

ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 2025



 **ST. JOHN'S**
lutheran church

Saturday, July 12
11:00 to 1:00

HAPPY
KIDS
FESTIVAL

GAMES, PRIZES, HOTDOGS, ICE CREAM
AND LOTS OF FUN!

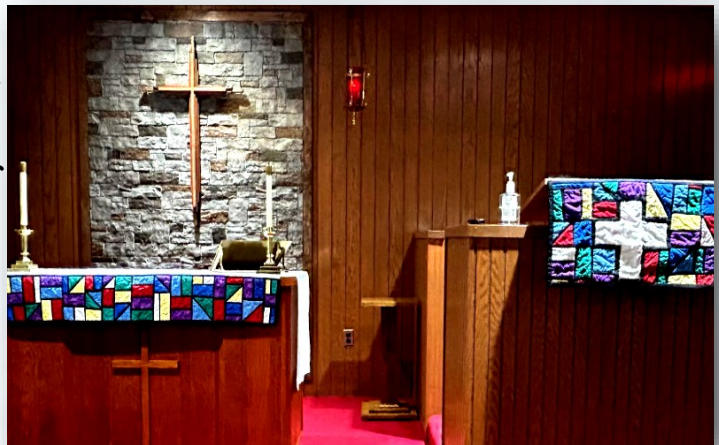
ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN 120 W. WATER STREET
PARKING LOT

Pastor Steve Edmiston

This has been a summer of new arrivals. Beginning in June with a new arrival for the Chapel and continuing on to July and the arrival of our grandson, Bryer. It has been an amazing summer so far.

A little over a year ago we remodeled the front of the chapel. There were curtains that had been there since 1963. We moved the altar from against the wall to a free-standing altar and we found a new cross as the centerpiece of the space. What we needed was new paraments.

I knew that five sets of paraments would be very costly, so I asked our talented quilting group if they could help. I was looking for one set of paraments that contained all the liturgical colors. After a few conversations they were excited by the possibility. What we have, largely from the talents of Margy Headings, is an altar cloth in all the liturgical colors meant to reflect the stained glass we find in the Chapel. They



are magnificent and I hope that you will take some time to see them and appreciate them. Thanks again to the quilters and especially to Margy.



Also this summer my son Noah and his wife Allyson have welcomed their son Bryer Woods Edmiston. He is adorable and Stacey and my first grandchild. Bryer arrived in the usual way and is surrounded by love from all sides. Thank you all who have been praying for Allyson and Noah and now I ask that you add Bryer to those prayers.

It is always a blessing to be a part of a church family. Thank you and God bless.

Pastor Steve

Lori Holt

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

August!! Can you believe it? When I was a kid I used to read Archie comic books and had a lot of them. There was one page I'll always remember. An old man was rushing around and told Jughead that the older you are the faster time goes by. That old man was correct!! And I'm still wondering what happened to 2014!! Hoping the Reds are still winning!!



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with VBS, helping the kids Fish for Miracles!! What a wonderful thing to help the kids in their faith journey!

While there isn't really a holiday in August, school begins. Please keep the children in your prayers as they return to school and leave for college.

Happy Birthday, Sean!!

Love in Christ,

Lori

Altar Guild Volunteer
August
Lori Holt

We Need Volunteers!
Sign up today!

Dorothy Love
Monthly Worship Service
10 am
August 19

Joy Circle
1 pm
Tuesday
August 19

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,
August 27

Summer is flying by fast with so many things to do and one of them is the Happy Kids Festival.

A couple of us from the thrift shop participated in the Happy Kids Festival and seven of my eleven grandkids came along with several other children from the community. I had a table full of kids' books to pass out but due to the heat, I had to put my canopy up for shade. Pat M. and Ann H. had plenty of ice cream and freeze pops to help keep us all cool. The kids had a great time as well as us adults.

Our Saturday opening of the thrift shop was slow at first, but after a few weeks of word of mouth as well as Facebook... business picked up. I feel it has helped with having a temporary staked sign in the yard saying "thrift shop open" to advertise us. It has gotten us many new customers.

James 4:14 says: Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

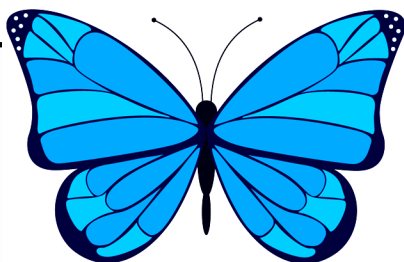
11 for \$86 in kind assistance

10 for \$240 cash assistance

Thank you St. John's

I am so thankful and blessed to have your support. Thank you for the wonderful donation.

Melissa Barhorst
St. John's Thrift Shop



HONOR & GLORY

With Special Guest Tyler Ratcliffe

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1510 Campbell Rd. Sidney, Ohio

Saturday, August 16th at 7 pm



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St. John's Church Council Minutes

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Date: June 9, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: by Pastor Steve- Meeting then lead by Vice President Wes Cavinder

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Pastor Steve Edmiston

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Lift chair for stairs. - This was tabled to next meeting since this was added to agenda by Myron Koester who was unable to attend this meeting. Pastor Steve did note that until this can be addressed, the elevator does remain operational.

Pastor Steve moved to not hold a council meeting in July. Kaleb seconded the motion and motion passed.

Will added to next meeting:

Lights in women's restroom on second floor Sunday school wing are dim

Water fountain in front of church is not working (very low flow)

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 Kathy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was distributed. Kaleb moved to approve the May reports as submitted. Pat seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dave commented that donations are reduced currently but historically are lower in the summer.

STAFF REPORT:

Pastor Report- Presented by Pastor Steve

Concluded Easter season and have moved into Pentecostal season

New paraments in the chapel

Performed a grave site service for Betty Stephens

Baptized R. Groves

Pastor Steve and the McCroskey's addended the Synod Meeting. Susan Dillahunt was elected as Bishop

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".

Pastor Steve and Stacy are looking forward to vacation in July when their first grandchild is born (therefore date unknown).

Will be holding a funeral service for Dan Wildermuth

Will be performing an additional first communion.

Contacted by Gideon's to speak to the congregation in Sept. Council voted on this as will allow.

Volunteer Coordinator Report - no reports submitted

Thrift Shop Report - Financial report enclosed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ministry - Education & Youth:

Getting ready for VBS. Will be handing out baggies to promote to the community.

Ministry - Music & Worship:

Trying to get more youth participation. Working with youth group to line up.

Worship Choir (called PS33 and announced in the bulletin). Practice starts in Sept.

Outreach - Evangelism:

Working on a sign up event for VBS (carnival setting both indoors and outdoors). July 12.

Will be passing out flyers to to organizations such as Church of Nazarene, YMCA, and working on details for Farmer's Market (getting a booth vs permission to walk around and hand out these flyers).

Volunteers for these activities will be needed.

It was pointed out that CORE does gives a schedule of all the church VBS to the kids.

Outreach - Parish Life:

Will still supply donuts for July 6 even though only 1 service. Will reduce the quantity. Have changed to purchasing at Walmart vs Kroger. Found Walmart more accommodating and less expensive.

Operations - Finance:

See report

Operations - Property:

No report

Additional Notes:

PRAYER REQUEST: Family of Dan Wildermuth, Lindsay Headings

DEVOTIONS: Pat Mullen

INFORMATION:

*sign up sheets for communion assistants and devotions was passed

*Newsletter deadline: June 25, 2025

*Next council meeting: Monday, August 11, 2025

ATTENDANCE :

Present: Pastor Steve Edmiston, Michelle Cavinder, Wes Cavinder, Ann Hubler, Kathy Vogler, Kaleb Headings, Deb Mertz, Dave Bollheimer, Pat Mullen, Margy Headings

Absent: Myron Koester, Josh Ward

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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 45365

Residents: *None at this time*

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

Resident: LeRue Gooder, Rm. 506
Phyllis 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!*

August 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office Closes, 12 pm AA, 12 pm	2 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
3 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Child Sunday school, 9:30 am Youth Group, 9:30 am Donut Time, 9:30 am	4 AA, 12 pm	5	6 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	7	8 Office Closes, 12 pm AA, 12 pm	9 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
10 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sun- day school, 9:30 am	11 AA, 12 pm Church Committee Meeting, 6 pm Church Council Meeting, 7 pm	12	13 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	14	15 Office Closes, 12 pm AA, 12 pm	16 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
17 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sun- day school, 9:30 am	18 AA, 12 pm	19 Dorothy Love, 10 am Joy Circle, 1 pm	20 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	21	22 Office Closes, 12pm AA, 12 pm	23 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
24 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sun- day school, 9:30 am 31 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sun- day school, 9:30 am	25 AA, 12 pm	26	27 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm Quilting, 9 am	28	29 Office Closes, 12pm AA, 12 pm	30 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm