



# The Eagle

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Charles Ives, a composer from Connecticut, lived from 1874-1954. He made his living running an insurance agency, but on the side he composed some of the most remarkable American music in all the literature. If you find his music on YouTube, you might *not* like what you hear, and I wouldn't blame you a bit: Ives is an "acquired taste." But every year since I discovered him in high school, I seem to always return to his music for a week or two.

Once when he was a boy, Ives attended a parade in Danbury, his home town. At one point, the parade became backed up, and two marching bands got too close to each other. Both bands kept playing their school fight songs loudly, so their music got mixed up and the result was loud clashing dissonance. Ives was so struck by the scene that he recreated that experience many times in his mature compositions, where different music was being played at the same time. It's horrible on first hearing, dissonant and often downright funny. But when you get used to it, somehow it works (I guess that's a matter of opinion). Some critics have said his music reflects life in our American republic, where people are always in loud conflict with each other, but somehow keep moving together in a common direction, like a parade.

It's not all confusion and noise, though. Into the "chaos" of his compositions, Ives would interject passages of awesome beauty. In many of these serene sections, you hear the strains of church hymn tunes. The final product gives you the overall impression of chaos resolving into faith, harmony and hope. His Symphony No. 4, for example, rises in its final movement to a huge dissonant clash, but then calms down into one of the most beautiful endings I've ever heard, where you can hear references to "Nearer, My God, to Thee" above the dreaming orchestra and choir.

In an interview towards the end of his life, a journalist asked Ives who his greatest musical influences were, and he said "Beethoven." The journalist was puzzled, because Ives' music was so loose, whereas Beethoven's is so structured and orderly. He asked Ives how this could be, since Ives broke musical rules all the time. Ives, with his Yankee accent, replied, "Someone who breaks the rules without learning them first is not an innovator, but a fool."

In the conflict going on in our country today, are we moving together in a common direction, like a parade? Personally I don't think so. Publicly, the church hymns are no longer providing the bass line underneath the conflict. People with power have been publicly discounting God and ignoring him so regularly for so long that they no longer know the positive content of the story that has held them together. They see God's story of salvation as a hindrance upon their personal freedoms, when actually it has been the positive bass line that has held us together and provided us with our freedoms and life-affirming values from the beginning.

As a result, we as God's Church can feel like we've become detached from the loud, bombastic parade. The Church has been here many times throughout history, among the nations in which we've lived. We should never be discouraged. We can sing along with Psalm 2:

*Why do the nations conspire  
and the peoples plot in vain?  
The kings of the earth rise up  
and the rulers band together  
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,*

*“Let us break their chains  
and throw off their shackles.”  
The One enthroned in heaven laughs;  
the Lord scoffs at them.  
He rebukes them in his anger  
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,  
“I have installed my king  
on Zion, my holy mountain.”*

God has indeed installed his King on Zion—our crucified and risen Savior Jesus Christ, who invites us: *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”* (Matthew 11:28-30)

At St. John’s we come together to learn from our Savior, teach him to our children, and take on his yoke. We find rest in his words, and peace in his body and blood. Fed from his unending life and filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, let’s joyfully sing his praises and invite people into the music that he’s shown us. It’s always playing there underneath all the conflict, bringing us to the final reality:

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying: “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the former things have passed away.”* (Revelation 21:1-4)

Peace be with you!  
Pastor Seth



**WORSHIP TIMES:**  
**Saturday at 6pm**  
**Sunday at 8am, 9:30am, 11am**  
**Contemporary-Sunday at 11am**  
**(Social Distancing will be practiced and face coverings are recommended.)**

**DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION continues to be held on Sunday mornings from 12:15pm to 1:00pm.**

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## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

**Officers:** Neva Warren, President; Kevin Stenson, Vice President; Melissa Butsko, Secretary; Dan Yeater, Treasurer.

**Members-At-Large:** Debbie Abbitt, Fred Previts, Aaron Clark, Cindy Henricksen, Warren Althoff, Richard Werner; Sheila Boneske.

Church Office hours are Monday through Friday,  
8am to 4pm.

**The deadline for the OCTOBER Eagle  
is September 10th.**

Email announcements & articles to  
sj@stjohnsgc.org or leave a handwritten copy in  
the church office.



Congratulations to Kaleigh and Matt Shrum on the birth of their daughter, Elora Grace, on August 5. Beth Katterhenrich is the proud and delighted grandmother.



### OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

Judy Widner on the passing of her husband, Jack.  
The Gutheil families on the recent deaths of Arthur and Jerry.

Heather Whyte and family on the death of her grandmother.

Griffin Glaze on the death of his grandmother, Helen.

Family and friends of former member Colleen Haag.  
Colleen died on August 4<sup>th</sup>.



### MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED THROUGH AUGUST 9, 2020

#### Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Ada Weygandt** by Margie Kennell.  
Given in memory of **Jack Widner** by Susan Koehler.

#### Organ and Renovations Debt Reduction

Given in remembrance of **Paul and Alice Katterhenrich's wedding anniversary** by Beth Katterhenrich.  
Given in honor of **Ike Stage** by Beth Katterhenrich.  
Given in memory of **Jenny Ames** by John & Susan Maier.

#### Youth Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Roy Green** by Beth Katterhenrich

#### Current Fund

Given in memory of **Phillip E. Girbert** by Lois Girbert.



**SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER: ROMANS**  
Pastor Jersild will lead a seven week study on the book of Romans from **September 13—October 25**. We will meet in the Family Life Center on Sunday nights from 6:30-8:00. Beverages will be provided (but no snacks this time). There will be plenty of space in the Family Life Center to observe social distancing. We hope you can come and join the discussion and enjoy the fellowship!

## YOUTH NEWS



We have a variety of ways to keep us all connected and excited about our faith growth together during this time!

Every two months, **starting in October**, and until we are back together physically at church, students and families have the opportunity to receive...

- **A Family Faith Box** (box full of fun & faith for the entire family, geared towards ages 5 – 12)
- **Individual Sunday School Lessons** (Age 3 through 12th Grade) and
- **Youth Group Materials** for Adventure Club (ages 5—4th grade), Faith Trek (grades 5—6), Explorers (grades 7—8), and Energizers (grades 9—12). *Virtual meeting id numbers and passwords for Adventure Club, Faith Trek, Explorers, and Energizers will be enclosed in the cinch bags given to each student, along with any materials needed for each virtual meeting.*

A letter was mailed to every family in August, requesting parents to sign up for any or all of the above materials. If you didn't receive the letter, or at the time life just got too crazy to respond, or you would like to get a copy of the letter for a friend or neighbor, **it's not too late!** Please connect with Laurie at [lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org) or at 614-875-2314 (church) or 614-620-2669 (cell).

**Just a friendly reminder, to receive materials you marked one of the following:**

- **Drive-through pick-up:** Materials will be available noon to 1pm, at the picnic shelter, September 20th and September 27th.
- **Pick-up at church:** Materials will be available in room 101-102, 8:30am to noon, September 20th and September 27th.
- **Delivery:** Materials will be delivered to your front porch during the last two weeks of September.

We look forward to walking beside you as we navigate these challenging times together! Please contact us with any questions or ways we can assist you. *Gary and Laurie Pecuch, Diana Imbrock, Tim Allman*



**INK JET CARTRIDGE RECYCLING AND CELL PHONE RECYCLING has been discontinued.** Please look at recycling these items at other locations. STAPLES in Grove City will take both ink jet cartridges and cell phones. *Thank you!*

**SCRIP GIFT CARD:** We place orders for gift cards the first Tuesday of the month. Please use the form on the youth office door. Within a week ordered gift cards are back to us and in your hands. Want to order on-line and/or put more monies on an existing SCRIP card,? Please talk to Pam Wittenberg or Gary Pecuch. Anytime you order on-line, please let us know, as we need to release your order. You can email Gary at [gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org). *Thanks for your support!*

*Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to use for your daily purchases. It's the easiest way to create opportunities for your organization and the people that matter most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.*



Every year we gather around the flag poles of our high schools and pray for our schools, communities, country, and world. This year join us on Wednesday, September 23, at 7:00 am and stop whatever you are doing to pray for us all to return to the Lord, to restore our faith in Him, and to revive the fire of the Holy Spirit within each of us. September 20 through the 26<sup>th</sup> is the Global Week of Student Prayer; look for sample prayers in September's bulletins to unite us in praise and prayers.



Mexico is third behind The United States and Brazil in the severity of Covid. Please continue to hold our brothers and sisters there up in prayer as we fight this together. We got to love and serve the children of The Refuge Orphanage of Tijuana during our 2019 summer mission. Visit their website: [buildtherefuge.com](http://buildtherefuge.com) or their Facebook page: [TheRefugeTJ](https://www.facebook.com/TheRefugeTJ) to see how you can help and pray.

**Psalm 91:4**

“He will cover you with His feathers,  
and under His wings you will find refuge;  
His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.”



September 8, 2020  
St. John's Lutheran Church



**MISSION TRIPS FUNDRAISER  
TUESDAY, SEPT. 8, 2020**

Come out to support our mission teams as we raise funds for our 2021 trips.

City Barbeque is very generous in the percentage back; and their food is great!

Present the coupon to support our team(s)!



### WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Please keep knitting and crocheting, and praying from home! For information call Glenda Allman at 614-352-5955 or Diana Imbrock at 614-271-5775.

### DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE BLESSED BY RECEIVING A PRAYER SHAWL?

Please call Nancy Kinman at 614-875-8155.



We stopped delivering beds towards the end of February, I think, maybe middle of March. I love this ministry that God has blessed us with, and stopping was hard on me. I know it was for many of you as well. But we want to be safe for our team and we want to be safe for the people we serve, so we stopped.

Some of the core volunteers met at the end of June to talk about how we would continue to serve God in this time. We discussed liability for the church, volunteer safety, and different ideas for how we can build, deliver and assemble beds

during this pandemic.

In this new season, we are going to Stop, Drop and Pray. Stop at the home, Drop off beds and bedding - along with printed instructions and a link to a Youtube video for further support, and PRAY! Our heart is to bring God's Kingdom. So we tell them we'd like to pray with them and ask if they have prayer requests.

Since last Saturday (July 11), we've delivered almost 40 beds! We had assistance from Rock City last Saturday with a mini Bed Blitz, and then this week Westerville Church of the Messiah and New Albany Methodist came as part of Transformation Zone, a teenage summer ministry.

So far families have been appreciative and receptive to prayer. Today we delivered to a foster family and two little girls lit up when they realized those beds were just for them! Nakiya was our second delivery. She has breast cancer with surgery scheduled for August 10th. We prayed for healing.

On the last Saturday of the month, we will Stop, Drop and Pray, but we will also schedule in-home assembly for families who may need additional assistance, single moms with young children or someone who is elderly or disbled. Volunteers will wear masks and sanitize both before and after delivery.

We build beds on the first Saturday of the month at 9:00 (but not August). We have a cut team that cuts wood and prepares for our build on the Thursday (at 9:00) before the first Saturday of the month. We deliver beds pretty much every Saturday, about 500 each year. If you're interested in helping out, shoot me a text 614-296-3162 Dean Hoover. Please, if you don't hear from me in a couple days, send another text. Sometimes I get bogged down with technology.

### NOTES OF THANKS:



"Thanks to all of my St. John's family for the cards and well wishes during my Covid-19 illness. Thanks also for your many gifts to St. John's in memory of my daughter, Jenny. She had a beautiful voice." *Paula Ames*

"We cannot thank the congregation enough for the love and support we received while we were sick with the coronavirus. The meals that were provided were delicious and we were completely overwhelmed by the number of cards, texts and calls that we received. We could not be more blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring congregation. Thanks so much!" - *Tony & Elaine Bennett*

"I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, made telephone calls and brought food to me when I had my minor surgery on my arm. The love that has been extended is so wonderful and made my days. The Lord has been with me through all of this. Many, many thanks to you all. God Bless each of you. In Christian Love", *Vi Davis*.

#### Received from recipients of Good Samaritan assistance:

*"Thanks so much for the beautiful card and gift card we received. Much appreciated and will be used to help provide for us and my parents! God Bless!"*

*"Thank you sincerely for your kind expression of thoughtfulness with the gift cards. They are very much appreciated and will be a blessing to our family. Blessings to you."*

*"Thank you for all your prayers and special gift cards."*

*"Thank you all for the help and prayers during the Covid-19. I really don't know how people survive without church friends and God."*



## WOMEN OF THE NALC

Here's a spiritual growth goal: join a Circle of friends. Joining our Circles is an easy way to make new friends and grow spiritually. Both Circles have evening meeting times. Contact the leaders listed below for information.

Sarah Circle  
Contact Vi Davis  
614-875-2605

Elizabeth Circle  
Contact Debbie Abbitt  
614-326-9253

## OWLS EVENT – SEPTEMBER 18



Has cabin fever hit you? Looking for a safe outing with others feeling the same way? The OWLS have been missing the fellowship for the past few months but we are trying to get together in a safe environment and enjoy the joy of seeing one another – at a safe distance, of course. Masks are required and will be available if you don't have one. We will have hand sanitizer available, too.

You have an open invitation to join a group of Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) on the third Friday of each month to share fellowship and an interesting program. You are guaranteed to laugh a lot, make new friends and catch up with your wiser friends!! No age requirement! Bring a friend and come see what a bunch of OWLS look like in a friendly setting.

Grove City anxiously awaited the opening of our new Mount Carmel Hospital. And it was well worth the wait. Today it is a very busy hospital with people buzzing around constantly. If you have visited the hospital either as a patient or a visitor, you have seen men and women wearing red smocks volunteering their time and wonder what they do and who they are. More than 1,000 individuals provide service annually to the patient families and staff to create an environment of care and support by greeting and escorting patients and visitors, delivering meals to patients, supporting families in waiting areas and performing hours of comfort rounds to patients.

What tasks could a volunteer perform? How many hours do they ask you to work? Do I have the qualifications? Want to know more? Come to our March meeting and you can ask Libby Ballentine, Operations Manager, Mount Carmel Volunteer Services, your questions.

We will not be sharing lunch at our meetings until further notice. The program begins at 1pm. Hope to see you there!

## **BEACONS and QUILTERS NEWS**



The Beacons send many thanks to those who have already donated items for the LSS food pantry's Christmas bags for the children. Thank you especially for the donated crayons. So far, we have 40 boxes, on our way hopefully, to 100 boxes. We appreciate boxes of 24 Crayola crayons, Beanie Babies-type toys, leftover Halloween candy, ballpoint pens, pencils, sturdy combs and hair picks. Please place your donation in the Beacons-Quilters' cabinet in the Link. We thank you for your interest, concern and thinking about Christmas giving in September. If we cannot deliver the Christmas bags this year because of the Covid virus restrictions, we will save everything, except the candy, until next year.

We wonder if we will have Beggar's Night this year? If we do, please remember to save and donate your ever-popular, leftover Halloween candy to the Beacons. We use leftover Halloween candy to add a little bit of joy and delight to our bags. Thank you for caring about the children.

One easy and convenient place to donate your used clothing is the Volunteers of America store. Their store is located in the shopping strip behind Walgreen's. They usually have three, large, yellow bins located outside near their side door for drop-and-go donations if you do not want or need a tax receipt. If you want a receipt, ring the doorbell for someone to help you. The Beacons no longer sort and deliver used donated clothing.

Thank you to someone for the donation of new personal clothing for the women at Choices. Personal clothing is hard to come by since they can no longer accept used clothing. They can accept used towels and washcloths, though.

The Quilters meet every Tuesday from 9am to 2pm in rooms 103-104 when we start meeting again. The Beacons meet with the Quilters on the third Tuesday to cut stamps, and help with projects. Bring a sack lunch. All materials are provided. At the Beacons' meeting, we take monetary offerings for the food pantries and for the Beacons' general fund.

"Not everyone can do great things, but everyone can do small things with great love." *Mother Teresa*



**WE ARE**  
THE HANDS AND FEET  
**OF JESUS**

**GROVE CITY FOOD PANTRY**

Your weekly offerings support many ministries to individuals, the community, and the global community.

The Grove City Food Pantry provides food and personal care items to those in need in the 43123, 43119, 43126, and 43146 zip codes. Their guiding principle is "No family should go hungry".

In addition to monetary gifts, St. John's also collects food items for the pantry, and the youth designate part of their Souper Bowl fundraiser to the GC Food Pantry. Volunteers are always welcome at the pantry. To volunteer with this community outreach, please go to this link: <http://wereseeds.com/grovecityfoodpantry/>

**NALC DISASTER RESPONSE NEEDS** UPDATED 1/2018

- BABY CARE KIT**
- TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts
  - TWO long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers
  - TWO receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
  - FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
  - ONE jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
  - TWO pairs of socks
  - ONE hand towel, any color
  - TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz, any brand, in original wrap
  - TWO diaper pins or large safety pins



- ONE cloth bag or backpack
- FOUR notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, no loose-leaf paper
- ONE blunt scissors
- ONE ruler
- ONE pencil sharpener
- SIX new pencils
- ONE eraser,
- PLUS: -----
- TWELVE sheets assorted construction paper &
- ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons for elementary
- OR ONE Calculator for high school (LABEL Handle)



**PLEASE BRING INDIVIDUAL ITEMS OR COMPLETED KITS TO ST. JOHN'S. PLACE IN ROOMS 103-4.**

**SEPTEMBER HEALTH CARE ITEMS**

**OCTOBER QUILTS AND BLANKETS**

**NOVEMBER BABY CARE ITEMS**

**DECEMBER GIFT CARDS TO HOME DEPOT, LOWE'S, WALMART, OR TARGET**

**JANUARY FLOOD BUCKET ITEMS**

- FLOOD BUCKET**
- ONE 5 gallon bucket with lid
  - TWO large trash bags
  - Comet or scouring cleanser
  - PineSol or liquid floor cleaner
  - Scrub brush
  - Dust Mask (N-95 recommended)
  - Rubber gloves
  - Broom
  - Rakes, shovels, hoes – debris removal tools



- ANY Size Quilt or Blanket including fabric printed with religious, patriotic, & military symbols.



**QUILTS & BLANKETS**

- HEALTHCARE KIT**
- ONE bath towel
  - ONE wash cloth
  - TWO bars of soap, in original wrapping
  - ONE toothbrush
  - ONE pack of dental floss
  - ONE tube of toothpaste (two if sample size)
  - ONE comb
  - ONE deodorant



- NEW and USED**



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- HOME DEPOT**  
**LOWE'S**  
**WALMART**  
**TARGET**



**GIFTCARDS**

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**THANK YOU FOR HELPING OTHERS IN THEIR TIME OF NEED!**

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Mary Bates  
NALC Disaster Response Coordinator  
DisasterResponse@theNALC.org  
740-509-1132

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