



# The Eagle

June 2022

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
3220 Columbus St., Grove City, Ohio  
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Letter from the Associate Pastor

Dear Disciples of Jesus,

*"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Acts 2:1-4)*

Pentecost Sunday is June 5th this year (50 days after Easter) and marks the beginning of the Christian Church. The disciples had been trying to make sense of Jesus' resurrection appearances and his ascension. As Jesus is departing from them, he promises an advocate who would come to dwell among them. As the disciples were all together in one place, the Spirit descended upon them, and they began to speak in different languages, so that those gathered from around the known world could understand in their native tongue. It is in this moment that the disciples become apostles, those who are sent out. It is the Spirit, then, that empowers and sends disciples into the world.

This year, as we hear the story of Pentecost, we are reminded that we too are sent by the Spirit into the world to bear God's creative and redeeming Word to all.

The Spirit sends us into the world both as a community of faith and as individuals. We are sent as a community to serve others through our Bed Brigade, Good Samaritan help, and Vacation Bible School. We are sent as individuals when we sit at the bedside of those in the hospital or at home, offer a caring conversation with a co-worker, or sharing a bottle of water on a hot day to someone in need.

Our youth will be having another service retreat where they will do a variety of projects, both here at church as well as in the community. I love that we teach our youth what it means to be servants for those in need.

It can be both exciting and frightening to be sent into the world to serve those in need. And so, we trust that the Spirit goes ahead of us, is with us, and will abide after us. Thanks be to God for the work that we are called and empowered to do!

*Looking Forward in Faith,*

*Pastor Patti*

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

## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

**Officers:** Aaron Clark, Council President; Paul Wittenberg, Vice President; Karen Bentley, Secretary; Kathy Myers, Treasurer.

**Members-At-Large:** Warren Althoff, Wayne Beavers, Shirley Blake, Dave Clark, Doug Cress, Michael Grimm, Sky Singleton, Gary Smith.



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

The family and friends of **Dorothy Cannon**,  
who passed away April 16, 2022.

The family and friends of **Carole Ratcliff**, who passed  
away May 3, 2022.

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



### **MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF MAY 8, 2022**

#### **Memorial Fund**

Given in memory of **Alice Loomis** by Sheryl Fraley; and Mr. and Mrs. Brady Wilson.

Given in memory of **Annette Utzinger** by Shonda Whitfield.

Given in memory of **Catherine Baumgartner** by Ike and Shelah Stage; Jim Braskett; Joyce and Fred Schoch; and Michael and Deborah Gibboney.

Given in memory of **Carole Ratcliff** by Ike and Shelah Stage; and Nellie McCarley.

Given in memory of **Russell Miller** by Raymond and Karen Bentley; and Margie Kennell.

#### **Memorial Fund, Technology**

Given in memory of **Gail Turnbull** by Richard Rush, and by Phil and Cindy Pennington.

#### **Accessibility Project**

Given in honor of **Pastor Seth** by Sheryl Fraley.

#### **Bed Brigade Fund**

Given in memory of **Gail Turnbull** by Suzie Long.

Given in memory of **Chuck Bent** by Suzie Long.

Given in honor of **children and grandchildren** by Kathy Krofcheck.

Given in memory of **Russell Miller** by Keith and Jane Stenerson.

**The deadline for the JULY Eagle is  
JUNE 10TH.**

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



St. John's is looking for volunteers who own power washers to help beautify the church exterior in preparation for summer. We are looking for a few individuals to power wash the sidewalks, outside concrete stairs, handicap ramp, three concrete porches of the FLC, playground equipment, and the concrete floor and picnic tables in the shelter house.

Let us know when you can help! Volunteers can do a single area or all. Whatever fits your schedule.

Contact Business Manager Mike Esposito at the church by phone (614)875-2314 or email [mesposito@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:mesposito@stjohnsgc.org).

## VBS IS ALMOST HERE!!



**Pre-registration online and in person is open until June 24<sup>th</sup> for all children 3 years old (must be potty trained) to 6<sup>th</sup> grade.** Any student that is finishing grades 7-12 should contact Laurie Pecuch to volunteer and attend training on June 26<sup>th</sup>. All VBS donation requests can be found on the boards in the Link and in the North Entrance along with the carnival donations. Please grab a few cards and return items by June 24<sup>th</sup>!

For our VBS teachers, teaching materials are available for pick up. Our **teacher training** will be **JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, after late service in rooms 103 and 104, to help transform our church into an island of discovery! Lunch will be provided and then everyone will decorate the Family Life Center before moving on to individual classrooms.

Please contact Christina Allman at 614-519-8092 if you cannot make the meeting!

**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.







## Quilters

The Quilters try to help the less fortunate by showing God's love and our understanding of their situations. Our main focus is to make quilts for our Christmas sale and give the proceeds to various church ministries. We donate some of the unsold quilts to children's charities. During the last half of the year, we make 100 Christmas bags for children whose families use the food pantries and request items to fill the bags. Our two on-going projects are collecting used greeting card fronts for The Cancer Thrift Store and preparing and mailing off used stamps for hand rehabilitation at two military hospitals. At the end of the year, we donate most of our treasury to food pantries and various church ministries.

The Quilters welcome visitors. We are a small group for those uncomfortable in large gatherings. The Quilters meet every Tuesday from 9am to 2pm in rooms 103-104. The times are very flexible suggestions. We come and go as we wish for as long or short as our energy and interest last. Come at any time and stay as long or short as you wish. You may sew on a machine, learn to hand quilt, cut squares, arrange the squares, tie knots, or pin a hem! We always need someone to sort the donated fabric. You may choose and take fabric home to make a quilt to donate. We bring a packed lunch.

Please note: Quilters will not be meeting on Tuesday, June 28th, the week of Vacation Bible School.

*Lord, give me the Christian love and understanding to not judge others. Amen*

### WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Join us for the next meetings on **Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 9am**  
and **Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 7pm**

We are 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.

*Prayer Shawl  
Ministry*



### OWLS EVENT - JUNE 17



The Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) are inviting you to their June 17th meeting. Our speaker is Margo Bartlett. You might have read her column in the Grove City Record. If you haven't read one of her very entertaining columns, please look for it in the next Record. You will laugh a little and relate to many of her stories. Margo has written a newspaper column since 1980, working first for the Delaware Gazette, then for the Dispatch-owned This Week neighborhood papers. She says when she started, she was told "to avoid sticky subjects like politics, religion, and bowling scores (a subject dear to the hearts of the Gazette owners)." She now sticks to the small stuff. Some of it is extremely small.

She will share some of her columns not published in Grove City and answer questions. She might share her secret – how dust appears on the furniture the moment she sits down to read a book. Even though some of the OWLS may already know the answer.

Guests are always welcome!!! We offer friendship, companionship, and a great lunch! The OWLS will provide fried chicken and meatloaf for our potluck lunch. Bring a covered dish and join your friends for a delicious meal and a wonderful program. We ask you to arrive around 11:15am so we can open the meeting at 11:30am. Use the salmon insert in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation so the group can plan accordingly. You can also call the office or Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. Hope to see you there!



# **Graduation 2022**

## **Advice gathered for our graduates from our church community May 1, 2022**

### ***DON'T BE AFRAID TO...***

...take risks, start new paths, push yourself, ask for help, go against the crowd, say what you think, be yourself, talk to new people, give those in need good advice, try something new, fail (Failure is where we learn the most.), meet new people, or apply to jobs, schools, and programs, you may not get into.

### ***BE PREPARED TO...***

...pray a lot, have road blocks, work hard, be wrong (and be ready to learn!), accept responsibilities, have a lot of challenges, be challenged, try anything new, make mistakes, feel lost (Every day brings you to a new crossroad.), feel scared, study!!! Go outside your comfort zone, share the hope of the Gospel, and find and drop many new friends.

### ***ALWAYS KEEP...***

...God close in your heart, God in your mind, God first, God and relationships first (Everything else can wait.), true to who you are, true to yourself, your head up, a positive attitude, positive, trying, going (Even when it feels overwhelming, just focus on the next step.), Jesus as your guide, Jesus in your heart, close to your faith web, and good memories close at hand.

### ***DON'T ALLOW YOURSELF TO...***

...make decisions without prayer, give up, get overwhelmed, dwell on mistakes (Learn from them, but don't let them hold you back.), compromise your integrity, stray (Keep your faith.), be consumed by negative things, be defeated, give up or dwell on the past, compromise yourself to trust lower standards, feel inadequate, forget who you are, or be led astray.

### ***BE OPEN TO...***

...God's will, everything, change, change – even if it's scary, ways to serve the church, everyone and keep your faith, trying new things, constructive criticism, all aspects of life, new opportunities, God's calling and directions – that persistent, small voice in the back of your mind, advice, making new friends, new ideas, Bible Study, and entering a social event without knowing anyone.



## **HOPE YOU ALWAYS...**

...have hope and optimism, have fun, love everyone you meet, look for the positive – even in difficult situations, keep Jesus pre-eminent in your life, know your family loves you, try, remember you are loved, enjoy your future endeavors, have faith in God and yourself, keep your foundation of faith, grow, remember your St. John's family prays for you, remember who loves you, find a moment of peace away from people, and come home to us to visit!

## **HOPE YOU DON'T...**

...feel afraid to ask for help, forget your faith, eat too much pizza 🍕, doubt yourself, make easily avoidable mistakes, lose your faith, give up, forget your roots, ever give up, stop coming to church, forget this church family praying for your success, feel pressured to be something you're not, forget to ask for help, forget us, or lose hope in something you wanted to do.

## **MY LAST PIECE OF ADVICE IS:**

Love one another.	The Lord is always with you.	Start a Roth IRA now.
Enjoy life.	<u>Never</u> forget who you are.	Make time for yourself.
Be bold!	Be the light.	Never stop being <u>YOU</u> !!
Stay positive; mindset is everything.	Be yourself. Nobody else can be you.	
Keep up the good work; always try to be positive.	Jesus loves you and we do, too!	
It's OK to say no; you don't need to please everybody.		
Don't be afraid to dream, fail, and try again.		
Always, always, listen to your Heavenly Father!		



## *Two poems by Ada Weygandt*

### *June*

What could be lovelier than  
A morning in June,  
When all Nature seems  
to be in tune;  
When the trees are green  
and the flowers  
In bloom;  
When the air is fresh and clean  
And everything is new again?  
Sing praises to our God for all the  
things we love,  
For all the blessings  
he rains from above!

### *Love in Bloom*

A marriage is like a garden  
planted by God  
For a man and woman to tend and share.  
The weeds must be pulled  
as soon as they appear,  
Or they will sprout and grow  
and take over, You know.  
So, water your garden  
and keep it nourished,  
And year after year  
you will see it flourish.  
May the seeds that God plants  
bloom in many a heart!



# SUMMER 2022

## Faith Adventures

Kindly Respond by June 6th by completing the RSVP on the back of the summer brochure (in entry ways at church or on youth office door) or emailing [lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org).

### FAMILIES

#### **SUMMER FAMILY FAITH BAG**

You've enjoyed the box! This summer we have a Family Faith BAG! The activities best fit families with children ages 3 – 12, but they can be adapted to other ages. Your bag will include a colorful deck of 56 cards full of faith-based activities and other ideas for families to do at home or on the go. Cards can be used all summer long. We even include some fun supplies for you!

#### GRADES 5—8

**(GRADE GOING INTO THIS FALL )**

#### **SUMMER FUN!**

On Thursday, June 23, 6—8:30pm, we have an evening of fun things planned. Meet us at church and follow the clues and who knows where you'll end up...but definite surprises and fun for everyone! And who knows? You might learn some things about yourself and the God who loves you along the way!

#### **FAITH IN ACTION**

We will be putting our faith into action and making a difference. Serving is important and we need you to do it! Join us July 11—14 (that's Monday through Thursday) from 6—8:30pm. Dinner included. We will have a variety of service experiences throughout the week. Always fun, never boring, and definitely worth-while. Come make a difference for Jesus' sake!

#### GRADES 9—12+

**(GRADE GOING INTO THIS FALL )**

#### **GLOW OVERNIGHTER!**

Yes, we did say it! We are having an overnight event for you on Monday, June 20, starting at 6pm and going through Tuesday, June 21, ending at 10am. We know the overnight part is the best part, but we think you'll get a lot out of everything we have planned....expect fun, lots of food, crazy challenges, mindful practices you can do all summer, meaningful connections...and all the other things that make an overnighter so much fun!

#### **FAITH IN ACTION**

You will find purpose, belonging, and even a sense of Christian identity when you serve and help others. Come serve with us July 11—14 (that's Monday through Thursday) from 10am to 2pm. Lunch included. For your age group, we will be going off-site for many of the projects.

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

VBS will be held in the morning, June 27—30. Training for teen leaders (going into 8th grade and up) will be Sunday, June 26, 9:30—10:30am.

***Other activities for all ages throughout the summer, watch the bulletin for updates!***



# happy June birthday!

<u>1</u> Michael Grimm Eli Jenkins James McFarland	<u>8</u> Randy Johnson Jane Stenerson	<u>14</u> Carley House Melissa Kauffman Susan Previts	<u>21</u> Joel Baughman Gary Buckingham Caroline Hartig David Larson Amy Wanner Layne Wilks	<u>26</u> Steve Contizano Ryan Spoon
<u>2</u> Molly Frasher	<u>9</u> Allison Clark Jackson Jump Blake Lang John Neal Samantha Snashall	<u>15</u> Julia Briggeman Corvan Daranikone Lucy Hartley Alex Koehler	<u>22</u> Lilli Ferguson Kyle Gillispie Steve Marcum Owen Wells	<u>27</u> Cora Grimm Jack O'Brien Megan Seese
<u>4</u> Kaelyn Canter Carol Fornof Gus Logan Hattie Logan Addie White	<u>10</u> Kim Easterday Jo Anne Keller Sarah Schmitz	<u>16</u> Luci Evans Roy Merwin Trenten Rezes Lloyd Sonnen II	<u>23</u> Diane Hill Jace Hill-Freeman	<u>28</u> Nellie McCarley Cynthia Schemrich Randy Sefchick Tyler Stage Mike Walsh Toni Wilson
<u>5</u> Rita Murray	<u>11</u> Devin Anderson Jemma Baldree Linda Diehl Doug Jones Mahala Wanner Brian Weaver	<u>17</u> Cheryl Engard Shelby Patzer Terri Sennett-Brown	<u>24</u> Peggy Frebault Kirsten Lovell Mildred Quinn	<u>29</u> Gloria Bullert
<u>6</u> Allyson Jenny Kaleigh Westerfeld	<u>12</u> Brayden Gottshall	<u>18</u> Alexander Clark	<u>25</u> Andrea Abbruzzese Joann Claggett Kelly Kozman Hunter Thompson Sawyer Wells	<u>30</u> Connie Perry Rebecca Retherford
<u>7</u> Elizabeth Bausch Shelah Stage Ocean Wells Dan Yeater	<u>13</u> Jocelyn Canter	<u>19</u> Polly Carter		
		<u>20</u> Rosina Hartig		

*thank you*

"I just want to thank everyone for the prayers, love, and cards. I am home now, recuperating, and doing well. Special thanks to Pastor Seth Jersild for coming to visit me in the hospital."

~ Debbie Boehm.

"I want to thank Pastor Patti, Ike Stage for the proclamation, and the congregation for the wonderful singing of "Happy Birthday" for my hundredth birthday. You are all much loved. Bless and thank you all!"

~ Paul Offenburger and family.


"P.S. – Almost forgot, the cake was good, too!"

**AXIS PARENTING RESOURCE:** It's a website with parent guides, conversations kits, expert videos, and excellent materials on parenting youth in today's culture. If you'd like to be on our AXIS email list and/or like to have direct membership access to the website, please contact Diana Imbrock.

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There is also an AXIS resource wall on the second floor, across from the youth office. It's been recently re-organized and is full of insightful Parent Guides with practical tips on parenting.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<b>5 SUMMER FAMILY FAITH BAGS</b> Traditional Worship 8:15am Sunday School 9:30am Small Group 10:30am Traditional Worship 11am Contemporary Worship 11am Private Event 12pm	<b>6</b> Lunchtime AA 12pm Puppet Reh. 6:30pm Daily Reprieve AA 7pm	<b>7 SCRIP DEADLINE</b> Quilters 9am OWLS Planning 11:30am Small Group 12:30pm SW Historical Soc. 7pm BSA 392 7pm Al-Anon 7:30pm	<b>8</b> Small Group 1pm Private Event 6pm	<b>9</b> Promise Keepers 8am	<b>10 EAGLE DEADLINE</b> Bulletin Team 10:30am AA 8:30pm	<b>11</b> Prayer Shawl Min. 9am Private Event 10am Trad. Worship 4pm AA Serenity Seekers 7pm
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