for all of those blessings and all of that generosity!

All that we are and all that we have are gifts from God. And he is always very pleased when we generously share these gifts with others. And through our generosity we will be blessed.

Psalms 112:5

*Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.*



**Ps33 Music Community Worship Choir** rehearsals begin in preparation for the November 10 Community Worship Gathering, "Let There be Christmas." Ps33 Community Worship Choir first rehearsal: Sunday, September 8th at 3:00 pm The rehearsals will take place at St. Paul's Church, 500 N Downing St, Piqua 45356. For a complete rehearsal schedule, and to register for the community choir, please visit [ps33music.com](http://ps33music.com) or contact Glenda: (937) 265-0141; [glenda.ps33music@gmail.com](mailto:glenda.ps33music@gmail.com). Ron and Glenda Nelson, Music Directors



# Quilting Group

While watching news stories of war, poverty and natural disasters throughout the world, it's difficult sometimes to imagine how we can help those who are suffering in such far-off places. But Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts give us a tangible way to show God's love to those in need both near and far with warm quilts made by caring hands.

In February of 2023, an extremely powerful earthquake struck central Turkey and surrounding areas. It is estimated that 1.5 million people were left homeless. The Lutheran World Relief website features a touching video of Leyla from Antakya, Turkey. She and her family are among those who lost their homes. Following the earthquake, she and her family only had a make shift home constructed of a tent and tarps to protect them from the elements. They lived this way for nearly a year. The Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts they received during that time wrapped them in love, peace and warmth and let them know that they were not forgotten.

On September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, we will ask God to bless 68 quilts and those who receive them. These quilts were lovingly made by those of us here at St. John's. These quilts will eventually be received by someone like Leyla. We may never meet those who receive these quilts but we can pray for them and share a little love and warmth through these quilts.

Thank you to all who helped make quilts over the past year...

*Connie Cotner*  
*Rosalee Horn*  
*Margy Headings*  
*Sheila Beer*  
*Judy Doll*  
*Mary Anne Loomis*  
*Barbara Roeth*  
*Ginny Leapley*  
*Joyce Fishbaugh*  
*Linda Fogt*  
*Darlene Hall*

The quilting group meets the fourth Wednesday of each month in the church basement from 9 to noon to assemble quilts. All are welcome and encouraged to join.

**"Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other,  
let us show the truth by our actions."**

**1 John 3:18**

## St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Date: August 18, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pastor Steve Edmiston

**OPENING DEVOTIONS:** Pastor Steve Edmiston

**AGENDA REVIEW:** Motioned to approve as submitted by Margy and seconded by Wes. Motion passed

### NEW BUSINESS:

Hire of treasurer Dave Bollheimer. Two candidates were interviewed by telephone and in person by Pastor Steve and Kaleb. Dave was chosen as the best fit. Dave introduced himself and gave his background in finance. Margy moved to accept recommendation for hire of Dave Bollheimer for church council treasurer. Norb seconded the motion. Motion passed. Jeff Fannon was thanked for assisting during the interim.

The church basement kitchen garbage disposal had malfunction a while ago and has been mistakenly used a couple of times. This has been labor intensive to correct and Bob is requesting replacement. When the kitchen was redone, a commercial grade disposal was used. Therefore, the replacement must be of the same grade. A bid from Tom & Jerry Plumbing (Ft Loramie) was received for \$2400 to purchase and \$600 to install (total \$3000) for replacement. Norb moved that the bid be accepted and Deb seconded the motion. Motion passed. Norb motioned that the fund be taken from the building fund and John seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Committee budgets need to be completed and turned in by September. Typically these are edited in October and presented to the congregation in November.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Tatum motioned to approve as submitted and Michelle seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**TREASURE'S REPORT:** A copy of the Treasurer's report was distributed with the agenda. This was reviewed by Jeff Fannon.

1. Request committee budgets turned in next month. These can be emailed to him.
2. Landon has not billed for lawn care services since Thomas' passing. Pastor Steve/Wes will reach out to him to request he send a bill for services.
3. Jeff clarified the purpose of capital funds. Explained that interior work was not yet been done and has not been definitively scheduled. Kaleb not present to update on this timing.
4. Investment funds continue to grow.
5. Funds coming from Thrivent Choice Dollars cannot allocated to a certain group. A request was made by Connie Cotner that \$82 that she had allocated to St. John's would go to the quilting team. It was moved by Margy and seconded by John to allocated these funds. Motion passed. It was explained that the funds would go to Joy Circle. When the quilt team made a purchase the receipt was submitted to Joy Circle and the buyer was reimbursed.

### STAFF REPORT:

- Pastor Report-
- 1. Pastor had a wonderful trip to Minnesota
- 2. VBS went really well
- 3. Pastor spent a significant amount of time reviewing resumes, telephoning and interviewing treasure candidates
- 4. Eleventh Street Baptist Church - Lima sent a thank you for the van that was donated to them.
- 5. Congregational meeting in Nov so all must be thinking of candidates for council to replace those that have served for 3 yrs.
- 6. Blessing of the pets August 25. Open to the community and any animal as long as owners are able to control (including horses)  
Pastor is beginning to work on Advent and Christmas.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Ministry - Education & Youth:* Vacation Bible School went well. Will start planning a fall outing
- *Ministry - Music & Worship:* Becky passed on some concerns/suggestions that she had received. 1. Acoustics making it hard for some individuals to hear during services and congregational meeting. The speakers had not been recently checked and it was felt that it would be a good time to repeat this process (going to each speaker individually to identify if working). It was pointed out that some areas such under the balcony would be more muted so if someone sitting there was having difficulty hearing, they should consider moving to a different location. Will try to do a better job getting the microphone to anyone speaking during congregational meeting. 2. Suggested a Wellness Committee (a committee that checks on and speaks with former members). Pastor Steve pointed out that he would support a group that wanted to do this. He recommended that Becky pass on to those that suggested this to develop a committee for this purpose. He did, however, feel that individuals that know those that have left would be far more effective in reaching out to these individuals and suggested that course of action over committee development. 3. There are individuals that are unhappy because rarely see the entire congregation due to multiple services. Pastor Steve pointed out that the best resolution of this would be for those individuals to attend various services. To have only one service would create too great of dissatisfaction within the church. It was also recommended that these individuals attend "Donut Sunday" between two Sunday services the first Sunday of the month. Deb reported that the bell choir would be meeting Sept. 15th and will be playing at services in Oct (date unknown)
- *Outreach - Evangelism:* Will be purchasing cards for Cards for Christ program. Will start set up for Thanksgiving meal in Oct. Still working on Car show idea.
- *Outreach - Parish Life:* August 25 will have the blessing of pets (in courtyard near the cross).
- *Operations - Finance:* Committee budgets requested by Sept
- *Operations - Property:* Continues to work on picnic table across from Chilly Jilly's. Has had to remove the trash can near the table because too many would throw trash near the can but not in. Now since moved over to Chilly Jilly's, people are taking their trash to it.
- *Additional Notes:*



**PRAYER REQUEST:** Shirley Sparks

**DEVOTIONS:** John Widney

**INFORMATION:**

\*sign up sheets for communion assistants and devotions was passed

\*Newsletter deadline: Aug 21, 2024

\*Next council meeting: Monday, Sept 9, 2024

**ATTENDANCE :**

• *Present:* Pastor Steve Edmiston, Michelle Cavinder, Wes Cavinder, Margy Headings, Norb Mertz, Tatum Wertz, Deb Mertz, John Widney, Jeff Fannon/ Dave Bollheimer, Becky Mann

*Absent:*

*Excused:* Jen Maier, Kaleb Headings, Ann Huber, Myron Koester



## FATHER AND SON RETREAT

SATURDAY

**OCTOBER 12, 2024**

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

This retreat is for fathers and their sons, ages 10-14. It will be led by Paul Knapke of Maria Stein at the residence of Jon Hefner (3201 Redmond Road, Russia, Ohio 45363). The first portion of the retreat will feature guest speaker Nathan Bruns of Maria Stein. Nathan will share his powerful journey and testimony, specifically about staying firm in his faith and avoiding the "nets" of worldly temptations amidst his successful high school and collegiate basketball career. The second portion will be "hands on" with fishing using fishing poles and nets.

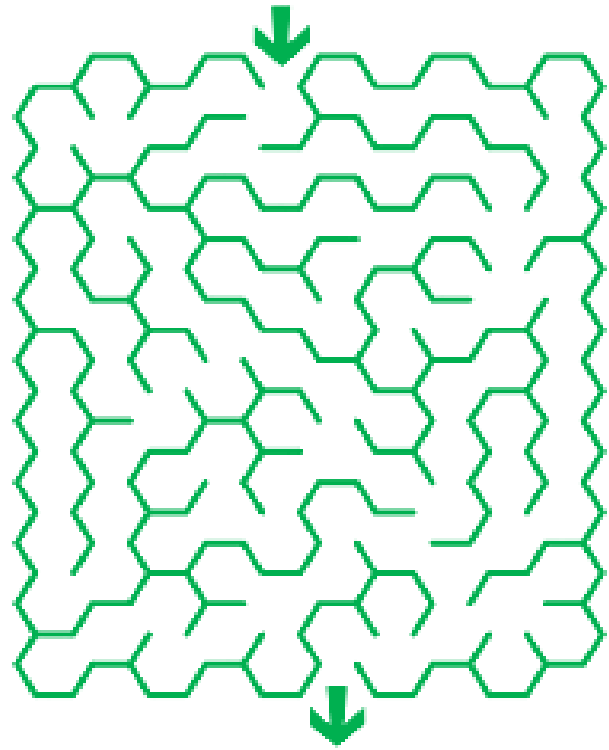
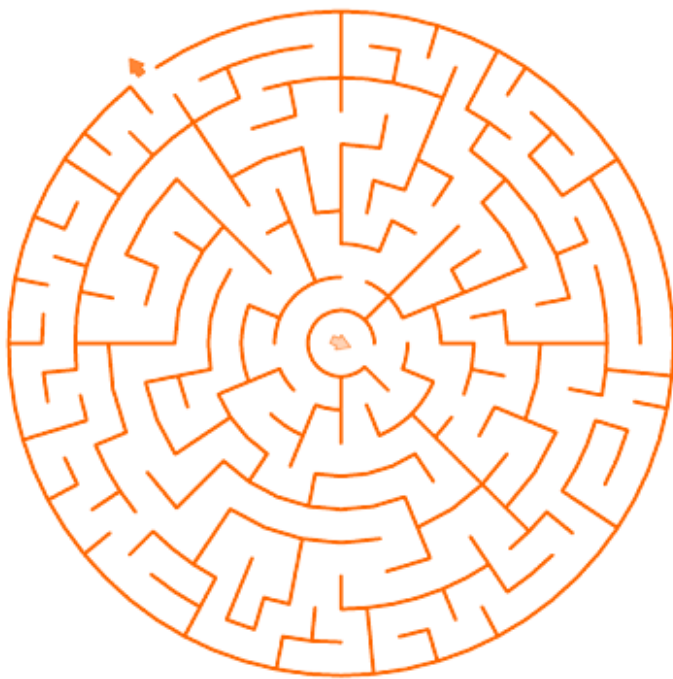
This retreat is free of charge. A complimentary lunch will be provided by Do Good.

If you would like to sign up or have questions related to the retreat, please contact Katie Giere at [katiegiere@dogoodrm.com](mailto:katiegiere@dogoodrm.com) or 419-763-9349. Limited spots are available, and sign up is required.

**"Again, the kingdom from heaven is like a large net thrown into the sea that gathered all kinds of fish." Matthew 13:47**

