

# ST. JOHN'S MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER



**ASCENSION  
OF OUR LORD  
MAY 29**

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
5:30 PM, THURSDAY, MAY 1  
DETAILS PG. 6  
SIDNEY FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS  
DUE: FRIDAY, MAY 31  
CHURCH OFFICE**

**SIDNEY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 2025  
LIBBY HURLEY & TATUM WERTZ  
CONGRATS!!**

## Pastor Edmiston

Holy Communion, eucharist, the Sacrament of the Altar, the Lord's Supper, these are all ways we named Jesus' gift to all the church on the night in which he was betrayed. This gift illustrates Jesus' ministry. It signals the eventual power in his dying and rising. It weaves us together into a communion of saints. It brings us the real presence of Jesus and the gifts of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. It is amazing.

For these, and so many more, reasons we celebrate this gift every week in worship. We spent time on Maundy Thursday looking at Jesus' command to "do this in remembrance of me" and we learned that sharing this meal is part but giving our lives away to our neighbors is also part of our living as followers of Jesus.

I bring this amazing sacrament up now because we did not have a First Communion class this past Lent. It an oversight only but I want to make sure that everyone in fourth grade, or older, who has not had instruction knows that we will have classes on Sunday, May 18 and Sunday, May 25 during Sunday School time. We will then celebrate First Communion on Sunday, June 1. I hope that any children, grandchildren, nieces of nephews that are looking to receive this gift will come and participate.

In May, we will also continue celebrating our Easter season and we get to celebrate with Libby and Tatum, my first confirmation pair, as they graduate high school and enter the world with hope, with grace, and with God by their side. We will also welcome into God's family Eli Reese through baptism. There is a lot going on and you are invited to be part of it all.

Blessings,  
Pastor Steve

### *Bible Verse for Graduates...*

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." This verse offers comfort and reassurance, reminding graduates that God has a hopeful plan for their lives.*

*Jeremiah 29:11*

**Lori Holt**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Can you believe it? It's May!! Trees have leaves and flowers are blooming. Baseball is in full swing. Hoping by now our Reds are doing a little better on a more consistent basis!

Remember, May 4<sup>th</sup> is the first Sunday in May, so DONUTS!!

Please join us as we continue our Easter celebration throughout May! And let us not forget:

**JESUS IS RISEN!! HE IS RISEN INDEED!! ALLELUIA!!!**

May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you!!  
Happy Birthday, Mae!!  
Happy Mother's Day!!  
I miss you, Mom!!  
Happy Memorial Day!!

Love in the risen Christ,  
Lori



**May**  
Altar Guild Volunteer  
Margy Headings

Dorothy Love  
Monthly Worship  
Service  
10 am, May 20

Joy Circle  
1 pm  
Tuesday  
May 20

**Coffee Time!**

Every *first Sunday of the month*,  
9:30 am, we will be having a fellow-  
ship gathering in our church "Christ  
and Coffee" bar for coffee, donuts,  
and fellowship!

*Quilting Circle*  
to meet  
Wednesday,  
May 28, 9 am

The last month has been very busy with donations due to a customer posting on Facebook about us needing donations all because he couldn't find body wash on our shelves lol! Needless to say, we got inundated all hours of each day with donations which was so exciting!!! Thankfully, we had two new volunteers to help us. One of them came from Work Bridge, an alternative employment resource that provides a return-to-work program for someone on Workers Comp. He was with us for two months and did the work of two people and will be missed.

On a more personal note, I got a new grandbaby. Lanie Viv was born on March 4<sup>th</sup> and is our 9<sup>th</sup> granddaughter along with two grandsons...so a total of 11 grandchildren with the oldest turning 12 this year. We are so blessed and love grandkids!!! God's word states in Psalms 127:3 that "children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him." I totally agree!!

10 for Cash Assistance of \$216.48

14 for In Kind Assistance of \$77.00

**SHELBY COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES  
FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF DONATIONS!**

URGENT NEEDS:

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Laundry Soap    | Cleaning Items |
| Toilet Paper    | Paper Towels   |
| Spaghetti Sauce |                |

Other Items Needed:

- |             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Cereal      | Canned Chicken and Tuna                        |
| Mayonnaise  | Miracle Whip                                   |
| Coffee      | Oatmeal  |
| Snack Items | Mashed Potatoes ( <i>Bags or small boxes</i> ) |
| Conditioner | Deodorant                                      |

**We Can Help!**

Donate to St. John's Lutheran Church **now through Memorial Day**. We will deliver urgent items each week and other items every other week.

Please donate as you are able. \*Items will be saved on the table beside the chapel along the office area. Thank you for your generosity and for serving those who have served us.

# St. John's Church Council Minutes

## St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Date: April 14, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Myron Koester

**OPENING DEVOTIONS:** Pastor Steve Edmiston

**AGENDA REVIEW:** Ann H. motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Kathy V. Motion passed

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Lenten Offering:

Mid week offering- Pat moved to give this to The Lutheran Thrift Shop to assist in community outreach. Wes seconded the motion and motion passed.

Mauday Thursday and Good Friday offerings- Kaleb moved to donate to Veterans Affairs. Josh seconded the motion and motion passed

Easter offerings- will go into the general donations since this is a Sunday donation.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Skinner's work is finished. Bob and the Holts did have to do some cleaning and repairing (eternal candle bent). Carpet has been cleaned.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** A copy of the Secretary's report was distributed with the agenda. Kaleb moved to approve as submitted and Kathy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer's Report was distributed. Dave was unable to be present for the meeting because his father recently fractured his hip and is scheduled for surgery. Questions can be addressed at the next meeting.

### **STAFF REPORT:**

- Pastor Report- Presented by Pastor Steve
  1. 2 funerals since the last council meeting.
  2. Pastor Steve wanted to thank any that assisted in the Lenten meals
  3. Maundy Thursday service will consist of the stripping of the altar. Will be done by Pastor Charlotte Greves and
  4. assisted by MaryAnn Loomis.
  5. Easter service next week and communion assistant positions have been filled.
  6. 2 baptism have been scheduled (April - Cavinder and May- Rees)
  7. Community National Day of Prayer is May 1, 2025. Pastor Steve will be contributing to this.
  8. June 6-7 is the Synod Assembly at the African Event Center at Columbus Zoo. Bill and Brenda McCroskey will be attending with Pastor Steve.
  9. Pastor Steve and Stacy will be traveling May 7-9, 2025
- Volunteer Coordinator Report - no reports submitted

Thrift Shop Report - Financial report enclosed

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- *Ministry - Education & Youth:* Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for July 15-17, 2025. The committee continues to work on the details.

- *Ministry - Music & Worship:* Not present for meeting but Pastor Steve reports that Jenny Jones will be singing for Easter service.

#### *Outreach - Evangelism:*

Working with program to donate to Veterans Affairs food pantry (see program for details)

Starting to work on the Cards for Christ program

Working on a car show in the fall.

Will be talking to Chilly Jilly's to see if can coordinate something to encourage VBS sign up. Also working with a game table and other ideas. This will be advertised on various social medias.

92 bibles were collected for distribution in eastern Tennessee for flood victims that lost their bibles to water damage.

# St. John's Church Council Minutes (Continues)

## Outreach - Parish Life:

1. Ann and Pat express thanks for help with Lenten meals. An average of 25 people attended.
2. There were some very generous donations from some individuals.
3. Funds are available (\$50 each) to those that would like to be reimbursed in supplying food for these meals.
4. Will continue with the Donut Sunday (first Sunday of the month)

- **Operations - Finance:** No report in Dave's absences

## Operations - Property:

1. It was reported that the seal of the spouting needs to be assessed and done. Josh will find someone to do this.
2. The work at the Thrift Shop restroom is complete.

## Additional Notes:

**PRAYER REQUEST:** Alvin Bollheimer (Dave's father)

**DEVOTIONS:** Kathy Vogler

## INFORMATION:

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

\*Newsletter deadline: April 23, 2025

\*Next council meeting: Monday, May 12, 2025

## ATTENDANCE :

**Present:** Pastor Steve Edmiston, Myron Koester, Michelle Cavinder, Wes Cavinder, Ann Hubler, Josh Ward, Kathy Vogler, Kaleb Headings, Pat Mullen, Margy Headings

**Absent:** Deb Mertz, Dave Bollheimer



**Bring your friends and family as we join in UNITY to pray for our nation and community !**

**Church\*Family\*Health Care\*First Responders\*Government\* Agriculture \*Veterans/Military\*Business\*Education\*Media/Entertainment\* Industry...**

Sidney First Presbyterian Church  
202 N Miami Ave Sidney, Ohio

\* 4:30 pm Meet for live worship with The Sidney First Church of the Nazarene Worship Band featuring Tyler Philip Ratcliffe

\* 5:30 pm Prayer Walk begins



Shelby County National Day of Prayer  
inclement weather changes and prayer support

Pastor and parishioners of St Johns Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your participation in the Bible donation drive for flood victims in Kentucky. The goal was set to collect five hundred. Thanks in big part to your donations a total of 620 Bibles were collected, amazing! They were delivered to Big Creek Missions, Big Creek, Ky on Monday April 7<sup>th</sup>. From there they will be put into the hands of community members who need a source of comfort and peace that only God and His written word can provide. God bless you all,

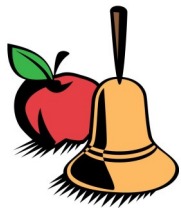
Meaningful Life Ministries  
+ The Servants Hand

**Lenten and Easter Offering**  
The Mid-week Lenten offering will be given to St. John's Thrift Shop.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday offering will be given to Veteran Affairs.

Thank you for your generosity!

# Memorial Scholarships



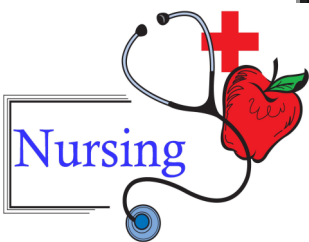
Education

## 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# All About Fish

## Word Search

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**DIRECTIONS:**  
 Find and circle the  
 vocabulary words  
 in the grid. Look  
 for them in all  
 directions including  
 backwards and  
 diagonally.

- BONY
- CAMOUFLAGE
- CARNIVORE
- CARTILAGINOUS
- COLD-BLOODED
- DIVERSE

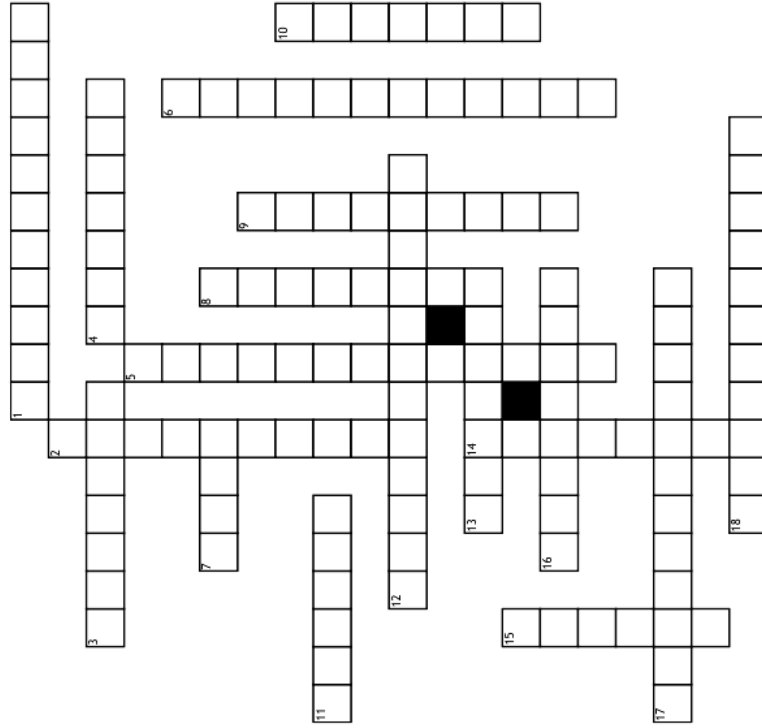
- LATERAL LINE
- OCEAN
- OVERFISHING
- OXYGEN
- PREDATORS
- SCALES
- SCHOOL
- SHARKS
- SHOAL

- SPINE
- SWIM BLADDER
- VERTEBRATE



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# Baseball



### Across

- the left part of the outfield
- the scientific study of matter and energy
- to study something in a careful way
- one of the places a runner has to touch to get a point
- the team's bench area between home plate and either first or third base
- the player who defends the field nearest to the third base

### Down

- the area on the baseball field that includes the four bases and the pitcher's mound
- the item that you hit with a baseball bat
- the right part of the outfield
- the item that you use to hit the ball with
- the billboard type thing the helps keep track of the scoring for each team
- the player who defends the field nearest to second base
- the player who defends the field nearest to first base
- the area on the baseball field behind first, second, and third bases
- a slightly different version of something
- the player who stands on the mound and throws the ball in different styles
- players who try to catch the ball
- force or power; baseball players need this to be able to hit the ball and run the bases



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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*

*God's Vision,  
Our Mission*

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

Elaine Boughner, 736 Stratford Dr., 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**

Christine Weber-A03                      Brenda Riddle, A-23

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

Margaret Ike, Apt. 213  
Jeanne Mears, Apt. 301  
Gary Paul, Apt. 324  
Dick Clark, Apt. 303N  
Shirley Sparks, Apt. 117

**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  
Linda Steenrod, Rm. 802  
Nick Miller, Rm. 306

**Ayden Health Care (Piqua) 275 Kienle Drive, Piqua, Oh 45356**

Pamela Morgan Rm. 307  
Doris Conrad Rm. 300

*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!*

# May 2025

**Sun**      **Mon**      **Tue**      **Wed**      **Thu**      **Fri**      **Sat**

Church Office Open Mon-Thurs. 8-3 pm Fri., 8 am-12 pm				1 Senior Lunch, 12 pm	2 Office Closes, 12 pm AA, 12 pm	3 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
4 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Child Sunday school, 9:30 am Donuts, 9:30 am Youth Group, 9:30 a	5 AA, 12 pm	6	7 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	8	9 Office Closes, 12 pm AA, 12 pm	10 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
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18 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am First Communion Class, 9:30 am	19 AA, 12 pm	20 Dorothy Love, 10 am Joy Circle, 1 pm	21 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	22	23 Office Closes, 12pm AA, 12 pm	24 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
25 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am First Communion Class, 9:30 am	26 Office Closed AA, 12 pm  Memorial Day	27	28 Quilting, 9 am AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	29	30	31 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm