

NEWS NOTES

January 8, 2023

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Holly Starr
8:15am: Paul Wittenberg
11:00am: David and Karen Grossman
Lisa Stallard

Altar Guild

David and Karen Grossman
Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

Readers

4:00pm: Holly Starr
8:15am: Jo Dimond
11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Acolytes:

8:15am: Brooklyn Cress
Corban Allman
11:00am: Lukas Althoff
Warren Althoff

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell
8:15am: Mel and Carol Penrod
11:00am: MD: Keith and Jane Stenerson
ND: Bill and Linda Diehl

Lessons Today: Isaiah 42:1-9, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

PULPIT FLOWERS: In memory of our loving mother Barbara Grossman's birthday. Given by the family.

BULLETINS: In memory of my mother Pat Gusa's birthday on January 8th. Given by Frank and Jean Gusa.

PERSONAL NEWS

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Jerry Boniphant, who passed away on December 12, 2022. All who grieve are in our prayers.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Lydia Starr.

NOTES OF THANKS

"Dear St. John's Family, Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. I can never ever show the depth of love and appreciation I have for my church. For all the years of support and love! Thank you for everything." ~ Lori Allmon.

"Thank you! The gifts at Christmas were greatly appreciated. God bless!" ~ Jan Evans.

TODAY'S NEWS

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

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.

EAGLE DEADLINE is this Tuesday. Please submit your article by noon on **January 10th**.

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.

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. Hope to see you there!

PRAYERS AND PINS bowling league starts TODAY! 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.

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.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

Adventure Club (ages 4 through 4th grade) and Faith Trek (5th and 6th grade) meet on Thursday nights, 5:45—7:15pm. Greeter's Table opens at 5:30pm. It's a great night of a meal, games, songs, Bible activities, and faith webbing. Suggested donation for meal is \$2. Friends welcomed!

Explorers (7th and 8th grade) and Energizers (9th—12th grade) meet on Wednesday nights, 7—8:30pm. Gym opens up at 6:45pm. No meal, but snacks are provided. It's an evening of games, relevant topics, small groups, encouragement, and fun. Don't miss out!

High School IQA Bible meets weekly on Sundays, 1—2pm in the high school room. We are having awesome faith conversations. See Diana for details.

STEWARDSHIP

Attendance January 1, 2023: **154**

<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.

My Beloved Son

Find the 28 **bold** words from Matthew 3:13-17 (ESV)



S W D W E L L Y G T G S V B W
B S T E I Y M L S O N O E A A
P R E V E N T E D E I H N F T
G L T N Z N R T V C O S B I E
C N E X S Q T A E L W P A S R
N O I A Y U E I D E N E P O G
E E N T S H O D R J W J T N L
V V S S T E M E I I G Q I J L
A O P A E I D M T M P D Z O I
E D U G W N F M H H N S E R F
H J E S U S T I W E G M D D L
E E L I L A G E C B S I L A U
N H O J J P R S D C Z G R N F
Q S T J A B E L O V E D N Z Z
K V W J O D V T D C V W N Y P



Then **Jesus** came from **Galilee** to the **Jordan** to **John**, to be **baptized** by him. John would have **prevented** him, saying, “I **need** to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus **answered** him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is **fitting** for us to **fulfill** all **righteousness**.” Then he **consented**. And when Jesus was baptized, **immediately** he went up from the **water**, and **behold**, the **heavens** were **opened** to him, and he **saw** the **Spirit** of God **descending** like a **dove** and coming to **rest** on him; and **behold**, a **voice** from **heaven** said, “This is my **beloved Son**, with whom I am **well pleased**.”



☞ CALENDAR ☜

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)
 3:00pm Prayers and Pins (off site)
 5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

9:30am BSF Leaders
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
 6:00pm Small Group (Chapel)
 6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
 7:00pm Respect Life (101-2)
 7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

EAGLE DEADLINE

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
 6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (204)
 6:15pm Fat Quarters Quilt Guild (FH)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (103-4)
 7:30pm Al-Anon (202)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
 1:00pm Small Group (101)
 3:00pm Home School Drama Class (FLC)
 5:45pm Adventure Club & Faith Trek
 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
 8:00pm Dartball (Away)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

BOY SCOUTS CAMP-IN WEEKEND

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

BOY SCOUTS CAMP-IN WEEKEND

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

BOY SCOUTS CAMP-IN WEEKEND

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)
 3:00pm Prayers and Pins (off site)
 5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)



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

