

Daylight Saving  
Time, March 9  
Spring forward!

Elizabeth New Life Center  
Baby Bottle Campaign  
Starts March 5  
Please grab a bottle at coffee bar. Fill it with spare change.  
Bring to church office. It will greatly help a local baby.  
Thank you!

Irish Strings  
Plays Sunday  
March 16!

## What will you give up for Lent?

### Lenten Services

You are invited to attend our Lenten services.

The date and times are below.

*Ash Wed. March 5 1 pm & 7 pm*

*Wed. March 12 7 pm*

*Wed. March 19 7 pm*

*Wed. March 26 7 pm*

Lent arrives here in the month of March. It feels a little late in the year, but Ash Wednesday is March 5. We will have services at 1:00 in the Chapel and at 7:00 in the Church. I hope that you will join us as we begin the season of Lent.

The cross; the cross of Christ; the old rugged cross; come gather beneath the cross of Jesus. For this Lenten season, I want to encourage us all to ponder the cross of Christ our Lord. The cross stands on the front altar in our church. There is a cross behind the lectern. There are many crosses in our worship space and throughout the building and that is because, as Lutherans, we see God clearly on the cross. I'm not talking about the figure of Jesus on a crucifix but rather we see the character of God, the love and presence of God, the willing, sacrificial care of God very clearly on the cross.

In Roman times the cross was used as a brutal method of killing and controlling. Sometimes it took days to die, and the message was always, 'this could be you.' So no one wanted to die that way. In the love of God, Jesus was willing to die that way, for us, for you and for me. This is what I want us to ponder this year. What does the cross mean to us? What does the cross teach us? What can we do for others in light of the cross?

At our Ash Wednesday services there will be available for you, a pocket cross. It is something for us to hold onto, to bump into daily as a reminder of God's love for you and a reminder to contemplate Jesus' amazing gift at the cross. As we receive an ash cross on our foreheads, please take a cross for your pocket, and join me in pondering the gift the cross is for us all.

On the Wednesdays in Lent, beginning March 12, we will have Mid-week Lent services beginning at 7pm. Join us as we learn from the New Testament windows in our church. We will spend the weeks learning of Matthew and Mark, of Luke and John, and focusing finally on Jesus our Lord. You can also join us for a light meal before worship on those Wednesdays. Beginning at 5:30, we will gather together for food and fellowship. Come and be part of Lent at St. John's this year.

Peace,  
Pastor Steve



# Lori Holt

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Yes, we are in March. I know, we're all excited because we know what happens in March!! MARCH MADNESS!! My Dad didn't like basketball. My Mom, on the other hand, LOVED basketball. I'm sure it had a great deal do because her brother, my Uncle Bob Mitchell, was quite the HS basketball player back in the day. In fact, he was the first player in Shelby County basketball history to score 1000 points. And this was way before the 3-point baskets. Oh, yeah, and Spring begins as well!!

The church season of Lent begins this month!!

March 2 is Transfiguration Sunday, when the Divine Nature of Christ is revealed.

March 5 is Ash Wednesday worship with Holy Communion and the Imposition of ashes. We have worship services 1:00 in the chapel and 7:00 in the sanctuary. This begins the 40-day period of prayers, fasting, and penance.

We will be having Lenten meals again beginning March 12. Please join us for a meal, which begins at 5:30, before our worship services.

In February we began taking meals to a member of our church who had knee replacement on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Thank you to you all for your generosity in helping her. We'll continue this until she's up and about!!

Happy 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, My Honey!!

Love in Christ,

Lori



**Thank You to St. John's**  
**For your support!**  
Alpha Center  
Right to Life  
New Choices  
A21 Campaign

**March**  
**Altar Guild Volunteer**  
Lori Holt  
Karen Olding

*Quilting Circle*  
to meet  
Wednesday,  
Mar. 26, 9 am

**Senior**  
**Lunch**  
**12 pm**  
**March 6**

**Irish Strings:** For anyone who wishes to play music with the Irish Strings, we will have two Saturday morning practices, on **March 8 & 15, at 9 am**, at the church. We will be playing on Sunday, March 16 to celebrate St. Patrick.

**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**  
**March 18**

**Dorothy Love**  
**Monthly Worship Service**  
10 am, Mar. 18  
Pastor Steve presiding.

It's a New Year, with a new direction, at the Thrift Shop, but the mission remains the same: helping others in need. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:8 says, "God's blessings will provide for every need and enable good works" and that is my prayer: to be able to be a blessing to others as it blesses this ministry.



The cold weather has been challenging when it comes to customers, but it has given us time to change some things, and to refresh the shop, in a not so crowded look. We are getting great reviews from the customers of the few changes so far, but feel confident when our Spring change happens in the first week of March, they will still agree.

