

NEWS NOTES

June 26, 2022

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Ron Kenreich, Guest Organist

☪ SERVING TODAY ☪

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Michael Gibboney

8:15am: Sarah Schmitz

11:00am: Christine Hank, Lynda Berry,
Karen Jersild

Altar Guild

David and Lisa Stallard,

Lynn Ehrlich, Chris Snashall

Readers

4:00pm: Charlie Brown

8:15am: Gary Smith

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Acolytes

8:15am: Corban Allman

Brayden Gottshall

11:00am: Dylan Allman

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Judy Graessle

11:00am M/D: Warren Althoff

N/D: David and Lisa Stallard

Lessons Today: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of our 61st wedding anniversary. Given by Stephen and Denise Linder.

ALTAR FLOWERS. In honor of my son Roy's birthday. Given by Chris Jenkins.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In honor of Hunter Thompson's 14th birthday. Given by his grandparents, Terry and Teresa Orahoad.

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

✧ PERSONAL NOTES ✧

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Karen Yeater, Darlene Conkle.

NOTE FROM GARY: As I slide off the staff here at St. John's I have steered away from the word "retirement". My personal mission is to train and equip God's people with the necessary Faith Skills to live out their personal calling in life. I see this mission as a God given calling and I intend to continue in that direction.

As our societal culture continues to shift one must adapt. It's time to create new opportunities and develop new ways of implementing past successes for both adults and youth.

I will be taking the summer and autumn to get on top of some personal projects and then will move forward towards the new.

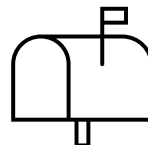
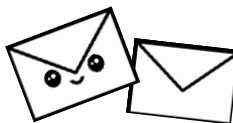
Folks interested in staying in touch or being a part of new adventures can send me an email at faithwebbing@gmail.com or follow on Facebook/[faithwebbing](https://www.facebook.com/faithwebbing).

As I end my staff time at St. John's words cannot express the appreciation for the love and support shown over the years. As we enter a new phase of ministry remember, ***"we win we win hallelujah we win. I've read the back of the book and we win!"***
Amen (So, Be It)

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 ☞

BAKE SALE TODAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH! As a way of helping to raise funds for the accessibility project, we are having a bake sale taking place **in the Link from 8:30am – 12:30pm**. Be sure you stop by and pick up some yummy treats to get you through the week!



QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS will take place after all worship services the weekend of July 16-17. Information packets for the meeting will be available both online and in person on July 9.

SCRIP (now RAISE RIGHT) ORDER DEADLINE is coming up! Please submit your order by the morning of July 5th.

EAGLE DEADLINE is approaching. Please submit your article by noon on July 10th.

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 29**.

☞ 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)

VBS IS almost HERE!!! VBS teachers and staff will meet **TODAY, JUNE 26th, 2022, after late service in Rooms 103 & 104**, to help transform our church into adventure island! Lunch will be provided and then everyone will decorate the family life center before moving on to your individual classroom. Volunteers will also be able to pick up their teaching materials if not already picked up. Please contact Christina Allman at 614-519-8092, if you cannot make the meeting!

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE CARNIVAL IS THIS THURSDAY, JUNE 30TH! Join us **June 30th from 5:30pm – 8pm!** 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.

JUNE 26, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



We are set free to love our neighbor.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Sunday | Luke 9:51-62 | The cost of following Jesus |
| Monday | 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 | Elijah meets God at Horeb |
| Tuesday | Galatians 5:1, 13-25 | Fruit of the Spirit |
| Wednesday | Philippians 2:1-11 | Christ shows us true humility |
| Thursday | Deuteronomy 15:7-11 | How to treat the poor |
| Friday | 1 John 3:11-24 | Love one another |
| Saturday | Psalm 16 | Trust and security in God |
| Sunday | Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 | Jesus sends out the seventy |

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, thank you for setting us free to love all of creation, our neighbors, and those we have not yet met, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may this food remind us that you give us joy and that you hold in your hand true pleasures for us, now and always. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of true joy and peace free you to love.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

I Love to Tell the Story



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 used your free will in a way that did not help you or others?
- Give an example or think about how you used your freedom to help or be kind to someone.

DEVOTIONS



Read: Galatians 5:1, 13-25.

We like the idea of personal freedom; we are just not sure what to do with it. Should we take art classes to become an accomplished artist? Should we use our freedom to explore the world and delight in all of God's creation? Freedom gives us options that can make us dizzy. Paul has been telling the Galatians what it means to be justified (made right with God) by grace through faith. Here's the answer: it is to be set free. Contrary to many cultural and whimsical ideas of freedom, Christian freedom is quite simple: love your neighbor. You can't do that by feeding your own desires while being insensitive to others. You love your neighbor with the fruit of the Spirit that is *"love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."* That is what being made right with God looks like. It is the freedom to be a slave of—to be captive to—love, and only to love.

Discuss: How does self-indulgence get in the way of loving one another?

Pray: Liberating God, fill our lives with the fruit of the Spirit, that we may love others with joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, who is someone to whom you could show kindness and generosity?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Make a tree shape out of cardboard or colored paper and cut-out nine fruit shapes. Write one of the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23 on each of the cut-out fruit. Take time each day this week to talk about and pray for one or two fruit in your life. As you do, place the fruit shapes on your tree. Display it in a visible place in your home as a reminder of the fruits of the Spirit.



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

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: June 19 – 257

| <u>May 2022</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>YTD</u> | <u>Expense</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
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| 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.

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 / VBS Teen Training, Rms 302 and 304 / High School, Rm 311.

☪ CALENDAR ☪

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

8:00am BAKE SALE! (Link, Kit)
8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am VBS Teen Leader Training
(302 & 304)
10:00am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
12:00pm VBS Teacher Training (103-4)
12:30pm Private Event (FLC, Kit)

MONDAY, JUNE 27

9:00am VBS
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
6:00pm Small Group (Chapel)
7:00pm Council (103-4)
7:00pm Respect Life (101-2)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

9:00am VBS
12:30pm Small Group (102)
7:30pm Al-Anon (202)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

9:00am VBS
2:00pm Small Group (101)

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9:00am VBS
5:30pm VBS FUN IN THE SON CARNIVAL!
1:00pm Small Group (101)

FRIDAY, JULY 1

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

SATURDAY, JULY 2

4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, JULY 3

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
10:00am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
1:00pm Private Event (SH [103-4])

MONDAY, JULY 4

OFFICE CLOSED

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

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

**QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD
THE WEEKEND OF JULY 16 & 17 AFTER ALL SERVICES.**

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