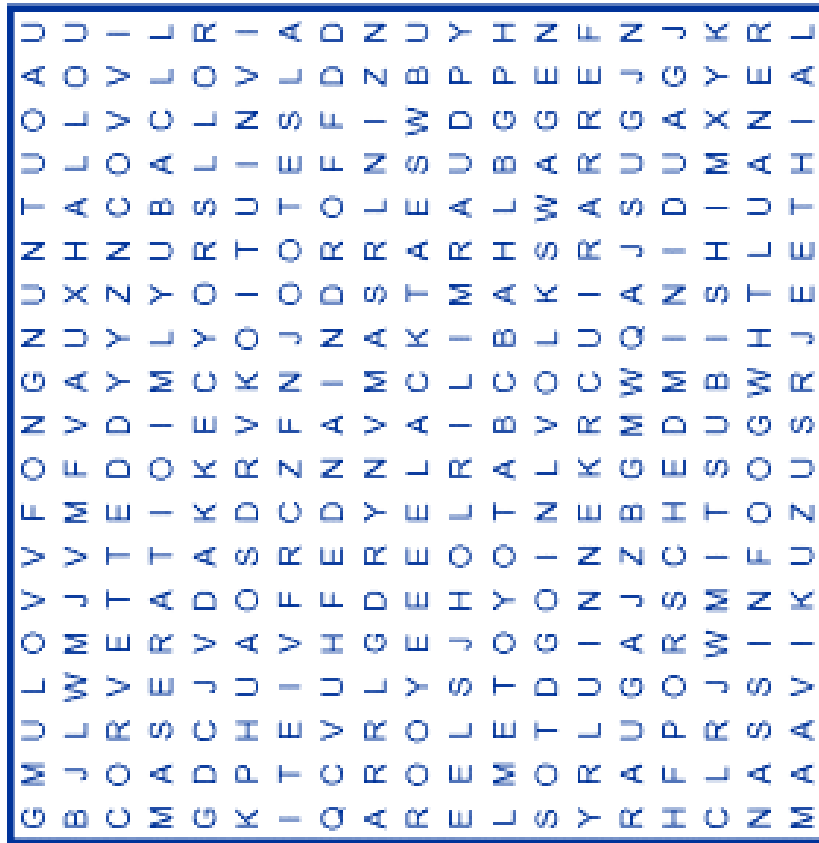
**Piqua Manor News:** 1840 W. High St., Piqua, second Friday of each month thru Sept., at 9:30 am: *Brunch & Bingo* (open to everyone with prizes and games)! Also, *Stretch & Dance*, 10:30- 11:30 am, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, thru Sept. at the Piqua Mall, enter at front entrance. Questions call: 937-418-7624.





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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*

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**Please pray for our Homebound Members and mail them a card to:**

Elaine Boughner, 736 Stratford Dr., Sidney, Oh 45365  
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                      Brenda Riddle, A-23  
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 45365

Residents: *None at this time*

**StoryPoint Senior Living,** 1840 Towne Park, Troy Oh, 45373

Darlene Hall

**Landings of Sidney,** 1150 Russell Road, Sidney, Oh 45365

Resident: LeRue Gooder, Rm. 506  
Phyliss Blust, Rm. 508  
Linda Steenrod, Rm. 802

**Ayden Health Care of Belle Springs**

Joyce Jones, 221 School St., Room 111, Bellefontaine, Oh 43311

**Heartland**

Pamela Morgan, 275 Kienle Drive, Room 307, Piqua, Oh 45356

*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  |
|--|---|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|--|
| 1 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am<br>Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am<br>Youth Gathering,, 9:30 am | 2 <b>Labor Day</b><br><b>Office Closed</b><br>AA, 12 pm                       | 3                         | 4<br>AA, 12 pm<br>PB&J, 5:30 pm  | 5                         | 6<br>Office Closes, 12:30 pm<br>AA, 12 pm  | 7<br>Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm                                   |
| 8 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am<br>Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am                              | 16<br>AA, 12 pm<br>Church Council Committee Mtg, 6 pm<br>Church Council, 7 pm | 10                        | 11<br>AA, 12 pm<br>PB&J, 5:30 pm                                       | 12<br>Senior Lunch, 12 pm | 13<br>Office Closes, 12:30 pm<br>AA, 12 pm | 14<br>Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm                                  |
| 15 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am<br>Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am                             | 16<br>AA, 12 pm   | 17                        | 18<br>AA, 12 pm<br>PB&J, 5:30 pm                                       | 19                        | 20<br>Office Closes, 12:30 pm<br>AA, 12 pm | 21<br>Worship, 6 pm<br>NA, 8 pm                                |
| 22 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am<br>Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am                             | 23<br>AA, 12 pm   | 24<br>Dorothy Love, 10 am | 25<br>AA, 12 pm<br>Quilting, 9 am<br>Joy Circle, 1 pm<br>PB&J, 5:30 pm | 26                        | 27<br>Office Closes, 12:30 pm<br>AA, 12 pm | 28<br>Worship, 6 pm<br>NA, 8 pm                                |
| 29 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am<br>Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am                             | 30<br>AA, 12 pm   |                           |  |                           |  | Church Office Open<br>Mon-Thurs. 8-3 pm<br>Fri., 8 am-12:30 pm |
| <b>"Blessing of the Quilts"</b>  |   |                           |  |                           |  |  |

