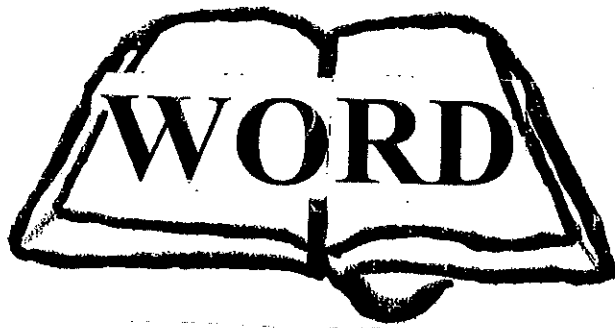


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## THANKSGIVING IS MORE THAN A DAY.....

Although we celebrate it for one day this year  
on November 23.....

'One Nation Under God'

By Helen Steiner Rice

Thanksgiving is more  
than a day in November  
That students of history  
are taught to remember,  
More than a date  
that we still celebrate  
With turkey and dressing  
piled high on our plate...  
For while we still offer  
the traditional prayer,  
We pray out of habit  
without being aware  
That the pilgrims thanked God  
just for being alive.  
For the strength that He gave them  
to endure and survive  
Hunger and hardship  
that's unknown in the present  
Where progress and plenty  
have made our lives pleasant...  
And living today  
in this great and rich nation  
That depends not on God  
but on mechanization  
We tend to forget  
that our forefathers came  
To establish a country  
under God's name...  
But we feel we're so strong  
we no longer need FAITH  
And it now has become



nothing more than a wrath  
Of the faith that once founded  
this powerful nation  
In the name of the Maker  
and the Lord of creation...  
Oh, teach us, dear God,

we are all PILGRIMS still  
Subject alone  
to Your guidance and will,  
And show us the way  
To purposeful living  
So we may have reason  
for daily thanksgiving-  
And make us once more  
a GOD-FEARING NATION  
And not just a puppet  
of controlled automation.

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## A THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER By Helen Steiner Rice

Faith of our fathers, renew us again  
And make us a nation of God-fearing men  
Seeking Thy guidance, Thy love, and Thy will  
For we are but pilgrims in search of Thee still...  
And gathered together on Thanksgiving Day,  
May we lift up our hearts and our hands as we pray  
To thank you for blessings we do little merit  
And grant us Thy love and teach us to share it.  
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,  
And into his courts with praise:  
Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

Psalms 100:4

**SPEAKING OF BEING THANKFUL,  
AND APPRECIATIVE.....**

We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Triple Nickel Country Cruise-In a HUGE SUCCESS again this year. We registered 115 cars this year.

Some of the comments heard from the attendees:  
-One gentleman just got out of the hospital and was not sure he could drive his car to the show, but he said even if he could not drive he would get to the event. He said he never misses it.

- Many others said they wouldn't miss our event because we have the BEST FOOD AND DOOR PRIZES of all the car shows.

We made \$3400.00 , after expenses, that will be used by the Prayer Company.

Our presence in the community is well established and appreciated.

Thanks again. Hopefully we will repeat this event again next year.

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**ANOTHER UPCOMING EVENT:  
"Memorial Daffodil Hill"**

We will begin planting our daffodils on Saturday Oct. 28 at 10AM. Anyone wishing to help is welcome. Please bring your garden trowel. Rain date will be the following Saturday.

For further details see Karen Showers.

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**PANCAKE BREAKFASTS BEGIN** on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM and will be continued the last Sunday of each month until March.

**COUNCIL...Please Note:**

Council will be held at 7:00PM starting the month of November (Nov. 2) through March.

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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS...**

**(Fall back one hour).....**

On Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Turn your clocks back one hour before retiring on Saturday evening Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

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**MID-OHIO FOOD GIVE-A-WAY**

October is our second year anniversary of the Produce Market. I would like to thank our many dedicated volunteers who have given of their time, helping hands, and warm hearts. Thank you, thank you, job well done!!! Let's keep up the good work

We are averaging 108 households & 236 individuals per month for this year that are receiving food. This is a great service to our community & folks are very appreciative.

Thank you to the congregation for your donations of the paper towels & boxes of tissues. We collected approximately \$800.00 worth of these products to give out at the September market. Way to go! Thank you for your generosity.

I would also like to thank Gary & Leslie Williams for applying to Thrivent Financial for a grant. They received \$250.00 to put toward the purchase of these items. Thanks for your efforts in applying for this grant.

I would also like to give Colgate Palmolive one last recognition, for their donation of 130 bottles of Palmolive dish soap and 130 bottles of cleaner. The trunks were full at the September market with the produce and extra donated items.

Here is the address if anyone is interested in giving to Mid-Ohio Food Collective. They provide us with all the produce for the market and deliver it to us.

Mid-Ohio Food Collective, P.O. Box 182883, Columbus, OH 43218-2883

Again, thank you all, who have supported this project. We are serving our community. God's work thru our hands!

Karen Showers

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**St John's Lutheran Church  
Congregational Council Minutes  
October 5, 2023**

Bill Thomas opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Members present were Gary Williams, Tom Gibson, Frank Dietz, Robert Pletcher, Joe Pletcher, Steve Wolfe, Nathan Atkins, and Pastor Al Laese.

Frank Dietz led devotions from Proverbs 1.

Council secretary Frank Dietz presented the minutes of the September meeting. They were approved on a motion from Robert Pletcher and Nathan Atkins.

Pastor's report for the month of September 2023: 4 worship service and Sunday school, church council meeting, 2 hospital visits, cluster meeting in Marietta, 4 local cluster meetings, 2 days of Capital Alumni meeting at Trinity Seminary, 732 miles submitted. Pastor's report approved on a motion from Frank Dietz and Nathan Atkins.

The treasurer's report was presented and reviewed by council. It was approved on a motion from Frank Dietz and Gary Williams.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

PRAYER CO – Preparations for the Triple Nickel Country Cruise In will begin Friday evening at 5 ish PM, and continue Saturday morning at 8 ish AM.

Produce Giveaway – 89 households received 8,36 pounds of food, a bottle of Palmolive dish soap & Fabulosa all purpose cleaner(donated by Colgate-Palmolive company in Cambridge), 3 rolls of paper towels, and 2 boxes of tissues(donated by Gary & Leslie Williams' \$250 Thrivent grant, and from congregational donations). 16 volunteers worked very quickly due to the tardiness of the delivery truck. A \$100 donation was accepted. October 2023 will be the TWO YEAR ANNIVERSARY of our give-away!!

Property – The yellow jacket nest in the lower lot will be destroyed before the Cruise In.

**NEW BUSINESS**

"The canoe trip rocked!" 30+ people attended the cookout, 20+ people went canoeing, 9 campsites and 3 cabins were rented. Please make plans for next years event.

Frank Dietz and Tom Gibson motioned to adjourn at 8:31 P.M.

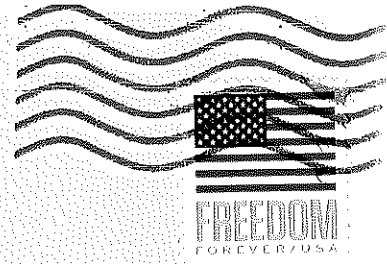
All prayed The Lord's Prayer.

Frank Dietz - council secretary

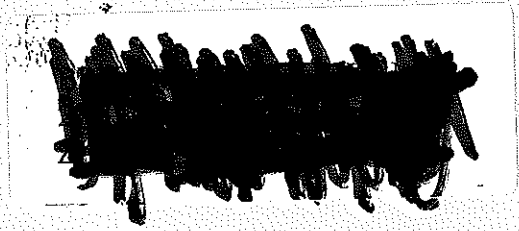
Tom Gibson has devotions for the November 2023 meeting.



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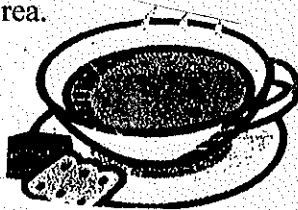
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**WELCA NEWS.....43701-999450**

WELCA will meet on November 14 at noon at the church.  
Hostesses are Andrea Laese and Delores Wolfe.  
Topic will be given by Andrea.



-**Soup and sandwich luncheon** will be held on Sunday, November 12 after the morning worship  
All are invited to attend.

-**Thanksgiving Service** sponsored by the WELCA will be held during regular worship service on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

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**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES  
IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER....**

**Birthdays:** November 15—Andrea Miller  
24---Steve Wolfe  
27---Bill Thomas

**Anniversaries:** November 3—Frank & Susan Wolfe  
25—Don & Lynne Parmiter

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**HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN**

