

# The Eagle

September 2022

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church 3220 Columbus St., Grove City, Ohio www.stjohnsgc.org 614/875-2314

Letter from the Pastor

[Jesus said] "Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." [Jesus] replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." [Luke 10:16-20]

In one of my former congregations, a committee kept track of all the people who identified as "visitors" on Sundays. Each week, they'd contact all the people on the list. There were often a lot of phone calls to make, because the church was growing.

One time, there was a new person on the visitor committee. After making all the phone calls, she was dejected. She told me that none of the people seemed interested in our congregation. She felt she had failed. She wondered if she was saying the right things. But I told her the same thing Jesus tells us. It's not about being successful all the time. It's about being faithful. She had taken the risk of planting seeds. Whether people reject or accept the invitation is in God's hands. Whether anything grows from the seeds is up to the Holy Spirit. The only thing you and I can control is whether we're going to plant the seeds or not. We do have a choice when it comes to that. She had acted faithfully.

When it comes to planting seeds on hostile soil, we might tell ourselves (a) we don't know enough about our own faith, (b) we wouldn't know what to say, (c) we don't know the Bible well enough, (d) we're too shy... the list goes on. But there are obvious, simple ways to conquer these barriers we see in front of ourselves. From the beginning, Jesus meant the Church to be a training ground. We're the troops he's sending out into a hurting world. This is not a judgment, but a statement of fact: If you do not receive ongoing training in the faith through Bible study, through sharing Christ openly at church, through talking about Jesus with your fellow Christians in a *safe* environment; then chances are slim to none you're going to openly proclaim Jesus out in the world, where the bullets of a pagan culture are zipping past you.

In Luke 10 (above), Jesus says to the people he has sent out: "do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." In other words, don't get too caught up in the measurable results of what you do every day for God. Instead, know that in Christ *you've already won the war*. Don't be concerned with how many people reject your invitations. Instead, rejoice at the banquet table. What a privilege we've been given, to plant the seeds of the coming Kingdom in this passing world!

Jesus sets us apart and sends us out on a mission to proclaim Him, not ourselves. He also guarantees our final success. Today's failures, today's embarrassments and rejections and fears... let's nail them all to his cross and move on towards the final goal which can never be taken away from us. At every opportunity, let's proclaim that *Jesus is Lord and Savior* honestly, boldly, humbly, and openly on the battlefield. Through him, the final hour belongs to us.

In Christ.

Pastor Seth

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

#### **CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL**

<u>Officers:</u> Aaron Clark, Council President; Paul Wittenberg, Vice President; Karen Bentley, Secretary; Kathy Myers, Treasurer.

<u>Members-At-Large:</u> Warren Althoff, Wayne Beavers, Shirley Blake, Dave Clark, Doug Cress, Michael Grimm, Gary Smith.

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

The family and friends of **Ethel Winzenreid**, a long-time member who moved to Nebraska. We were notified that Ethel passed away at the age of 96 on May 20, 2022.

The family and friends of **Della Welsh**, who passed away July 20, 2022.

The families of Frank Gusa and Pam Krebs as they grieve their aunt, **Dorothy Jantzen**, who passed away on July 20, 2022.

The family and friends of **Earle "Bud" Thompson**, uncle of Judy Graessle, who passed away on July 30, 2022.

To Donna Linder and family whose sister, **Dr. Sandra Harper**, passed away on August 1, 2022.

The family and friends of **Emma McKay Bailey**, who passed away unexpectedly at the age of 18 on August 3, 2022.

To Joan Werner, family, and friends with the passing of her husband, **Richard Werner**, on August 19, 2022.

All who grieve are in our thoughts and prayers.

#### MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF AUGUST 7, 2022

#### **Memorial Fund**

Given in memory of **Marjorie Marsh** by Kathy Wellman; Richard Stout; Jerry and Bobbie Smith; Clint and Peggy Saiben; Jim and Diana Bernard; and the Quickel family; and Ted and Rebecca Clark.

#### Accessibility Project

Given in memory of **Bill and Miriam Snashall and Roy and Roseanna Green** by Bill and Chritine Snashall.

Given in memory of **Alice Sweeley** by Dick Moore. Given in honor of **Gary Pecuch and his ministry to the youth of St. John's** by Keith and Jane Stenerson.

Given in memory of **Della Welsh** by Barbara Armentrout.

