



The Eagle

October 2022

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
3220 Columbus St., Grove City, Ohio
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Letter from the Associate Pastor

The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath. – Revelation 14:19.



As a kid growing up in a small-town farming community, my husband hired on with relatives each summer to plant, and later pick tomatoes. At the end of the season, the crop would be harvested and sold to the local processing plant to make tomato juice, sauce, or ketchup. Though the harvest represents the climax of a season's labor, it can be a messy business. Fruit is gathered, washed, and separated. Then it's pressed and strained, and the peels and seeds cast aside.

The Bible often uses the harvest as an image of God's judgment. At the end of days, God will gather up our life's work and measure its eternal value. Judgment may be favorable, for a crop worth preserving. Or it may involve destruction. This idea of judgment doesn't sit easily with most people today. Because tolerance and acceptance are two of our society's highest and most rewarded values, we often operate with an "I'm OK, you're OK" mentality. But according to Revelation, God does not.

Scripture reminds us time and again that we are NOT okay. We are sinners with a tendency to rebel against the Lord. And because he is holy and just, evil has no place in his presence. According to this text, then, God is also in the messy business of straining and separating people and their deeds. Does the abuse, violence, manipulation, and hurt in the world trouble you? Praise God that there will come a time when all that has been inflicted on us—and all that we inflict on others—will be strained out and cast away from God's presence. In his eternal kingdom, only the good will remain.

All of us deserve judgment. But those who trust in Jesus can rest assured that he has already endured the "winepress of God's wrath" for us. This is the victory of the cross. This is the hope to which we are called. We give thanks for the work of Christ that gives us a firm place to stand. Because of Him, we are empowered to turn away from anything that would grieve Him, and we are strengthened to join Him in working for His Kingdom here on earth. Praise God for his harvest of justice and hope! Praise God for calling us as laborers in His vineyard. Praise God.

Looking forward in faith.

Pastor Patti

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

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

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.

**QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS
WILL FOLLOW EACH WORSHIP SERVICE ON
OCTOBER 22ND AND 23RD.**

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO

To the family and friends of **Pearlene Uhrin**, who passed away August 20, 2022.

To the family and friends of **Roger Burket**, who passed away on September 7, 2022.

To the family and friends of **Fred Champa**, who passed away on September 13, 2022.

All who grieve are in our thoughts and prayers.

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Robert Griffith** by Linda Ness and Laurie Harbrah; and Pat Griffith.

Given in memory of **Pearlene Uhrin** by Bob and Elaine Rapp; and Ike and Shelah Stage.

Given in memory of **Richard Werner** by Dellno and Betty Lewis; Averil MacKenzie; and Virginia Bent.

Accessibility Project

Given in memory of **Ethel Winzenreid** by Jim Braskett.

Given in memory of **Richard Werner** by Roger and Jane Howard; Sandra and Dallas Yeakel; Elizabeth Circle; and Jim and Carol Rorick.

Given in memory of **Joyce Althoff** by Warren Althoff.



**The deadline for the NOVEMBER Eagle is
OCTOBER 10TH.**

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

ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT COMMITMENT SUNDAY: OCTOBER 16



You might not have realized it, but over the summer, we've been moving steadily towards ground-breaking day for the new addition on the north entrance of our building!

Our contractor, the McKnight Group, has been busy as bees with detailed planning of the addition. They are nearing the final planning stage.

The first phase of our fund-raising has gone very well. With advance gifts, we already have about \$630,000 in hand (as of mid September). Once we have \$700,000, we will secure a construction loan and begin building. Thank you so much to all of you who have given advance gifts. Your generosity has been amazing!

Of course, we will welcome special gifts throughout this journey. But now, as we draw near to taking out a loan, we encourage everyone to think about making long-term, pledged contributions to this important project. In mid-August, you should have received a letter from church with a commitment card.

As you consider making a commitment, please keep in mind that a construction loan is a "draw as we need it" loan to be used to cover construction costs. Any gifts given now will lower the need to draw on the loan. Also, any written commitments made now on the cards will be a great help as we negotiate with lending institutions. If you need a commitment card, they are available in the church office.

Giving is not about equal gifts, but about equal sacrifice. Not everyone can give a major gift, but all can make a sacrifice to give something. Please pray about what God is leading you to do to support this project through to completion.

October 16 will be *Commitment Sunday*, when we will celebrate the financial commitments that we've received so far. Please come to a special lunch that day in the Family Life Center, after the late worship services. We will also be giving thanks to God in worship that day for the generosity our congregation has shown in response to this special project.

Commitment cards can be returned to the church office or placed in the offering during worship. Working together, we can easily carry the burden of this project, as we make our beautiful church building more accessible to all who come to worship Christ at St. John's!

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.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

Pastor Seth will be leading a class on Holy Communion for children on Sunday, October 30th at church from 12:15—1:45pm. The class will be geared towards 5th grade students; however, younger children who have expressed a serious desire to receive the sacrament are welcome to participate (as are older youths who have not yet received this instruction).

We ask that at least one adult be present at the class with each child. We'll meet in the confirmation classroom on the third floor of the education wing. At the end of the class, parents and students will discuss whether the student is ready to receive the sacrament. Those who are ready will participate in their first communion at the **11:00am worship service on Sunday, November 6th**.

Please call Pastor Seth (217-255-2118) or the church office (614-875-2314) if you have any questions regarding your child's participation in the class.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Join us for the next meetings
Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 9am
and **Tuesday, October 25, 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 FALL MISSIONS BAZAAR RETURNS! **Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 9am to 2pm**

Please come and support our short-term mission trips
while enjoying shopping, raffles, food and fun!

We are adding a bake sale to this year's festivities, and
we would love to have any donations dropped off
either Friday, October 14 from 6-8pm or
the day of the sale, October 15 from 7-9am.

There are still spaces available for vendors!
Please contact Diana Imbrock at
gloriaadios06@gmail.com
for more information.

NOTES OF THANKS:

"I would like to sincerely thank all my friends for their support, prayers, phone calls, and cards as I recover. Your kindness and concern have aided my recovery. I am forever grateful." ~ Shirley Barnes

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.

It's October and Operation Christmas Child kicks off!

St. John's has partnered with Samaritan's Purse to send The Gospel to the ends of the earth through gift-filled boxes! Please consider filling a shoe box with items such as school supplies, soap and a covered plastic soap dish, toothbrush with a holder, quality pens, flashlights with batteries, new short-sleeved shirts (with no writing on them). Avoid lotions, war related items, and items that can melt. Also, please include a \$10 donation to cover the cost of shipping the box. If you are not able to pack your own box, we will have a donation tub for items in the link starting on October 7th. Monetary donations are also accepted! Please contact Justin, Beth, Brayden or Addy Gottshall with questions 740-360-2752.

**Interested in building a shoebox online? Please visit this website to find more information.
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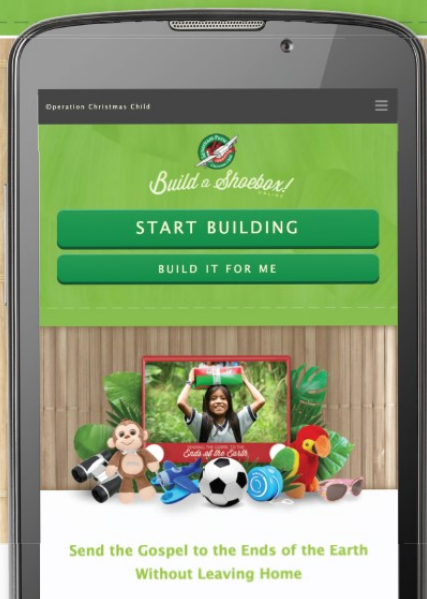
Send the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth without Leaving Home

Build Shoeboxes Online!



- Select gifts
- Include notes and photos

samaritanspurse.org/buildonline



Think about donating your leftover Halloween candy to the Quilters for the Christmas bags. If you don't have any leftover candy, you can usually get good bargains on candy the next day after Beggars' Night at the stores.



The Quilters make 100 Christmas bags each year for the children at the food pantries. It takes two tables full of candy to fill the Christmas bags. The bags hold crayons, pencils, ballpoint pens, sturdy combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, Ohio wildlife items, stuffed toys, and most importantly, candy. We still need sturdy combs, erasers, glue sticks, small notepads, nail clippers. etc. You don't need to donate 100 items. We accept any number of items that will fit in our 10" X 10" bags. Place your Christmas bag donations in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thank you to the many of you who have already given donations to the children. Thank you for caring.

With your donations for the Christmas bags and your caring, we can continue to help the children who need our compassion and understanding.

The Quilters wish to acknowledge and thank Sarah Circle for accepting the Quilters project of health/hygiene kits when the Quilters downsized. Last month, Sarah Circle made 18 kits for the less fortunate people who use the Grove City Food Pantry at the Methodist Purple Door Church. Thank you for your continued commitment to this ministry.

If you have an interest in learning or already know how to hand quilt, we have empty chairs at the quilting frame. All that is required is willing spirit. If you don't want to do quilting, another activity is cutting canceled stamps for the veterans' hospitals' rehab activities.

The Quilters usually meet every Tuesday in rooms 103-104 from 9am to 2pm or thereabout as we come and go as we please. All materials are provided.



**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, **October 18**, 2022 from 12 noon until 6pm.

To schedule your appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org with sponsor code: StJohnsGC.

OWLS—OCTOBER 21, 2022



**Eurasian
Scops Owl**

Edward Jones is a very popular and respected name in the financial world and works with clients to help them understand their financial priorities and why you're investing. Our speaker for the October meeting is Mr. Christopher Gourley who has an Edward Jones office in Grove City.

Maybe you have your finances taken care of and maybe you haven't but it's never too late to find out a little more. What is a Transfer on Death Agreement (TOD)? Will your estate be responsible to pay inheritance and/or estate taxes? What's a living trust? Living will? Power of attorney? Durable power of attorney? Who are the beneficiaries of your estate? These are only a few of the questions we should be asking and searching for the answers that suit our needs best. Come to our meeting – ask questions – listen to what others are asking and take home excellent information.

The OWLS will provide fried chicken for our potluck lunch. Please bring a covered dish and join your friends for a delicious meal and a wonderful program. We ask you to arrive around 11:15am so we can open the meeting at 11:30am. Use the salmon sheet 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!

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

YOUTH GROUPS!

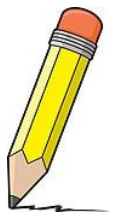


Adventure Club is for ages 4 through 4th grade. **Faith Trek** is for 5th and 6th grade. It'll be a great year with meals, games, songs, Bible activities, and faith webbing. Invite your friends! Both groups meet on Thursday nights, 5:45—7:15pm. Suggested donation for meal is \$2.

Explorers is for 7th and 8th grade. **Energizers** is for 9th—12th grade. We are back to meeting on Wednesday nights, 7—8:30pm. No meal, but snacks are provided. It's an evening of games, food, relevant topics, small groups, encouragement, and fun.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES!

- **Operation Christmas Child Kick-off is Oct. 8th/9th!** See article in Eagle for details!
- **High School IQA Bible meets weekly on Sundays, 1—2pm.** Get details from Diana!
- **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".** Stay for Contemporary Worship and join Children's Church during the sermon time!



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 lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org.

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