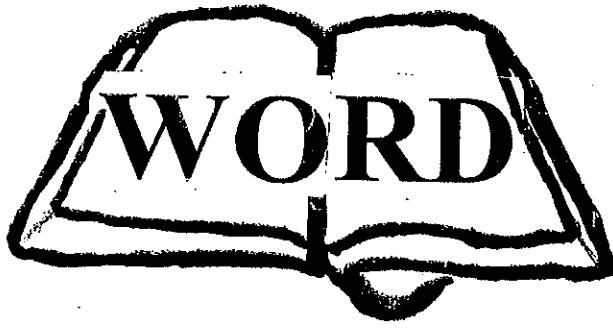


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CHALLENGES.

Everyday we face **challenges** in our lives related to work, relationships, health, finances, or even bereavement. No matter what **challenges** you're going through, there is always hope. Sometimes you experience **challenges** to stretch your character. If you don't go through any **challenges** or problems in life you will not grow.

Steve Kinzey, Medium

But, we as Christians, know that God is always there to help us face these **challenges**.

Each of our lives is uniquely different. We need to start by modeling the kind of faith-based boldness that David exhibited during his encounter with Goliath (Samuel 17)

The youngest of Jess's sons, David spent many hours in the fields, taking care of his father's sheep. It was here that David prayed and meditated on God. This intimacy with the Lord allowed David's faith to grow. David knew that God would be with him in all situations.

When David left his father's fields to check on his brothers who were with King Saul's army it was not by chance that his visit coincided with the nine-foot-nine-inch tall warrior named Goliath. As David began talking to the soldiers, he encountered his first challenge in the form of his oldest brother, Eliab, who said "Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness. I know your insolence and the wickedness of your heart, for you have come down in order to see the battle (1 Samuel 17:28)

Now David could have taken this attack upon his character to heart. John Maxwell writes, "Many negative seeds are planted in our minds until we often stop short of what we can do for God, for others, and for ourselves." But because

of his faith-based boldness, David was able to turn away and continue on his mission.

David's next confrontation was with King Saul. Saul tried to discourage the only one willing to face the giant and said "There is no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since youth (1 Samuel 17:33)

Saul was right. David had no battlefield experience.

But inexperience can be a good thing. Tim Elmore writes, "When we are inexperienced, we tend to lean on God for results. We recognize how little we possess-and how much we need His help". David relied on God to deliver him and he was not about to stop doing so now, "I've been a shepherd for my father. Whenever a lion or bear came and took a lamb.. GOD who delivered me from the teeth of the lion and the claws of the bear, will deliver me from this Philistine") Samuel 17:34

Goliath took one look at David and began to taunt him. Then David actually "hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine" (1 Samuel 17:48

Because of his intimate knowledge of God, David was able to turn away from a maligner, defend himself before a discourager, and fell a giant with one smooth stone. By using his faith-based boldness, David met the challenges presented to him and, as a result routed the entire Philistine army. All for God's glory!

If we build up our confidence by spending time in the Word, prayer, and meditation, getting to know our God intimately, we can be like David, who with faith-based boldness, "rose early in the morning" (1 Samuel 17:20) to meet every challenge God put in his path.

PRAYERS FOR YOU.....

Fearlessness Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear. Psalm 27:3

I remember the story of David, how he faced opposition from his brother, his king, and then a huge giant, all under the watchful eye of his enemies. Sometimes I get so scared my heart begins beating a mile a minute. And those are the times when I have taken my eyes off of You. Keep my focus on Your Word. Plant this verse in my heart so that when dread comes upon me, I can say these words and kiss fear goodbye.

Our Help.. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8

I need look no further than You, Lord, to help me. It is Your name that I trust. It is Your power that will help me meet this challenge. After all, You made me. You know the plan for my life. You have equipped me to do what You have called me to do. Help me not to rely on myself but on You and Your power. That is what is going to give me victory in this life. Thank You for hearing and answering my prayer.

---Power of Prayers to Start Your Day
By Donna K. Maltese

**12th ANNUAL CAR SHOW
WILL BE SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 7:**

Registration will begin at 1:00PM. (See attached flyer for details)

Much help is needed to make this event a special day. There are sign up sheets in the narthex for donations of food and volunteers. If you have questions, please see Steve Wolfe. Hope everyone will come out and enjoy the day.

**NEW PROJECT:MEMORIAL
DAFFODIL HILL.....**

The Stovertown Lutheran Church is a beautiful site for those passing by. The church building and the grounds are well cared for. I have proposed to council and received approval to create a **Memorial Daffodil Hill** in memory of loved ones. Bulbs will be planted on the hillside below the big oak tree to the right of the church, in the Fall. This is a highly visible area as you pass by.

Daffodils require little effort once they are planted and they bloom year after year. Daffodils come in various shades of yellow, pink & white, and some are early bloomers and some later, so we should have blooms for a number of weeks in the Spring. Contributions of bulbs can be made in memory of a loved one. A date will be set in September/October to plant them. You may plant your own or volunteers will plant them for you.

If you have questions, see Karen Showers.

WELCA NEWS.....

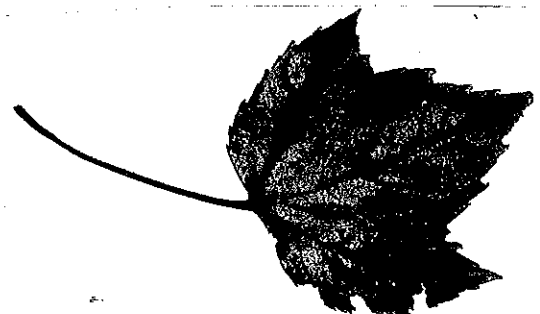
The next WELCA meeting will be November 14 at the church at noon.. Delores and Andrea are the hostesses and Andrea will have the topic.

UPCOMING DATES:

---Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, Nov.19

---Soup and sandwich luncheon for congregation will be held on Sunday, November 12 after the service.

PLEASE NOTE: Since we are now collecting several items for the Produce Give-a-Way, we will no longer be collecting food items for Christ's Pantry or the Roseville Pantry. The box in the narthex will be removed. Please give directly to these worthwhile charities if you wish to continue to support them.



St John's Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Minutes
September 7, 2023

Bill Thomas opened the meeting at 8:01 P.M. Members present were Bob Pletcher, Joe Pletcher, Steve Wolfe, Tom Gibson, Gary Williams, Frank Dietz and Pastor Al Laese.

Bill Thomas led devotions from the book "Perfect Father."

Council Secretary Frank Dietz presented the minutes of the August meeting. There were approved on a motion from Gary Williams and Joe Pletcher.

The treasurer's report was presented and reviewed by council. It was approved of a motion from Steve Wolfe and Bob Pletcher.

Pastor's report for the month of August 2023: 4 Sunday worship services and Sunday school, council meeting, 3 cluster meetings in Zanesville, cluster meeting in Adamsville, the Wheeler memorial service, private communion, and 236 miles submitted. Pastor's report approved on a motion from Gary Williams and Frank Dietz.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Produce – the truck arrived at 8 AM, 17 volunteers distributed 6,746 lbs of food to 77 families on a clear mid 70's day. The leftovers went to the Salvation Army.

PRAYER – The canoe trip will be September 14, 15, 16. The Triple Nickle Country Cruise In will be October 7, 2023. Flyers have been distributed, donations are being sourced, sign up sheet for food donations have been posted.

PROPERTY – The parking lot has been striped. Hennings from Crooksville will be doing the slate repair. Injury to the roofer has caused postponement of the work. The batteries have been replaced in the church's emergency lighting.

OLD BUSINESS

Workers Compensation coverage has been double checked.
There will be a new member reception on Sunday the 10th.

Frank Dietz and Tom Gibson motioned to adjourn.

All prayed The Lord's Prayer

Frank Dietz - council secretary

Frank Dietz has devotions for the October council meeting.

Minutes of the Women of the ELCA

May 9, 2023

The women of the ELCA met at the church. Thirteen members were present.

We began the meeting by boxing up quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief. We packed 21 quilts, 17 school kits, and 15 health kits.

Kathy had grace and thanked Janet Novaria for hosting. Janet served delicious sliders along with other tasty food items.

President Kathy began the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking a number of people:

-all who attended the M/D/F Banquet in May, Ida Lane for taking care of registration and Joy Pletcher for playing the piano for the hymn sing

-all who attended the July Creno outing and special thanks to Bob Pletcher for calling BINGO

-Jamie Brassfield for all her hard work and leadership on the July basement sale

-Joy Pletcher and Kay Wilson, and all who have worked on the quilts and contributed to the kits

-Leslie Williams, Janet Novaria, and Linda Showers for their email messages and newsletter that keep us informed

The secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report: Checking - \$353.39

Savings - \$3911.48

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Correspondence

Kathy read a thank you from the Lions Club for our contribution to the Lion/Lioness Pediatric Cancer Research Fund

Andrea read a thank you she received from someone in Texas who was gifted with one of the many beautiful prayer shawls she has made and sent.

Committee Reports

Mission Growth: Susan West will be putting together the Thankoffering service which will be held Sunday, Nov. 19. She will be looking for volunteers to participate in the service

Mission Community: No report

Mission Action: The quilts and kits will be delivered to St. John's Zanesville during the first week of October and then sent to LWR. We will be quilting on the first and second Tuesdays during October and November.

Old / New Business

-Kathy urged everyone to help with the October 7th Triple Nickel Car Show

-Susan West said raffles tickets for the Christmas quilt are now on sale, \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets. See any WELCA member if interested.

-Andrea made the motion that the quilt raffle be drawn at the car show on the 7th of October. Linda seconded the motion. Motion passed.

-Janet moved that we discontinue collecting food items for Christ's Pantry and Roseville Pantry since we are now collecting items at least twice a year for the Produce Giveaway. Andrea seconded the motion. Motion passed.

-Delores moved that we have a soup/sandwich luncheon for the congregation on Nov. 12th following the service. Joy seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Showers, Secretary

12TH ANNUAL



TRIPLE NICKEL COUNTRY CRUISE-IN

"Autumn in the Country!"

Saturday, Oct. 7th, 2023



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Event Starts at 1pm - Reg. Starts 12:30pm

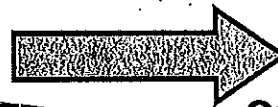
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FUN!**

HORSE RIDES
**HOMEMADE FOOD
& ICE CREAM**

**RAFFLE
PRIZES**

**TWO 50/50
DRAWINGS**

**BOUNCE
HOUSE**

**MUSIC BY:
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BRING YOUR CHAIRS AND CANOPIES!

Bring an FM Radio to ensure you hear announcements on event grounds!

PLEASE! NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK!

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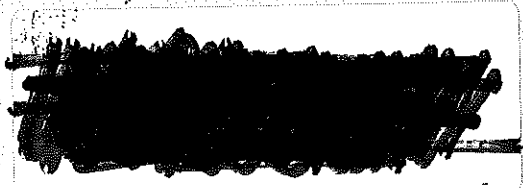
MORE INFO: Steve Wolfe (740)-647-3066, email: sjlcpc@hotmail.com

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Holy Communion Worship-10AM SCS-9AM WELCA change collection						
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		16 Mid-Ohio Food Give-A-Way				
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29 Worship-10AM SCS-9AM						
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			4 Church 70-697-0202			
			5 Council 8PM			
			6 Pastor AL 740-541-2823			
				6 Vicky Thomas Secretary 740-674-6814 edmin@theorchard@yahoo.com		



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"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".

MID-OHIO FOOD GIVE-A-WAY.....

Will be on Tuesday, October 17, from 9AM-11AM.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER...

Birthdays:

- October 5---Pastor AL
- 9---Sandra Seyerle
- 13---Katlynn Pletcher
- Adam Dietz
- 23---Donna Miller
- 27---Susan Miller

