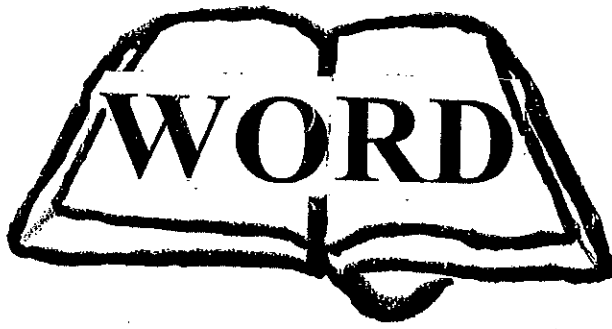


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October 24, 2024

**THANKSGIVING...
NOVEMBER 28.....**

**A TIME TO REFLECT ON ALL
OF OUR MANY BLESSINGS...**

Let the peace of Christ
rule in your heart, since
as members of one
body you were called to
Peace. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15

Gratitude is a hallmark of all believers
in Jesus Christ because it is a natural and
appropriate response to everything God
has done on our behalf. Being thankful is
also necessary for maintaining a peaceful
heart. When we are thankful, our focus is
directed to all the ways God has blessed us
and the ways He continues to work on our
behalf. On the other hand, when we are
ungrateful, we tend to focus on what we
lack. When we fail to be thankful, we
neglect to acknowledge all the ways God
has blessed us, and inevitably we will lose
our peace and experience a lack of
contentment. Thankfulness directs our
thoughts to what is right in our world,
while a lack of gratitude emphasizes
everything we think should be different.
Paul instructed his readers to "be thankful"
because we are "called to peace"
(Colossians 3:15)

Lord, thank You for all the ways You have
blessed me. Give me eyes to see Your

provision and an attitude that focuses on
my blessings and the good things You
have given me.

-The God of Comfort by Zondervan

**FILL YOUR HEART WITH
THANKSGIVING**

By Helen Steiner Rice

Take nothing for granted
For whenever you do
The "joy of enjoying"
is lessened for you-
For we rob our own lives
much more than we know
When we fail to respond
or in any way show
Our thanks for the blessings
that daily are ours

WE WISH TO THANK.....

Jamey Brassfield for her 22 years as our church
custodian. She went above and beyond her duties
and her efforts were very much appreciated.

God Bless and Good Luck in your future
endeavors.

NEW CHURCH CUSTODIANS.....
Paige Atkins and her dad, Nate has accepted the
position of our church custodians.

A BIG THANK YOU from Jamey for the
reception and gift in her honor on Sunday, Oct. 6

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS BEGIN. . .

On Sunday, October 27 and the last Sunday of each month following. It will begin at 8:30AM, before Sunday School and is open to all.

TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS (FALL BACK) ONE HOUR.

Before retiring on Saturday evening, November 2, turn your clocks back one hour.

WE WISH TO THANK EVERYONE

Who helped in any way to make the 13th Annual Triple Nickel Cruise-In A HUGE SUCCESS. Funds made from the car show totaled \$7000.00 before expenses. These funds will be added to the "Prayer Committee" funds to help people in our community.

We will do it again next year!

OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR 2025.

You can pick up your 2025 offering envelopes from the back pew .

WELCA THANKOFFERING SERVICE.

WELCA Thankoffering service will be held on Sunday, November 24 during our regular worship hours. Susan Miller will speak about her experience with the Honor Flight. Canned goods that are collected that Sunday will go to Eastside's Christ Pantry. Specially marked envelopes will be available to those who would like to give to Christ Table. We have much to thank God for.

PRODUCE GIVE-A-WAY.

The November Produce Give-A-Way will be held on Tuesday, November 19 at 9AM.

Happy 3rd Anniversary to the Produce Market. In October 2021 we had our first market and have continued each month since then. We have served anywhere from 65-130 households each month in temperatures ranging from 10 degrees to 90 degrees. Our volunteers are very giving of their time and are very productive. We appreciate each and every one of you!

We are also very appreciative to all who have given financially to support this project. And for those who have prayed for us. St. John's expense has only been for the extra food and supply items we have provided as a congregation. (Peanut butter, Mac & Cheese, Paper Towels & Tissues. Fruit cups, etc) There is no cost from Mid-Ohio Food Collective who provides and delivers the produce to us on the third Tuesday of every month.

Again this year we, as a congregation, have decided to provide a ham to each household for the December 17th market for Christmas. If you would like to make a financial contribution towards the purchase of the hams, please designate the amount on your envelope and mark it for the produce market. Any amount is appreciated. Last year, our clients were very thankful for the gift of the hams.

We continue to serve those in our community in need, to provide healthy food choices. We are doing God's work thru our hands
Thank You. Karen Showers

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS AND JOB WELL DONE to Karen Showers on her 3rd anniversary for the Produce Give-a-way. It has been a great success and she works tirelessly on fulfilling a need in our community. THANK YOU, Karen.

WELCA NEWS FOR NOVEMBER. . .

Grateful for Our Church Family Luncheon, sponsored by the WELCA will be held on

St John's Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2024

Council Vice President, Bob Pletcher, opened the meeting at 8:03 pm. Members present: Pastor Al Laese, Steve Wolfe, Tom Gibson, Gary Williams, Linda Showers, and Joe Pletcher.

Pastor Al Laese offered a devotion from Psalm 8 about the glory and honor of God.

Minutes from September 5 meeting were approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT- September 2024- 5 Sunday worship services and Sunday School; 2 Cluster meetings (St. Luke's Marietta; and regular meeting); 2 private communions; 1 personal session; 1 Church Council meeting; 202 miles.

Pastor Al wanted to remind everyone he is available by call as needed.

Monthly report was approved. (Approved: G. Williams/S. Wolfe)

TREASURER'S REPORT- reviewed by council (Approved: L. Showers/G. Williams)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE- No report

EDUCATION- No report

PRODUCE- Produce Chr., Gary Williams, reported that the produce market on 9/17/24 served 107 households. There were 15 volunteers on a beautiful day. Truck arrived on time at 8:00. A lot of the food was not bagged so crew had to stop line temporarily to catch up. Distribution started at around 8:45 am. Items distributed were corn, green peppers, zucchini, grapes, cucumbers, and squash. By 9:26, 82 families had been served. Dave and Sue Swingle donated donuts.

PROPERTY- Bob Pletcher announced that the custodian position is still available.

EVANGELISM- Linda Showers will send out second draft of updated church directory on or around 10/4. She plans to have updated directory ready in hard copy and electronic formats in early November.

PRAYER- Steve Wolfe reported he has received about 80 donations for the cruise-in. Due to a reduced number of donations from previous years, he will not be able to hand out goody bags this year. Steve reported that congregation and community support has been very strong.

OLD BUSINESS- The congregation is invited to a reception to honor Jamey Brassfield on her retirement as the church custodian.

NEW BUSINESS- Bob Pletcher announced that veteran in the local areas have contacted him about building a veteran's memorial to honor veterans from the local area similar to the memorial in Ironspot. Council would like to meet with the group representatives to discuss location, size, maintenance, etc. (S. Wolfe/T. Gibson)

Steve Wolfe reported that Terry Goss has a ~.75 acre lot he would like to donate to the church. Steve will speak with him again after the Cruise In.

Steve also announced that there will be a pancake breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on October 27.

Motion to Adjourn- 8:56 p.m. (G. Williams/T. Gibson)

Meeting followed by The Lord's Prayer

J. Pletcher- for Council Secretary, Frank Dietz

Minutes of the Women of the ELCA

October 8, 2024

The women of the ELCA met at the church. Six members were present. President Kathy Jenkins welcomed everyone and commented on what a beautiful autumn day God had given us. She thanked Janet Novaria for presiding over the September meeting in her absence and for hosting the October meeting. She also thanked all those who contributed, packed, and delivered the quilts and kits for LWR. Special thanks to Joy Pletcher, Kay Wilson, Linda and Vince Showers. She thanked Jamey for her role in the July basement sale as well as those who contributed items and/or purchased items. We made around \$600. We enjoyed a delicious strawberry dessert provided by Janet Novaria.

No secretary's report.

Treasurer's report: Checking - \$438.47

Savings - \$4116.27

Committee Reports

Mission Growth: No report

Mission Community: Kathy encouraged everyone to help with the Triple Nickel Car Show to help support the PRAYER Company.

Mission Action: Joy, Linda and Vince took 32 quilts, 15 personal care kits, 17 school kits to St. John's Zanesville to be shipped to Lutheran World Relief. Leslie moved that we send \$100 to LWR to help with shipping costs. Janet seconded. Motion passed. Leslie moved and Linda seconded that we give \$107 to Susan West for quilt material.

Old / New Business

-We signed up for hostess and topic leader for the 2025 meetings.

-Sign-up for soup and sandwiches for the November 10th luncheon was passed around.

-Leslie asked members to think about a local need that could benefit from the bucket monies raised. We will vote on where to send it at the December Christmas meeting.

-Leslie thanked Janet for all her hard work on the WELCA booklets. It is much appreciated. **As part of the booklet, we ask anyone who wants to be removed from the altar flowers list to let Janet Novaria know as soon as possible.**

-Susan Showers moved that we give \$200 the Honor Flight program. Linda seconded. Motion passed.

-The November WELCA-led Thankoffering service is November 24th. Cans goods that are collected that Sunday will go to Eastside's Christ Pantry. Specially marked envelopes will be available to those who would like to give to Christ's Table.

Topic

Susan's topic was on prayer. Two key points to consider are 1) that prayer is more about building a relationship with God & less about answers and 2) prayer should be more about asking God what He wants from us & less about what we want from Him.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Showers, Secretary

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Holy Communion
Worship-10AM
SCS-9AM
WELCA change collection

Worship-10AM
SCS-9AM
WELCA-Soup & Sandwich luncheon after church

Worship-10AM
SCS-9AM
WELCA change collection

Produce Give-A-Way
9AM

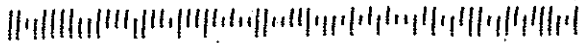
Worship-10AM
SCS-9AM
WELCA Thankoffering Service during worship
Pancake Breakfast- 8:30AM

Council
7PM

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THANKSGIVING!

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ONE HOUR
BEFORE BEDTIME

COUNCIL ELECTIONS



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday, November 10 following the morning worship service. The congregation is invited for soup, sandwiches, and fellowship.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

Birthdays: November 15..Andrea Miller
23-Steve Wolfe

Anniversaries: November 3—Frank & Susan
Dietz
25-Don & Lynne
Parmiter

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".