



# Hosanna in the Highest!

## Lenten Services

Wed. April 2 7 pm

Wed. April 9 7 pm

## Holy Week Worship Services

Palm Sunday	April 13	Sat. 6 pm, Sun. 8:30 & 10:30 am
Maundy Thursday	April 17	Thursday, 7 pm
Good Friday	April 18	Friday, 1 pm & pm
Easter Sunday	April 20	Sunday, 8:30 am & 10:30 am

# HOLY WEEK



**HOPE** is a word that can be used in any season. Spring is a time of hope as we see the trees bud and the forsythia bloom. Summer brings hope as we watch the crops grow and take time for recreation. Autumn brings hope as we hope the leaves will stick around, and as we wait for the Indian summer. Even winter can bring hope as we hope for the return of spring. Hope is something we can cling to all the time, but it is from what we celebrate this April that all hope for our lives springs.

As spring came in late March, we were already in our season of Lent, the springtime for our souls. As we move in to April, we continue our Lenten journey, moving toward Holy Week and ultimately Easter. You see it is from Easter that our hope arises. Throughout Lent we have been confessing and contemplating on our need for a redeemer. We watch as Jesus teaches and heals, as he includes the outcast and encourages all. Then we move into Holy Week watching as a man of peace is, at first, welcomed and finally condemned. As we meet on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, we watch as Jesus tries to give us as many things as we will need, so that we can wait.

Waiting is the worst part but, for me, waiting for Easter is joy filled. I need to feel the despair of Good Friday. I need to hear the lessons of Maundy Thursday. I need to add my hosannas to the crowd. I need to confess my sinfulness for then, the joy of Easter is jubilant and every excited alleluia rings powerful and true. It is from the resurrection of Jesus that our hope springs. It is from the depth of God's love shown in that resurrection, that our lives have hope every day.



I hope that you will join us here at St. John's as we finish our Lenten journey, as we come together for Holy Week, and especially as we celebrate the love, the peace, and the hope that is Easter.

Blessings,  
Pastor Steve

He is not in the tomb.  
He has risen!! Alleluia!!!



Luke 24: 6-7

"He is not here, but has risen! Remember how he told you in Galilee that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and on the third day be raised."

# Lori Holt

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Holt Easter Favorite!



We're now in April. The first month that's entirely Spring! Flowers are blooming, trees with new leaves and baseball season!! I'm really hoping the Reds are beginning an amazingly awesome season!!

Please join us as Lent continues Holy Week begins, and Easter continues:



Our midweek Lenten worship continues on April 2 and 9 with Pastor Steve concluding the New Testament-stained glass windows. Worship is at 7:00 in the Sanctuary. Remember there is fellowship and supper before worship in the basement at 5:30.

Please join us for our final weekend of Lenten with worship on April 5 and 6.

Holy Week begins on April 12 and 13 with our Palm Sunday worship services.

April 17 will be our Maundy Thursday worship with Holy Communion at 7:00.

April 18 we'll have Good Friday worship at 1:00 in the chapel and 7:00 in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, April 20, we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior! Please make sure to be there!! We will also celebrate Holy Communion. There will be no Saturday evening worship on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

We will continue our Easter celebration on April 26 and 27.

Please be sure to join us during this blessed season.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." ~John 3:16

May Easter fill our hearts with joy, today and every day.

Happy Birthday, Mom. I miss you.

Love in Christ,  
Lori



St. John's will have a team playing in the Annual Church League, at Flanagan Park, in Sidney.

Games are played on Thursdays at 6 or 7 pm and last an hour. The schedule will run from mid-April to August with firm dates TBD. The fee per person to cover expenses is \$40/player. The league is for both men and women over 18 years old. If you or a friend are interested in being part of the team or learning more, please reach out to Grant Covault 937-638-3889 by 4/6/2025 as spots are already filling up with a mix of members and non-members. Grant Covault

**April**  
**Altar Guild Volunteer**  
Karen Adkins  
Pam Wilson

**Dorothy Love**  
**Monthly Worship**  
**Service**  
10 am, April 15

*Quilting Circle*  
to meet  
Wednesday,  
Apr. 23, 9 am

**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**  
**April 15**



The volunteers and I were very busy getting ready for the changeover. That entailed us making sure all the winter clothes were unboxed from the storage room upstairs and put out for our end of season bag sale. The items that did not sell were bagged, boxed and picked up and delivered to the Special Olympics of Ohio.

Once everything was out of the store on Friday, then the cleaning and moving the bins and fixtures began. Almost everything was rearranged and we put those big bins to better use in other areas of the store.

Since we had goods and clothes ready to be put out on Monday, we decided not to close the store. It was a lot of work but well worth it. The customers loved the changes and the new look.

We have a great reminder that every change has a purpose and Ecclesiastes 3:1 says: "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens."

11 for In Kind Assistance of \$73.45

16 for Cash Assistance of \$306.04

## THE IS SHEET RISEN

Find and circle all the vocabulary words hidden in the grid! They may be placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

And after Christ shall have risen from the dead he shall show himself unto you...  
-2 Nephi 26:1

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GOOD FRIDAY  
HOLY  
HOPE  
JESUS  
KING  
LOVE  
MARY  
MESSIAH  
RESURRECTION

RISEN  
SACRIFICE  
SALVATION  
SAVIOR  
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THIRD DAY  
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EMPTY TOMB  
GETHSEMANE

# St. John's Church Council Minutes

## St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Date: March 10, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Myron Koester

**OPENING DEVOTIONS:** Pastor Steve Edmiston

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There have been several funerals so this has impacted Skinner's ability to get in and do the work.

- Still painting in the balcony

- Work being done on the arch. Hoping to get this done during the week so scaffolding not up for weekend services.

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

**TREASURE'S REPORT:**

A committee met to review Unbudgeted Benevolence. A printed list was provided to the council and is included in the Treasurer's report.

Pastor Steve recommended accounts labeled 7005 (Alpha Center), 7008 (Abundance of Love), 7018 (Community Meals), 7021 (Computers), 7026 (Jason Thompson -missionary), 7027 (Stewardship Workshop), and 7038 (Grief Share) be bundled under the title of Local Benevolence. Kaleb seconded the motion and motion passed.

The following funds would remain: 7009 (Youth Group), 7012 (Choir Music), 7015 (Capital Improvements), 7019 (PB & J Band), 7020 (Thrivent), 7024 (Hand Bell Choir - robe cleaning), 7034 ELCA Disaster Relief - Domestic), 7044 Courtyard Flagpole), 7036 ( Audio/Visual)

Pastor Steve moved to change title of 7045 (Women of ELCA Group) to Joy Circle. Seconded by Kathy. Motion passed

Pastor Steve moved to move 7022 (Nativity Scene) to be included in 7025 (Christmas Decorations). Kathy seconded the motion. Motion passed

Pastor Steve moved to move all but \$5000 from (7031) Senior Ministries to 7037 (Vision Funds) and then rename this as Church Building Upkeep. Kaleb seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7039 (Prepaid Wedding Receipts) will remain the same and the funds will return to reimburse the individuals that use this.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Pastor Report- Presented by Pastor Steve

3 funerals since the last council meeting.

Ash Wednesday services were well attended.

Pastor Steve and Stacy will be traveling May 7-9 but will return by Sunday for a baptism.

June 6-7 is the Synod Assembly at the African Event Center at Columbus Zoo. Registration is due May 9. \$295/person and this is budgeted. 2 spots remain open (one male and one female)

Volunteer Coordinator Report - no reports submitted

Thrift Shop Report - Financial report enclosed. Melissa also included a letter regarding introduction of a 90 day trial of accepting debit cards for payment.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

• *Ministry - Education & Youth:* Girls helping with Lenten Meals on 3/19/25. Michelle also commented that she felt it was positive and helpful to announce the menu in the bulletin.

• *Ministry - Music & Worship:* Not present for meeting but Pastor Steve reminded council that Irish Strings will be playing next Sunday.

• *Outreach - Evangelism:* Collecting Bibles. These are to be sent to eastern Ky. Requested that Pastor Steve include in announcements before services

• *Outreach - Parish Life:* Working on Lenten meals. Ann made arrangements to get into the church at 4:30 to prep for the meals. Ann states that she got a letter for an outing for Dayton Dragons. This was not deemed practical since there was a 100 person minimum.

• *Operations - Finance:* See Treasure report given by Dave.

• *Operations - Property:* Archway above the main entrance exterior has some crumbling limestone. Josh is checking with some vendors to see what this repair would entail. Committee also looking for a feasible place to put a wheelchair ramp. Originally suggested west side but felt this was too far from the parking lot. It was suggested that the repair be combined with the addition of the ramp. Josh will look into this option, get some ideas and check cost. Kaleb suggested that funds could be used for the 100 year capital improvement.

*Additional Notes:*

**PRAYER REQUEST:**

**DEVOTIONS:** Ann Hubler

**INFORMATION:**

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

\*Newsletter deadline: March 24, 2025

\*Next council meeting: Monday, April 14, 2025

**ATTENDANCE :**

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

# Donations Needed!

## The Habitat ReStore is coming to SIDNEY!

DONATIONS ACCEPTED STARTING MARCH 1  
CALL 937-703-9683 to schedule a pickup

DROP OFF:  
THURS. 10am-4pm  
SAT. 10am-1pm



**We CAN accept:**

- cabinets
- tools (working)
- furniture
- lighting
- appliances
- building materials
- windows/doors
- flooring
- toilets
- tubs
- countertops
- hardware

1024 Wapakoneta Ave.  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

The Habitat ReStore helps fund the mission and programs of Habitat for Humanity of Miami and Shelby County.

**We CANNOT accept:**

- tube televisions
- mattresses or bedding
- clothing
- hazardous material
- garage doors
- commercial building material
- paint
- baseboard or wall heaters
- furniture with stains, rips, tears, holes, pet hair

Putting God's love into action, we bring people together to build homes, communities, and HOPE!



**Join Us!**  
National Day of Prayer  
**Prayer Walk**

**Thursday**  
**May 1, 2025**  
**4:30 pm live worship**  
**5:30 Prayer Walk begins**

Bring your friends and family as we join in UNITY to pray for our nation and community!

Church\*Family\*Health Care\*First Responders\*Government\* Agriculture \*Veterans/Military\*Business\*Education\*Media/Entertainment\* Industry...

Sidney First Presbyterian Church  
202 N Miami Ave Sidney, Ohio

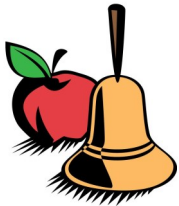
\* 4:30 pm Meet for live worship with The Sidney First Church of the Nazarene Worship Band featuring Tyler Philip Ratcliffe

\* 5:30 pm Prayer Walk begins



Shelby County National Day of Prayer  
inclement weather changes and prayer support

# Memorial Scholarships



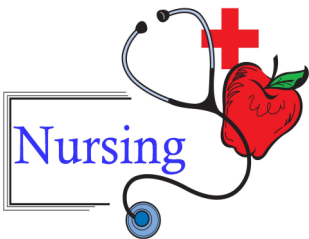
Education

## 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 31, 2024.



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 31, 2024.

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THRIFT SHOP**  
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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, 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!*



# April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Church Office Open Mon- Thurs. 8-3 pm Fri., 8 am-12 pm		1	2 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm Lenten Meal, 5:30p Lenten Service, 7 pm	3 Senior Lunch, 12 pm	4 Office Closes, 12 pm AA, 12 pm	5 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
6 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Child Sun- day school, 9:30 am Donuts, 9:30 am Youth Group, 9:30 a	7 AA, 12 pm	8	9 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm Lenten Meal, 5:30p Lenten Service, 7 pm	10	11 Office Closes, 12 pm AA, 12 pm	12 Worship, 6 pm, NA, 8 pm
13 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sun- day school, 9:30 am  <b>Palm Sunday</b> 	14 AA, 12 pm Committee Mtg, 6 p Church Council, 7 p	15 Dorothy Love, 10 am Joy Circle, 1 pm	16 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm	17 Maundy Thursday Worship Service, 7 pm 	18 Good Friday Worship Services, 1 pm & 7 pm  	19 NA, 8 pm *NO 6 pm Service
20 <b>Worship, 8:30 &amp; 10:30 am</b> Adult & Children Sunday school, 9:30 am <b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>He is Risen!</b>	21 AA, 12 pm	22	23 AA, 12 pm PB&J, 5:30 pm Quilting, 9 am	24	25 Office Closes, 12pm AA, 12 pm	26 Worship, 6 pm NA, 8 pm
27 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 am Adult & Children Sun- day school, 9:30 am	28 AA, 12 pm	29	30 AA, 12 pm			