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The "Good News" and "Happenings" of
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GRATITUDE. (THANKFULNESS).

The Bible frames gratitude as a foundational response to God's love, urging believers to maintain a thankful heart in all circumstances. It is portrayed as a bridge to inner peace, deeper worship, and freedom from anxiety.

AI Overview

After just celebrating our 250th year of Freedom on July 4th, we, as a nation have many things to be grateful and thankful for. Thanksgiving, is not the only time we need to be grateful and thankful. Everyday gives us this opportunity.

Here are a few bible readings that relate to Gratitude:

-1 Thessalonians 5:18-Urges giving thanks in all circumstances as God's will

-Philippians 4:6-7-Encourages combining prayer with thanksgiving to find peace

-Psalm 107:1- Highlights thanking the Lord for His enduring goodness

-Colossians 3:15, 3:17-Focuses on letting peace rule and doing everything with gratitude.

-Psalm 100-4-Describes approaching God with thanksgiving and praise.

-Gratitude is the best attitude

-A grateful heart is one that finds the countless blessings of God in the seemingly mundane everyday life.

Anonymous

-When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive-to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love-then make that day count!

-Steve Maraboli

-The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings

-Eric Hoffer

-God gave a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say "thank you?"

-William Arthur Ward

-We have received too many gifts and privileges to allow a grumbling, murmuring heart to disqualify us of our destiny. In contrast, the thankful heart sees the best part of every situation. It see problems and weaknesses as opportunities, struggles as refining tools, and sinners as saints in progress.

-Francis Frangipane

**THIS MONTH GIVES US AN
OPPORTUNITY TO BE**

Here are a few quotes relating to Gratitude.

GRATEFUL FOR ONE OF GOD'S BLESSINGS- (SUMMER SEASON).

Summer means different things to everyone. Summer is celebrated during the months of June, July, and August,

To some it is a busy time of the year. Like farmers who put in many hours to harvest the crops they have sown.

To others it is a slower time of the year. School children are especially grateful to have time off from school. They get to experience activities that they can not do while in school. With warmer weather they can enjoy the outdoors and everything it has to offer. You may hike, swim, play sports, camp and much more. This is the time of year for you and your family to spend some quality time together.

Enjoy your summer and be grateful for one of the many blessings we receive from God.

OUR YEARLY CAMP-IN AND CANOEING AT HOCKING HILLS.

Is scheduled for Friday September 11th and Saturday, September 12 at Campbell Cove in Hocking Hills. Some campers will be arriving earlier that week, but the canoeing will be on Saturday. Watch the bulletins for the exact time. Plan on attending even though you may not want to camp or canoe. There will be food and fellowship on Saturday evening at the campgrounds. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A FUN EVENT.**

Another fun event -The 15TH annual "TRIPLE NICKLE COUNTRY CRUISE-IN" will be held on Saturday, October 10,2026, starting at 1:00PM.

Watch bulletins and newsletters for further details.

A BIG THANK YOU.

Thank You to my friends and family for making my birthday party so special. At age 90, I love life and give God all the praise and glory. I thank God daily for all of you.

Delores Wolfe

WELCA NEWS.

There will be no meeting in the month of August.

The WELCA is making **Personal Care Kits and School Kits** this summer for Lutheran World Relief. A list of needed items is attached to the container in the choir loft. Donations will be collected until August 31. See Kay Wilson or Joy Pletcher with questions.

ALSO:the **WELCA Basement Sale** will be Friday, July 31, and Saturday, August 1. Please do not bring items for the sale before July 24. When you bring them, please put them in the basement along the side walls. Thank you for all contributions.

PRODUCE GIVE-A-WAY.

Will be held on Tuesday, August 17, at 9:00 AM. Volunteers will be needed and appreciated. You will need to arrive by 8AM.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST. . . .

Birthdays:

August 1—Gale Swingle
21—Karen Showers
23—Dave Swingle
27—Lindsey Cramer

Anniveersaries:

August 8—Jim & Gail Swingle
15—Jamie & Larry

St John's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2026

Council vice president Robert Pletcher opened the meeting at 8:04 P.M.
Members present were: Nathan Atkins, Carol Cramer, Frank Dietz, Joe Pletcher, Steve Wolfe, and Linda Showers.

Linda Showers led devotions from 2 Cor 4:16, faithfulness over failures.

The minutes of the May council meeting were read by Frank Dietz. They were approved on a motion from Steve Wolfe and Carol Cramer.

Council reviewed the treasurer's report. After review and discussion the report was approved on a motion from Steve Wolfe and Frank Dietz 5 to 1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS 8:24 P.M.

PRAYER – The Triple Nickle Country Cruise In will be held October 10, 2026.

Advertising flyers have been printed and are ready for distribution.

Produce Committee – 87 households were given apples, peppers, cookies, salad kits and eggs by 15 volunteers. Paper towels and bread will be distributed at the June 16, 2026 market. Monetary donations can be made through the church offering envelopes with "Produce Market" as the designation.

Property – There is to be a new powerline installed across the front of the church property along State Route 555. The projected path of the new power line will pass directly over the church's lighted sign. Please discuss any questions or concerns with the property committee chairman Nathan Atkins.

Worship and Music – Robert Pletcher is coordinating worship leadership. Retired Methodist Pastor Dean Cole will lead Father's Day service. Father Ramey will lead the 4th Sunday of June. Please communicate with Robert Pletcher any questions, concerns, or suggestions for worship leadership.

NEW BUSINESS 8:46 P.M.

The newly created worship coordination team will report to and receive guidance from the church council at the monthly council meeting.

The July council meeting will be held on the 9th at 8P.M. due to holiday plans.

Frank Dietz and Steve Wolfe motioned to adjourn at 8:58 P.M.

All prayed The Lord's Prayer

Frank Dietz - council secretary

Triple Nickel Country Cruise-In Committee is busy preparing for the upcoming event planned for Saturday October 10th. We have some great door prize donations coming in but the event must still cover a variety of supply cost like the bounce house, T shirts that we sell, food, paper products.... Any congregation member that has Thrivent Choice dollars available can direct those funds directly to the church. Once you direct the choice dollars please let Treasurer Jessi Fabiny know as she can drop into the PRAYER company account. This would help offset some cost and allow funds raised to make an even bigger impact on our local community. We all know this is a big show that takes a lot of work! If anyone has extended family/friends that are willing to help out we could use the extra help throughout the day. This is also a great way for grandkids/highschoolers to fulfill any volunteer hours they might need. Please let Mandy Fisher, Susan Miller or Stacy Tompkins know of any volunteer help and please also let Susan know of any Thrivent Choice dollars directed.

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Church 740-697-0202						Basement Sale
2 Worship-10AM SCS-9AM WELCA change collection	3		4	5 Council 8PM	6	7
9 Holy Communion Worship-10:00AM SCS-9:00AM	10		11	12	13	14
16 Worship-10:00AM SCS-9:00AM WELCA change collection	17	Produce-Give-A-Way-9AM	18	19	20	21
23 Worship-10 AM SCS-9AM	24		25	26	27	28
30 Worship-10AM SCS-9AM	31 Last Day for donations for Personal & School Kits					Vicky Thomas Secretary 740-674-6814 (H) 749-252-1890 (cell) cabinintheorchard@yahoo.com

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OUR HAPPY THOUGHT FOR THIS
MONTH.....

If there were in the world today any large
number of people who desired their own
happiness more than they desired the unhappiness
of others, we could have a paradise in a few years.

Bertrand Russell

There is only one happiness in life, to love and
be loved.

George Sand

MISSION STATEMENT FOR ST. JOHN'S, LUTHERAN CHURCH,
OF STOVERTOWN.....

"We, the members of St. John's Lutheran Church of Stovertown, being children of
God, would like to invite all to share in the good news of Jesus Christ. As witnesses
of God's love and forgiveness we reach out to you".