

NEWS NOTES

January 1, 2023

Happy New Year!

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Tom Phillips, Guest Pastor

Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

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Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

☞ SERVING TODAY ☜

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Jo Dimond

11:00am: Volunteer needed

Readers

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Volunteer needed

Altar Guild

Don and Diane Carducci,

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Armand Arabian

11:00am MD: Carol Rich

Acolytes: Volunteers needed for all services

ND: George and Gloria Biggs

Lessons Today: Isaiah 63:7-9; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of my husband, Tom Corbin, and my daughter, Melissa Corbin-Ball, on their birthdays, January 22 and 23.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Phyllis Sonnen, who passed away on December 26, 2022. All who grieve are in our prayers, especially during the holidays.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Lydia Starr, Becky Link, Michael Schwiebert.

NOTES OF THANKS

"Thank you to my St. John's church family for the pretty poinsettia and a gift bag. So sweet. Thanks to Wilma Phillips and Shirley Blake for bringing it to me. Love," ~ Nancy Kinman.

"I want to thank the church and Elaine Bennett for the card and package, Christine Hank for delivering it to me. Merry Christmas and love you all." ~ Rita Murray.

"To my church family – Thank you very much for the lovely Christmas gifts! You are all so thoughtful!" ~ Jim Carpenter.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

PROPOSED LAND SALE: The Annual Meeting will include a motion to sell a vacant city lot, owned by the church, which is three doors east of the church. Congregational approval to sell is required. The church council has endorsed approval to sell if an acceptable price is received. Funds generated by the sale would be used to support the Accessibility Project. Estimated value of the lot is between \$75,000 and \$100,000. Informational sessions to review details and answer questions are scheduled as follows:

- Saturday, January 7th following Saturday evening worship.
- Sunday, January 8th following 8:15 worship.
- Sunday, January 8th following contemporary worship.
- Sunday, January 15th during the Sunday School hour in the overflow.
- Sunday, January 15th following 11:00 traditional worship.

SCAM ALERT! SCAM ALERT! Please be alert: Neither Pastor Seth nor any other St. John's staff member will ever email you out of the blue asking you for money or gift cards. Someone has been creating GMAIL accounts which make it look like they are a church staff member. They typically ask you to keep things confidential, and then ask you to purchase gift cards or to send aid money. Unfortunately, there is not much we can do about people who create false GMAIL accounts.



If you ever have any question regarding the validity of an email you receive from church staff, please do not hesitate to call church at 614-875-2314.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING will follow the 11am services on Sunday, January 29, 2023! Please plan to attend.

**ANNUAL
MEETING**

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Overflow (room 202). These are dated for 2023. If you do not see a box with your name, please indicate that you would like a box on the notepad provided. We will have a box ready for you to pick up the next weekend.

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. ***Due to the New Year holiday, Homebound Communion will be distributed next Sunday, January 8, 2023.***

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, January 14th at 9am and on Tuesday, January 24th 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.

MEXICO MISSIONS TRIP, 2023: 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 21st through July 31st, 2023. Contact Diana Imbrock with any questions or to sign up.

OWLS EVENT - JANUARY 20, 2023: The Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) are looking forward to kicking off 2023 with a speaker everyone looks forward to and his message. Mayor Ike Stage will be joining our group for lunch as well as giving the group a very interesting update about our hometown. New businesses. New housing projects. Downtown project. Want to know what's going on? Come and find out! It's always a great program.

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

PRAYERS AND PINS bowling league starts January 8th, 2023, on Sundays at 3pm. Cost is \$15 per person, and proceeds will support St. John's Missions. Contact Jo Dimond to sign up at 614-270-3291 or jodimond@aol.com; or Dave and Karen Grossman at 614-579-8037.

RAISE RIGHT ORDER DEADLINE is this coming Tuesday. Please submit your order by noon on January 4th.

EAGLE DEADLINE is ten days away. Please submit your article by noon on **January 10th**.

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 the Business Manager’s office, room #205.

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. For small items, such as rings, earrings, or headphones, please check with the office Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm. Glasses may be donated after several weeks.

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.

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. Requests are updated on a weekly basis.

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.

SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE? **Articles are due by 9am each Wednesday.** Please send your article via email, secretary@stjohnsgc.org, or drop it in the church office secure slot.

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STEWARDSHIP

Attendance December 24: **450** December 25: **71** Christmas Total: **521**

<u>November 2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$59,078	\$634,779	\$71,394	\$687,402
Benevolence	\$ 3,355	& 42,761	\$ 4,482	\$ 44,233

Accessibility Project

Total Estimated Cost	\$1,300,000
Amount required to begin building	\$ 700,000
Amount pledged/given to Accessibility Project Fund	\$ 701,214
Total Expense through November 2022	\$ 45,395

**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.

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.



☞ CALENDAR ☞

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

No Youth Sunday School

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Men's Chorale (Choir Room)
- 10:00am Small Group (Lib)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)

MONDAY, JANUARY 2 **OFFICE CLOSED**

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

- 9:00am Quilters (103-4)
- 11:30am OWLS Planning (101-2)
- 7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts (FLC)
- 7:30pm Al-Anon (202)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

- 2:00pm Small Group (102)
- 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
- 7:00pm Explorers and Energizers
- 7:30pm Cancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 10:00am Visitation (Sanc)
- 11:00am Funeral Service (Sanc)
- 3:00pm Home School Drama Class (FLC)
- 5:45pm Adventure Club & Faith Trek
- 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Men's Chorale (Choir Room)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:00am Small Group (Lib)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 1:00pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
- 5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL on New Years Day.

Adults, check with leaders regarding January 1st.



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