

NEWS NOTES

June 25, 2023

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: *Holly Starr*

8:15am: *Judy Taylor*

11:00am: *Christine Hank, Karen Jersild
Bonnie Swanson*

Acolytes:

8:15am: *Brayden Gottshall*

Corban Allman

11:00am: *Riley Millet*

Wesley Millet

Altar Guild

*Lynda Berry, Sarah Schmitz, Gloria Biggs
Lynne Ehrlich*

Greeters

4:00pm: *Mary Campbell*

8:15am: *Mel and Carol Penrod*

11:00am: *Bill and Linda Diehl*

Readers

4:00pm *Karen Colwell*

8:15am *Marilyn Smith*

11:00am *Cindy Gonsowski*

Lessons Today: Jeremiah 20:7-13; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Howard and Donna Linder's 62nd wedding anniversary. Given by Denise and Steve Linder.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Bill England, who was married to Marlyn England, and passed away on June 9th, 2023. June 9th was Bill and Marlyn's 72nd wedding anniversary and also Marlyn's 90th birthday. Given by granddaughter, Sky Eckels.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In honor of Hunter's 15th birthday. Given by his grandparents, Terry and Teresa Orahoad.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In honor of Toni Wilson's birthday. Given by all her friends.

BULLETINS: Given by Susan Koehler.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

HOLY BAPTISM: Congratulations to Brianna Overly on the baptism of her daughter Alahni Reign and son Ezariah James on Sunday, June 18, 2023, during the 11:00am contemporary service.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Austin Schemrich, Karen Sheldon, Tim Stewart, John Cooke, and Dee Harlor.

A THANK YOU MESSAGE TO THE CONGREGATION: I would like to say a sincere and heartfelt thank you for all of the cards, gifts and kind notes that I have received acknowledging my retirement. It has been a blessing working for 20+ years at such a wonderful church and for all of the amazing people I have had the opportunity to partner in ministry with. I also want to thank everyone for the hours you've devoted to our church's mission and vision. Thank you for being a friend to those in need and most importantly, thank you for helping to make our church a wonderful and welcoming place. I pray that God continues to use your gifts and talents in ways that will bless his kingdom. I am so grateful for everything you do and can't wait to see what God has in store for us next! Sincerely, Elaine Bennett.

THANK YOU for your generosity in filling your Baby Bottles to help in the work of our local Pregnancy Decision Health Centers! You've helped them to encourage and guide young moms who thought they had nowhere to turn, bring the Gospel to the unchurched, and support families as they raise their children. If you have a Baby Bottle to turn in, please bring it to the church office; and if you are interested in learning more about the pregnancy centers, contact them through pdhc.org, and they will be delighted to tell you more about their work. Thank you for supporting this outreach! ~ Respect Life Team.

☪ TODAY'S NEWS ☪

USHERS NEEDED for the 8:15am Sunday morning traditional service. Volunteers are encouraged to contact the pastors after worship, Diane Sexton at (678) 572-0308, the church office at (614) 875-2314, or Wilma Phillips at (614) 875-7931. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

VBS IS HERE!! Pre-registration has closed, but if you missed out, we will still take registrations in person tomorrow when we see you at 9am!



For our VBS teachers, we will be meeting today, **JUNE 25th, 2023**, after late service in rooms 103-4 to help transform our church into the Hero Hotline cave! Lunch will be provided and then everyone will decorate the Family Life Center before moving on to individual classrooms.

CAUTION! SCAM ALERT! False text messages are the latest scamming trend.

A scammer will text you, claiming they are a person you know. They will often seek your assistance for a good cause (like helping someone in need). Please be cautious of text messages and emails coming from unfamiliar phone numbers or email addresses. If you get a suspicious text or email from someone claiming to be a church staff member, for example, check their numbers/addresses against the true ones that are readily available on St. John's church communications. You can also use the "block this caller" function on your phone to stop receiving nuisance messages.

I just need to get eBay gift cards today for some women going through cancer at the hospital but I can't do that right now because of my busy schedule.

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.

A **JOYFUL PAUSE** for families! Our second one is **Thursday, July 6, 9am to noon and/or 5:30pm – 8:30pm**. It's an open house in the FLC.



Come when you can and leave when you need to! The FLC will be open for playing games, as well as special tables set up for arts and crafts, board games, and puzzles. As well, feel free to bring in a special project that you're working on.

We can set a table up for you and your friends! We will order pizza for the first group based on attendance at 10:30am, serving around 11am. We will order pizza for the second group, based on attendance at 6pm, serving around 6:30pm. If you know us, we always order more than we need, so feel free to join us! We love our faith webbing "aunts/uncles" and "grandparents", please know you're also welcome to join us! 😊 Questions? Talk to Laurie or Diana.

GOING INTO GRADES 5 – 8? Join us for SUMMER FUN! Each evening will be full of fun, faith, and friendship! Dinner included. Join Laurie and Diana on **Wednesdays: July 5 and August 9, 5:30—8:30pm**.









FAITH IN ACTION! We will be putting our *faith into action and making a difference* in our church and community. Youth going into grades 5 – 9 will join us **July 10—13, Monday—Thursday, from 5:30—8:30pm**. Dinner included. **Youth going into grades 9 – 12 will join us those same days but from 11am to 3pm**. Lunch included. We will have a variety of service experiences throughout the week. Come make a difference for Jesus' sake! If you haven't signed up yet, please do so with Diana or Laurie. **We do need RSVPs for both service times so we can plan accordingly.** *Thank you!*

STEWARDSHIP

Attendance June 18 - **262**

<u>May 2023</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$108,704	\$ 357,712	\$95,833	\$342,165
Benevolence	\$ 5,169	\$ 27,021	\$ 50	\$ 21,728
Accessibility Project	\$ 20,567	\$1,190,167	\$36,815	\$ 92,850

How to give to St. John's:

-  + Place your offering in the collection basket during worship services.
-  + Mail your offering to the church – 3220 Columbus St., Grove City, OH 43123.
-  + 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.
-  + Through your financial institution – they will send a check directly to the church on your behalf.
-  + 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.
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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.

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

☞ CALENDAR ☜

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am VBS Training
 9:30am Sunday School
 10:00am Small Group (Lib)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
 1:30pm WDYT? (3rd Floor)
 5:00pm Mexico Missions (103-4)
 5:30pm Saddles n Such 4-H (SH [FH])

MONDAY, JUNE 26

9:00am **VBS**
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
 7:00pm Respect Life (102)
 7:00pm Council (103-4)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

9:00am **VBS**
 6:00pm Women's Retreat
 Evaluation Meeting (102)
 7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (SH [FLC])

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

9:00am **VBS**
 5:30pm Lions Club (SH [FLC])
 7:00pm Accessibility Team (103-4)

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

9:00am **VBS**
 2:00pm Small Group (101)
 5:30pm VBS Evening Celebration (SH)

FRIDAY, JUNE 30


10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
 1:00pm Fast Food Fridays (off-site, TBA)
 8:30pm AA (SH [FH])

SATURDAY, JULY 1

4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, JULY 2

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Sunday School
 10:00am Small Group (Lib)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
 5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)



PLEASE NOTE:
 The office will be closed for the holiday on the 4th of July.

**DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND
 NEWLY REVISED WEBSITE! BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT!**

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

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 2-3 years old, Rm 003 / 4-5 years old, 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.

SELAH ROOM: Rm 101, a quiet place available every Sunday from 8:30am to 12:30pm.