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The "Good News" and "Happenings" of  
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## SEEK SAFETY AND REFUGE IN CHRIST.....

### "Under His Wings"

-Quiet Moments Alone with God,  
Bethany House

Let me dwell in Your tent forever; let me  
take refuge in the shelter of Your wings.

-Psalm 61:4

No matter how hard the firefighter tried ,  
the kitten wouldn't come out of the  
drainpipe. Finally, the firefighter went to  
the opposite end of the pipe and opened  
the nozzle on his fire hose, pouring a  
controlled flow of water down the pipe.  
The kitten shot out the other end, into the  
waiting arms of its owner.

The firefighter wasn't trying to drown  
the kitten, he was encouraging it to go in  
the right direction. Sometimes God will do  
that with you too. When you feel that  
you're backed into a corner, don't run  
from God, Allow God to flood you with  
his love for you. In him is a refuge and  
safety beyond what the world can offer.

God when I just don't get it, remind me  
that you have my best interest at heart. Let  
your presence rain down on me. AMEN.

### "WATCHING AND WAITING"

-Quiet Moments Alone with God,  
Bethany House

Because you trust me, I will preserve your  
life and keep you safe.

-Jeremiah 39:18

When you take a cruise you will notice  
lifeboats on the ship. They are there in case  
there is an emergency and you have to  
abandon. And even though the captain  
know about the lifeboat too, he still  
remains careful to keep you safe.

God doesn't have lifeboats that you can  
jump into when dangers come. Instead, he  
preserves your life in other ways. God has  
promised that because you trust him, he  
will not only lead you to a place of safety,  
he will also keep you safe. Trust in God  
and his promises to bring you safely to  
your destination---him.

God knows you're safe in him and he  
shows you so you can know it too. You  
can relax and enjoy the trip.

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### "MY DAILY PRAYER"

-Helen Steiner Rice

God, be my resting place and my  
protection

In hours of trouble, defeat, and dejection  
May I never give way to self-pity and  
sorrow,

May I always be sure of a better  
tomorrow,

Secure in the knowledge I have only to

pray

And ask my Creator and Father above.  
To keep me serene in His grace and His  
love.

Trust in him at all times ye people, pour out your  
heart before him. God is a refuge for us.

-Psalm: 62

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## A BIG THANK YOU.....

I would like to thank everyone for the cards,  
thoughts, and prayers during my recent shoulder  
surgery. Also a **Big Thank You** to Joy Pletcher  
for providing music when I was unable to play.

-Susan Dietz

I would like to thank everyone for their cards,  
prayers and visits following my open heart  
surgery.

-Bill Thoms

-A Huge Thank You to Jamie Brassfield,,all the  
people who donated items, set up, tore down, and  
bought items at the basement sale. It was much  
appreciated.

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## ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH TO ENJOY:

### -CAMPING AND CANOEING WEEKEND AT HOCKING HILLS.....

This event will be held the weekend of Friday  
September 12, and Saturday, September 13 at  
Campbell Cove in Hocking Hills. Attendees will  
canoe on Saturday morning and then join the  
campers who will be arriving on Friday evening  
for a potluck meal on Saturday evening. Even if  
you do not wish to canoe, join us on Saturday  
evening for fun and fellowship. See Steve Wolfe  
for further details.

## -14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TRIPLE NICKEL COUNTRY CRUISE-IN.....

Will be held on Saturday, October 11 at 1:00  
PM. Registration will begin at 12:30 PM.  
Volunteers and Food will be needed. See Steve  
Wolfe for further details. **Mark your  
calendars!!!**

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## PRODUCE GIVE-A-WAY.....

Will be held on Tuesday, September 16.  
Volunteers are needed and appreciated.

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## WELCA.....

Will pack Health and School Kits and quilts for  
LWR at there monthly meeting on September 9 at  
2:00PM at the church. Linda Showers will be  
hostess.

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.....

### Birthdays:

September 2—Gary Williams  
24—Nate Atkins  
29—Andrea Laese

### Anniversaries:

September 3—Bill & Vicky Thomas  
20—Brian & Susan  
Miller

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**St John's Lutheran Church**  
**Congregational Council Meeting Minutes**  
**July 3, 2025**

**Council Vice President, Bob Pletcher, opened the meeting at 8:02 pm.** Members present: Tom Gibson, Pastor Al Laese, Joe Pletcher, Bill Thomas, Gary Williams, and Steve Wolfe. Bob confirmed a quorum.

**Devotion** Gary Williams presented the devotion "For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free" - Galatians 5:21.

**Joe Pletcher read the unapproved minutes from the June meeting.** [Approved: G. Williams/T. Gibson].

**PASTOR'S REPORT – June 2025** - 5 Sunday worship services & Sunday School; 1 Church Council meeting; 5 visits; 4 Cluster meetings; 164 miles. Bob Pletcher attended the Synod Meeting with Pr. Laese at the Columbus Zoo (June 6-7). [Accept: T. Gibson/S. Wolfe].

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – reviewed by council [Accept: S. Wolfe/G. Williams].

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CEMETERY** – no report

**EDUCATION** – no report

**FINANCE** – no report

**PRAYER CO.** – PRAYER Committee Chair, Steve Wolfe, provided status on trip to Living Word on July 18. He also reported about several local families the committee reached out to in June.

**PRODUCE** – Produce Chr., Gary Williams, read Produce Market Report: Tuesday, 6/17/25 - 97 households served (including 11 new families and 217 individuals) - 18 volunteers; 7,218 lbs of produce; congregational gifts of mac and cheese and peanut butter and vegetable plants/flowers donated by McDonald's Greenhouse, Message shared from a client thanking the volunteers for helping her – thank you all volunteers! [Accept: T. Gibson, S. Wolfe]

**PROPERTY** – no report

**WITNESS/EVANGELISM** – no report

**OLD BUSINESS**

There were no applications for the Camp Scholarship Fund Process for youth who would benefit from a church camp scholarship. Council will begin process again early in 2026.

Steve Wolfe reported that the Veteran's Memorial Committee is looking at a possible location in Cannelville. Council will hold until further notice.

**NEW BUSINESS**

[None]

**Motion to Adjourn – 8:44 pm** [T. Gibson/G. Williams]

Meeting followed by The Lord's Prayer

J. Pletcher - for Council Secretary, Frank Dietz

14th ANNUAL!



# TRIPLE NICKEL COUNTRY CRUISE-IN

"Autumn in the Country!"

**Saturday, Oct. 11th, 2025**

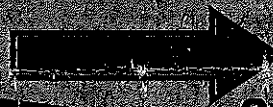


**Event Starts at 1pm - Reg. Starts 12:30pm**

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HOUSE**

**BRING YOUR CHAIRS AND CANOPIES!**

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

**PLEASE! NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK!**

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT: Saint John's Lutheran Church P.R.A.Y.E.R. Company Youth Group**

**MORE INFO: Steve Wolfe (740)-647-3066, email: [sjlcpcc@hotmail.com](mailto:sjlcpcc@hotmail.com)**

# September 2025

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				Council-8PM		
7 Holy Communion WELCA-Change collection Worship-10AM SCS-9AM	8	9 WELCA-2PM	10	11	12 Canoeing & Camping Hocking Hills	13 Canoeing & Camping Hocking Hills
14 Worship-10AM SCS-9AM	15	16 Produce Give-A-Way	17	18	19	20
21 Worship-10AM SCS-9AM WELCA change collection	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Worship-10AM SCS-9AM	29	30		Vicky Thomas Secretary- 740-674-6814 (H) 740-252-1890 © cabinintheorchard@yahoo.com.		

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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".