

St. John's November 2024 Newsletter



Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." The Good News: No matter what, having gratitude in your heart at all times is what God has intended for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:18

November 3



Thanksgiving Sunday

November 17

You're Invited:

**Worship 9:30 am/Children Sunday Sch.*

**Congregational Meeting 10:30 am*

**Pancake Meal Following*

November 24



Sunday, November 3

Daylight Savings
time Ends

"Fall Back"

One Hour



**Thanksgiving Meal
Donation**

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Pastor Steve Edmiston

November is coming. November begins with one of favorite days, when we turn the clocks back and I get my hour of sleep back. November is also filled with many other days that we can get excited about.

November 3 is not just when we get our sleep returned, it is also All Saint's Sunday here at St. John's. We will remember the saints who have gone before us, who have shown us through their lives the love for neighbor we all strive for in our lives. We will remember the newly minted saints, the baptized who inspire us to share our faith to help theirs grow. We will also celebrate the communion of saints that includes us. God's love is ours and we are saints and servants of God.

November 3 is also the day when you can pick up your bag to fill for our Thanksgiving meal effort. There will be a bag and a list that will help families in our area to be able to celebrate Thanksgiving. Join us so that you can get your bag and live God's love.

November 17 is an important day in our life as God's people St. John's. That is the day we will hold our annual Congregational Meeting. At that meeting we will approve a budget for 2025, choose leaders for council and celebrate God's goodness to us all. That Sunday will have just one service. (I know that can be frustrating but we have some added bonuses.) Following the 9:30am service we will have our meeting and following the meeting will be a pancake breakfast. We hope that the Thanksgiving inspired worship, the important meeting and the opportunity for fellowship and pancakes will bring us all together.

Also in November is Thanksgiving day itself, a day to spend with family or friends, to be grateful for the many benefits and blessings we receive. The end of November also brings us the end of the Church year with Christ the King Sunday. As we close on church year and move to Advent and Christmas may we all discover inspiration to deeper faith and service for neighbors from the love of God.

We are always looking for candidates for congregation council. We are looking for three people to act as an auditing committee for our new treasurer. We are grateful for the love, the care, the generosity, and the joy we find in all of you, our sisters and brothers in Christ here at St. John's.

In gratitude and peace,
Pastor Steve



*Remembrance and
thankfulness for all
the faithful who
have died in Christ.*



Judith Lee Paul	1/16/2024
Paul E. Shreffler	2/1/2024
Vicki Sue Elsner	2/27/2024
Marilyn Brulport	3/5/2024
Helen Elaine Dill	3/29/2024
Clara Bell DeWeese	3/30/2024
Thomas E. Martin	5/25/2024
Linda Sue Meininger	9/5/2024
Wayne F. Brockman	9/13/2024
Elizabeth "Betty" Baker	9/20/2024
James D. Wick	10/15/24

Lori Holt

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

November! Beginning the 11th month of 2024. This year is just flying by. The month we celebrate All-Saints and Thanksgiving. All-Saint will be Sunday, November 3. The time we remember all of our faithful who have gone to the church triumphant. The person I first remember saying this was Pastor Alicia. It seems to fit.

We will have one service at 9:30 on November 17, for our Thanksgiving worship service, followed by our Annual Meeting and a pancake breakfast! Yummy!! We hope you'll be at both services.

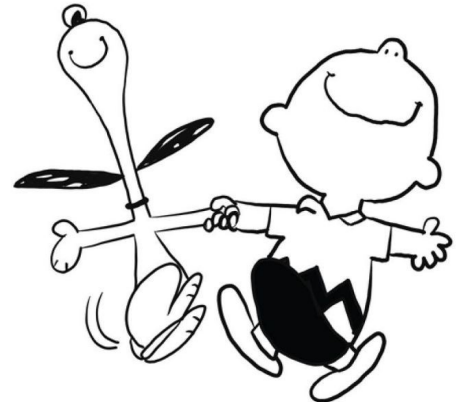
Of course, Thanksgiving is never just one day in the year; it's every day. Always giving thanks to the One who gives us everything we need.

"Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King. His love endures forever!" ~Forever, Chris Tomlin

May all of you have a blessed Thanksgiving spent in good fellowship with your family and friends! And watching football is a good time, too!!

Love in Christ,
Lori

WHAT IF TODAY, WE WERE JUST GRATEFUL FOR EVERYTHING?



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!

Dorothy Love

Monthly Worship Service

10 am, Nov. 19

Pastor Steve presiding.

November

Altar Guild Volunteers

Cindy Ohlsen

Quilting Circle

to meet

Wednesday,

Nov. 20



PS33 MUSIC PRESENTS:

Let There be Christmas!

by Joseph M. Martin

Sunday, November 10, 2024, 3:30 pm

featuring

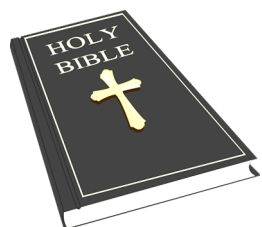
- ★ Ps33 Community Worship Choir & Orchestra
- ★ Christmas carol sing-a-long
- ★ St. Paul's Church "Kids' Praise!"
- ★ Seasonal readings & Scripture

St. Paul's Church
500 N Downing St
Piqua, Ohio 45356

Admission: freewill offering
Free ticket reservations @ www.ps33music.com
Reception following the service
Doors open @ 3:00 pm



God has blessed each of us with inquisitive, imaginative and creative minds. And we witness this at the Thrift Shop through the many books that come and go. There are shelves of children's books in the upstairs toy room with stories about best friends, pets, science and adventure. Downstairs in the adult section, there's typically a wide variety of books as well. We often have cookbooks, quilting books, woodworking books, inspirational books, history books, and self-improvement books. And of course there are always many, many fiction books. Some people opt to read e-books in this day and age, but the Thrift Shop still sees inquisitive, imaginative and creative people who are happy to have a hard-cover or paperback book in hand. When books are donated to the Thrift Shop, it's not unusual to find a Bible or two in the box. Although there's a small charge to purchase books at the Thrift Shop, Bibles are always free. And when Bibles are placed on the shelf, they don't seem to stay there long. We don't necessarily know where these Bibles go or who receives them, but we do know that the Word of God is being taken from the St. John's Thrift Shop into the world. And that is always a blessing.



September Thrift Shop Statistics

Clients: 18

12 Assistance: \$234.45

6 In-kind Assistance: \$28.65

And Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. Mark 16:15

happy thanksgiving



ELCA Disaster Response Hurricane Donation:

Please send a donation check to : **OR**
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
ELCA Gift Processing Center
PO Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

In church offering, write:
LWR Hurricane donation
on memo line of check.

Thank you for your kindness.

St. John's Church Council Minutes

Date: October 14, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: President Kaleb Headings

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Pastor Steve Edmiston

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mary is resigning from management of St. John's Thrift Shop. Mary suggested Melissa Barhorst (had filled in for Mary as needed) as a candidate and Pam Allen also endorsed this. Executive Committee will decide if this position will be open to others and the pros and cons of this were discussed by the council. Three-water fountains are non-functional. Replacement is \$900-\$100 each. Repair is \$150 each. It was decided to have repairs and this would fall under building budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Garbage disposal replacement is complete
2. 2025 Budget discussed with suggestions per Dave of approximately \$18,000 increase. This is mostly driven by anticipated increase insurance rates and 4% wage increase. This will be presented to the congregation.
3. Thanksgiving meal prep has started. Receiving family names but expect more. Will know more after Coat Drive this coming Saturday.
4. Committees are encouraged to work on annual reports.
5. AED training on October 10, 2024 was successful. Was well attended (8-10 plus 4 staff members).
6. Skinner project start date was supposed be today but no scaffolding went up. Kaleb will check on this. The schedule for the annual meeting was discussed. Ann moved to have the single service at 9:30, congregational meeting at 10:30 and breakfast after that. Motion passed.

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

TREASURE'S REPORT: A copy of the Treasurer's report was distributed with the agenda. This was reviewed by Dave Bollheimer during Old Business. Dave asked for input if the council need anything further in these reports. Kaleb suggested gap analysis figures would be helpful. Kaleb motion to approve as submitted and Norb seconded the motion. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORT:

- Pastor Report-
 1. Three funeral since last council meeting.
 2. This weekend will be "Edmiston Weekend" during which Pastor Steve's children will be home. He will still be handling Sunday services,
 3. St John's will be hosting the Cluster Pastor meeting.
 4. Thanksgiving service is usually poorly attended. Will combine with Nov 17, 2024 annual meeting Sunday. Several suggestions were made for the donations place in the Thanksgiving envelopes. Ann moved that these donations be given to Lutheran Disaster Relief. Becky seconded this motion. Motion passed.
 5. Need candidates for Council and Auditing Committee
Pastor Steve notes that Christmas is quickly approaching
- Volunteer Coordinator Report - no reports submitted
- Thrift Shop Report - report enclosed

St. John's Church Council Minutes (Continues)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Ministry - Education & Youth:* Youth Group going well. Planning a fall outing at Vandemark Farm on Oct 20, 2024
- *Ministry - Music & Worship:* Trying to get Bell Choir going. Had too many conflicts in Oct. They are planning to play for the holidays
- *Outreach - Evangelism:* Have picked up "Cards for Christ". Concerned because numbers are low. Wes was concerned that the rules for this program may have changed with a possible discontinuation of this program. He will check into this further. The committee in performing prep for Thanksgiving meals
- *Outreach - Parish Life:* Working on preparations for Annual Meeting meal.
- *Operations - Finance:* Report given in Treasure's report.
- *Operations - Property:* The floors in the basement (in one area) need to be stripped and refinished. Suggest that this be done after the first of year. Have a quote for \$900.

Additional Notes:

PRAYER REQUEST:

Sharon Koester
 Sharon and Jerry Allen
 Thomas Ehler (Gretchen's husband)

DEVOTIONS: Becky INFORMATION:

- *sign up sheets for communion assistants and devotions was passed
- *Newsletter deadline: Oct 22, 2024
- *Next council meeting: Monday, Nov 11,

2024

ATTENDANCE :

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

Absent: 0



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.

LINE UP FOR LIFE

Solemnly protesting the passage of Ohio's abortion amendment in 2023

We also gather to **celebrate LIFE!**

When: Thursday, November 7th
at 6:30 PM

Where: Shelby County court square (S. Ohio Street)

This is an **OUTDOOR** event- please plan accordingly!

In case of inclement weather, all or part the event will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church basement (120 W Water St.)

Follow us on [Right to Life of Shelby County Facebook page](#) or www.ShelbyCountyRTL.org/ for updates.

Please join us for

Candlelight Prayer Walk
 Bring wind-protected candles or lights

Special Guest Speaker
 (Nilani Jawahar of Center for Christian Virtue)

Live Music and Line Dancing
 (music by Danny Schneible)

Hot Refreshments
Coloring Contest

Right to Life
 of Shelby County

Thanksgiving Meal Donations

Donating and delivering Thanksgiving meals to our community is a great way St. John's can contribute. How to help:

Please call the church if you know of a family with address & phone # in need of a meal.

1. Green bags will be provided in the sanctuary starting Saturday and Sunday, November 2 & 3.
2. Please fill it with the shopping list below.
3. Drop off your filled bags at the church classroom by Wednesday, Nov. 20.



This food will provide a family of four with *all the fixings* for a nice meal for the holiday!

If you want to join in the delivery of the meals, please call the church office at 937-492-8047.

Meal Donation Due Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2:45 pm



SHOPPING LIST:

- 2 boxes of stuffing mix
- 1 box of instant mashed potatoes
- 2 cans or boxes of chicken or beef broth
- 2 cans meat (chicken or beef)
- 1 lg. bag of noodles
- 1 can or jar of gravy (or gravy mix envelopes)
- 2 cans vegetables
- 2 cans of fruit
- Pie filling & pie shell or graham cracker crust & pudding
- **OR** cake mix and can of icing
- 1 bottle of apple juice or jug of apple cider

Please purchase un-refrigerated items!

**ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

120 W. WATER STREET
SIDNEY, OHIO
45365

PHONE: 937-492-8047
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, 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 401, Bellefontaine, Oh 43311

