

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"



*Palm
Sunday*

Lenten Services

You are invited to attend our
Wednesday Lenten meals,
5:30 pm and services, 7 pm

Starting Weds. March 4-March 25

Volunteer Opportunities For You!

- ~Thrift Shop Cashier or Pricer
- ~Read the Lessons during Worship
- ~Altar Guild 4 times, 1 month, a year

Pastor Steve Edmiston

Growing up, there was a song I heard around this time of year, *“The March winds will blow, and we will have snow, and what will the robin do then, poor thing.”* I saw my first robin while doing visits on February 19 and then we had snow and cold, *what will the robin do then, poor thing.*

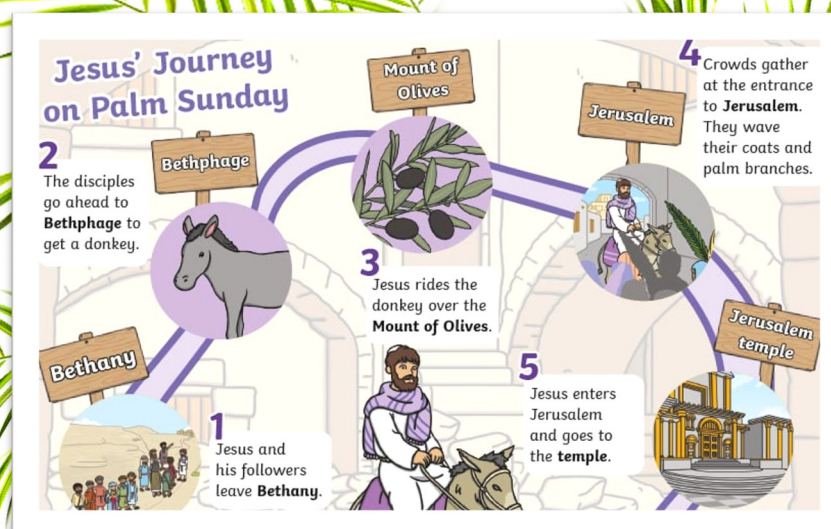
For all of us, who have survived a cold and snowy winter, as we enter March will we join the robins as poor things, still freezing and complaining? This March at St. John’s, we have opportunities to gather with our sisters and brothers to find warmth in fellowship, warmth in the blessing that comes from God’s presence in all our lives. No matter how cold it remains, or how warm it gets, we have one another and our Lord Jesus, and that is enough.

We are gathering on Wednesday evenings for Mid-week Lent services, learning about the figures in the Reformation windows in the balcony. We also share a meal those Wednesdays to increase the fellowship time. I hope that you will join us at 5:30pm for the meal and 7pm for the worship service.

We also gather on Saturday or Sunday for our regular Lenten worship. Joining with fellow children of God, giving thanks and praise for blessing received, blessings we get to share, is always a way to warm our hearts and give us the chance to live as followers of Jesus.

No matter if March comes in like a lion or a lamb, we can join together this Lent allowing our lives and generosity to warm our hearts as we share with each other the goodness that God gives us so freely. I hope to see you there.

Pastor Steve



Lori Holt

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
And now we finally reach March! The first day of spring is Friday, March 20! Of course, that doesn't mean the snow is over!!

Don't forget to set your clocks up on March 8!!

Lent Sundays are March 1, 8, 15 and 22. Continuing with Lent, please plan to attend our 7:00 Mid-week Lent services – Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18 and 25 as Pastor Steve talks about the stained-glass windows in the balcony. These are going to be so interesting!! We'll have supper in the basement before each of these worship services for food and fellowship, beginning at 5:30.

Holy Week will begin with Palm Sunday, March 29. Please join us for this very special worship service.

Holy and Merciful God, Please Help us as we prepare for the biggest celebration, the Resurrection of our Savior. Amen

Happy Friday the 13th again!!
Happy St. Patrick's Day!!
Happy 48th Anniversary, Steve!!

Love in Christ,
Lori



Dorothy Love
Monthly Worship
Service 10 am
March 17

Coffee Time!
Every *first Sunday of the month*,
9:30 am, we will be having a fel-
lowship gathering in our church
“Christ and Coffee” bar for cof-
fee, donuts, and fellowship!

Altar Guild Volunteer
March
Lori Holt
Karen Olding
We Need Volunteers!
Sign up today!

Quilting Circle
to meet
Wednesday,
Mar. 25
9 am

Winter

is flying by with lots of snow and cold temperatures, so the shop had to close a couple of times but even with the cold weather we were still able to help people.

In January of 2025, I noticed people needed more help than in the previous month of December, so I decided to make sure I was able to help them with our Christmas monetary donations in the coming year.

So, in the month of January 2026, we were able to help more people with the generous donation from Luther's Purse as well as a couple private individuals. We helped them by paying their water bills, electric bills and were even able to give gas cards for dr appts and going to work. One of the private individuals donated Kroger gift cards in December to help those in need at my discretion.

Acts 20:35 says: *"It is more blessed to give than receive"*. That scripture is so real to me because it is a special feeling to bless others. I see it every day at the shop when someone comes in needing clothes or home goods but cannot afford to pay for them. My heart runs to them and I love them!!!

IN KIND ASSISTANCE: \$153.50 for 14 people

CASH ASSISTANCE: \$1046.73 for 37 people

On Palm Sunday, Jesus made a triumphal entry into Jerusalem, riding a donkey to fulfill prophecy as the prophesied King. Crowds hailed him, waving palm branches, shouting "Hosanna," and laying cloaks on the road.



Dear St. John's family.

On behalf of CORE (Council of Religious Education) I would like to thank you for your continued monthly support of our Release Time Bible Education program. We currently serve 1st and 2nd graders at Longfellow and Emerson and 3rd and 4th graders at Northwood. We have a total of 38 class periods per week at 45 minutes per class. Approximately 51% of the students in these grades attend our classes. Lori Hill is our 1st and 2nd grade teacher and this is her first year with CORE. Lori would also like to add Kindergarten students to her classes next school year. We are looking into this. Angie Mentges is our 3rd and 4th grade teacher and this is her 2nd year with us. We are planning to expand to 5th grade at the Sidney Middle School next school year and are praying to be able to serve 6th grade also. Your continued support allows us to pay our teachers and maintain our three classrooms. We also have a volunteer to help the teachers in each class. You are always welcome to observe a class! We always welcome new volunteers and Council Members. Contact Pam Wagner if you are interested.

Many thank you's for
Match Day from:
Elizabeth New Life Center
Munch Bunch
(Presbyterian Church)
S & H Products
Morgan's Place Cemetery

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 9, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: President, Myron Koester

OPENING DEVOTION: Pastor Steve Edmiston

AGENDA REVIEW: Addition: New business: Lenten/Easter giving, Façade matching, Committee additions, Thrivent funds. *Kaleb Headings moved to approve as amended, Ann Hubler seconded. Motion passed. Memorial Committee addition, Audits. *Tina Ike moved to approve as amended, Pastor Steve seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee addition

*Kaleb moved to accept Tina Ike to committee, Josh Ward seconded. Motion passed. Kaleb Headings moved to appoint Tina Ike Secretary, Myron Koester seconded. Motion passed.

Façade matching

Pastor Steve shared that an anonymous donor would match funds for the Façade repair up to \$5000. After discussion it was decided to publish in bulletin and announce during service to generate funds. Notations on checks or the additional memo lines of the donation envelopes can be used to donate money toward the matching goal.

Lenten and Easter offerings

Discussion on how to handle donations given during the Lenten and Easter services ensued. *Kaleb Headings moved that all givings during special services during Lent and Easter be shared equally between Dwell House and Compassionate Care, Josh Ward seconded. Motion passed.

Memorial Committee addition

*Kathy Vogler moved to approve Mindy Geis joining Memorial Committee per their recommendation, Kaleb Headings seconded. Motion passed

Thrivent Funds

*Ann Hubler moved that \$54 of Thrivent Dollars be directed to Quilting account, Pat Mullen seconded. Motion passed

Audits

Tina Ike shared that Memorial Committee understands Council is interested in setting up an audit for their own funds and that Memorial Committee would like to follow suit. They are asking Council to determine whether to organize a self audit or arrange an outside audit. After discussion, it was determined Council prefers to get an outside audit performed. Dave and Myron are going to check some resources and determine if they can identify an auditor.

OLD BUSINESS

No activity

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A copy of the Secretary's report was distributed with the agenda. Correction that Parish life had approx. 25 attendees at the Lenten meal rather than 15. *Pastor Steve moved to accept the report as amended, Kathy Vogler seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A copy of the Treasurer's report was distributed with the agenda. *Kaleb Headings moved to accept the report as submitted, Ann Hubler seconded. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Pastor Report presented by Pr. Steve: Becky is back. *Pr Steve moved that Council pay Becky for the 2 Sundays she missed, Myron seconded. Motion passed. Thanks to Holly and PB&J for filling in for Becky. *Pr. Steve moved to get gift cards as a thanks to Holly and PB&J, Pat Mullen seconded. Motion passed. Lent is coming up – Wednesday meal will be 5:30 with service at 7pm, committee appointments were emailed out, Methodist men’s choir sang at Sunday’s service, Pr Steve will be out March 15th for his grandson’s dedication and will need volunteers for coverage, putting information for Camp Hopewood for kids into the bulletin with notation that church can help with attendance fee.

Volunteer Coordinator Report: Report enclosed hereto. Lori noted that they would love any volunteers to the music ministry activities.

Thrift Shop Report: Financial report enclosed hereto.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ministry – Education & Youth (Michelle & Myron): Per Myron, Michelle will work with Sharon to review.

Ministry – Music & Worship (Deb & Steve): Steve will reach out to engage Becky on committee.

Outreach – Evangelism (Kathy & Kaleb): Per Kathy, she would like to provide opportunity for purposeful giving during Lent focusing on Isaiah’s Place in Troy specifically with pillowcase donations to help kids in child services. She will put in bulletin.

Outreach – Parish Life (Ann & Pat): Per Ann, reviewed that circulation for sponsors of Lenten meals was going well. If any sponsors don’t want a reimbursement they are being asked to donate to a church cause of their choice.

Operations – Finance: No report.

Operations – Property (Josh, Bob, Fred, Norb): No report.

PRAYER REQUESTS Dwayne Mullen, Myron’s mother JoAnn, Gibbons family.

DEVOTIONS: Norb Mertz

INFORMATION:

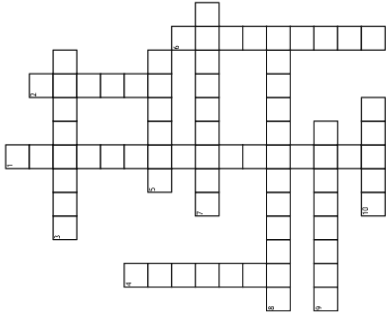
Sign-up sheets for communion assistants and devotions.

Newsletter deadline: Tuesday, Feb 18th

Next Council Meeting: Monday March 9th, 7pm. Committee mtgs 6:30.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Fred Billing, Dave Bollheimer, Michelle Cavinder, Pastor Steve Edmiston, Kaleb Headings, Steve Holt, Ann Hubler, Tina Ike, Myron Koester, Bob Loomis, Norb Mertz, Pat Mullen, Kathy Vogler, Josh Ward. **Excused:** Deb Mertz.



Across

- 3. Who was praising Jesus in the Temple?
- 5. What was Jesus riding on?
- 7. Who was with Jesus? What did the crowd wave and lay out for Jesus?
- 9. What were people going to celebrate?

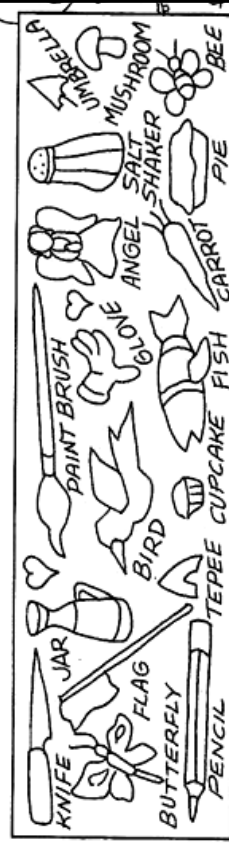
Down

- 10. Who rode on the Donkey?
- 1. Who hated Jesus and the good HE was doing?
- 2. Where was Jesus headed with the crowd following?
- 4. The crowd shouted "_____".
- 6. Where was Jesus?

Palm Sunday Word Search

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- LUKE
- CLOAKS
- PRAISE
- JESUS
- SAVIOR
- MATTHEW
- EXPECTED
- SAVES
- BETHANY
- KING
- LORD
- JOHN
- MARK
- REMEMBER
- STONES
- DISCIPLES
- CROWD
- PASSOVER
- CHRIST
- BRANCH
- ROCKS
- HOSANNA
- PALM



Palm Sunday Fun

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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

Gary Paul, Apt. 324

Dick Clark, Apt. 303N

Shirley Sparks, Apt. 117

Fair Haven, 2901 Fair Rd., Sidney, Oh1150

Residents: Ellen Freytag

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

*At St. John's, we are given the opportunity to worship God,
study His Word, and serve Him in many capacities, while at
the same time enjoying Christian fellowship. Please consider
ways that you can get involved!*

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sun-day school, 9:30 am Donuts, 9:30 am | 2 Office Closes, 3pm AA, 12 pm | 3 Office Closes, 3pm | 4 Office Closes, 3pm AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm Lenten Meal, 5:30 pm Lenten service, 7pm | 5 Office Closes, 3pm 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 & Children Sun-day school, 9:30 am | 9 Office Closes, 3pm AA, 12 pm Church Committee Meeting, 6 pm Church Council Meeting, 7 pm | 10 Office Closes, 3pm | 11 Office Closes, 3pm AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm Lenten Meal, 5:30 pm Lenten service, 7pm | 12 Office Closes, 3pm | 13 Office Closes, 12 pm AA, 12 pm | 14 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm |
| 15 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sun-day school, 9:30 am Bridal Shower, 1 pm | 16 Office Closes, 3pm AA, 12 pm | 17 Office Closes, 3pm Dorothy Love, 10 am | 18 Office Closes, 3pm AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm Lenten Meal, 5:30 pm Lenten service, 7pm | 19 Office Closes, 3pm | 20 Office Closes, 12 pm AA, 12 pm | 21 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm |
| 22 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sun-day school, 9:30 am | 23 Office Closes, 3pm AA, 12 pm | 24 Office Closes, 3pm | 25 Office Closes, 3pm Quilting, 9 am AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm Lenten Meal, 5:30 pm Lenten service, 7pm | 26 Office Closes, 3pm | 27 Office Closes, 12pm AA, 12 pm | 28 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm |
| 29 Palm Sunday Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sun-day school, 9:30 am | 30 Office Closes, 3pm AA, 12 pm | 31 Office Closes, 3pm |  | | | Church Office Open: Mon-Thurs. 8-3 pm Fri., 8 am-12 pm Quilting, - 4th Wed of month |