I thank God for the volunteers and appreciate the help with the refreshing and all my crazy ideas but then again, they, along with Mary have seen just the beginning of my changes over the past four years. Two examples being rearranging the storage rooms upstairs, as well as utilizing the basement for our holiday decorations. We are short on space, but with organization, it is doable.

**January Statistics**

18 for Cash Assistance of \$458.13

22 for In Kindness Assistance of \$118.35

**ELCA Disaster Relief Donation:** If you are interested in donating to all those that are devastated by the recent wildfires, flooding or hurricanes, please send a donation check to : **OR** In church offering, write: **Evangelical Lutheran Ch. in America LDR (where/what) donation ELCA Gift Processing Center on memo line of check. PO Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

On behalf of CORE, I want to thank St. John's for your continued monthly donations. Your support helps us to pay our teachers, maintain our three classrooms and provide supplies for our lessons. We have two new teachers this year. Katie Barhorst, teaching first and second grade every weekday morning at Longfellow and every weekday afternoon at Emerson. Angie Mentges teaches third and fourth grades Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at Northwood. Together they teach 525 students. Each student attends one class per week. We also have 20 volunteer classroom aides that assist our teachers with the lesson, showing God's love to the kids, and keeping them safe. Our Council continues our strategic planning efforts to constantly improve our classes with current grades and to try to reach more grades and children in Shelby County. Thank you again for continuing to support CORE.  
Pam Wagner, CORE Sec-

# St. John's Church Council Minutes

## St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Date: Feb. 10, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Myron Koester

**OPENING DEVOTIONS:** Pastor Steve Edmiston

**AGENDA REVIEW:** Margy motioned to approve agenda as submitted. Seconded by Pastor Steve. Motion passed

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Skinner's have been working. Had some difficulty with communication with the first team (where equipment was parked, etc.) but a new team is now working and communication has improved.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** A copy of the Secretary's report was distributed with the agenda. Typographical and spelling mistakes were pointed out. These corrections will be made by the secretary. Kathy moved to approve as amended and Ann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **TREASURE'S REPORT:**

1. Christmas donations: \$4000 sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief for fire recovery in California and \$820 set aside for updates of Christmas decorations.
2. Requested a financial committee to decide on how to handle the unbudgeted benevolence. Volunteers were requested. Pastor Steve suggested that Dave, Lynn Pitchford, Lori Holt and he meet to discuss this. Melissa from the Thrift Shop suggested that Mary's pay for the transition period (as previously approved) come from the church accounts rather than the Thrift Shop. The amount needed would be approximately \$1100. It was clarified that the church pays the director's salary and then is reimbursed from sales. The rest of the funds from sales, if any remain, are used in outreach, helping those in need. Dave suggested that some of the funds from unbudgeted benevolence may be used for this. Pastor Steve moved that this be payed via line item 7018 titled Community Meals in Unbudgeted Benevolence. There is \$2311.65 in this account. Kathy seconded the motion and motion passed.

### **STAFF REPORT:**

- Pastor Report- Presented by Pastor Steve
  1. Announced the committee that each council member has been assigned. This is also announced in the back of the church program. Encourage collaboration with other members of the church, allowing them to assist without needing to be on council.
  2. Skinner's are working and making good progress. There are plans to clean the carpets when their work is done.
  3. Dave Fields died today.
  4. Installation of council members planned for Feb 16, 2025.
  5. Lent and Easter are quickly approaching. Ash Wed is March 5, 2025.
  6. Pastor Steve and Stacy will be traveling to attend his nephew's graduation on Mother's Day weekend.
  7. Synod Assembly will be at the Columbus Zoo this year. Election of the Bishop is planned. Date not yet established. Pastor Steve would welcome one male and one female to attend with him.
- Volunteer Coordinator Report - no reports submitted
- Thrift Shop Report - Financial report enclosed

### **Attention Bell Ringers**

**St. John's Bells** will be practicing, starting Thursday, March 27, at 6:30 pm. Please meet at the church if you are interested.



## St. John's Church Council Minutes (Continues)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Committees did not meet since all were waiting on committee assignment.

- *Ministry - Education & Youth:*
- *Ministry - Music & Worship:*
- *Outreach - Evangelism:* No meeting.
- *Outreach - Parish Life:*
- *Operations - Finance:*

*Operations - Property:*

*Additional Notes:*

Wes suggested that council discuss the conditions of the sidewalks next meeting. Has notice that some areas are becoming quite rough and potential trip hazards.

**PRAYER REQUEST:**

Thomas and Gretchen Elher  
Family of Dave Fields

**DEVOTIONS:** Kathy Vogler

**INFORMATION:**

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

\*Newsletter deadline: Feb 19, 2025

\*Next council meeting: Monday, March 10, 2025

**ATTENDANCE :**

- *Present:* Pastor Steve Edmiston, Myron Koester, Michelle Cavinder, Wes Cavinder, Dave Bollheimer, Ann Hubler, Josh Ward, Kathy Vogler, Margy Headings
- *Absent:* Kaleb Headings, Pat Mullen, Deb Mertz

### **Kindergarten Screening to Be Held at Christian Academy Schools**

Christian Academy Schools, a non-denominational school located at 2151 W. Russell Road, Sidney, will conduct kindergarten screening on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. The screening will take approximately one and ½ hours.

When coming to the screening the children will be asked to do various activities dealing with gross motor skills, fine motor skills and memory recall activities. A required appointment is necessary. Please call 937-492-7556 to schedule a time.

To help families who are interested get more information Christian Academy will be having an Informational Night at the school on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

### **Thank You!**

I would like to take a moment to thank all of you in our wonderful church family for the many prayers, cards, and encouraging words I have received during my recent diagnosis and surgery. Despite the situation, it has been so easy to stay positive and upbeat as I see God's love shining on me through each of you. I continue to make progress towards what should be a full recovery in the coming months and I thank God for you and the many blessings he gives me daily. God is good all the time! Linda Fogt



**FROM PASSOVER  
TO PASCHAL**  
AT DO GOOD

**Tuesday, April 8  
Wednesday, April 9  
Thursday, April 10**

Travel back in time and spend an evening in Jerusalem celebrating Passover just as Jesus and the Holy Family would have! Do Good will be transformed into biblical times with "sukkah" tent coverings over our tables and other authentic decor. Guests will enjoy a Passover meal served by "servants" dressed in biblical attire, and each group will receive a traditional Seder plate. Listen as guest speakers explain the meaning of Passover and how it has been transformed by Jesus Christ's Passion and glorious Resurrection. We hope this experience may help to prepare your hearts and minds for Holy Week and the Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Doors open at 5:30 pm | Dinner served at 6:00 pm**

\* Reservations are required to attend this event. To place your reservation, please email [jordynkoverman@dogoodrm.com](mailto:jordynkoverman@dogoodrm.com).

The Passover meal consists of Brisket, Potato Kugel, Choraset, Roasted Carrot and Sweet Potato, and Matza Bread. Each group will also receive one complimentary Seder plate with symbolic food items on it.

Adult Passover meal with a glass of wine \$16

Adult Passover meal without wine \$14

Children's Passover meal (smaller portion) \$12

Children's mac and cheese with applesauce \$6

Take home an extra Seder plate for \$2.50 (food not included)

\* Payment for meals must be made when placing the reservation.

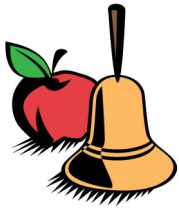
Please note Do Good will be closing early at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, and 3:00 pm on Wednesday and Thursday in preparation of the events on each day.

"And He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.'" Luke 22:15



Do Good Restaurant and Ministry | 25 West Main Street, Chagood, Ohio 45311 | 419-582-GOOD (4663) | [www.dogoodrm.com](http://www.dogoodrm.com)

## Memorial Scholarships



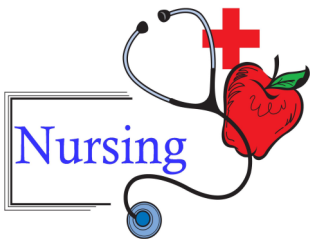
Education

### Glenna Fogt

The Glenna Fogt Memorial Scholarship has been established by the Memorial Committee of St. John's Lutheran Church and the family of Glenna Fogt in loving memory of her influence on the countless number of students she touched over the years. Glenna was a long-time member of St. John's, a renowned teacher in Sidney, had a love of history and students and was a great friend of education.

The Glenna Fogt Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a member of St. John's Lutheran Church who is enrolled fulltime in school. The applicant must be at least a **Junior majoring in education or a field related directly to education**. Those working on advanced degrees may also apply. The recipient may reapply.

Applications are available in the church office or can be emailed to you. The deadline for turning in the application is May 30, 2025.



Nursing

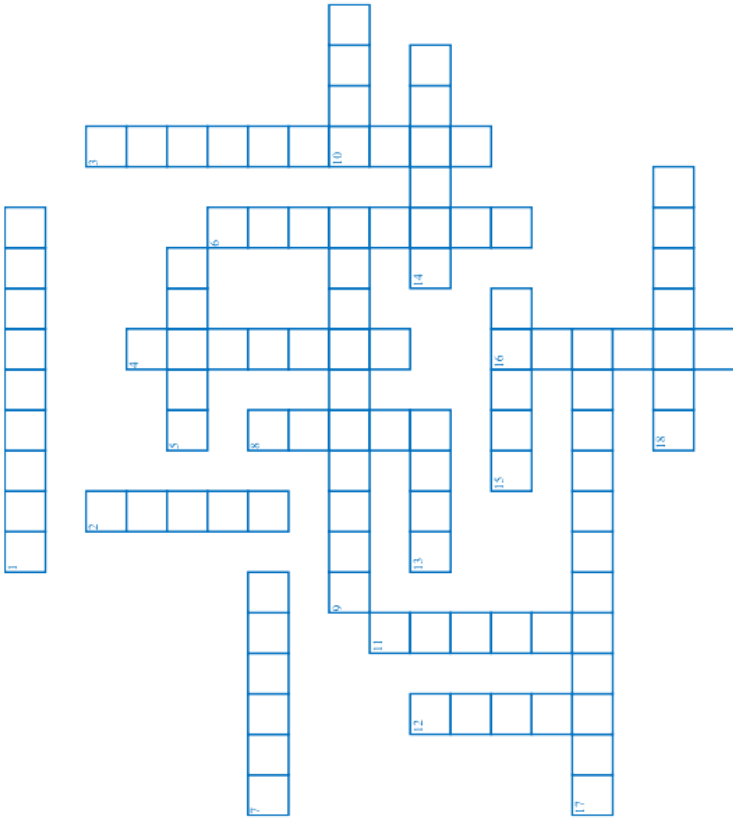
### Laurence B. Anderson, Jr. Memorial

This Scholarship has been established through the Memorial Committee of St. John's Lutheran Church in accordance with Mr. Anderson's desire to assist students pursuing a degree in the **nursing profession**.

It will be awarded annually to a member of St. John's who is enrolled in an accredited program. The applicant must have completed one year of a nursing degree program or a field directly related to health care. Those working on an advanced degree may also apply. Any recipient of this scholarship may reapply.

Applications are available in the church office or can be emailed to you. The deadline for turning in the application is May 30, 2025.

# LENTEN CROSSWORD



## Across

1. ASH \_\_\_\_\_
5. The Christian holy book
7. Jesus entered Jerusalem on this animal
9. Day in Lent recalling Jesus' death (2 words)
10. Branches waved at Jesus upon his entry into Jerusalem
13. Was with Jesus at the cross

14. Jesus prayed for 40 days here
  15. What Jesus died upon
  17. We spend Lent preparing for Jesus death and \_\_\_\_\_
  18. Giving to \_\_\_\_\_ is a good Lenten practice
- Down**
2. What Jesus shed for our sins

3. Holy Communion started after this
4. To go without
6. The final week of Lent (2 words)
8. Number of days in LENT
11. Season after Lent
12. Disciple who betrayed Jesus
16. PALM \_\_\_\_\_

# Major League Baseball Teams

N O A G X A T H L E T I C S T H V  
 G R K S C A R D I N A L S F L O F  
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Diamondbacks	Cardinals	Nationals	Athletics	Phillies
Mariners	Dodgers	Rockies	Pirates	Brewers
Marlins	Rangers	Indians	Yankees	Orioles
Giants	Padres	Braves	Astros	Royals
Tigers	Twins	Reds	Cubs	Mets





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45365

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**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

**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 1150**

Residents: *None at this time*

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

Resident: LeRue Gooder, Rm. 506  
Phyliss 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!*

# March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Church Office Open Mon-Thurs. 8-3 pm Fri., 8 am-12 pm						1 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
2 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Child Sunday school, 9:30 am Donuts, 9:30 am Youth Group, 9:30 a	3 AA, 12 pm	4	5 AA, 12 pm  Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 1 pm & 7 pm	6	7 Office Closes, 12 pm AA, 12 pm	8 Irish Strings Prac- tice, 9 am Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
9 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	10 AA, 12 pm Committee Mtg, 6 p Church Council, 7 p	11	12 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm Lenten Meal, 5:30p Lenten Service, 7 pm	13 Senior Lunch, 12 pm	14 Office Closes, 12 pm AA, 12 pm	15 Irish trings Prac- tice, 9 am Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
16 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am	17 AA, 12 pm	18 Dorothy Love, 10 am Joy Circle, 1 pm	19 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm  Lenten Meal, 5:30p Lenten Service, 7 pm	20	21 Office Closes, 12pm AA, 12 pm	22 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
23 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sun- day school, 9:30 am ****	24 AA, 12 pm  **** 31 AA, 12 pm	25	26 AA, 12 pm Quilting, 9 am  Lenten Meal, 5:30p Lenten Service, 7 pm	27 Bells Practice. 6:30 pm	28 Office Closes, 12pm AA, 12 pm	29 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
30 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 Adult & Children Sun- day school, 9:30 am						