

NEWS NOTES

June 19, 2022

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Wayne and Carla Beavers,
Caroline Koethke

Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis,
Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Readers

4:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Pam Wittenberg

11:00am: Karen Jersild

Acolytes

8:15am: Hunter and Colton Thompson

11:00am: Volunteer(s) Needed

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Christina and Truman Allman

11:00am M/D: Tom and Sally

Weisenberger

N/D: Christine Hank

Lessons Today: Isaiah 65:1-9; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of our parents Jack and Cathryn Lyday, and Robert and Beulah Hughes. Given by Richard and Evelyn Lyday.

ALTAR FLOWERS. In celebration of our 54th wedding anniversary. Given by Dellno and Betty Lewis.

PULPIT AND LECTERN FLOWERS: In celebration of the life of Connie Taylor. Given by friends at St. John's.

BULLETINS: In thanksgiving to God for 60 years of marriage. Given by Ray and Jan Rosenthal.

☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Barb Rawson.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Please pray for the members who are recovering from a surgery or procedure: Mary Lou Mauch.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Lorina Allmon and family as they mourn the loss of her stepsister Linda Paparodis, who died on June 14, 2022. All who grieve are in our prayers.

AFTER 40 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE, GARY PECUCH is stepping back from his role as Youth Minister at St. John's. His last day will be June 30th. Gary will continue to be an active member St. John's. You can connect with Gary via email at faithwebbing@gmail.com. We take comfort knowing that we will still see and speak with him regularly.

We encourage you to send Gary cards to express your love and thanks in the coming weeks. Please drop them off at the office or mail them to the church:

Gary Pecuch
St. John's Lutheran
3220 Columbus Street
Grove City, OH 43123

It's hard to find adequate words to express the appreciation we have for Gary and his service here at St. John's. His work has shaped this congregation's ministry to all generations in a such a powerful, Christ-centered way. Thank you so much for your service, Gary. We love you and appreciate you very much!

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT UPDATE/HELP NEEDED: Now that we have voted to move forward with the accessibility project, we are very excited to move forward with fundraising events to help support this project. As we hope you have heard by now, we have all kinds of ideas about ways we can raise funds. Some of those ideas include bake sales, community movie nights, enhanced carnival activities, themed dinners, holiday activities, and much more! We are looking for members to join our fundraising team.

This does not mean you would be asking people for money. 😊 What we are looking for is people to share their ideas, come up with a calendar of events, and recruit people to lead and staff these activities. You can join us to help with one specific event or you can join us for the duration of the project. Please mark the salmon sheet if you would like to find out more about serving on this team either long term or short term.

BAKE SALE NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH! As a way of helping to raise funds for the accessibility project, we will be having periodic bake sales. We are in need of people to donate baked goods to be sold off on **Sunday, June 26th**. Breads, pies, cookies, muffins, brownies, cakes, etc. all make great donations. The sale will take place **in the Link from 8:30am – 12:30pm**. If you would like work a shift at the bake sale, let us know! Please mark the salmon sheet if we can count on you to donate and item or two or if you would be willing to work a shift. Thanks!



SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE? Please send an email to secretary@stjohnsgc.org, or drop off your article in the secure slot of the church office. Articles for next weekend are **due by 9am on Wednesday, June 22**.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

Whenever you see “ACOLYTE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED” in the bulletin, it’s because the youth assigned to that worship service are not available. It is summer and they’re likely on family vacation.

😊 If you’re a youth and/or adult and would like to volunteer, please talk to the Pastor leading worship that morning. If you’d like to be on the acolyte rotation list and would like to be trained, please talk to Laurie Pecuch. Thank you!



SCRIP GIFT CARDS have a new name! It's now "RAISE RIGHT" but it has the same offers and great value! Orders are placed the first Tuesday of the month. For more details, contact Laurie at lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org. You can also order online. Pam Wittenberg is our expert at that!

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM recently sent us a check for \$496.17. Thank you for your support! If you shop at Kroger, you can give to the youth program, just by shopping. Talk to Laurie about how you can be a part of this easy program.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! (VBS)

ONE WEEK LEFT!!! Join us for Discovery on Adventure Island Vacation Bible School coming to St. John's next week on **June 27th-30th from 9am – noon**. Online registration will remain open until **June 24th**. Be sure to beat the rush and register before Monday morning! All kids ages 3 (must be potty trained) to 6th grade are welcomed to join us! **Check out the donation boards at church for items needed for VBS and the carnival!** Please contact Christina Allman at 614-519-8092 or by email at christina.allman04@gmail.com if you have any questions! Don't miss out on a great summer adventure!

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE CARNIVAL IS COMING BACK AFTER 2 YEARS! **Thursday, June 30th from 5:30pm – 8pm** is when this event will be held in conjunction with Vacation Bible School. This is such a great night to welcome people from the community to our church and a super fun finale to VBS. This year, all of the proceeds from the carnival will be going towards the accessibility project. This event is a great money maker but we can't do it without you! We need people to help in the following areas: Welcome Booth/Ticket Sales, Raffle Table, Games, Food Service, Face Painting, Prize Booth and Tear Down. We are also in need of someone to assemble a few new games for us prior to the carnival. If you could donate even an hour of your time to help with the carnival, PLEASE mark the salmon sheet and we will be in touch with you.

VBS AND CARNIVAL DONATIONS NEEDED! We are in great need of donations for Vacation Bible School and the Carnival. Please take a look at the bulletin boards located in the North Entrance and the Link, take a card (or two!) that has a needed item listed on it, purchase the item(s) and bring it to church by **Sunday, June 26th**. Shelf stable items can be dropped off in the donation bin in the Link. Perishable items can be labeled and left in the kitchen refrigerator. Labels can be found on the refrigerator door. Vacation Bible School is always a summer highlight for our children and children in the community. Your support is greatly appreciated.

✧ STEWARDSHIP ✧

Attendance: June 12 – 246

<u>May 2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$68,423	\$304,148	\$69,259	\$311,711
Benevolence	\$ 4,306	\$ 21,757	\$ 3,078	\$ 23,329

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 – 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.

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIVING
TO ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES!**

A SECURE DROP SLOT is located under the staff mailboxes in the hallway near the secretary's office. If you are dropping off a monetary gift or papers with confidential information, please put it through the slot to help ensure security.

JUNE 19, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Free to love God and one another.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 8:26-39	Jesus casts out demons
Monday	Isaiah 65:1-9	Righteousness of God's judgment
Tuesday	Galatians 3:23-29	The purpose of the law
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 1:10-17	Divisions in the church
Thursday	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Final greetings
Friday	Ephesians 4:1-6	Unity in Christ
Saturday	Psalms 22:19-28	Suffering and praise
Sunday	Luke 9:51-62	The cost of following Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Creator God, you desire peace and unity on earth and in your church, the body of Christ. Free us to unite with one another for Christ's sake. Amen.

Mealtimes Prayer:

Be present at our table, Lord. Be here and everywhere adored. These mercies bless and grant that we may feast in paradise with thee. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord bless you and free you to tell others what God has done for you through Christ our Lord.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Will You Let Me Be
Your Servant*



taking 
faith
home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you felt like an outsider?
- What difference does it make to know that Christians are united through baptism with one purpose of being God's hands, feet, and voice in the world?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Galatians 3:23-29.

The law of God in the Old Testament served its purpose for the people of God. It was like a designated household tutor, "*disciplinarian*" (v. 25) that guided the children until they grew up. Through baptism, we are clothed with—we participate in—Christ's rule in our lives. Faith in Christ now replaces a tutor. That means a life now freed to love God and one another. We are freed from the old categories found in our cultures like honor and shame, insiders and outsiders, rich and poor, all the differences that lead to fear, anger, and distrust of one another. Those clothed in Christ through baptism are one people, one body. As we relate to one another in the Christian community, no more divisions of Gentile or Jew, no more male or female, no more slave or free to separate us from one mission, one faith, and one hope through one baptism (Ephesians 4:1-6).

Discuss: How does knowing we are one body in Christ through baptism affect your relationship to others in the church? In the world?

Pray: Dear God, you who overcome all the barriers we create between people, help us to reach out to one another with your power that unites us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and the theme, how can you be accepting of Christians who express their faith differently from you?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Galatians 3:26-27 reminds us that in baptism we were "*clothed*" with or "*put on*" Christ. This week in your home, remember your baptism daily. Dip your fingers in a small bowl of water. Trace the sign of the cross on yourself or one another's foreheads. Say: **You are a child of God through faith in Jesus. In baptism you were clothed with Christ.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

☪ CALENDAR ☪

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
10:00am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
6:00pm Saddles n Such 4-H (SH [FH])

MONDAY, JUNE 20

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
5:30pm Accessibility Construction Mtg (204)
6:00pm High School GLOW Overnighter
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
12:30pm Small Group (102)
6:00pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FLC)
7:00pm BSA Troop 392 (SH [103-4])
7:30pm Al-Anon (202)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

2:00pm Small Group (101)
5:30pm Lion's Club Meeting (SH [FLC])

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
5:30pm Summer Fun Youth Event (SH, FLC)

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

10:00am Bulletin Team (Lib)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

2:00pm Private Event (FLC, Kit)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

8:00am BAKE SALE! (Link, Kit)
8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
10:00am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
12:30pm Private Event (FLC, Kit)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 1 Thessalonians, Pastor Seth, FH Rm 001 / 1 Timothy, Steve Johnston, Chapel / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, Rms 301, 303.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Ages 2-3, Rm 003 / Ages 4-5, Pre-K and Kindergarten, Rm 009 / Grades 1 and 2, Rm 204 / Grades 3 and 4, Rm 307 / Grades 5 and 6, Rm 306 / Grades 7 and 8, Rms 302 and 304 / High School, Rm 311.

REMINDER: No Youth Sunday School on Sunday, July 3rd.

DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED
ON OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGES.
BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT