

NEWS NOTES

July 3, 2022

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☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Paul Wittenberg

11:00am: Ron Nighbert, Dan Yeater,
Chad Whyte

Acolytes

8:15am: Hunter Thompson

Colton Thompson

11:00am: Merrick Wilson
Mackenzie Norman

Altar Guild

Linda Vozel, Dee Harlor, Judy Graessle,
Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Armand Arabian,
Sarah Schmitz

11:00am M/D: Carol Rich
N/D: Barbara Armentrout

Readers

4:00pm: Karen Colwell

8:15am: Marilyn Smith

11:00am: Sheryl Fraley

Lessons Today: Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

PULPIT FLOWERS: In loving memory of my father, Donald Keil. Given by Connie Sonnen and family.

LECTERN FLOWERS. In celebration of Hannah Wittenberg's 26th birthday. Given by her mom and dad with love.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

✧ PERSONAL NOTES ✧

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the friends and family of Bob Griffith, who passed away on June 25, 2022. All who mourn are in our prayers.

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)

☪ TODAY'S NEWS ☪

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 Tuesday! Please submit your order by the morning of July 5th.

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

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!

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION TEAM On the first Sunday of each month this team comes to receive a Holy Communion kit. The distribution of home communion is an extension of the Lord's Supper and is for those who are unable to be present at the celebration of the congregation. We bring to them the same bread of life and the same cup of blessing so that they may be strengthened through their participation in the body of Christ. Let us be mindful and grateful for this ministry.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meetings on Saturday, July 9th at 9am in Rooms 103-4. Everyone is welcome. Bring your knitting/crochet materials and any completed shawls to be blessed with prayer. Anyone can learn to knit or crochet with our help! For more info call Glenda at 614-352-5955 or Diana at 614-271-5775. If you know of someone who might appreciate a shawl, call Nancy at 614-875-8155.

OWLS EVENT – JULY 15. The Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) are going on the road again!! We hope you are excited to be getting out and about with the group. We will carpool from the church and visit The Wagnalls Memorial in Lithopolis. Our guided tour will start at 10:30 am so you could meet the group there or meet at the church at 9:30 am to arrange rides for those in need.

On May 30, 1925, Mabel Wagnalls Jones dedicated The Wagnalls Memorial in honor of her parents, Adam and Anna Willis Wagnalls. Adam was the co-founder of the publishing giant, Funk & Wagnalls. Both Adam and Anna were born in log cabins in Lithopolis, Ohio. Mabel knew it had always been her mother's dream to do something for the little village which had never had anything done for it and to provide opportunities not available to her as a child. With the building of The Wagnalls Memorial, Mabel would fulfill her mother's dream. Mabel, an author and a concert pianist, had a special fondness for her parents' birthplace. Although she lived most of her life in New York City, she visited it from the time she was a small child to spend time with her grandmother who lived in the village. Come join us and see paintings that were used as covers for Funk & Wagnalls' magazine The Literary Digest adorn the walls of the Rager Reading Room. Two original Norman Rockwell paintings are on permanent display near the patron services desk.

Take a stroll on the pathways in the garden to admire the rock sculptures and martin house of Dr. Edward Roller. He collected rocks from all over North America and used them to create bird houses, vases, and other structures.

MEET AT CHURCH - 9:30 am
DEPART FOR WAGNALLS - 9:45 am
TOUR TIME – 10:30 am

To end our perfect day, we will be going to PBJ Catering in Ashville. The box lunch includes your choice of either chicken salad croissant or turkey and provolone croissant, choice of pasta salad or fruit salad, chips, two chocolate chip cookies and beverage. Cost is \$10 per person.

We can always use more drivers if you are willing and able. Guests are always welcome!!! Use the salmon insert in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation. You can also call the office or Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. Hope to see you there!

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, July 6.**

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

FAITH IN ACTION, (going into) grades 5 – 8 and 9 – 12+, is taking place Monday through Thursday, July 11 – 14. If you haven't already signed up, please talk to Laurie Pecuch or Diana Imbrock for details and serving times for each group. We would love to have you join us!

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: June 26 – 256

<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.

JULY 3, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Being people of peace.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Jesus sends out the seventy
Monday	Isaiah 66:10-14	God helps Jerusalem
Tuesday	Galatians 6:1-16	Help each other
Wednesday	Hebrews 12:14-17	Pursue peace
Thursday	Psalms 29	The voice of the Lord in a storm
Friday	2 Thessalonians 3:16-18	Love one another
Saturday	Psalms 66:1-9	Shout praises to God
Sunday	Luke 10:25-37	The good Samaritan

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!'"

Luke 10:5 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to walk with you in life with peace and humility so that others may see and believe that through Jesus Christ your kingdom has come. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we give you thanks for you are awesome and your deeds are filled with good things, including the gift of this food today. Amen. (Psalm 66:5)

A Blessing to Give:

May you bear one another's burdens and know the peace and mercy of God.



JULY 3, 2022

HYMN OF THE WEEK

It Is Well with My Soul



**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:

- Life is filled with conflicts. What is a conflict you have experienced?
- How has your faith helped you in times of conflict?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.

Jesus sees a bigger reality at play in the work of the disciples as they announce the coming of God's kingdom. Jesus sees a world in need. Satan has fallen and evil has taken root. The disciples enter into the harvest field with a power like no other. This is not something to delight in. They go forth as *"lambs into the midst of wolves"* (v. 3). With a sense of humility, they know they are part of God's heavenly work. Instead of asserting their power, they are to go impoverished, needing the hospitality of others, and bringing peace. They enter towns and villages as guests and wait to be received by those willing to receive the kingdom of God. There is conflict; there is a battle going on that requires more and more disciples to engage. As Jesus said, *"the laborers are few."*

Discuss: How are you part of the laborers who are sent into the harvest fields to bring peace and healing?

Pray: Dear Jesus, give us eyes to see what you see and a heart to reach out to others with your love that brings peace and healing. Amen

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, who might you bless with God's healing and peace?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Jesus sent out seventy-two of his followers to go ahead of him. He told them that upon entering a house they were to say, *"Peace to this house"* (Luke 10:5). Practice this greeting when you visit others in their home this week. Establish a ritual in your own home of greeting others as they return from work or school using these words: **God's peace be with you.**

Response: **And also with you.**



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, JULY 3

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
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)

TUESDAY, JULY 5

SCRIP (RAISE RIGHT) DEADLINE

9:00am Quilters
11:30am OWLs Planning (102)
12:30pm Small Group (102)
7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH [FLC])
7:30pm Al-Anon (202)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

2:00pm Small Group (101)

THURSDAY, JULY 7

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)

FRIDAY, JULY 8

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

SATURDAY, JULY 9

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
10:00am Private Event (101-2)
11:00am Private Event (SH [FLC, Kit])
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, JULY 10

EAGLE DEADLINE

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
10:00am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
12:30pm Private Event (SH [FLC])

**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