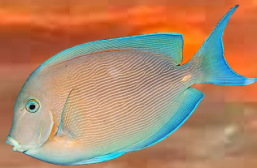


ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER
JUNE & JULY 2025

FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL
MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN



ST. JOHN'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"FISHING FOR MIRACLES"

JULY 29, 30, 31 5:30—7:30 PM

PRESCHOOL - ALL SCHOOL-AGES

DETAILS ON PAGE 3!

Bible Study
"Hebrews & James"
June 4— July 23
6:30 pm
Church Parlor

HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!

Pastor Steve Edmiston

Greetings! It's June, can you believe it? I am wondering what happened to April, but it is time for us to stride boldly from Easter into Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, and then, softly into the green pastures of the season after Pentecost. We move away from the loud-shouted alleluias to the green and growing season meant to nurture our faith and encourage our lives as followers of Jesus.



TRINITY SUNDAY

June 15

Sometimes we go on vacation. We go to re-create and rest. We go to visit familiar places and people, or we go on new adventures. Some of us are waiting for grandchildren. Others are waiting for loved ones to visit us. Throughout the summer months, we still need to feel the love and presence of God in our lives and so I invite you to keep coming to worship. Join us, as you are able, to discover God's love and the strength we receive from one another.

This summer, I also invite you to a mid-week Bible study. On Wednesdays, beginning June 4 we will meet to study *Hebrews* and *James*, two books in the New Testament written to help us with our faith life. *Hebrews* was written to encourage a group of believers feeling tired and ready to return to what was familiar and beloved. *James* was written to discuss how we can live and what we can do as followers of Jesus. We will meet in the parlor, beginning at 6:30, in the evening from June 4 to July 23.

As our summer stretches before us, please join us at St. John's as we strive to live as children of God and followers of Jesus.

Blessings and peace be with you all.

Pastor Steve



PENTECOST
Filled with the
Holy Spirit

June 8

**ST. JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

FISHING *for* MIRACLES



**JULY 29TH, 30TH, 31ST
5:30PM-7:30PM**

Light meal, Stories, Crafts, Music and Games
Pre-School Through 8th Grade

120 W. Water St. Sidney OH 45365
937-492-8047

Lori Holt

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We celebrate the beginning and the continuation of Summer! Hoping the Reds are continuing their playing well into and after the All-Star break!

June 1 we continue our celebration of Easter.

June 8 we celebrate Pentecost! Don't forget to wear RED!!

June 15 is Trinity Sunday!!

June 22 and through July we continue our Pentecost celebration!!! Please don't forget to join us for these celebrations!!

Vacation Bible School will be held July 29, 30 and 31 from 5:30 – 7:30. This year the theme is "Fishing for Miracles". There will be a light meal, stories, music, crafts and games. This is for Preschool through 8th grade.

Pastor Steve will be having a Summer Bible Study from June 4 – July 23. We will be studying Hebrews and James. These classes will be held on Wednesdays in the Parlor.

I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize our musicians of PB & J. Guitarists, Steve Holt and Bob Leonard; Bassists, Bob Leonard and Reece Pitchford; Drummers, Clint Bostick and Cindy Ohlsen; Singers, Steve Holt, Bob Leonard and Katy Leonard. We couldn't do it without you folks!! Thank you so much!!

May Summer bring us closer to You, Lord.

Happy Birthday, Ross!!

Happy Birthday, Steve!!

Happy Anniversary, Stephanie and Craig!!

Congratulations on your college graduation, Nolan!!

Happy Birthday, Nolan!!

Happy Birthday to my Dad and America!!

Happy Birthday, Andy!!

Happy Birthday, Finn!!

Love in Christ,
Lori



Altar Guild Volunteer

June: Josie Goffena & Patti Puckett

July: Renee Davis & Kathy Iwanski

Dorothy Love

Monthly Worship Service

10 am

June 17 & July 15

Joy Circle

1 pm

Tuesday

June 17

July 15

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!

Quilting Circle

to meet

Wednesday,

June 25, 9 am

July 23, 9 am



Summer is here and with the farmers' market being in full swing, I feel we need to be open on Saturday mornings. Our hours will be 9-12 pm, and if it does become a hit, then, we will stay open throughout the year. We have not been open on Saturdays in quite a while due to no volunteer help, but I figure we can close it for that day if we must.

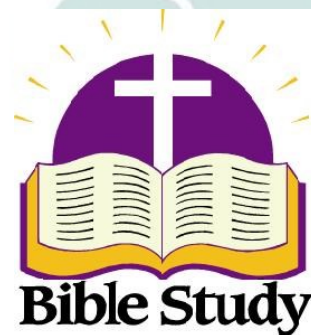
When I moved the bins from the main floor, I thought it would give us more space for clothing, but with summer here I feel it's not enough therefore I decided to make an overflow room upstairs in the loft/landing. With that room available most of our storage boxes of clothing never got put out in the season due to the donations that come through the back door now will be unboxed.

Lastly, to make a ministry thrift shop a hit, there are several factors, such as, customers, products in great shape and volunteers. I want to focus on our volunteers. They support us in the store as well as support us outside of the store. We have a volunteer that does our jewelry and two volunteers that fold our bags. We also have a volunteer that fixes minor things around the store, and one that is with me each day to make sure I am not alone. We could not help people without your support as well as the support from our volunteers. This reminds me of Colossians 3:23 that says: Whatsoever you do, do it from the heart, as to the Lord, and not to men.

April: 15 for In Kind Assistance of \$64.25

April: 19 for Cash Assistance of \$512

Veteran Services



Here is an opportunity to study **Hebrews** and **James** of the bible. It will start on Wednesday, June 4- July 23, in the church parlor. We will meet at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays with Pastor Steve.

Your generosity is second to none! Thank you for your donations to Veteran Services. You are a blessings!

St. John's Church Council Minutes

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Date: May 12, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: President Myron Koester

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Pastor Steve Edmiston

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Patriotic Worship Service Sunday, July 6. Pastor Steve questioned if St John's would hold 1 or 2 services that day. In past held one. This is typically not a highly attended Sunday. Likely due to the holiday, travel, vacations, etc. Margy moved to have one service, Kaleb seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was distributed. Dave had been unable to attend last month so addressed both April and May reports. Pastor Steve moved to approve the April reports as submitted. Kathy seconded the motion. Motion passed. Pastor Steve moved to approve May report as submitted. Ann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORT:

Pastor Report- Presented by Pastor Steve

1. 1 funerals since the last council meeting.
2. 2 baptisms.
3. June 1 will be baptising R. Groves
4. Pastor Steve and Stacy attended their nephew's graduation
5. Pastor Steve and the McCroskey's will be attending the Synod Meeting. Pastor Steve explained the voting process for this. June 6-7
6. Vacation Bible School July 29-31, 5:30-7:30 PM with a light meal at the beginning of each day. Theme is "Fishing for Miracles".
7. Pastor Steve and Stacy are looking forward to vacation in July when their first grandchild is born (therefore date unknown).
8. Pastor Steve thought that mid week collections had not been separately accounted for but Dave notes that he did and issued a check to the Lutheran Thrift Shop for approximately \$873. Pastor Steve did ask the church treasurer to account for these collections separately in the future as a matter of policy.

Volunteer Coordinator Report - no reports submitted.

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Thrift Shop Report - Financial report enclosed. Dave notes that proceeds have covered payroll.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ministry - Education & Youth:

Working on Vacation Bible School details. Excited because had 13 children in Sunday School last week.

Ministry - Music & Worship:

Bell Choir is off for the summer
Looking for a spring quartet this summer

Outreach - Evangelism: Made a third delivery to VA food pantry. Working on precursor activities for VBS (sign up) and working with Chilly Jilly's on this. Likely will be held the week after July 4.

Outreach - Parish Life:

1. Met and are exploring some ideas.

Operations - Finance: See report

Operations - Property:

1. Josh has spoken to Beam Construction about the front ramp and the requirements. They are currently looking at options.
2. Beam Construction is unable to perform the front arch repair but gave the name of someone else that would be interested. Looking at options and will give an estimate.
3. There was a remaining leak in the roof. A drone will be used to inspect this. Hoping that the resolution will be minor but will know more when this is done.

Additional Notes:

PRAYER REQUEST: Alvin Bollheimer (Dave's father)

DEVOTIONS: Myron Koester

INFORMATION:

*sign up sheets for communion assistants and devotions was passed

*Newsletter deadline: May 21, 2025

*Next council meeting: Monday, June 9, 2025

ATTENDANCE :

Present: Pastor Steve Edmiston, Myron Koester, Michelle Cavinder, Wes Cavinder, Ann Hubler, Josh Ward, Kathy Vogler, Kaleb Headings, Deb Mertz, Dave Bollheimer, Pat Mullen, Margy Headings
Absent: None

Thank
You



Hello,

Thank you for your donation to StH for Match Day chairs. This note of gratitude is delayed because we have been diligently working with a therapist and sales people to find the right chairs for people and we wanted to include pictures of the purchases. We had no idea how difficult it would be to find chairs for smaller people with specific physical challenges. The chairs we found were over \$450.00 each. While we want to provide good seating for people, we also want to be good stewards of the money donated to us. In the pictures above you will see some of the chairs we have purchased (thankfully, none of them are anywhere near \$400.00).

It is unbelievable how expensive such a common thing as a chair can be. Your donation is greatly appreciated. Your dollars are being used wisely and to the fullest most frugal capacity to get us the most for each dollar.

Thank you for supporting people with disabilities and the work StH does in the Shelby County community.

Sincerely Grateful For You,
Michelle Herndon

REGISTER NOW FOR THE

Ps33 Music Community Worship Choir

In preparation for Ps33 Music's

"Sing Gloria!"

Registration Now Open for "Piqua's Best Kept Secret"

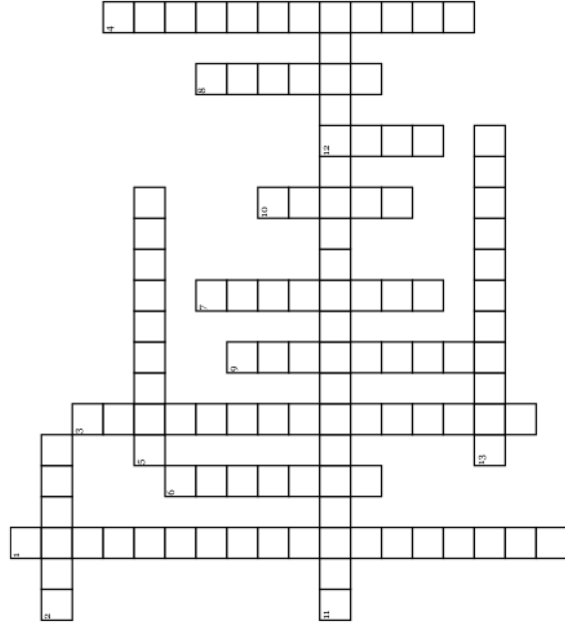
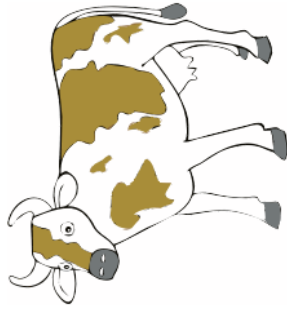
All vocalists aged 16 and up who enjoy singing in worship with fellow Christians from the area are cordially invited to become a part of the Ps33 Music Community Worship Choir.

To see a video clip of the choir, and to enroll for our Fall 2025 season, please visit www.ps33music.com



Registration deadline:
July 1, 2025

Rehearsals take place each Sunday,
2:45-4:30 pm, beginning on Sunday,
September 7, 2025
@ St. Paul's Church
500 N Downing St
Piqua, Ohio



Across

2. Where are they getting the materials from to build the new feature on the farm?
5. What type of animal is Boxer?
11. What were the original set of rules called?
13. What do the pigs say they are and the other animals not?

Down

1. What was the name of the battle when Jones returned?
3. What is the name of the song the animals sing?
4. What are the first three words of the new rule?
6. What animals does Napoleon take to away to 'educate'?
7. What is the new feature they are building on the farm?
8. What did the animals say they would never act like?
9. How do the pigs prove to the other animals that they need more nutrition?
10. Who is the human all of the animals detest?
12. What is the liquid the pigs get and no other animals do?

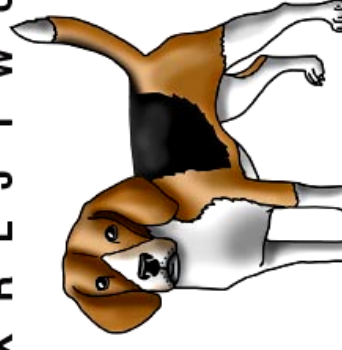
Dog Breed Word Search

Circle the Different Dog Breeds (Up, Down and Diagonal)

D H Y Q L N Z W Q B D U V J G
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 R U Z T H I B E A G R M P S A
 F
 D N U O H D O L B B O K J G
 E A
 N J I L L P H E C S N B G S O W
 N A S Q I L X V E C S A Q O P I
 D B R L
 T M D P P A B L I Y A S B E O X
 J Q C O M I D S D A T F L B R
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 N E R W
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 O N F S A D W B L S N C Y G U

AFGHAN
 BEAGLE
 BLOOD HOUND
 BOXER
 BULLDOG
 CHOW
 COLLIE
 DACHSHUND
 DALMATIAN
 DOBERMAN
 GERMAN SHEPHERD

GREAT DANE
 HOUND
 LAB
 PIT BULL
 POODLE
 PUG
 SHEEP DOG
 SHIH TZU
 SPANIEL
 TERRIER



St. John's Softball Schedule

St. John's softball team is playing in the Annual Church League, at Flanagan Park, in Sidney. Games are played on Thursdays at 6 or 7 pm and last an hour. Below, St. John's is labeled #3 and indicates time and place.

Stop by and cheer us on!

2025 Church League Summer Schedule

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|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Faith Baptist | 4. Sidney Nazarene | 7. Sidney Apostolic |
| 2. Pemberton | 5. Russell Road | 8. Meaningful Life Ministries |
| 3. St. Johns | 6. Sidney First | 9. Connection Point |

May 8, 2025	6:30	7:30	8:30
Field 1	5 v 8	3 v 2	9 v 6
Field 2	7 v 4	6 v 7	4 v 5
May 15, 2025	6:30	7:30	8:30
Field 1	5 v 6	5 v 9	1 v 9
Field 2	3 v 4	8 v 3	2 v 8
May 22, 2025	6:30	7:30	8:30
Field 1	4 v 2	8 v 4	9 v 7
Field 2	1 v 5	7 v 1	6 v 3
May 29, 2025	6:30	7:30	8:30
Field 1	7 v 5	3 v 1	9 v 3
Field 2	1 v 2	2 v 6	6 v 8
June 5, 2025	6:30	7:30	8:30
Field 1	2 v 1	8 v 1	4 v 6
Field 2	3 v 7	5 v 3	9 v 8
June 12, 2025	6:30	7:30	8:30
Field 1	7 v 2	8 v 7	2 v 5
Field 2	1 v 4	6 v 1	4 v 9
June 19, 2025	6:30	7:30	8:30
Field 1	7 v 6	4 v 7	9 v 1
Field 2	2 v 3	3 v 8	8 v 5
June 26, 2025	6:30	7:30	8:30
Field 1	5 v 4	2 v 9	6 v 9
Field 2			

Rainouts Made Up at the End of the Season

Single Elimination Tournament at End of Season - Home Team = Higher Seed

**ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

120 W. WATER STREET
SIDNEY, OHIO
45365

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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

*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 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. 802
Nick Miller, Rm. 306

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

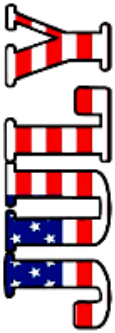

Pamela Morgan Rm. 307
Doris Conrad Rm. 300

*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!*

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Child Sunday school, 9:30 am Donuts, 9:30 am	2 AA, 12 pm	3	4 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm Bible Study, 6:30 pm	5 Senior Lunch, 12 pm	6 Office Closes, 12 pm AA, 12 pm	7 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
8 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Child Sunday school, 9:30 am	9 AA, 12 pm Council Committee Mtg., 6 pm Church Council Mtg, 7 pm	10	11 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm Bible Study, 6:30 pm	12	13 Office Closes, 12 pm AA, 12 pm	14 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
15 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	16 AA, 12 pm	17 Dorothy Love, 10 am Joy Circle, 1 pm	18 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm Bible Study, 6:30 pm	19	20	21 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
22 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	23 AA, 12 pm	24	25 Quilting, 9 am AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm Bible Study, 6:30 pm	26	27 Office Closes, 12pm AA, 12 pm	28 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
29 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	30 AA, 12 pm					Church Office Open Mon-Thurs. 8-3 pm Fri., 8 am-12 pm

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm Bible Study, 6:30 pm	3 Senior Lunch, 12 pm	4 Office Closed AA, 12 pm 	5 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
6 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Child Sunday school, 9:30 am <i>Youth Group, 9:30 a</i>	7 AA, 12 pm	8	9 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm Bible Study, 6:30 pm	10	11 Office Closes, 12 pm AA, 12 pm	12 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
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