



# The Eagle

November 2022

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Letter from the Pastor

For Christians who follow the traditional church calendar, the month of November brings *THE END* into view.

We start the month off with the Festival of All Saints, when we give thanks for all the believers, over the centuries, who have died in Christ. For many of us, it's also a day to honor the memory of faithful family members and friends we've lost. It's no coincidence that our country observes Memorial Day in early November. These special days naturally make us think about *the end*.

Then, as we move through the month, our Bible readings in church begin to point towards the Day of Judgment and the end of the world.

The church calendar itself ends on Christ the King Sunday (November 20<sup>th</sup> this year). That day, in worship, we will hear the passage in Luke where Jesus is hanging on the cross, pronouncing forgiveness for the people who are killing him, and then telling the dying criminal next to him: "today you will be with me in paradise."

As I go through these busy weeks, making plans for the season, I find it comforting to be reminded of *THE END*.

Many of us are feeling the squeeze at the gas pump and in the grocery store. Some of us are worrying about the bottom dropping out of our retirement plans. We see our country flirting with demonic ideologies. We see violent crime and theft happening in broad daylight in our bigger cities. We see the possibility of war boiling up in many parts of the world. Not knowing where all this is heading can certainly whip up a lot of fear and anxiety in our hearts.

But then we come to worship, and we hear about the end. We hear about where all this is heading. Our end has already come to us. He says to convicted criminals: "*Today* you will be with me in paradise." For sinners who look to Jesus as their only hope, the end is not death and loss. No—Jesus is our end, and he brings God's future to convicted sinners here and now.

So that means that while so much of the world is foundering in fear and anxiety, trying to escape its own end (because all it can see there is death and loss), you and I, fellow convicted sinners, are welcoming the end every day. The end has drawn close to us; he lives with us, and he gives us our future as a free gift. We pray, "Thy Kingdom Come," because we know that in Christ, no matter what is happening in this world or in our lives, *the end has already been given to us*. Even in death. So we live with gratitude; we live generously, we live with compassion towards each other and towards the person at the gate.  
[Luke 16:19-31]

What a beautiful gift we have at St. John's, that we can come together in a world that is ending, and sing our unending, joyful praises to the Lamb who was slain, who has begun his reign.

In Christ,

*Pastor Seth*

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**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, Gary Smith.

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

To the family and friends of  
**Barbara (Weygandt) Burkhardt,**  
sister of Diane Trenary.

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

## **SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE Sunday, November 24th at 2pm.**

A special service of **Comfort and Remembrance** will be held on Sunday, November 24th at 2pm in the Sanctuary. This is a special worship service set aside for family and friends who have had loved ones pass away this past year. Watch the News Notes for more information in the coming weeks.

## **MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF OCTOBER 9, 2022**

### **Memorial Fund**

Given in memory of **Roger Burket** by Ike and Shelah Stage.

Given in memory of **Pearlene Uhrin** by Alexis Martin.

Given in memory of **Richard Werner** by Averil MacKenzie.

### **Accessibility Project**

Given in memory of **Robert Griffith** by Rosemary Turnbull.

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

Given in honor of the **baptism of Ada Anne Shrum** by Beth Katterhenrich.

Given in memory of **Richard Werner** by Robert and Bonnie Swanson.

### **Youth Memorial Fund**

Given in honor of the **baptism of Ada Anne Shrum** by Beth Katterhenrich.

## **The deadline for the DECEMBER Eagle is NOVEMBER 10TH.**

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

**FALL BACK—NOVEMBER 6, 2022**  
**Remember to set your clocks back an hour!**  
**Daylight Savings ends at 2am on**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH!**

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



Thank you for continuing to pray for and support Missions!

We are planning a mission trip to be with our precious children this summer 2023!

If you have a heart for the children of Mexico and sharing the Good News with our brothers and sisters in Christ, come join the 2023 Mexico Mission Family!

**Mission dates are July 21<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.**

Contact Diana Imbrock with questions or to sign up.



**COME ONE! COME ALL!**

To the annual **Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction on Sunday, November 20th**, right after the late service. We will be tasting chili and voting on the best St. John's recipe. Bid on some amazing desserts created by the incredible bakers right here in our midst. It's a perfect time to get those much needed Thanksgiving treats without all the work! All donations and auction monies will go to support short-term missions. If you would like to enter your award-winning chili in the contest or create a dessert for the auction, please watch the bulletin for details or contact Diana at [dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org).

Come join us for a fun-filled, tummy-filled afternoon!

### **MEMBERSHIP CLASS and NEW MEMBERS' RECEPTION IN NOVEMBER**

A Membership Class will be held at **12:15 pm on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**. We'll start with lunch together in room 103-4. All visitors to our congregation, our newest members, and all potential members are invited to come! The classes will cover Christian mission at St. John's, and we'll be able to answer any questions you have about our congregation and our Lutheran Christian heritage. We will formally receive new members into our congregation during the **11:00 am traditional worship service on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. We hope you can come!

Are you looking for a church home, or do you have questions about our congregation?  
Call Pastor Seth (217-255-2118) any time.

### **OWLS—NOVEMBER 18, 2022**



The Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) would love to see you at our November 18th meeting. It's the time of year we all share what we are thankful for and we have so much. Our program this month is about some very important people in our lives. Their work is to keep us safe, put out fires, rescue humans and sometimes a family pet. They rush us to the hospital when needed or they tend to our needs in our home.

Our First Responders are vital to our daily lives. They give so much to our community and sometimes comes at a high price to them.

Our speaker, Mick Yinger, is the Executive Director of First Responders' Bridge. This group provides a free, confidential three-day retreat to first responders that experience a single traumatic event or the one that has built up years of stress and their spouses to help heal first responders and their families. Their team includes first responders, clinicians and more. We are extending an invitation to Chief of Police Rick Fambro and Fire Chief Randy Little and hope they will be able to join us.

You are invited to come join us for lunch before the program. OWLS will provide fried chicken. 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 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!

Elizabeth Circle  
Contact  
Sherry Nighbert  
614-581-1436



**Women's  
Ministry**  
CONNECTING AND ENRICHING  
WOMEN IN FAITH

Sarah Circle  
Contact  
Vi Davis  
614-875-2605

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 above for information.

### CALLING ALL SINGERS—ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

The Chancel Choir is looking for singers for the Advent/Christmas season. For anyone who enjoys singing but may not be able to commit to weekly choir practices all year, this is a great opportunity to add your voice to the Christmas celebration.

Interested parishioners would need only to practice with the choir in late November and December in order to sing with the choir during Advent and Christmas. We rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9pm in the Sanctuary.

Please see Music Director Mark Meuser or any choir member if you think you may be interested. You would be warmly welcomed.

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF BIRTH

Congratulations to Brock and Grace Starr  
on the birth of their daughter!  
**Lydia Rose** was born  
on Tuesday, October 4, 2022.  
Lydia is welcomed  
by brother Jaxon and sister Alice.

### HOLY BAPTISM

Congratulations to  
Matthew and Kaleigh Shrum  
on the baptism of their daughter,  
**Ada Shrum**, on Sunday, October 9, 2022,  
in the 11:00am contemporary service.

*Prayer Shawl  
Ministry*



### WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Join us for the next meetings  
**Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 9am**  
and **Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 7pm**  
in rooms 103-4.

*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.

### THE MITTEN TREES are returning to the North Entrance and the Link November 6 through December 5!

Please help fill the trees with mittens, gloves, warm hats,  
earmuffs, scarves, and socks for all ages. **All items need  
to be new with tags or homemade.** After December 5th,  
the items will be taken to the Grove City Food Pantry,  
where they will be distributed to anyone in need in our  
local community.

Please contact Ellen Previts at 614-345-8576  
or Jaylynn Jermann at 614-971-1106  
if you have any questions.  
Thank you for helping our neighbors stay warm!

### CHAPEL ORGANS

The two organs in the chapel have both died because of  
their age and use. They no longer make parts for either  
one of them, and St. John's can no longer hold onto these.

Can anyone use the wood for craft projects? Otherwise,  
they will have to be taken apart and tossed. If you want to  
remove them, feel free. You are welcome to them, just let  
Mike Esposito know beforehand.

*thank you*

"I would like to thank Marilyn Martin for the bed and bedding she provided for my son, John, and his household of young men who are in college, just left the nest of their parents, and others starting over. I appreciate your giving. Graciously," ~ Judy Graessle.

"I would like to thank all of you so much for the prayers, cards, and phone calls during my recent hospitalization, surgery, and ongoing rehabilitation. I am now home and progressing well. I look forward to seeing you soon. God is great!!" ~ Sheila Merwin.

"Thanksgiving and blessings to the Pastors Seth and Patti and members of St. John's who provided prayers, visits, phone calls, and cards to me and Larry as I, Becky Link, recovered from two skull surgeries. Thanks, love, and blessings to all who provided meals, coffee, prayers, and kind words during my rehabilitation. Much love and prayers to all St. John's family!" ~ Becky and Larry Link.

"I wish to thank everyone for the cards, calls, and prayers during my surgery and recovery. I want to thank Pastor Seth and Pastor Patti for the hospital visits, and a very special thank you to Rosie Turnbull for cutting my grass. Thank you and God bless you." ~ Phil Pennington.

"Thank you to all who supported Missions by providing or buying items from the Silent Auction and chowing down on pizza and working the Marcos/Mission booth during Arts in the Alley! Between the two events, almost \$1,800.00 was raised, which is enough to send a whole missionary and then some!!! Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus as we meet with our brothers and sisters across the world!" ~ St. John's Missions.



## ANNUAL BIKE PROJECT

We would like to invite you to take part in the annual Bike Project. In early December, we will be delivering 25 bikes and helmets to children in need in Central Ohio to make their Christmas great!



**You may sponsor a**  
fourth of a bike for **\$25**,  
half of a bike for **\$50**,  
full bike for **\$100**, or  
help purchase a helmet for **\$10**.

Give your gift by picking up an envelope at one of the church entrances. Then, fill it with the designated amount of cash or check made out to St. John's. Finally, drop the envelope in the offering plate or return to the church office **by Sunday, November 27**.

Questions: Contact  
Dylan Allman at  
dylanallman07@gmail.com  
or Diana Imbrock at  
dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org.

Thank you for making an area child's Christmas a little brighter!

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

St. John's has partnered with Samaritan's Purse to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through gift-filled shoeboxes! They are taking the Gospel to half a million children in the Pacific Islands over the next few years as part of their commitment to **"proclaim the gospel to the whole creation"** (Mark 6:15).

Here's how you can participate:

1. **Pick up** a shoe box at the North Entrance or the Link, or go to St John's website [stjohnsgc.org](http://stjohnsgc.org) and click on the Operation Christmas Child Link to **build a shoe box online**.
2. **Fill your shoebox with a "Wow" item** (a toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, stuffed animal).
3. **Other gifts:** hygiene items on (no toothpaste or liquids), school supplies, other fun toys.
4. **Pray!** Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.
5. **Include** a \$10 donation to cover the shipping costs.

**Drop off** your filled shoe box in the link by **Saturday, November 12th**.



If you are unable to add your own box, there is a **donation tub in the Link**. **Monetary donations are also accepted!** If you would like to **build a box online**, please go to this website - <https://www.samaritanspurse.org>. Please contact Justin, Beth, Brayden, or Addy Gottshall with any questions at 740-360-2752.

*"Declare His Glory among the Nations, His wonders among all peoples" - Psalm 96:3*

Thanks to your giving hearts our collection of items for the Christmas bags is growing. This year we are donating 50 bags to the Grove City Food Pantry at the "Purple Door" Methodist Church and 50 bags to the LSS Champion Food Pantry. **Remember, don't eat that leftover Halloween candy. Donate it!** You may donate any leftover, wrapped Halloween or other wrapped candy as long as its expiration date is in 2023. We need two tables full of candy to fill the 100 Christmas bags our church donates. The Grove City Family Dentistry on Columbus Street is once again donating dental care items for each of the 100 bags. The goals of 100 boxes of Crayola crayons, 100 plush toys, 100 toothcare items and 100 pencils have been reached. **We still need** sturdy combs, and any small items appropriate for a child to add to the bags. Please place your donation in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. The bags will be filled and delivered on December 6, 2022. **Your help on Tuesday, December 6th in filling the bags will be welcomed and appreciated.** The Christmas bags will be given to children as a gift of Christian love and compassion.



We sincerely thank Linda Vozel for providing most of the material and all of the woman power in cutting and sewing the 100 Christmas bags. We need a volunteer to help string the bags with the draw strings. Anyone got a free Tuesday morning?

We have hand-knotted quilts of various colors and sizes for sale. Stop by any Tuesday to admire and select a quilt. Most of the quilts are priced under \$45.00. Also, look for our quilt sale in the Link during the Cookie Sale in December. The proceeds will be given to St. John's and the Grove City area worthy causes. Most of the unsold quilts will be given to children's charities and the Bed Brigade. Our Lutheran quilts keep you warm and look pretty on the bed.

**Would you like to learn the art of hand quilting?** We have chairs and friendship waiting for you!

Please note the following date change for the Quilters during November 2022. There will not be a Quilters' meeting on November 22, 2022.

This Thanksgiving, we are truly thankful for your support of our ministries. You respond to our many requests for donations. The Quilters thank you for you and your concern and understanding for others. We wish you a blessed Thanksgiving.

### CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE COMING...

On **Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – noon in rooms 103-104**, we will be holding our annual **Christmas Cookie and Goodie Sale**.

We are asking for **homemade items only**. **Again this year, you will be able to choose your own cookies for your platter. We will have prepackaged plates also if you would prefer those.**

Baked goods can be dropped off by  
**8:30 am on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
in the Family Life Center Kitchen.

If you don't want to bake but want to help in another way, a monetary donation to the Kitchen Fund would be appreciated.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the sale  
**on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

If you are available Saturday, please mark the salmon sheet in the bulletin or you can call Sue Sutton, 614-539-9544, or Suzie Brace, 614-871-3201.

**Proceeds from our sale will go to the Kitchen Fund.**

### NEW LOOK FOR THE ALTAR

The Altar Guild has ordered (with Council approval) red paraments for the Altar, Pulpit, and Lectern for the sanctuary and two pastoral stoles. These are replacing paraments that are over 25 years old. The total cost is \$1,730.

Members who would like to give a memorial for a loved one towards these paraments can contact Mike Esposito, Business Manager or Jan Miller, Records Clerk.

### IN SEARCH OF...

We are looking for the donation of a working electric Hammond Organ for the chapel. Hammond still makes parts for all of their smaller church and home organs. Please keep us informed of any available, working organs for the Chapel.

Thanks, Michael Esposito.



**American  
Red Cross**

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

St. John's will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive in the Family Life Center on **Tuesday, November 22, 2022 from 12 noon until 6 pm.**

To schedule your appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) with sponsor code: StJohnsGC.

# **SJYM**

## **St. John's Youth Ministries**

### **YOUTH GROUPS!**

**Adventure Club (ages 4 through 4th grade) and Faith Trek (5th and 6th grade) meet on Thursday nights, 5:45—7:15pm.** Greeter's Table opens at 5:30pm. It's a great night of a meal, games, songs, Bible activities, and faith webbing. Invite your friends! Suggested donation for meal is \$2. We will take a break during the month of December.



**Explorers (7th and 8th grade) and Energizers (9th—12th grade) meet on Wednesday nights, 7—8:30pm.** Gym opens up at 6:45pm. No meal, but snacks are provided. It's an evening of games, relevant topics, small groups, encouragement, and fun. We will be working on Operation Christmas Boxes on Wednesday, Nov. 9th. And a special evening activity is planned for Nov. 16th!

### **OTHER OPPORTUNITIES!**

- **High School IQA Bible meets weekly on Sundays, 1—2pm in the high school room.** We are having great conversation on the book of Isaiah. See Diana for details.
- **Stop by the Confirmation Room on the third floor and check out the Service Project interest boards.** Sign-up and we'll get you all the details! Service Projects are typically for grades 7—8 and grades 9—12, but we'll have an occasional interest sign-up for families!

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES!** Talk to the Diana Imbrock or Laurie Pecuch about Operation Christmas Child, Veterans' Luncheon, and the Bike Project! They can connect you with the leaders in charge and help you sign up to serve! *Note: the Veterans' Luncheon will be Sunday, Nov. 6, 12:15pm.*

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



For details, contact Laurie at  
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