

NEWS NOTES

July 31, 2022

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Senior Pastor Seth Jersild (217)-255-2118 ~ sjersild@stjohnsngc.org

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Nick Grossman & David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Abbott Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

Brian Johnson, Guest Organist

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Charlie Brown

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Ron Nighbert, Dan Yeater,

Acolytes

8:15am: Brooklyn Cress

Corban Allman

11:00am: Volunteer(s) needed

Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis, Judy Graessle

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Volunteer(s) needed

11:00amM/D: Shirley Blake

N/D: Lois Moore

Readers

4:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Sheryl Fraley

Lessons Today:

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In thankfulness for all our blessings. Given by Terry and Teresa Orahood.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received. Given by Dellno and Betty Lewis.

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

✧ PERSONAL NOTES ✧

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Larry Kudart, Doris Liebrock.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Frank and Jeanne Gusa as they grieve Frank's aunt, Dorothy Jantzen, who passed away on July 20, 2022. All who grieve are in our prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BIRTH: Congratulations to Chad and Heather Whyte on the birth of their son. Matthew Lee Whyte was born on Sunday, July 24, 2022. Matthew was 8 lbs 6 oz and 21.5 inches long.

NOTES OF THANKS:

"To the youth of St. John's, Thank you for the prayer box for the OWLS. My favorite scripture is "Be still and know," which you made, and I was able to find on one of the prayer boxes. What a nice gift! Thank you for thinking of us older Lutherans. You are the future of St. John's. Sincerely," ~ Carol Penrod.

"We would like to say a sincere 'Thank You' to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts so far for the Accessibility Project. In May, we held a Meal Auction around Mother's Day. We raised just over \$700 from this event. In June, we held a bake sale. That event brought in \$450. The proceeds from the Carnival that we held in conjunction with Vacation Bible School brought in over \$2,000. That is over \$3,000 in just 2 months! Thank you so very much for your support! We would also like to say a sincere 'Thank You' to everyone who has donated to these events and to everyone who helped staff the Carnival. The Carnival attendance was fantastic! There were so many unfamiliar faces there. It was a wonderful way to welcome people from our community to our church and show them what a welcoming and inviting church family we are." ~ St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Fundraising Team

✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧

Calling all Older WISER LutheranS! We LOVE you! The 5th through 9th graders



made a prayer box especially for you! It is filled with prayers and cards where you can write your own special requests. If you did not receive one yet, please sign the salmon sheet and we will make sure you do! Know that you are surrounded by prayer and very much loved and appreciated by our youth. 😊

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Brats & Crafts Festival Aug. 5-7

St. James Lutheran Church, 5660 Trabue Road, Columbus



2022 Brats & Crafts Festival Schedule of Events August 5 - 6 - 7

Friday

4 p.m., Ken Nicol and Mary Drake Accordions
5:30-8:30 p.m., children's games and inflatables
6:30-9 p.m., Ken and Mary Turbo Accordions (full band)

Saturday

11:00 a.m., Ken Nicol and Mary Drake Accordions
12:30 p.m., The Fountain Aires big band
2:30 p.m., WPAFB Sauerkraut German Band
3 p.m., Muffins vs. Lutheran Strikers old-time "base ball" game
4:30 p.m., Germania Haus Kappelle
5:30-8:30 p.m., children's games and inflatables
6-8 p.m., Mat and Deb Emerick roving jugglers
6:30-9 p.m., Ken Nicol and full band

Sunday

10 a.m., Mat and Deb Emerick mime/juggling Family Worship Service
11:00 a.m., Ken Nicol and Mary Drake Accordions
12 p.m., Hilliard Community Band
2:30 p.m., Traditional German Worship Service with Maennerchor
4 p.m., Festival closes – see you next year

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Traditional German Worship Service

St. James Lutheran Church, 5660 Trabue Road, Columbus, Ohio will host its annual German Worship Service, Sunday, Aug. 7 beginning at 2:30 p.m. The service will be conducted by Steven Maurer. A performance by the Columbus Maennerchor will precede the service at 1 p.m. under the entertainment tent at the annual Brats & Crafts Festival.

The service will last about one hour and will follow a traditional Lutheran service except that it will be spoken and sung entirely in the German language, featuring traditional hymns and a sermon reflecting the church's deep German heritage. The St. James Lutheran congregation was formed in 1847 by nine German settler families and was originally named St. Jakobus Gemeinde.

For more information, call the church office at 614-878-5158, or visit the website: www.stjameslutheran.us.

St. James 38th Brats & Crafts Festival Aug. 5-7

St. James Lutheran Church, 5660 Trabue Road, Columbus, Ohio, will host its 38th Brats and Crafts Festival Aug. 5-7. Hours are 4-9 p.m. Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The event will include authentic German food and beer, and live German polka music and dancing featuring Ken and Mary Turbo Accordions Express. An 1860s-era "base ball" game will be played Saturday at 3 p.m. featuring the Ohio Village Muffins and the St. James Lutheran Strikers. The weekend concludes with the Matt and Deb Emerick family worship mime/juggling act, the strolling singers of the Columbus Maennerchor and the traditional German Worship Service on Sunday afternoon.

For more information, call Steve Dodson at 614-777-7792, the church office at 614-878-5158; or visit the website: www.stjameslutheran.us.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Chief of Sinners
Though I Be*



**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:

- What is something most people do not know about you?
- How would you describe to someone else a life in Christ?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Colossians 3:1-11.

This is a beautiful passage that brings comfort and encouragement for a life in Christ. God sees what the world cannot see. Our lives are hidden in the grace and mercy of Christ. How wonderful is that? Our true identities will not always be hidden: *"When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory"* (v. 4). The scripture reading begins, *"So if you have been raised with Christ."* It really means *"since you have been raised with Christ."* There is no conditional "if" implied, but an absolute "since." Because of God in Christ, we have a beautiful and joyous life that will be fully revealed one day. In the meantime, we live believing this. We continue to *"put to death"* those behaviors and attitudes that are inconsistent with a life in Christ. We already live the resurrection life, being renewed each day confessing our shortcomings, our sin, and receiving grace, mercy, and forgiveness. Wow! *Discuss:* What does it mean to you to know that through the resurrection your life is renewed each day?

Pray: Almighty God, help us to trust that our future is filled with goodness and mercy and that our lives are being renewed each day, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how might you serve others with grace and mercy?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Being *"rich towards God"* (Luke 12:21) means growing in generosity toward those who are in need. Giving regularly to God's work in and through the church is a practice for keeping our accumulation of earthly things in check. Setting aside a portion of our income for giving to those in need reminds us that God is the giver of all we have. Think or talk about how you determine your financial giving to others and why it is important to give in this way. Encourage children by teaching them about: Giving – for the needs and benefit of others; Saving – to reach a goal, instead of instant gratification; and, Spending – making wise purchasing decisions.



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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, August 3.**

✧ YOUTH NEWS ✧

SCRIP has a new name! It's now "Raise Right" and it offers the same great value! For more details, contact Laurie at lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org. Orders are placed the first Tuesday of the month. You can also order on-line. Pam Wittenberg is our expert at that! With Raise Right you can get gift cards to restaurants, retail stores, grocery stores, gas stations, Amazon and more! Give as gifts or personally use! The youth program receives cash back for every card purchased, at no cost to you!

✧ STEWARDSHIP ✧

Attendance: July 24 – 256

<u>June 2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$52,262	\$357,488	\$64,288	\$377,179
Benevolence	\$ 3,773	\$ 25,530	\$ 4,063	\$ 27,392

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIVING
TO ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES!**

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.

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☞ CALENDAR ☞

SUNDAY, JULY 31

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Sunday School
 10:00am Small Group (Lib)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

RAISE RIGHT (SCRIP) ORDERS DUE

9:00am Quilters
 11:30am OWLs Planning (101-2)
 12:30pm Small Group (101-2)
 7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (SH [FLC])
 7:30pm Al-Anon (202)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

2:00pm Small Group (101)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
 1:00pm Small Group (101)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

11:00am Private Event (SH [FLC])
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Sunday School
 10:00am Small Group (Lib)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 1 Thessalonians, Pastor Seth, FH Rm 001 / 2 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 / Grades 7 and 8, Rms 302 and 304 / High School, Rm 311.

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 ON OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGES.
 BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT