



# The Eagle

December 2021

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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Letter from the Pastor

***Incarnation*** means *in the flesh*. Jesus was fully God, and also 100% human.

Why did the Word become flesh in a stable, 2000 years ago? He did it because he loved us, and wants to be with his children. His plan, from the beginning of creation, has been to live with us in the flesh forever (Rev. 21:22). Jesus came to break through the power of sin that keeps us separated from God. He came to make that personal, eternal relationship happen *now*. Yes, the world tried to kick Jesus out. Yes, the world killed him. But he rose victorious from the dead in order to give broken sinners access to God, and to make the *enfleshed* relationship permanent, once and for all.

Where does our “bodily” meeting with God take place nowadays? Through the *Body of Christ*, the Church. God has chosen to make the good news of Jesus known to the world through everyday people like you and me. Why? Because he doesn’t want to force anything on the world from the top down. Nor does he want us to try to keep him to ourselves in a private, purely spiritual way. He invites us to faith through the witness of other people who are just as small and flawed and as messed-up as we are. Through his Church, he continues his bodily intervention in the world. The intervention might seem too quiet and gentle to us at times. But the truth is, it’s unstoppable.

Hostile powers are at work in our world today, to separate us from the truth of the Incarnation. We are tempted, more and more, to try and separate God from the body. Our screens, for example, are great tools. But as much as they connect us superficially, they can also isolate us from living relationships with other human beings. They make it possible for us to go a long time without real, living interaction. This is why we believers, more than ever, need to embrace God’s call to us, that we be the *Body of Christ*. Christ wants to work through our flesh. This is how new people come to know him, and old friends continue to grow in love and faith together.

During this Advent-Christmas season, I encourage you to think about 1) ways we are tempted to have God apart from his Body, and 2) the ways that Christ truly embodies himself in our lives. Church attendance, regular observance of the Sabbath, Bible-based discussion, loving service, outreach to strangers, care and support for people in need, and encouragement to other believers—all of these are ways that Jesus enfleshes himself in the world through what we do today. He wants to be not only in our hearts, but also incarnate in our schedules.

We do *incarnation* so well at St. John’s! We are truly blessed as a congregation to have so many humble people who are willing to pour themselves out in love for others so that we can experience the warm embrace of God. Let’s welcome the Lord in the flesh. The Incarnate Word continues to break into our lives to shake us from our isolation and our self-certainties. He comes to give us what our hearts are yearning for: full, joyful communion with the Holy Trinity right here and now. This Christmas, let’s welcome him for real, in the flesh.

Christmas blessings to you all!

*Pastor Seth Jessild*

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

## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

**Officers:** Neva Warren, President; Aaron Clark, Vice President; Karen Bentley, Secretary; Dan Yeater, Treasurer.

**Members-At-Large:** Debbie Abbitt, Warren Althoff, Wayne Beavers, Shirley Blake, Doug Cress, Michael Grimm, Fred Previts.



**Christmas Eve Services**  
Will be held on December 24, 2021  
At 5:00pm, 7:00pm, and 9pm.

**Christmas Day Worship**  
December 25, 2021  
10:00am



### **OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO**

*The family and friends of  
**Carl Kinman** who died on  
November 5, 2021*

*Sandy Wheeler whose  
husband, **Jess Wheeler**, died  
on November 7, 2021,*

**All who mourn are in our  
thoughts and prayers.**



### **Wedding Congratulations**

to David Sweeley and Barbara Grubb who were married at St. John's on November 13, 2021. May God bless your new life together.



### **BIRTHS**

Congratulations to Sarah Miller on the birth of her twin girls, Hadlee Rose and Dakota Luv, on November 5, 2021. Hadlee and Dakota are welcomed by brother Jaxon.

Congratulations to Lenny and Lyndsey Solomon on the birth of their baby boy, Levi Kade, on November 8th. Levi is welcomed by sisters Allie, Brielle, and Luna.

**The deadline for the JANUARY, 2022 Eagle is  
DECEMBER 10TH.**

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

## ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

Now that it is autumn, winter and cold weather aren't far away. We will begin our annual coat, other outer wear, and blanket collection for those less fortunate on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We are adding socks to be donated, as well. We have a great connection with a pastor in Franklinton, who will give our winter donations to people in the area. Those being helped are the homeless and any who need a little help in keeping warm this winter. Jesus instructed us to provide for others.

Each year, our loving and generous members give so many items. We take them down each Sunday night to the church before their evening service. They give the items away; there is no cost for any recipient.

Please leave your donations in the box in the church library. Any questions, please call Bruce & Karen Whyte at (614)878-9392. This is a wonderful way to share your blessings.

## CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALES ARE COMING!

**We will be holding our annual Christmas Cookie and Goodie Sale on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 12pm in rooms 103-104.**

You may choose which cookies you want for your own platter, or you may choose from our prepackaged plates.

**Proceeds from our sale will go to the Kitchen Fund.** If you don't want to bake but want to help in another way, a monetary donation to the Kitchen Fund would be appreciated.

Baked goods can be dropped off by **8:30 a.m. on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** in the Family Life Center Kitchen. We are asking for **homemade items only**. We do need volunteers December 17th to help prepare cookie plates, and December 18th to help during the sale. If you are available either Friday or Saturday, please mark the salmon insert in the bulletin or you can call Sue Sutton, 614-539-9544 or Suzie Brace, 614-871-3201.



## WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

**Please join us for the next meeting  
Saturday, DECEMBER 11, 2021**

We would be happy to teach anyone interested how to knit or crochet. For more information call Glenda Allman at 614-352-5955 or Diana Imbrock at 614-271-5775.

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

Please call Nancy Kinman at 614-875-8155.

Sign the salmon sheet if you are interested in Tuesday evening meetings starting in January, 2022!



## MITTEN TREES

The Mitten Trees will be in the North Entrance and the Link from **November 7th to December 5<sup>th</sup>**.

Please help fill the trees with mittens, gloves, warm hats, earmuffs, scarves, and socks for all ages.



**All Mitten Tree items must be either new with tags or homemade.**

After December 5th, the items will be taken to the LSS Champion Food Pantry, where they will be distributed to anyone in need.

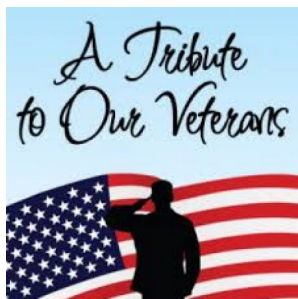
Please contact Ellen Previts at 614-345-8576 if you have any questions.

Thank you for keeping our neighbors warm!

## Adopt-a-Family



In the hopes of helping to make the holidays a little brighter for some of our fellow members who may be struggling financially, we will be accepting monetary donations during the month of December for our annual holiday Adopt-a-Family drive. Envelopes will be available throughout the church and in the church office. If you or anyone you know of within the congregation would like to be considered for Adopt-A-Family funds, please contact one of the pastors. The names are kept completely confidential.



## MANY THANKS TO THE ANNUAL VETERANS RECOGNITION EVENT VOLUNTEERS AND GUESTS

"Our 8th Annual Veterans recognition luncheon was held on Sunday, November 7, 2021, approximately 86 Veterans and their family members attended. Pastor Seth Jersild emceed the program and did a wonderful job! Mayor Ike Stage presented the Golden Veteran Awards. We have 5 Golden Veterans: Carl Patzer, Michael Caleb Schwiebert, Bill Graul, Russell Miller, and Mel Baker. These special honored Veterans were given an Eagle plaque for their services!

"The Demorest Road American Legion Post 532 led the Pledge of Allegiance, taps and the gun salute. St. Johns teenagers served the Veterans their delicious roast beef lunch and St. John's member, David Shrum sang the Star-Spangled Banner! He did a great job!

"Special thank you to Wilma Phillips for co-chairing and doing an excellent job! Thanks to Steve Marcum for organizing the American Legion and all his hard work! Thanks to Diana Imbrock, Laurie and Gary Pecuch, Elaine Bennett, Jane Stenerson, and all the wonderful kitchen helpers: Cindy Henricksen, Annette Utzinger, Christine Hank, Phil Pennington. Thanks also to Susan Koehler, Debbie Abbitt, Lynn Ehrlich, Charlotte Rausch, Amanda Baldree, Bonnie Swanson, and Karen Jersild for helping; and all the Elizabeth and Sarah Circle ladies for the delicious pies. Thank you, Aaron Clark, for running the sound system and slide presentation.

"Special thank you to our Veterans for the sacrifices they made for all of us and for their service to our country! This program is presented in their honor, this is the least we can do. God bless our Veterans!

"One more special thank you to the ladies who made the crocheted crosses for the Veterans; Sarah Schmitz, Karen Grossman, Cheryl Thompson, and Wilma Phillips." ~ Pam Castle, Veteran's Annual Dinner Coordinator.

"I want to thank all of those who served lunch for the Veterans on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. It was such a nice day, and both the youth and adults did such a nice job. Sincerely,"  
~ Air Force Veteran,  
Carl Patzer

"I want to thank you all for the beautiful birthday cards. I love them. I did nursery for 27 years. I loved so much doing the nursery. I loved all those children so much. It was such a blessing for me. I had so much fun with them. We did stories, games, coloring, singing Jesus Loves Me, and other songs. Love you all."  
~ Della Welsh.

"Thanks for prayers! Jake Hungler has returned stateside and is based in Oklahoma City."  
~ Pastor Ray Rosenthal.

*"Rejoice always,  
pray without ceasing,  
in everything give thanks;  
for this is the will of God  
in Christ Jesus for you."*  
~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



**Thank you for your generous gifts and prayers through Operation Christmas Child** for the children in need around the world! Shoeboxes filled by our St. John's family have been delivered to a local church collection site where they will be shipped on to the children. We ask that you continue to pray that God prepares the hearts of these children, that they respond to His love. If you would like to join 27,000+ other Prayer Partners who pray for Operation Christmas Child year-round, please visit:

[www.Samaritanspurse.org/PraywithOCC](http://www.Samaritanspurse.org/PraywithOCC).

"Kudos and thanksgiving to the gracious and dedicated individuals involved in planning and executing the 8th Annual St. John's Veterans' Luncheon on Sunday, November 7, 2021. The veterans and their families were treated with such kindness, courtesy, and respect at this event. Every aspect felt like a warm HUG, honoring the vets for their service and thanking them in a myriad of ways. We enjoyed a wonderful program; veteran photo display; delicious dinner served by attentive youth and adults; tangible patriotic gifts, including a handmade pocket prayer cloth; veterans group photo; and gun salute and taps by the American Legion #532. We can't say enough about how meaningful this luncheon was to us personally. We extend our gratitude to all those who worked. We extend our gratitude to all those who worked this event for the bountiful blessings bestowed upon the veterans of St. John's and their families on that beautiful day. With love,"

~ Air Force Veteran, James Rorick and wife Carol.



## ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & DINNER THEATER!

Please plan to join us Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> for a special Christmas Celebration. This year's program will feature **Sunday School Students, and much more!** Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. and **the program will begin immediately following dinner.** Please bring a dessert to share when the program ends.



All are welcome, so please be sure to invite friends, family, and neighbors! Suggested dinner donations for adults is \$6.00 and \$5.00 for children. We can always use extra hands to set up and clean-up for this event. Please contact Elaine Bennett or mark the salmon insert if you are able to help.



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 for information.

**Elizabeth Circle**  
Sherry Nighbert  
614-581-1436

**Sarah Circle**  
Vi Davis  
614-875-2605



## TIPS FOR HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS WHEN GRIEVING



1. **DECIDE WHAT YOU CAN HANDLE COMFORTABLY AND LET FAMILY AND FRIENDS KNOW.**  
Can I handle the responsibility of the family dinner, etc. or shall I ask someone else to do it?  
Do I want to talk about my loved one or not?  
Shall I stay here for the holidays or go to a completely different environment?
2. **MAKE SOME CHANGES IF THEY FEEL COMFORTABLE FOR YOU.**  
Let the children take over decorating the house, the tree, baking and food preparation, etc.  
Have dinner at a different time or place.  
Vary the timing of gift giving; open presents Christmas Eve instead of Christmas morning.
3. **RE-EXAMINE YOUR PRIORITIES: GREETING CARDS, HOLIDAY BAKING, DECORATING, PUTTING UP A TREE, FAMILY DINNER, ETC.**  
Do I really enjoy doing this? Is this a task that can be shared?
4. **CONSIDER DOING SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR SOMEONE ELSE.**  
Invite a guest (foreign student, senior citizen) to share festivities.  
Donate money you would have spent on your loved one as a gift to charity.  
Donate a gift in the memory of your loved one.  
Adopt a needy family for the holidays.
5. **RECOGNIZE YOUR LOVED ONE'S PRESENCE IN THE FAMILY.**  
Burn a special candle to quietly include your loved one.  
Look at photographs.  
Listen to music especially liked by the deceased.  
Hang a stocking for your loved one in which people can put notes with their thoughts or feelings.
6. **IF YOU DECIDE TO DO HOLIDAY SHOPPING, MAKE A LIST AHEAD OF TIME AND KEEP IT HANDY FOR A GOOD DAY, AND SHOP ONLINE OR THROUGH CATALOGS.**
7. **OBSERVE THE HOLIDAYS IN WAYS WHICH ARE COMFORTABLE FOR YOU.**  
**There is no right or wrong way of handling holidays.**  
Once you've decided how to observe the time, let others know.
8. **TRY TO GET ENOUGH REST – HOLIDAYS CAN BE EMOTIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY DRAINING.**
9. **ALLOW YOURSELF TO EXPRESS YOUR FEELINGS.**  
Holidays often magnify feelings of loss.  
It is natural to feel sadness.  
The need for support is often greater during holidays.  
Share concerns, apprehensions, feelings with a friend.
10. **KEEP IN MIND THAT THE EXPERIENCE OF MANY BEREAVED PERSONS IS THAT THEY DO COME TO ENJOY HOLIDAYS AGAIN. THERE WILL BE OTHER HOLIDAY SEASONS TO CELEBRATE.**
11. **DON'T BE AFRAID TO HAVE FUN.**  
Laughter and joy are not disrespectful.  
Give yourself and your family members permission to celebrate and take pleasure in the holidays.

## ACCESSIBILITY PLAN PRESENTATIONS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

For the past several months a team of St. John's members has been consulting with architects to explore ways our St. John's church building could:

- \* become more accessible and safe for disabled and elderly members
- \* be more physically welcoming to visitors
- \* incorporate a warm fellowship space for all our members

The team is particularly excited about a proposal from the McKnight Group, a local architect firm, which we believe would meet our needs.

Throughout the next two months, the team will be providing opportunities for all members of St. John's to see the McKnight proposal and ask questions.

At our Annual Congregational Meeting (at the end of January), we will make a motion that the congregation proceed to the next step, which would be to formulate a possible funding plan for the project.

Please be aware that a positive vote in January would only be the first step of several. The congregation would need to OK a clearly-defined funding plan at a later date in order for any project to actually begin.

We hope you will come and participate in one (or more) of the informational forums we are planning in December and January:

<b>December 2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	During Men's Bible Study, 8:00 a.m., Room 103-4
<b>December 4<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Following Saturday 4:00 p.m. Worship in the Main Sanctuary
<b>December 5<sup>th</sup>:</b>	At the beginning of Sunday School (9:30 a.m.); Basement Fellowship Hall
<b>December 5<sup>th</sup>:</b>	At the beginning of Sunday School (9:30 a.m.); Chapel
<b>December 12<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Following 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Main Sanctuary
<b>December 17<sup>th</sup>:</b>	OWLS meeting, 11:30 a.m.; Family Life Center
<b>December 19<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Following 11:00 Traditional Worship, Main Sanctuary

More General Forums will be held in January, dates and times TBA. Please pray for God's guidance for St. John's as we consider the possibility of this big project. May all we do be to the praise and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ!



**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE**-As in previous years, the Sanctuary of St. John's will be filled with the beauty of red poinsettias as we celebrate the coming of the Christ Child. Each plant will be in a 6.5 inch pot and is available for purchase. The cost of each poinsettia will be \$7.50. You may place an order by sending a completed form along with your check to the office, or placing it in the offering plate. Make checks payable to St. John's and mark "For Poinsettia Order." Orders must be received no later than December 15th. The flowers may be taken after our Christmas service on December 25.

**Please check one:**

☐ **I will be picking my flowers up by December 30th.**

☐ **I wish to donate my flowers to shut-ins.**

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ (In case of questions)

Number of poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ \$7.50 ea. = \_\_\_\_\_

Method of payment (mark one) Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of person(s) ordering: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

(list how you wish names to appear in service folder - i.e. The Davis Family, or Art and Frieda Davis)

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF NOVEMBER 14, 2021

### Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Eric Wiltsie** by Ed and Glenda Sheets.  
Given in memory of **Marilyn Rice** by Ike and Shelah Stage.  
Given in memory of **Glenn and Alma Bobb** by James and Donald Bobb.  
Given in memory of **Carl Kinman** by Susan Koehler; Ike and Shelah Stage; Robert and Bonnie Swanson; Howard and Nellie McCarley; Beth Katterhenrich, and Marilyn Wright.  
Given in honor of the **wedding of David Sweeley and Barbara Grubb** by John Schuder.

### Memorial Fund, Handbells

Given in memory of **Carl Kinman** by Lorina Allmon.

### Memorial Fund, Kitchen

Given in memory of **Carl Kinman** by Vi Davis.  
Given in honor of the **wedding of David Sweeley and Barbara Grubb** by Vi Davis.

### Memorial Fund, Youth

Given in honor of **Bob Eesley's birthday** by Beth Katterhenrich.  
Given in honor of the **wedding anniversary of Brock and Grace Starr** by Kevin and Holly Starr.

### Memorial Fund, Youth Ministry

Given in memory of **Carl Kinman** by Kevin and Holly Starr.

### Altar Guild and Homebound Communion

Given in memory of **Carl Kinman** by Dellno and Betty Lewis; and Vi Davis.

### Bed Brigade Fund

Given in honor of **Pastor Ray Rosenthal's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination** by Suzie Long.  
Given in honor of **Bob Eesley's birthday** by Beth Katterhenrich.  
Given in memory of **Carl Kinman** by John and Judy Lechner; Barbara Armentrout; Richard Rush; Keith and Jane Stenerson; Wilma Phillips; and Beth Katterhenrich.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Given in memory of **Joyce Althoff and our wedding anniversary** by Warren Althoff.

**SCRIP GIFT CARDS:** Place your order by the first Tuesday of the month and within the week receive gift cards that you can use at hundreds of retail stores and restaurants.

Contact Gary Pecuch at 614-620-2659. Be sure to talk to Pam Wittenberg about other ways you can receive SCRIP.

**Connect your KROGER card with the COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM.**

Go to <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>.

Our organization number is EY530. Shop at Kroger and a percentage comes back to the youth at St. John's! *Thank you!*

### **AMAZONSMILE:**

Link your Amazon account through AmazonSmile for St. John's youth program to receive .05% of your selected Amazon purchases.

To set up AmazonSmile, simply activate AmazonSmile in the Amazon app on your phone, or go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser.

## GIVING TO ST. JOHN'S

We are very grateful for your generous and continued financial support of our ministries!

### **How to give to St. John's:**

1. During worship services.
2. Mail your offering to the church – 3220 Columbus St., Grove City, Ohio 43123.
3. Through your financial institution – they will send a check directly to the church on your behalf.
4. St. John's website – [www.stjohnsgc.org](http://www.stjohnsgc.org) – online giving is available through Vanco Services, and we have partnered with them for more than 20 years. It is secure and safe.
5. Through the Vanco Mobile (formerly GivePlus) app available from Apple or Google – again a partnership between the church and Vanco Services. Set up a profile one time, and set up a recurring gift, or give when you want to. Once your profile is set up, giving is a one-touch process.

**2021 Offerings must be received in the church office by December 31, 2021**, or if mailed, have a postmark on or before Dec. 31, 2021. Gifts received after that date will be considered as given for the year 2022.

**2022 Offering envelopes have not yet been received.**  
Please watch the News Notes for updates.





# Quilters

**We will meet to fill the Christmas bags on December 7, 2021**, in rooms 103-104 from 9am-1pm. Come join us to bundle all the generous gifts! Be part of the process to bring a bit of Christian love and joy to needy children.

**The Quilters' Christmas quilt sale this year begins December 18-19, 2021.**

Most of the quilts are in the range of \$25-\$45. Quilt-filled tables will be set up in the Link. Be sure to stop in and grab this opportunity.

**Thank you** to everyone for your donations to help fill the 100 Christmas bags to be given to the children whose families use the LSS Food Pantry on Champion Avenue. The Quilters wish to thank Grove City Family Dentistry on Columbus Street for their donation of 100 child-friendly toothbrushes, toothpaste, and flossers for the Christmas bags. Special thanks to Barb Armentrout and Betty Lewis, who together bought out the Cancer Thrift Store. Many thanks to all who donated Beanie Babies and other small playthings. These are much appreciated donations.

If you would like to make a quilt at home to donate to the Bed Brigade or another charity, we can furnish the material and other supplies at no cost to you. Call the church to set up a time to make your selection of material.

The Quilters meet every Tuesday morning in rooms 103-104. Come whenever you can. Stay for the morning or pop in for a few minutes. Most of the quilting is simple and basic. All quilting materials are provided. There is a chair waiting for you at the hand quilting frame, also. If you prefer, you may want to cut canceled stamps. Bring a sack lunch if you are staying during lunch. Our last meeting of 2021 will be December 7, 2021.

*"Dear God, please help me find the strength to face the days  
when I feel uncertain about the future. Amen."*

The Quilters wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

## OWLS EVENT – DECEMBER 17, 2021

The Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) are very happy and excited to be together this year to celebrate the Christmas Season with our friends. Giving to those in need with gifts of money to ease their burden, praying for the sick and their families, lending a helping hand to others who are unable to perform simple tasks and offering a true friendship are what we do as a group. We hope you consider attending our meeting and see for yourself. You might not be too interested in a certain month's program but you will always enjoy the friendship and Christian love shared among us.

Normally we put a basket on the buffet table for those who wish to help pay for the chicken but we will be collecting money to donate to a needy family of St. John's. Thanks in advance!

For our December meeting we will be entertained by thirty children from Our Lady of Perpetual Help singing some of their favorite Christmas songs and we will join them to sing a few of ours! Kim Nocero does a wonderful job with the music program at OLPH and she is looking forward to entertaining our group.

We will also welcome Dan Yeater before the children's singing to give us an update on the most recent project at St. John's – updating the accessibility for St. John's members. It is a much-needed undertaking and we hope you come and hear what's being planned.



**The potluck is back!!** OWLS will provide fried chicken and meat loaf. Bring a covered dish and join your friends for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. We ask you to arrive around 11:15 am so we can open the meeting at 11:30 am.

Use the salmon sheet in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation so the group can plan accordingly. You may also contact the office or call Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. Hope to see you there!



## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES!

**PARENTING RESOURCE: AXIS!** It's a website with parent guides, conversations kits, expert videos, and excellent materials on parenting teens in today's culture. If you'd like to be on our monthly AXIS email list, please contact Diana Imbrock or Laurie Pecuch. If you're a parent, grandparent, or someone who faith webs with our youth...this is a very helpful resource!

**ADVENT FAMILY FAITH BOXES** were handed out at CONNECT on Nov. 18. We've also hand delivered some! We hope that you enjoy the daily devotions and block activity.

### YOUTH DECEMBER DATES AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

12-04: GLOW: Matthew 5:16 HIGH SCHOOL EVENT  
12-04: BIKE ASSEMBLY  
12-07: SCRIP ORDERS DUE  
12-12: CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
12-19: KINDNESS EVENT

**Be sure to plug into these great opportunities, as well:** Sunday School (for all ages), contact leader Tim Allman. Children's Church (during sermon time of Contemporary Worship), contact leader Jenn Czaplicki.



### LOOKING FORWARD TO JANUARY 2022

1-03: AXIS email with monthly focus  
1-04: SCRIP ORDERS DUE  
1-06: WEEKLY CONNECT\* resumes  
1-08: GLOW: Matthew 5:16 HIGH SCHOOL EVENT  
1-09: HOLY COMMUNION LEARNING EVENT, 1st year students  
1-09: WEEKLY HIGH SCHOOL IQA BIBLE STUDY resumes  
1-16: FAITH & PURPOSE with Gary and Laurie, during SS hour  
1-17: AXIS follow up email  
1-23: LORD'S PRAYER LEARNING EVENT, 2nd year students

*\*CONNECT meets weekly on Thursday, 6pm – 7:15pm. Children, ages 4 through grade 6 are invited to join us. Grades 7—12 are invited to be leaders. The greeter's table will open at 5:40pm. If you have any questions, again you can talk to Laurie. Her number is 614-620-2669. We have lots of fun, faith-filled things planned for each age-group!*

### FAITH AND PURPOSE

Gary and Laurie will be leading four sessions on Faith & Purpose this school year during the Sunday School Hour. The second session is scheduled for **Sunday, January 16th**, starting at 9:30am. The sessions are designed for individuals from 7<sup>th</sup> graders all the way up through adulthood. They are also ideal for parents of children under age 12. Though not required, you may RSVP to Gary at [gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org).

**SIGN UP TO JOIN THE  
MEXICO MISSION FAMILY—2022!**

Do you have a heart for the children of Mexico and sharing the Good News with our brothers and sisters in Christ?

**Mission dates are  
July 22<sup>nd</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.**

Contact Diana Imbrock  
with questions or to sign up.  
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**PRAYERS AND PINS—2022  
St. John's Bowling Club**



**WAYNE WEBB'S**

**@ Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl  
3224 S High St, Columbus 43207  
(614)491-7155**


The cost is \$14 per person weekly. If you are not present, you may pay the following week. \$7 in proceeds will go to our mission funds and \$7 to WWCB.

1. Club will bowl at **3:00pm on Sundays from January 9th to March 27th**, 12 weeks total.
2. Checks should be made out to WWCB.
3. We will bowl 2 games each week.
4. Teams will consist of 4 players, and substitutions are welcome.

Plan to have a great time!  
No worries if you are a rookie—it's about having fun!

Contact Dave or Karen Grossman (614) 579-8037 or Jo Dimond (614)270-3291  
jodimond@aol.com.

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE  
ALASKA AND MEXICO  
MISSION FUNDS!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<b>5</b> Trad. Worship 8:15am Sunday School/Access. Info. Mtg 9:30am Men's Chorale Reh. 9:30am Small Group 10am Trad. Worship 11am Cont. Worship 11am Private Event 12pm Adult Basketball 6pm	<b>6</b> BSF Leaders 9:30am Lunchtime AA 12pm Private Event 12pm Quilters Candy 2pm Puppet Reh. 6pm Elizabeth Circle 6:30pm Daily Reprieve AA 7pm	<b>7</b> <b>SCRIP ORDERS DUE</b> Quilters 9am OWLS Plng 11:30am Small Group 12:30pm Cub Scouts 6pm SW Historical 7pm BSA 392 7pm	<b>8</b> BSF 9:30am Small Group 1pm Women's Chorale 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm	<b>9</b> Promise Keepers 8am Small Group 1pm HS Acting 2:30pm Celebration Ringers 6:15pm Dartball (away) 8pm	<b>10 EAGLE DEADLINE</b> Small Group 7am Bulletin Team 10:30am Private Event 7pm AA 8:30pm	<b>11</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry 9am Trad. Worship 4pm AA Serenity Seekers 7pm
<b>12</b> Trad. Worship / Access. Info. Mtg 8:15am Sunday School 9:30am Men's Chorale Reh. 9:30am Small Group 10am Trad. & Cont. Worship 11am Private Event 2pm Christmas Program/Dinner 5pm	<b>13</b> BSF Leaders 9:30am Lunchtime AA 12pm Puppet Reh. 6pm Sarah Circle 6pm Small Group 6pm Finance Team 7pm Daily Reprieve AA 7pm	<b>14</b> Quilters 9am Small Group 12:30pm Cub Scouts 6pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild 6:15pm BSA 392 7pm	<b>15</b> BSF 9:30am Small Group 1pm Women's Chorale 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm	<b>16</b> Promise Keepers 8am Small Group 1pm HS Acting 2:30pm Celebration Ringers 6:15pm Dartball (away) 8pm	<b>17</b> Small Group 7am Bulletin Team 10:30am OWLS/Access. Info. Mtg. 11:30am AA 8:30pm	<b>18</b> Christmas Cookie Sale 8am Quilt Sale 8am Sit-Down Comm. Service 1pm Trad. Worship 4pm AA Serenity
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<b>26</b> Trad. Worship 8:15am Sunday School 9:30am Men's Chorale Reh. 9:30am Small Group 10am Trad. & Cont. Worship 11am Adult Basketball 6pm	<b>27</b> BSF Leaders 9am Lunchtime AA 12pm Puppet Reh. 6pm Small Group 6pm Daily Reprieve AA 7pm	<b>28</b> Quilters 9am Small Group 12:30pm Cub Scouts 6pm BSA 392 7pm	<b>29</b> Small Group 1pm Women's Chorale 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm	<b>30</b> Promise Keepers 8am Small Group 1pm HS Acting 2:30pm Celebration Ringers 6:15pm	<b>31</b> Small Group 7am Bulletin Team 10:30am AA 8:30pm	<b>NEW YEARS DAY</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>

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December 2021

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*The Eagle*  
December 2021

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!**

Traditional

Saturdays at 4pm

Sundays at 8:15 & 11am

Contemporary

Sundays at 11am

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