#### Current Fund

Given in memory of **Philip Girbert** by Lois Girbert.

## The deadline for the OCTOBER Eagle is SEPTEMBER 10TH.

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

#### **UPCOMING WEDDING!**

Congratulations to the Morlock and Vida families as they prepare for the upcoming nuptials of

### REBEKAH MORLOCK & MILES VIDA.

We invite you to join in celebration for the ceremony as they exchange vows on

SATURDAY, SEDTEMBER 3, 2022, AT 1:30DM

in the Sanctuary. A private reception will follow offsite.

If you would like to convey best wishes in the coming weeks, cards may be dropped in the secure drop slot of the office or mailed to the church:

### MR. & MRS. VIDA

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

#### **NOTES OF THANKS:**

"Thank you to all the people of St. John's who sent cards, called, made visits, or brought meals during recovery time."

~ Larry and Becky Link.

"Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and support at the passing of my uncle."

~ Judy Graessle.

"Thank you to Tom Grimes, the owner of Grimes Carpeting, for the donation of the colorful carpeting for the Nursery!"

~ St. John's Staff

"Dear Pastors, staff, and brothers and sisters in Christ at St. John's,

"I didn't want what Gary Pecuch described as his "slide off the staff" at St. John's to go by without publicly acknowledging the impact of his ministry on my family, and take the opportunity to thank God, Gary, and all of you. For me, Gary's God-given calling to train and equip our young people with faith skills for life represents years of answered prayers. I witnessed this firsthand as a family group leader for each of my boys during their confirmation years. My prayers for the boys to have amazing Christian role models – dedicated men who put God first, and live lives of service and commitment to their families, church, and community – have been answered by so many men at St. John's over the years, especially Gary Pecuch. He even served as their driving instructor when they were teens! Talk about answered prayers!

"The impact of Gary's ministry at St. John's will continue to be a positive force in the years ahead. His focus on faithwebbing and building leadership skills and servant hearts has touched the young people he ministered, their families, and our community. As we all know, the Bible doesn't discuss any retirement plans, only new assignments. I will continue to pray for Gary as his next assignments unfold and I thank him and all of you – those who discerned his call to St. John's and all those who have prayed for, participated in, and supported all aspects of his ministry among us over the years.

"'1 Peter 4:11 – If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.'

"To the Glory of God and in thankfulness for His many blessings,"

~ Beth Ann Katterhenrich, mom of the Shrum boys – Jonathan, Matthew, and David.

Elizabeth Circle Contact Sherry Nighbert 614-581-1436



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.

#### **ELIZABETH CIRCLE**

It is time for Elizabeth Circle to start back up! The first meeting is at Sherry Nighbert's house Monday, September 12th at 6:30pm. It is a potluck and meeting about our year. On October 3rd, our monthly meetings resume at the church in rooms 103-104, and Bible study will begin. Please contact Sherry or the Church Office for the address of the September meeting.

New Members are always welcome! Come and join us!

Blessings, Sherry Nighbert



WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
Join us for the next meetings
Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 9am
and Tuesday, September 13, 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.



Join students around the globe in prayer for our schools, community, nation, and world on **September 2**<sup>8th</sup> at 7:00am.

We will be meeting around the flagpole at G.C.H.S. to "just" pray!

The entire week of September 25 to October 1 is Global Week of Student Prayer.

Please continue to lift up our young people as they shine His light! Hope to see you there!

#### **VETERAN'S LUNCHEON -SAVE THE DATE**

Dear Veterans,

In honor of Veterans, your service, and your sacrifice for our country, you and a guest are invited to the Annual St Johns Veterans' luncheon this event will take place in the Family Life Center on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 12:15 pm in honor of Veterans Day.



If you are a Veteran planning to attend, please mark the salmon sheet in your bulletin or call the church at 614-875-2314 by October 15.

## CHANCEL CHOIR AND CELEBRATION RINGERS RESUME PRACTICE THIS FALL! New Members Welcome!

**The Chancel Choir** will be returning to traditional worship after its summer break. Their first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9pm in the sanctuary. We cordially invite anyone who is interested in singing to attend this rehearsal.

Singing in the Chancel Choir is a great opportunity to serve. Whether you are an experienced singer or just a beginner, you will find the choir to be a welcoming group whose purpose is to praise God in song. Anyone interested can simply come to the first rehearsal or e-mail Choir Director Mark Meuser at mmeuser@stjohnsgc.org if you have additional questions.

**The Women's Chorale** will start its fall rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> as well. We will meet at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.

The Men's Chorale will meet on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the choir room.

**The Celebration Ringers** will be returning to traditional worship this fall. Their first rehearsal is Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:15pm in the sanctuary. We invite anyone who is interested in joining the bell choir to contact Susan Locey at 614-208-8215.



## 15% OF YOUR PURCHASE WILL BE DONATED TO

St. Johns Lutheran Church Tuesday, September 13, 2022 11:00 am – 9:00 pm

WHEN YOU PRESENT THIS FLYER AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE.

O'CHARLEY'S LOCATION 1657 Stringtown Road Grove City, OH 43123



The Quilters send many thanks to those who have already donated items for the food pantry's Christmas bags for the children! Thank you especially for the donated crayons. We have met our goal of 100 boxes of crayons, 100 pencils and 100 pens. We feel so blessed to have you help us reach some of our goals early. Again, thank you.

We still need donations of sturdy combs. We cannot use combs that are in packs of multiple combs for a couple of dollars as those combs are too flimsy. We appreciate any number of Beanie Baby-type toys, small balls, small pads of paper, sturdy combs, hair picks, and glue sticks.

The children's delight is your leftover Halloween candy! We use two tables full of candy to fill the 100 bags. Please check that the expiration date is in 2023. We cannot give expired candy to the children. Please place your donation in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. The Quilters thank you for your interest, concern and thinking about Christmas giving so early in September.

The Quilters meet every Tuesday from 9am to 2pm or thereabouts in rooms 103-104. If you wish, bring a sack lunch if staying during lunchtime. All materials are provided.

"Not everyone can do great things, but everyone can do small things with great love." ~ Mother Teresa

#### **ARTS IN THE ALLEY**

Fall is right around the corner! And that means that Arts in the Alley is quickly approaching. We are looking for a team of people who would like to help plan and implement our presence in the Arts in the Alley Parade. The parade will take place on **Saturday**, **September 17**<sup>th</sup> at **9:30am** rain or shine.



This year's theme is Hometown Originals. This is always a fun morning and a great way to represent St. John's in our ever-growing community. If you are interested in helping or participating, contact Elaine Bennett at elaine.bennett@stjohnsgc.org or 614-446-0148.

Be sure to visit the St. John's Short-Term Missions concession booth during the Arts in the Alley weekend, September 16-18; 2022! Sponsored by Marco's Pizza:)

### OWLS of OHIO





For the past couple of years, we have enjoyed a wonderful lunch catching up with those we don't see often, and we did not plan a program, so the agenda will stay the same! We are so pleased to be able to get together and enjoy our time together. God has blessed each of us by leading us to St. John's and offering us the Christian fellowship that is priceless.

If you would ask almost any OWL (Older Wiser Lutheran) to name one of their favorite meetings of the year, I am pretty sure most of them would say "Der Dutchman! Of course!" What's not to like about a restaurant that is located in a beautiful country setting and the bounty of a country kitchen?

They serve generous portions of hearty, home-style Amish Kitchen Cooking. They might not be as good as our Lutheran cooks, but we think they're pretty good. Their bakery is full of pastries, cakes, cookies, breads, and their legendary pies that are baked every day. And if you have any money left over, their gift shop is very inviting.

You will have two options for lunch. The buffet costs \$21.99 and includes dessert, beverage, tax and tip. Or you can order from the menu.

We will meet at the church at 10:15am to set up our carpool. We will depart for the restaurant no later than 10:30am. We have reserved a private room. If you are driving separately you should plan to arrive by 11:15am. If you are able and willing to drive, it would be greatly appreciated! Please make your reservation using the salmon sheet from your worship bulletin – including if you are able to drive, need a ride or if you are meeting the group at the restaurant. Hope to see you there!

# SJYM St. John's Youth Ministries

#### WEEKLY YOUTH GROUPS!

Adventure Club is for ages 4 through 4th grade. Faith Trek is for 5th and 6th grade. We are going back to calling them Adventure Club and Faith Trek, as we anticipate a great year of being back full swing with meals, games, songs, and Bible activities. Both meet on Thursday nights, 5:45—7:15pm. Adult and teen training will be September 22. Groups start the next week, September 29. Suggested donation for meal is \$2.



**Explorers** is for 7th and 8th grade. **Energizers** is for 9th—12th grade. We are back to meeting on Wednesday nights! The time for these groups will be 7—8:30pm. No meal, but snacks are provided. It's an evening of games, food, relevant topics, small groups, encouragement, and fun. **Adult training will be September 21. Groups start the next week, <b>September 28.** 

#### OTHER OPPORTUNITIES!

- •Starting September 25, High School IQA Bible study starts weekly on Sundays, 1:30-2:30pm.
- •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! Talk to Diana or Laurie!
- •Meet with Steven after Sunday School, in room 103-104, for 20 minutes of "Cartooning for Christ". Steven leads us in a Bible story that we get to draw! Steven is a second grader who love Jesus, drawing, and really knows his Bible stories!



**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.



by ShopWithScrip

For details, contact Laurie at lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org.

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Happy Birthday!

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Brooklyn Cress
Troy Henricksen
Aubree Mahan
Susannah Mitchell
Karen Stenerson
Kyler Stuckert

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Owen Blake Shae Grimm Lisa Mawhorr Kim Price

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Killian Hartman Cy Larick Nathan McDaniel Karla Stuckert

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Tate Allmon Christian Brandt

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Amanda Barrow Jennifer Barrow Scott Ratcliff Addison Waller

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Ron Keil Zach Koehler Carl Patzer

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Warren Althoff Griffin Blake Jo Dimond Nick Kapustka Charles Sheldon 8

Kirsten Hayes Brady Koehler Jordan Rawlins Danielle Reckner Natalie Seitz Alyssa Stenerson BrianTurner

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Thomas Cash Cordelia Wanner

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Elizabeth Duncan Carol Funk Dennis Imbrock Shelley Weaver

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Dan Engard Judith Kientz Jack Mawhorr Janet Wittenberg

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Anthony Dye Susan Koehler Olivia Straub Reagan Straub

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Karen Jersild Marilyn Koehler Michael Pence II

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Marlee Allmon
Bob Burger
Layla Greer
Hannah Morlock
Sherry Nighbert
Marilyn Peterson
Allen Schoch

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Nick Althoff Corben Harlor Haley Turner

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Gayla Anderson John Lechner Brianna Overly Ryan Rodgers Neva Warren

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Dwight Henricksen Kaitlyn Price Julie Zelich

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Vance Daranikone Jack Gantz John Koehler II Carol Penrod Kathy Rodgers

> **20** Pam Brown

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Douglas Grossman Taylor vonLohr Avalynne Waller

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Andrew Baumgartner Callie Branham Bill Diehl

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Debbie Boehm Prestyn Wilks 24

Nathan Mahan Linda Lee Patzer John A. Schemrich

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Doris Finley Eva Harris Carol Schreiber

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Charlie Brown
Elijah Butsko
Marisa Fike
Colton McClure
Mitzie Schemrich

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Doris Leibrock Nicholas LeVally Marc Offenburger

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Elaine Jump

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Mel Baker Jazmin Baldree Cory Westerfeld

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Boyd Colwell James Fraley Susanne Hirth Mackenzie Norman Gordon Wells

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PLEASE NOTE: No youth Sunday School classes on Sept. 4, Labor Day weekend. We invite everyone to celebrate the beginning of a new Sunday School year on Rally Day, Sept. 11.		aptranda		1 Promise Keepers 8am Small Group 1pm Dartball 8pm	2 Bulletin Team 10:30am AA 8:30pm	3 Private Event 1pm Trad. Worship 4pm AA Serenity Seekers 7pm
4 LABOR DAY WEEKEND Traditional Worship 8:15am Men's Chorale 9:30am Traditional Worship 11am Contemporary Worship 11am Adult Basketball 6pm	<b>5 LABOR DAY</b> OFFICE CLOSED Lunchtime AA 12pm Daily Reprieve AA 7pm	6 RAISE RIGHT DUE Quilters 9am OWLS Plan. 11:30am Small Group 12:30pm SW Historical Soc. 7pm BSA 392 7pm Al-Anon 7:30pm	7 BSF Leaders 9:30am Small Group 2pm	8 Promise Keepers 8am Dartball 8pm	<b>9</b> Bulletin Team 10:30am AA 8:30pm	10 EAGLE DEADLINE Prayer Shawl Min. 9am Private Event 10am Private Event 11am Private Event 12pm Trad. Worship 4pm AA Ser. Seekers 7pm
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