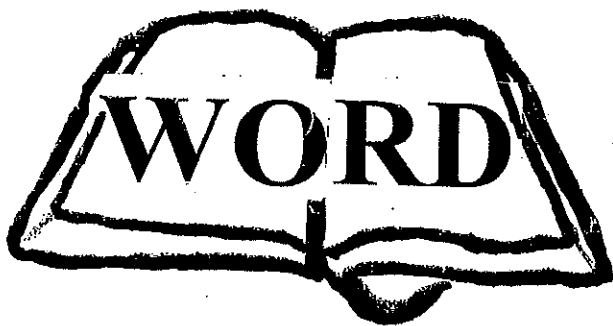


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THANKSGIVING is more than November 27th, turkey day.

CTX BLOG, Campus-Ministry, Faith, and
Holiday

This year as we celebrate Thanksgiving let's
remember to celebrate the greatest gift of all-
salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ!

We can celebrate Thanksgiving every day of
the year, as we count our many daily blessings.

BIBLE READING ABOUT GIVING THANKS.

1 Chronicles 16:34-Oh, give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good, for His steadfast love endures
forever.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray
continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for
this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Psalms 118:24 This is the day that the Lord has
made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Other Readings.

Psalms 103:1-4

Colossians 2:6-7

Isaiah 12:4-5

James 1:17

Hebrews 12:28 & 13:15

Philippians 4:4-7

THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR Helen Steiner Rice

The good, green earth beneath our feet,
The air we breathe, the food we eat,
Some work to do, a goal to win,
A hidden longing deep within
That sours us on to bigger things
And help us meet what each day brings
All these things and many more
Are things we should be thankful for...
And most of all, our thankful prayers
Should rise to God, because He cares

A THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

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,
We may lift up our hearts and our hands as we
pray
To thank You for blessings we so little merit,
And grant us Thy love and teach us to share it.

ONE THING THAT WE AS MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S, STOVERTOWN CAN BE VERY THANKFUL FOR IS OUR 14TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW.

Which was held on Saturday, October 11th.
Each year we continue to achieve records in the
number of cars in attendance to the amount of
food we prepare and serve. We are constantly
being told that the people love this show and
many come especially just for the food. Even the

first timers say they will definitely be back. It is a long grueling day, especially for the concession stand workers. Concrete is not our friend at the end of the day.

However, we registered 169 cars but some individuals counted at least 200 cars. Some participants just do not wish to register for some reason. And of course, there was record receipts received which will be used for community needs. THANKS AGAIN TO ALL WHO PREPARED THE FOOD, SERVED THE FOOD, PARKED THE CARS, REGISTERED THE CARS, SOLD TEE SHIRTS, AND ANY OTHER JOBS THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE!!!!!!!!!!!!

OUR 15th ANNUAL CAR SHOW WILL BE NEXT OCTOBER.

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS.....

Begins on Sunday, October 26 at 8:30AM before Sunday School.. These will be held the last Sunday of each month till Spring.

NEW COMMITTEE BEING FORMED

Contact Linda Showers (lsshower@gmail.com) or 309-531-8896 if you are interested in serving on an Ad Hoc Transition Team researching and exploring future worship options for St. John's, Stovertown (in preparation for a time when Pastor Laese transitions from serving as our supply pastor).

A DAY FOR FALL CLEANING OF THE CHURCH.....

Has been set for Monday, November 3rd at 9AM. Any and all help would be appreciated. See Nate Atkins or Susan Showers as to what to bring.

WELCA NEWS.....

Grateful for Our Church Family Luncheon will be held in the church basement on Sunday, November 9th.. The congregation is invited for

soup and sandwiches immediately following the worship service.

WELCA sponsored Thankoffering Service will be held on Sunday, November 23 in place of our regular Sunday worship service.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!

On Saturday night, November 1st, turn your clocks back (Fall Back) one hour before retiring.

PRODUCE GIVE-A-WAY.....

Will be held on Tuesday, November 18 at 9AM. Volunteers will be needed and appreciated and will need to arrive by 8AM.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. .

Birthdays:

November 1—Dave Miller
15- Andrea Miller
24- Steve Wolfe
27—Bill Thomas

Anniversaries:

November 3—Frank & Susan Wolfe
25—Don & Lynne Parmiter

IF GOD SEEMS FAR AWAY HE'S NOT THE ONE THAT'S MOVED!

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St John's Lutheran Church
Church Council Minutes
September 4, 2025

Council secretary Frank Dietz called the meeting to order at 8:03 P.M. Members present were Tom Gibson, Bill Thomas, Nathan Atkins, Joe Pletcher, Steve Wolfe, and Pastor Al Laese.

Nathan Atkins led devotions from John 1:3, God is with us during sickness, recovery, and remission.

Council secretary Frank Dietz read the minutes from the August meeting. After corrections and additions, the minutes were approved on a motion from Nathan Atkins and Steve Wolfe.

Pastor's report for the month of August 2025: 4 Sunday worship services and Sunday school, church council meeting, 2 private communion, 3 cluster meetings, 1 Sunday off for recovery from heart procedure. Mileage for the month of June 2025 - 164. Mileage for the month of July 2025 - 200. Mileage for the month of August 2025 - 170. Pastor's report approved on a motion from Bill Thomas and Tom Gibson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRAYER – \$350 was given to the family of Shannon Davis to help cover expenses during his hospital stay. The Southeastern Ohio Synod Bishop may attend the September 13 canoe trip to Campbells Cove. The Triple Nickel Country Cruise In will be October 11, 2025. Steve Wolfe has been very active scheduling activities (bounce house and local dirt track driver Rodney Mayle), gathering doorprizes, and distributing flyers.

Christian Education – Substitutes have been leading Sunday School for 3 weeks so far. Bill Thomas is planning on returning to lead Sunday School on October 5, 2025.

Property – Downspout repairs are being undertaken. Church basement carpet replacement project is starting.

NEW BUSINESS

Brushcreek Township trustees would like to rent the church basement Tuesday Oct 21 from 2 to 7 PM for a community question and answer session concerning the new water project coming to the area. After a short discussion, Nathan Atkins and Steve Wolfe motioned to approve the rental of the basement. The motion passed.

Nathan Atkins, Paige Atkins, Jackie and John Wilkins, Brian and Susan Miller, and Denny and Stacey Tompkins will be sponsoring a spaghetti luncheon Sunday September 21, 2025 from 11 to 1 to benefit the family of Shannon Davis.

Frank Dietz and Nathan Atkins motioned to adjourn at 9:04 P.M.

All prayed The Lord's Prayer.

Frank Dietz council secretary.

November 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Pastor Al 740-541-2823		Church 740-697-0202				1 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS- Turn clocks back one hour before bedtime. (Fall Back)
2 Holy Communion Worship-10AM SCS-9AM WELCA change collection	3	4	5	6 Council -NOTE-7PM	7	8
9 WELCA sponsored Thankoffering during Worship-10AM SCS-9AM	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Worship-10AM SCS-9AM WELCA change collection	17	18 Produce-Give-A-Way	19	20	21	22
23 Worship-10AM SCS-9AM WELCA luncheon after Worship	24	25	26	27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	28	29
30 Worship-10AM SCS-9AM Pancake Breakfast 8:30AM				Vicky Thomas Secretary 740-674-6814 (H) 740-252-1890 © cbimintheorchard@yahoo.com		

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NOTE FOR COUNCIL: New starting time
begins this month, November 6 at **7:00PM.** until
Spring.