

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

There are 62 quilts delivered to Lutheran World Relief to help those less fortunate around the world. Thank you Quilting Group! See page 2-3



Celebration for
REFORMATION DAY
Sunday, October 26
Wear **Red** to
Church!

ALL SAINTS ALTAR CLOTH

Please sign the altar cloth with a name of a deceased loved one.

When: Mid October

Location: Table in coffee area. It will be placed on the altar All Saints Sunday, Nov. 1 & 2

CARDS FOR CHRIST



ST. JOHN'S THRIFT SHOP COAT GIVEAWAY

10:30-12:30 pm

Saturday

October 25

Volunteers
Needed To Help

Call Melissa
937-492-0337



St. John's Lutheran Church

Trunk OR Treat

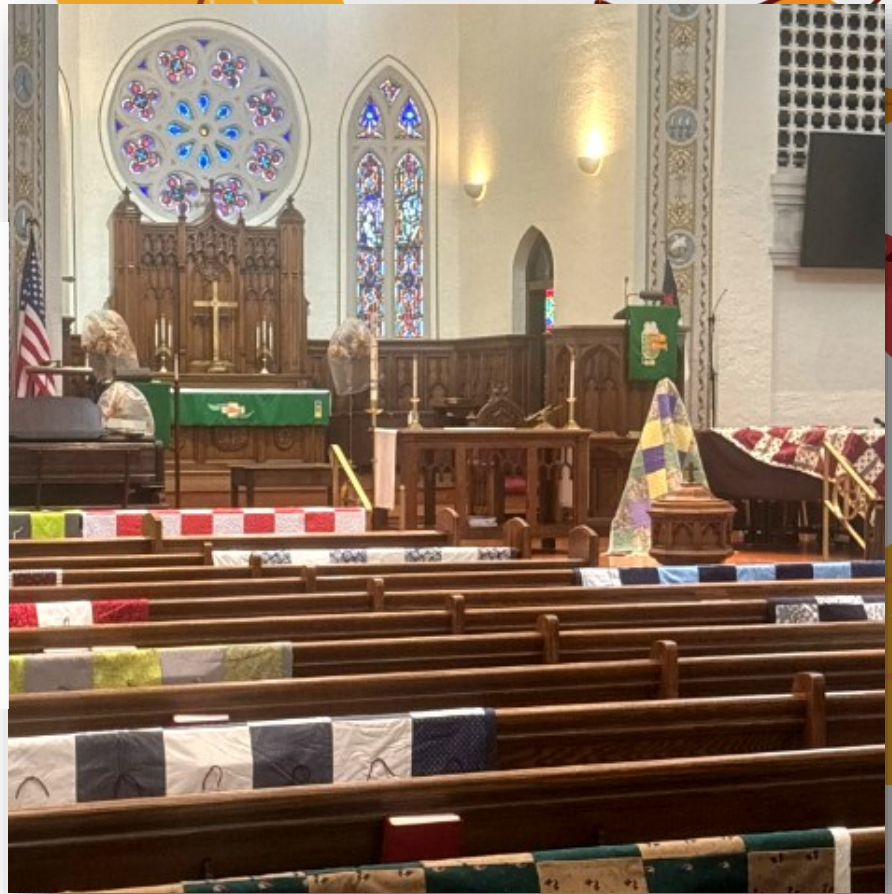
Saturday, October 11, 2025
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
St Johns Parking Lot

120 West Water Street
Sidney, OH 45365
All Are Welcome!
Costumes are Required ☑

Volunteers are needed and much appreciated! Please contact the church office if you can open your trunk and help.



Blessing of the Quilts



BLESSING OF THE QUILTS took place at our worship services on September 27th and 28th. Draped over the pews and on display were 62 beautiful and colorful quilts created and stitched together with love for our most vulnerable communities around the world.

Imagine the comfort and care we feel when we snuggle under a comforter. That's the feeling we share through a LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF quilt. We reach out to others in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope.

Recipients use their quilts to shield against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding. Their versatility also makes quilts useful as simple tents, floor coverings or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back.

The world's forgotten are not forgotten by St. John's Quilt Ministry group of volunteer workers who meet in the church basement the 4th Wednesday of each month, 9 – 11:30 a.m. to assemble beautiful quilts for those less fortunate in the world.

You, too, can join us at the quilting tables and participate in this life-changing ministry. Thank you to all our dedicated workers who have truly been a blessing to our neighbors in need:



Barb Roeth
Ginny Leapley
Judy Doll
Linda Fogt
Rosalee Horn

Connie Cotner
Joyce Fishbaugh
Karen Adkins
Margy Headings
Mary Ann Loomis

Bob Vogler
Sophia Headings
Sheila Beer

In 2025, this group also gifted 4 Baptismal Baby Quilts and 3 Sidney High School Graduation Quilts. Two Quilts were shipped to Ukraine to Devon Olding's future in-laws, Anatolyi and Tetiana Kozar. Most recently, one quilt was donated to Morgan's Place for their quilt auction. Also, if you haven't done so already, check out the newly designed altar paraments in the chapel. Thank you to Margy and all the quilters with their amazing ideas!

Why NOT plan to KNOT quilts. Maybe you have an eye for colors to help coordinate our fabrics with yarn. You may want to clean out and purge your linen closets and donate gently used clean sheets or find a new home for balls of yarn. You may wish to donate money to purchase batting. Just mark your offering envelopes for "Quilts". If you want to help with the cost of shipping the quilts, mail your check to:

LWR
QUILTS and KITS SHIPPING
PO Box 17061
BALTIMORE, MD 21298-9832

Bob Vogler takes our boxed Quilts the first week in October to Kettering's Ingathering. After processing, a local truck ships from Dayton to the East Coast Ocean liners as a free / donated service, BUT overseas shipping transport is \$2.50 per quilt.

If you are a THRIVENT FINANCIAL member who shares with St. John's through "Thrivent Choice Dollars", you may want your dollars to help with our Quilt Ministry. Contact a council member to inform them of your wishes.

GOD PROVIDES... that's what Lutheran World Relief Quilts are all about.

GOD PROVIDES...simple fabrics, thread and needles.

GOD PROVIDES...time together around the Quilting tables.

GOD PROVIDES...extraordinary gifts, wrapped in Love.

TIED IN FAITHSENT IN HOPE***WRAPPED IN LOVE***

**God's Work...Our Hands...Working Together
Repairing the World**

Pastor Steve Edmiston

My October is filled with opportunities. On the weekend of the 5th we are close to my 34th ordination anniversary. I'm not saying it to hint at any celebration but I am amazed by the truth of the milestone. I am grateful to God for his calling to ordained ministry. I am grateful to all of you here at St. John's and the other congregations I have served for recognizing that call and allowing me to be pastor. I am also grateful to Stacey and my children for their support throughout all those years. I am humbled by it all.

On the weekend of the 12th, I will return to Minnesota for my sister Cindy's memorials and celebration of life. It is a difficult thing to say good-bye to someone who has had a deep and profound impact on your life. I look forward to the conversations we all will have, the memories, the songs, the stories as we celebrate who Cindy was and then we will commend her to the care of our loving God. It will be a roller coaster weekend, but I am glad that I will be surrounded by sisters and brothers and all our family.

On the weekend of the 19th, I get a little breather. Returning from the Minnesota trip we get to celebrate together in worship and try to return to normal. The weekend of the 26th is chock full of celebrations. That weekend Ben Snavely and his fiancée Erin Ivey will join together as husband and wife. It is exciting to be a part of this new beginning as they step into a life blessed by God. That weekend is also Reformation weekend, where we remember the foundations of our Lutheran church and the gospel of God's love that we still proclaim.

It is a month full of opportunities to remember and celebrate the many ways that God and God's love touches our lives with grace and mercy, with comfort and hope. I hope that your October, whether busier or not, is filled with the blessings of God and the love that Jesus brings to us all.



Peace be with you,
Pastor Steve

REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCT. 26!



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Can you believe it, October!! Well, it's still up in the air, as of this writing, whether our Reds will make it to the playoffs. My daughter and I went to the game last night (9/23), and they lost!! How can they sweep the cubs in four games and then lose to the team we saw??

Anyhoo, PB & J had a drum set that we replaced, and the Chapel had a keyboard they weren't using any longer since they got a lovely acoustic piano!! "The Sanctuary Church" in Piqua accepted the drum set and the keyboard!! They then donated money to the Thrift Shop. We're so excited that these instruments have found a new home and are still being used to praise the Lord!!

Speaking of PB & J, we can always use guitarists and vocalists!! We have practice on Wednesday evenings at 5:30; and it lasts about 30 minutes. If you feel the Spirit moving you in this musical ministry direction, please contact me at granyol@yahoo.com. Thank you!!!

ALSO, St. John's is hosting a Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 11, in our parking lot from 1:00-2:00! Please come out and put treats in the trunks of your scare-mobiles!! All are welcome!! Costumes are required!!

"There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens." ~Ecclesiastes 3:1

Happy Birthday, Johnnie!

Love in Christ,
Lori

Altar Guild Volunteer
October
Lynn Pitchford/ Bob V.

We Need Volunteers!
Sign up today!

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
1 pm
Tuesday
Oct. 21

Dorothy Love
Monthly Worship
Service 10 am

Oct. 21

Quilting Circle
to meet
Wednesday,
Oct. 22

BECOME A kindergarten TUTOR!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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- Promotes positive behavior through positive skill building.
- Enhances students enrichment of Kindergarten.

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 - Emerson: 8:45-9:30am
 - Longfellow: 9-9:30am
- Contact The United Way office today to get started!

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Contact Amy West at 937.492.2101 ext. 1003
or awest@shelbycountyunitedway.org

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**Shelby County
UNITED WAY**

It was a slow summer for the shop but not for helping people. One instance, was a homeless guy named Nate. He wasn't always homeless and when he had an apartment, he would take in anyone that was in need. He also would bring them down to the thrift shop to get some clothes and hygiene items. But now that he is homeless and living in a tent, his heart is still giving and bringing those in need of clothes and hygiene items as well as blankets to the shop. In my opinion, this is the thrift shop's main purpose to being a servant and to help servants, such as Nate, serve others.

Another instance was not only do we help people, but we also help other churches as well. We had a piano and drum set available at the church due to getting new ones and a volunteer of the thrift shop knew of and contacted "The Sanctuary Church" in Piqua Oh. They were very grateful and appreciative.

The Fall changeover is done and ready for customers.

Our coat giveaway is on Saturday October 25 at 10:30-12:30. We are accepting gently used coats (with good zippers and buttons) as well, as gloves and hats. **Please drop them off at the thrift shop** if you have coats to donate. Also, if you would like to **volunteer** for the day, just let us know. We would be grateful.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus".

9 In Kind of \$78.50

9 for cash assistance of \$165

ST. JOHN'S COAT GIVE-AWAY

We will be having our annual "Coat Give-Away"

Saturday, October 25, 2025

St. John's Thrift Shop

319 S. Ohio Ave. Sidney, Ohio



Coat Give-away:

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Hats, gloves, and scarves will be available as well as winter boots

All ages are welcome



**Ways You can Help
Our Community**



St. John's Church Council Minutes

Date: September 8, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: by President Myron Koester

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Pastor Steve Edmiston

AGENDA REVIEW: Margy motioned to add to old business, discussion regarding the water fountains. Kaleb seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kaleb motioned to approve agenda as amended. Kathy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

2026 Budget: Dave would like the council to begin to consider the budget. No significant changes are anticipated but notes this is hard to predict since some items are very difficult to predict. He will look at how this budget was handled last year. This budget will be presented to the congregation at the annual congregational meeting Nov 16 or 23. Dave asked the group to email him if there were any items of concern that needed to be addressed. Myron did ask Wes to be prepared to handle the congregational meeting, depending on the date, if he is on vacation.

OLD BUSINESS:

The water fountains have been repaired and are functional but it was pointed out that the pressure is very low. These will be looked into.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was distributed. Josh moved to approve the report as submitted. Ann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dave pointed out that there has been a small increase in income for the initiation of the use of debit cards at the Thrift Shop.

STAFF REPORT:

- Pastor Report- Presented by Pastor Steve

1. Performed gravesite service for Jerry Gibbs
2. Pastor Steve and Stacy had a nice time picking up the car and have enjoyed driving it around.
3. Shelby County Historical Society is arranging a tour of 6 churches and several other locations that have housed churches in Sidney, including St. John's Lutheran Church, that have been a long time part of the community. Sept 21, 2025 and are anticipated to be at St. John's around 4:30. Will involve a walk through guided by Pastor Steve. If anyone would like to do this tour they will need to reserve a spot with Shelby Co. Historical Center but there is no cost. Must be prepared for a walking tour.
4. Brooks and Judy Ware recently had some power washing done at their home so have become aware of the need to have St. John's side walks power washed. They are offering to have the same individual, that did their work, do a quote and if not too terribly high, will pay to have done.
5. Pastor Steve's will need time off Oct.8-13 to go to his sister's memorial. Kermit and Kathy have volunteered to assist in this service.

Pastor Steve is working on getting a catechism group together.

- Volunteer Coordinator Report - no reports submitted

Thrift Shop Report - Financial report enclosed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ministry - Education & Youth:

No report

Ministry - Music & Worship:

No report

Outreach - Evangelism:

*Working on setting up a Trunk or Treat event Oct. 11, 1:00-2:00 The committee is hoping the kids can come over immediately after Farmer' Market event.

*Working on setting a date for in-house signing of Cards for Christ. Time will be between services.

*Working on Thanksgiving meals. Details of this set up were previously written out by Linda Fogt but these instructions can not be found. The committee will be speaking with Lynn about details.

Outreach - Parish Life:

Starting to plan breakfast for congregational meeting in Nov. Thinking about changing the menu.

Operations - Finance:

See Treasure's Report

Operations - Property:

*Still working on details to repair limestone on front of church.

*Had a meeting with Ron Eck (Eck Refrigeration, Inc). The boilers (4) are 40 yrs old and is operating at 60% efficiency. There is concern that some thought should be given to planning for replacement in the next 5 yrs. The A/C is also 25 yrs old. The pumps are getting quite old and the radiators are 70+ yrs old. Discussed a preventative maintenance audit and it was felt that this should be done by Ron since he has performed the service for years and is well acquainted with the current system. Thought he might be able to give several options. Dave did point out that there were some funds for building upkeep but probably not sufficient for the entire job (depending on what was done - repair vs replace, stick with boilers vs. forced air, etc). This subject will be announced/discussed to/with the congregation at the congregational meeting.

*Bob has someone lined up to repair the interior paint (damaged with the roof issues) but is waiting to make sure there are no more leaks before this is done.

Additional Notes:

PRAYER REQUEST: Judith LeFevre (hip replacement), John Whitney (surgery), Brian Cavinder (gallbladder surgery), Sharon Koester (knee replacement surgery)

DEVOTIONS: The Lord's Prayer
INFORMATION:

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

*Newsletter deadline: September 24, 2025

*Next council meeting: Monday, October 13, 2025

ATTENDANCE :

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

Absent: Michelle Cavinder, Deb Mertz

Cards for Christ

We are again collecting Christmas cards for the "Cards for Christ" prison ministry in the collection boxes located by the front entrance of the sanctuary. Please place cards in the appropriate 'Signed' or 'Unsigned' box. We'll **collect cards until Sunday November 23th.** If you sign your cards, please sign with your first name only or 'Your Friend' or 'Your Brother/Sister in Christ'. You are welcome to include encouraging messages. Please remember that not all recipients will be Christian, but all will respond to kindness. Most importantly ... please pray that each card goes to the one who needs it the most, even if that person feels they need it the least.

Since these cards are going into the prison system, there are some **RULES ... Store-bought cards only, no envelopes (just cards), no trifolds, no pockets, no pop ups, no glitter, no loose pictures or messages, no trinkets, keepsakes or gifts, no full names (just first name, please), no addresses, no phone numbers, no crayon, INK ONLY.** If possible, please rubber band your cards or place them all into a larger envelope with a count.

Thank you for continuing to support this ministry.

St. John's Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for
the beautiful quilt I love
it so much! I am so
grateful to be a part of
St John's and Saturday
nights and Sunday mornings
are my favorite. I will
miss everybody and especially
Monday nights with all my
council buddies. But I will
definitely be back! Sincerely,

😊 Tatum Werntz

St. Paul's Church, 500 N. Downing St, Piqua, Ohio invites area churches to join us for a community worship service celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, on Sunday, November 9, 2025. The event, **"Sing Gloria!"** will feature the *Ps33 (Psalm 33) Community Worship Choir & Orchestra*; scripture reading; congregational singing; and a pre-service organ concert by St. Paul's Church organist, Jane Ann Vest. In order to safely accommodate the large turnout we have experienced at previous community worship events, there will be two services: the first will begin at 3:30 pm (doors open at 2:45 pm); and the second at 6:00 pm. (doors open at 5:15 pm). Open seating tickets may be reserved by calling (937) 265-0141, or online at the Ps33 Music Box Office. Admission is on a donation basis. Donations and ticket reservations can be made at www.ps33music.com. A freewill offering will also be taken at the services to help cover the costs of this event. For more information, please contact Glenda: glen-da.ps33music@gmail.com



**ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

120 W. WATER STREET
SIDNEY, OHIO
45365

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FAX: 937-492-2462
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

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!*

HORROR MOVIES

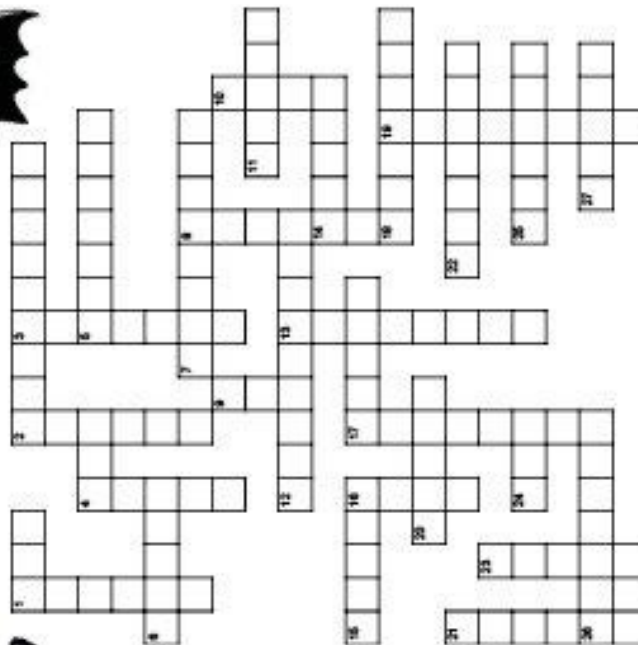
WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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A QUIET PLACE	DEAD OF NIGHT	HEREDITARY	THE BIRDS
CANDYMAN	DRACULA	IT FOLLOWS	THE EXORCIST
CARRIE	FRANKENSTEIN	POLTERGEIST	THE FOG
CAT PEOPLE	GET OUT	PSYCHO	THE HAUNTING
CLOVERFIELD	HALLOWEEN	REPULSION	THE MIST
DAWN OF THE DEAD	HELLRAISER	SCREAM	THE SHINING



Halloween



Across

1. He swallowed the canary.
2. Playground for ghosts.
4. What a spider spins.
5. Frankenstein has one.
6. When ghosts come out to play.
7. Scare.
11. What the pot might call the kettle.
12. October 31st.
14. ____ or treat.
15. Witch transportation.
17. Frightening.
18. The Count.
20. A skeleton is just a bunch of these.
22. Disguise.
24. Lives in the belfry.
25. Incey wincey is one of these.
26. Main ingredient in a popular pie.
27. ____ stories.

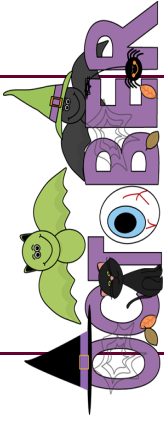
Down

1. Where a vampire sleeps.
2. Evil or mischievous creature.
3. He hates garlic.
4. Samantha for example.
8. ____ house.

9. Whoo? Whoo?
10. Mr. O'Lantern.
13. Comes out on full moon nights.
16. Might be full, half, or new.
17. A boney sort of fellow.
19. Fire burn, and ____ bubble.
21. When something makes our skin crawl, it's this.
23. Found in Egypt.



October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Closes, 3pm AA, 12 pm P B & J, 5:30 pm	2 Office Closes, 3pm Senior Lunch, 12 pm	3 Office Closes, 12 pm AA, 12 pm	4 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
5 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Child Sun- day school, 9:30 am Donut Time, 9:30 am	6 Office Closes, 3pm AA, 12 pm	7 Office Closes, 3pm	8 Office Closes, 3pm AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	9 Office Closes, 3pm	10 Office Closes, 12 pm AA, 12 pm	11 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm Trick or Treat, 1 pm
12 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	13 Office Closes, 3pm AA, 12 pm Church Committee Meeting, 6 pm Church Council Meeting, 7 pm	14 Office Closes, 3pm	15 Office Closes, 3pm AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	16 Office Closes, 3pm	17 Office Closes, 12 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	20 Office Closes, 3pm AA, 12 pm	21 Office Closes, 3pm Dorothy Love, 10 am Joy Circle, 1 pm	22 Office Closes, 3pm AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm Quilting, 9 am	23 Office Closes, 3pm	24 Office Closes, 12pm AA, 12 pm Wedding Rehearsal, 6 pm	25 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm St. John's Thrift Shop Coat Give- away, 10:30 am Wedding, 2:30 pm
26 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am Reformation Sunday	27 Office Closes, 3pm AA, 12 pm	28 Office Closes, 3pm	29 Office Closes, 3pm AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	30 Office Closes, 3 pm	31 Office Closes, 12pm AA, 12 pm	