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!*

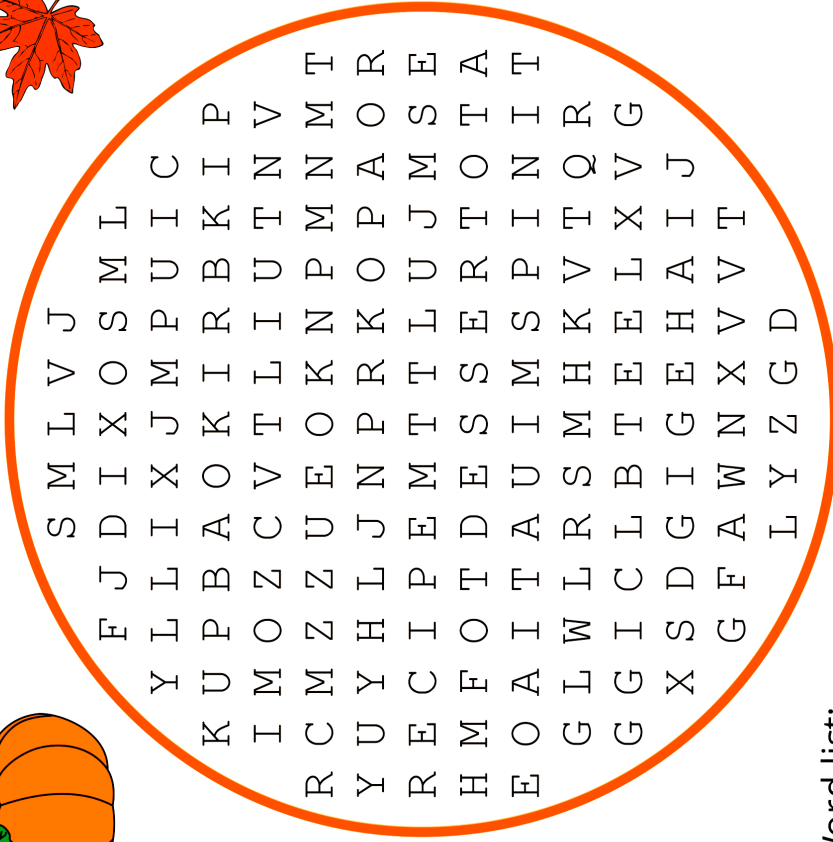
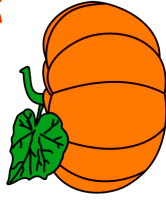
THANKSGIVING FOODS

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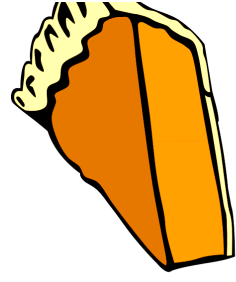
APPLE PIE	CREAMED CORN	HAM	SOUP
BRUSSEL SPROUTS	DINNER ROLLS	MAPLE SYRUP	SQUASH
CASSEROLE	DRUMSTICK	MULLED CIDER	STUFFING
CHERRY PIE	GIBLETS	PARSNIPS	SWEET POTATO
COLLARD GREENS	GLAZED CARROTS	PECAN PIE	TURKEY
CORNBREAD	GRATIN	POTATOES	VEGETABLES
CORNUCOPIA	GRAVY	PUMPKIN PIE	YAMS
CRANBERRY SAUCE	GREEN BEANS		



Thanksgiving "Pumpkin Pie"



Word list:

CINNAMON	HEAT	RECIPE
CRUST	HOLIDAY	SPRINKLES
DESSERT	MILK	STIR
EGGS	MIX	TASTE
FILLING	OVEN	TREAT
FLAVOR	POUR	YUMMY



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Church Office Open Mon-Thurs. 8-3 pm Fri., 8 am-12 pm					1 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	2 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
3 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Child Sun- day school, 9:30 Youth Group, 9:30 am, Coffee Time, 9:30	4 AA, 12 pm	5	6 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	7 Bells Practice, 6:30 pm	8 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	9 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
10 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	11 AA, 12 pm Church Council Committee Mtg, 6 p Church Council, 7 p Veteran's Day	12	13 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	14 Senior Lunch, 12 pm Bells Practice, 6:30 pm	15 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	16 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
17 Thanksgiving Worship Ser- vice/Child Sunday Sch. 9:30 am Congregational Mtg, 10:30 am Pancake Meal fol- lowing meeting	18 AA, 12 pm	19 Dorothy Love, 10 am	20 Quilting, 9 am AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	21 Bells Practice, 6:30 pm	22 Office Closes, 12:30 pm AA, 12 pm	23 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
24 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am Christ the King Sunday	25 AA, 12 pm	26	27 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	28 Office Closed  Thanksgiving Day	29 Office Closed AA, 12 pm	30 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm