

Wear **RED** to Worship  
on Sunday, Oct. 27

Blessing of the Quilts


There are **68 quilts** to be delivered to Lutheran World Relief to help those less fortunate around the world.



Thank you!

**Bell Choir Practice**  
Starts Thursdays, Oct. 3  
6:30 pm, Sanctuary

**Notice**  
Monday, Oct. 14  
Sanctuary Repair/  
Painting will start.

 **Cards for Christ**  
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**AED Training** (automated external defibrillator, which is a portable medical device that can help save lives during sudden cardiac arrest)

Thursday, Oct. 10, 2 pm, Church Parking Lot Entrance. You are invited to attend.

**All Saints Altar Cloth**  
Please sign the altar cloth with a name of a deceased loved one.  
Time: October 25-27  
Location: Table in sanctuary  
It will be placed on the altar on All Saints Sunday, Nov. 3

**Happy Fall!**

# Pastor Steve Edmiston



October has always been one of my favorite months. I'm not fully sure why that is but it is. It's not my birthday because my birthday is in August. It could be my mother's birthday which is the 17<sup>th</sup> but I'm not certain. I think that some of it is that October is when fall really shows up. The air gets crisper. The leaves change. That could be it. I don't think that it's Halloween because I never like dressing up. It could be Reformation Day, but that just sounds weird.

One thing that I love about October is that it is the month in which I was ordained. I felt the calling of God to be a pastor in 1978, and I moved toward doing just that. I studied hard. I went to college. I went to seminary. I tried my best and I made it anyway, because God was with me. Through the years I was distracted. I met my wife and got married (although that was not a distraction it is a blessing, always a blessing). I thought about buying into a used bookstore. I thought about being a college English professor. Through all of it, God was still calling me, leading me, helping me to see and on Sunday, October 6, 1991 I was ordained at my home congregation during a regular Sunday morning service. It was incredible. Surrounded by the Pastor who would become my Bishop, along with the pastors at my home church, I was also surrounded by the former senior pastor who had baptized me, and by the youth pastor who encouraged me. My college roommate showed up for the service. Friends from high school, who never thought it would really happen showed up as well. It was a day I will never forget.

I know that most of you have never felt the call to ordained ministry. You have never been ordained. All of us are called by Jesus to follow, to love our neighbors, to help as we are able. I hope that in this month of October we can all discover, or rediscover, ways and paths to truly making God's vision for the world into our mission of love and service.

Pastor Steve

## *"Blessing of the Quilts"* *September 28 & 29*



# Lori Holt

Brothers and Sisters,

The first full month of fall is here!! Just not a fan of summer except for baseball, but our Reds weren't able to make it to the playoffs. BUT post season begins this month. I know the team I want to win, though!! Another BUT, football season is in full swing!!



We missed the blessing of the quilts because we were on vacation!! BUT we're back in time for the first Sunday of October, and DONUTS!!!

This is also the month of Halloween!! I'm watching all the Stephen King movies I can, along with some others. As always, I'm looking forward to October!!

Don't forget: Sunday, October 27, is Reformation Sunday. DON'T FORGET TO WEAR **RED!!**



Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott!!

Happy 66<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Johnnie!!

Love in Christ,

Lori

## Thank You!

Darlene Hall would like to thank everyone for the prayers and cards that she has received. She very much appreciates them.

## Joy Circle

To be  
Announced

## Dorothy Love

### Monthly Worship Service

10 am, Oct. 15

Pastor Steve presiding.

Please stop by and join us  
for worship!

## 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,  
Oct. 23

## October

### Altar Guild Volunteers

Lynn Pitchford

Bob Vogler

The old adage, "one man's trash is another man's treasure" is thought to have originated sometime in the 1800s. But no matter the origin, the truth of this adage is quite apparent at the Thrift Shop. We receive all kinds of things that people no longer have a use for. Some things have seen some wear but are still in usable shape. Sometimes we receive new items which still have tags attached. Other items may need a little repair or are in rough enough shape that we use them in our repair work. But whatever the situation, very little that is donated to the Thrift Shop actually ends up in the trash. And once an item is cleaned and possibly repaired, it's time to find someone who will treasure it. In many ways, we are like the things that arrive at the Thrift Shop. Some of us are a little worn by life's experiences. Others of us are new with tags still attached. And still others are a little broken and are need of repair. But no matter our situation, God sees value in each of us and looks upon us as a treasure. If we allow it, God will shine us up, repair what's broken and treasure us as his own.

*"For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession. Deuteronomy 7:6*

### August Thrift Shop Statistics

Clients: 19

14 Assistance: \$417.33

5 In-kind Assistance: \$11.75

Mary Cooke, Director

### MORGAN'S PLACE

For the third year running, Soul'd Out, a Christian music group will perform a benefit for Morgan's Place. The date for the dinner/concert is Saturday evening, October 19<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at Winner Family Harvest Barn, 7317 State Route 47, DeGraff, Ohio. Doors open at 5:00 PM and activities include a quilt auction, raffle, and 50/50 drawing. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children twelve and under.

Morgan's Place, located in southeastern Shelby County, is a ministry with a mission to ease the burden for families who have lost a child through miscarriage, or stillbirth. Services include funeral planning, burial, and grief support. Morgan's Place is non-denominational, will assist families no matter where they reside, and is absolutely free of charge.

For more information on Morgan's Place or to order tickets for Soul'd Out dinner/concert, please call (937) 726-9988 or (937) 497-8118.



Order Tickets Here

or



**OCTOBER 19, 2024**

DOORS OPEN: 5:00 PM

DINNER: 6:00 PM

PERFORMANCE: 7:00 PM

QUILT AUCTION: 8:15 PM

Adult Tickets: \$25

Child Tickets: \$15

Winner's Harvest Barn  
7317 State Route 47 West  
DeGraff, OH 43318



**St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Date: September 9, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Kaleb Headings

**OPENING DEVOTIONS:** Pastor Steve Edmiston

**AGENDA REVIEW:** Kaleb motioned to amend the agenda of new and old business items as listed below. Myron seconded the motion. Motion passed

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. \$26 Thrivent Choice Dollars given to St. John's is to be transferred to the Joy Circle account with "quilting" put in the memo line. Motion made by Margy, Kaleb seconded and motion passed.

Discussion regarding the annual report preparations and review. This is the report that goes out to the congregations regarding the activities of each committee.

Annual congregation meeting date was set for Nov. 17, 2024.

Myron motioned to approve this and Ann seconded. Motion passed

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Council members were challenged to talk to members of the congregation for council replacement.

2. AED training is set for October 10, 2024 at 2:00 PM. This will be held at St. John's and is free. This is not a formal CPR training class.

3. Skinner project start date is 10/14/24. This will be a 3-4 week project. \$37,270 is due with first half paid at start and second half paid upon completion.

4. Thanksgiving meal prep to begin next month

5. Jeff and Dave are work on the upcoming 2025 budget.

Bill McCroskey has notified Pastor Steve that the sound board needs to be replaced at the cost of approximately \$2500.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Kaleb motioned to approve as submitted and Myron seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**TREASURE'S REPORT:** A copy of the Treasurer's report was distributed with the agenda. This was reviewed by Jeff Fannon and Dave Bollheimer. Pastor Steve motion to approve as submitted and Ann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**STAFF REPORT:**

• Pastor Report-

1. Jen Maier resigned from council because current work schedule does not allow her to attend meetings

2. The blessing of the pets was well attended and was a wonderful time.

3. St John's has not had a formal Catechism class due to low numbers. Pastor Steve is making plans to resume these classes. He will invite the youth to attend and is planning to hold after Sunday services.
4. Pastor Steve notice that St. John's has a large online attendance but have not been given a method by which to make financial contributions. Pastor Steve states that the Web Host can help with this but it will cost 10% of the donations. Other suggestions are to be reviewed such as using a QR code or publicizing a link. Myron plans to talk to Darin Davis about this.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- *Ministry - Education & Youth:* Planning a fall outing for the youth at Vandemark Farm. on Oct 13 or 20, 2024
- *Ministry - Music & Worship:* No meeting.
- *Outreach - Evangelism:* Boxes for "Cards for Christ" were put out on the day of this meeting. Will start working on Thanks giving meals next month

*Outreach - Parish Life:*

Pet blessing went well.

Planning to serve a breakfast for the annual meeting but still unclear when this will be done since still not certain if there will be one or two services. It was suggested that maybe the youth could help with this.

Plan to ask in bulletin if there is interest in Lenten meals so can gauge interest in this. Michelle notes that there is lots of interest in helping.

- *Operations - Finance:* Report given in Treasure's report.
- *Operations - Property:* Plumber is coming in tomorrow to replace the garbage disposal.

*Additional Notes:*

**PRAYER REQUEST:**

Family of Linda Meininger

Luke Bemus

**DEVOTIONS:** Ann Hubler

**INFORMATION:**

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

\*Newsletter deadline: Sept 24, 2024

\*Next council meeting: Monday, Oct. 14, 2024

**ATTENDANCE :**

*Present:* Pastor Steve Edmiston, Kaleb Headings, Michelle Cavinder, Wes Cavinder, Margy Headings, Norb Mertz, Tatum Wertz, John Widney, Jeff Fannon/ Dave Bollheimer, Becky Mann, Myron Koester, Ann Huber

*Absent:* 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 24th. 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.

**Thank you** for your generosity in supporting our ministry together as the Southern Ohio Synod.

The Southern Ohio Synod Stewardship Team

**Thank you** from the First Presbyterian for St. John's Lutheran Church's ongoing support of the Munch Bunch weekend snack program for children.

Ken Poling, RE



**CASTING NETS**  
**FATHER AND SON RETREAT**

**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 12, 2024**  
**10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

This retreat is for fathers and their sons, ages 10-14. It will be led by Paul Knapke of Maria Stein at the residence of Jon Hefner (3201 Redmond Road, Russia, Ohio 45363). The first portion of the retreat will feature guest speaker Nathan Bruns of Maria Stein. Nathan will share his powerful journey and testimony, specifically about staying firm in his faith and avoiding the "nets" of worldly temptations amidst his successful high school and collegiate basketball career. The second portion will be "hands on" with fishing using fishing poles and nets.

This retreat is free of charge. A complimentary lunch will be provided by Do Good.

If you would like to sign up or have questions related to the retreat, please contact Katie Giere at [katiegiere@dogoodrm.com](mailto:katiegiere@dogoodrm.com) or 419-763-9349. Limited spots are available, and sign up is required.

**"Again, the kingdom from heaven is like a large net thrown into the sea that gathered all kinds of fish." Matthew 13:47**

# Chocolate candy

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- kit kat
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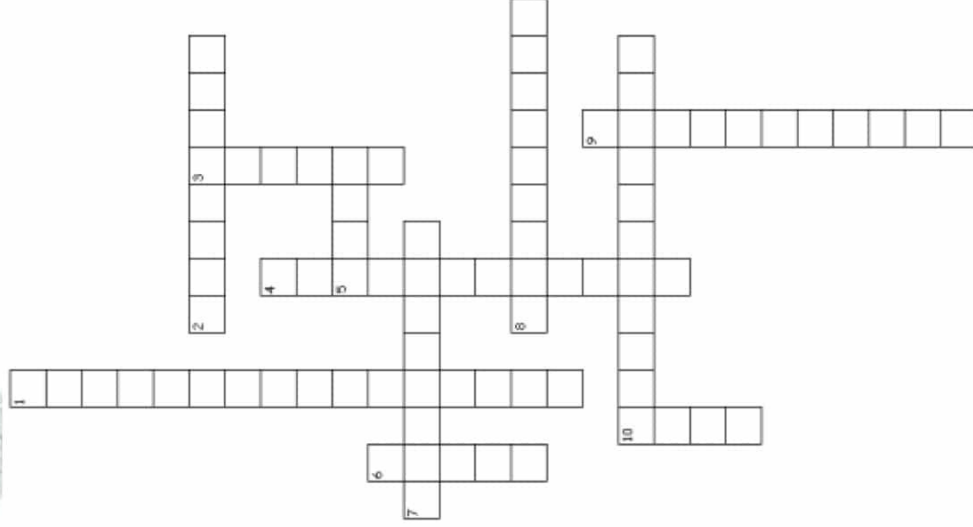


# The Reformation



By Mr Yelland

www.SchoolHistory.co.uk



## Across

- One invention in particular helped the spread of ideas during the Reformation.
- Luther visited which city in 1510?
- In 1500 the majority of people belonged to which branch of religion?
- The place where all the souls of dead people go.
- Luther's supporters became known as?

## Down

- The list of arguments which Luther nailed to the church door in 1517 is known as?
- This person was sent to Wittenberg to sell "Letters of Indulgence".
- A German reformer and one of the founders of Protestantism.
- The Bible was written in which language?
- Certificates or letters that absolved the buyer of sin and were used by the Pope as a way of raising money.
- The head of the Catholic Church is called?





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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  
Doris Conrad, 2360 Wapak, Ave. #106, 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, Sidney, Oh 45365  
Dick Clark, Apt. 303N

**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*

**StoryPoint Senior Living, 1840 Towne Park, Troy Oh, 45373**

Darlene Hall

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

Resident: LeRue Gooder, Rm. 506

Phyliss Blust, Rm. 508

Linda Steenrod, Rm. 802




**Ayden Health Care of Belle Springs**

Joyce Jones, 221 School St., Room 111, Bellefontaine, Oh 43311

**Heartland**

Pamela Morgan, 275 Kienle Drive, Room 307, Piqua, Oh 45356

*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!*

| SUN  | MON  | TUE                          | WED   | THU   | FRI  | SAT   |
|--|--|------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|  |   | 1                            | 2<br>AA, 12 pm<br>PB&J, 5:30 pm                           | 3<br>Bell Choir , 6:30 pm   | 4<br>Office Closes,<br>12:30 pm<br>AA, 12 pm<br>Quilt Drop off, 9 am | 5<br>Worship, 6 pm,<br>NA, 8 pm   |
| 6 Worship, 8:30 &<br>10:30 am<br>Adult & Child Sunday<br>school, 9:30<br>Youth Group, 9:30a<br>Coffee Time, 9:30a  | 7<br>AA, 12 pm   | 8                            | 9<br>AA, 12 pm<br>PB&J, 5:30 pm                           | 10<br><i>Senior Lunch, 12 pm</i><br><b>AED Training, 2 pm</b><br>Bell Choir , 6:30 pm                               | 11<br>Office Closes,<br>12:30 pm<br>AA, 12 pm                        | 12<br>Worship, 6 pm,<br>NA, 8 pm  |
| 13 Worship, 8:30 &<br>10:30 am<br>Adult & Children Sun-<br>day school, 9:30 am                                     | 14<br><b>Sanctuary Repair/<br/>Painting, Starting</b><br>AA, 12 pm<br><b>Church Council<br/>Committee Mtg, 6 p</b><br><b>Church Council, 7 p</b> | 15<br>Dorothy Love,<br>10 am | 16<br>AA, 12 pm<br>PB&J, 5:30 pm                          | 17<br>Bell Choir , 6:30 pm  | 18<br>Office Closes,<br>12:30 pm<br>AA, 12 pm                        | 19<br>Worship, 6 pm<br>NA, 8 pm   |
| 20 Worship, 8:30 &<br>10:30 am<br>Adult & Children Sun-<br>day school,<br>9:30 am                                  | 21<br>AA, 12 pm  | 22                           | 23<br>AA, 12 pm<br><i>Quilting, 9 am</i><br>PB&J, 5:30 pm | 24<br>Bell Choir , 6:30 pm  | 25<br>Office Closes,<br>12:30 pm<br>AA, 12 pm                        | 26<br>Worship, 6 pm<br>NA, 8 pm   |
| 27 Worship, 8:30 &<br>10:30 am<br>Adult & Children Sun-<br>day school,<br>9:30 am<br><b>Reformation<br/>Sunday</b> | 28<br>AA, 12 pm  | 29                           | 30<br>AA, 12 pm<br>PB&J, 5:30 pm                          | 31<br><br><b>Reformation Day</b> | Church Office<br>Open<br>Mon-Thurs. 8-3 pm<br>Fri., 8 am-12 pm       |  |