

# NEWS NOTES

October 2, 2022

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Pastor Jeff Morlock



Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Nick Grossman & David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

### ☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

#### Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Jo Dimond

11:00am: Gloria Bullert

#### Altar Guild

Linda Vozel, Dee Harlor,

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

#### Readers

4:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Sheryl Fraley

#### Acolytes

8:15am: Colton Thompson

Hunter Thompson

11:00am: Mackenzie Norman

Merrick Wilson

#### Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Armand Arabian, Sarah Schmitz

11:00am MD: Jeff Shaw

ND: The Counts Family

**Lessons Today: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:1-10.**

#### DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In honor of God's many blessings and for all October birthdays. Given by Larry and Becky Link.

**BULLETINS:** In honor of our 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Given by Charlie and Pam Brown.

## PERSONAL NOTES

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Grace Starr; Joanne Allwine.

### **NOTES OF THANKS:**

"Thanksgiving and blessings to 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 at Arts in the Alley! Between the two events, almost \$1800.00 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!



## TODAY'S NEWS

**NO CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICES, OCTOBER 16 AND 23:** There will be no Contemporary worship services on the Sundays of October 16 and 23. Contemporary worshipers are invited/encouraged to come to our Saturday/Sunday Traditional services on those dates. A reminder also that we will be having our Accessibility Commitment Celebration Dinner on the 16th at Noon in the Family Life Center. We hope that everyone will be able to attend!

## ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT - COMMITMENT SUNDAY: OCTOBER 16.



We are excited to be nearing our first major funding milestone for the Accessibility Project! With advance gifts, we have about \$630,000 in hand. 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!

We are now asking all our members to pray about making long-term commitments to fund the project through to completion. Commitment cards are available in the church pews and church office.

**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!

### 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. John's 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 **Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. 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: [www.samaritanspurse.org/buildonline](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/buildonline)

**THE FALL MISSIONS BAZAAR** is coming on **Saturday, October 15, 2022, from 9am to 2pm**. Please come and support our short-term mission trips while enjoying shopping, raffles, food, and fun! **Interested in donating to our bake sale?** Please sign up on the salmon sheet. Donations can be dropped off either Friday, October 14 from 6pm to 8pm or October 15 the day of the sale from 7am to 9am. **There are still spaces available for vendors!** Please contact Diana Imbrock at [gloriaadios06@gmail.com](mailto:gloriaadios06@gmail.com) for more info.



**OWLS EVENT – OCTOBER 21, 2022:** 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!

**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, October 8th at 9am** and on **Tuesday, October 25th at 7pm** 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.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** should be turned in by Monday morning. Fill out the prayer request section on the salmon sheet or contact the church office at 614-875-2314. You may also email your prayer request to [secretary@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org). Requests are updated on a weekly basis.

**FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP:** Our worship services each week are beautified with wonderful music, smiling faces, and flowers. Making a flower dedication for the Altar, Pulpit, and Lectern is a wonderful way to remember or honor loved ones. We presently have openings for flower dedications throughout October and November. Reserve your date on the Altar Flowers Chart in the North Entrance. Please direct questions to Lesa Corbin at 614-530-4984.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will be held on **Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** in the Family Life Center from 12pm to 6pm. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2776) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and use sponsor code: StJohnsGC.

**USED EYEGLASSES** are being collected for donation to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers located throughout the world. The used glasses are repaired and distributed to those in need in developing countries. You can donate your used eyeglasses in the drop boxes in the North Entrance and in the second-floor hallway just outside of the library.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Please check the Lost & Found bin located in the South Hall between the Sanctuary and first stairwell if you have lost or found any items in the church. Please check it out to find if you have lost anything. Eyeglasses may be donated after several weeks. For small items, such as rings, earrings, or headphones, please check with the office Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm.

**THE NOVEMBER EAGLE ARTICLE DEADLINE is only a week away.** Please submit your article by noon on **Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**OFFICE HOURS are Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm.** Please keep in mind the building may be locked at any time outside of normal office hours. Exceptions may include when scheduled meetings or groups are on site. Please contact the church office if your group meets outside of office hours and may require a key.

**SEE A MAINTENANCE CONCERN WITHIN OUR BUILDING?** Please fill out a “Church Maintenance Request” form and return it to the church office. Forms are available throughout the building, in the church office, and on the door of #205.

**SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE?** Please send an email to [secretary@stjohnsgc.org](mailto: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, October 5<sup>th</sup>**.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

**YOUTH GROUPS STARTED LAST WEDNESDAY! 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.

**YOUTH GROUPS STARTED LAST THURSDAY! 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. Suggested donation for meal is \$2.

**HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY/IQA BIBLE STUDY on Sundays, 1 –2 pm, in the high school room.** Come join us!

**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](mailto: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!

**QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS**  
will follow worship services on October 22 and 23.

**☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞**

**Attendance**      September 25      -      **288**

<b><u>August 2022</u></b>	<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>Expense</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
Operating	\$49,012	\$463,852	\$56,414	\$484,860
Benevolence	\$ 3,304	\$ 32,512	\$ 3,122	\$ 33,670

**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.

**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](http://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 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.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Adult Faith Discussion, FH Rm 001 / Hebrews, Steve Johnston, Chapel / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, Rms 301, 303.

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Ages 2-3, Rm 003 / Age 4-5, Pre-K and Kindergarten, FH 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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## **☞ CALENDAR ☞**

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2**

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am Sunday School  
9:30am Men's Chorale (Choir Room)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
1:00pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)  
2:30pm Girl Scouts #6300 (SH, FLC)  
4:00pm Private Event (FLC)

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 3**

9:30am BSF Leaders  
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)  
6:30pm Puppets Rehearsal (FLC)  
6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (103-4)  
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4**

#### ***RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE***

9:00am Quilters (103-4)  
11:30am OWLS Planning (102)  
12:30pm Small Group (102)  
6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (204)  
7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (SH [FLC])  
7:30pm Al-Anon (202)

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5**

9:30am BSF  
2:00pm Small Group (102)  
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)  
7:00pm Explorers and Energizers  
7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6**

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
3:00pm Homeschool Acting Class (FLC)  
5:45pm Adventure Club and Faith Trek  
6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)  
8:00pm Dartball (FLC)

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7**

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

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8**

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)  
9:30am Girl Scouts #6300 (FH)  
10:00am Private Event (101-2)  
10:00am Visitation (Sanc)  
11:00am Memorial Service (Sanc)  
12:00pm Private Event (FLC, Kit)  
2:00pm Private Event (103-4)  
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**

#### ***OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD KICKOFF***

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am Sunday School  
9:30am Men's Chorale (Choir Room)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
1:00pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)  
3:00pm Private Event (103-4)  
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

***PLEASE NOTE: We will not hold Contemporary Worship Services October 16 or 23.***

DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE  
AND FACEBOOK PAGES. BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT!