

NEWS NOTES

July 9, 2023

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

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☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: *Bill Woodgeard*

8:15am: *Pat Larick*

11:00am: *David and Karen Grossman*
Lisa Stallard

Altar Guild

Dellino and Betty Lewis, Judy Graessle
Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

Readers

4:00pm *Ann Jones*

8:15am *Gary Smith*

11:00am *Cindy Gonsowski*

Acolytes:

8:15am: *Ben Previts*

11:00am: *Lukas Althoff*
Warren Althoff

Greeters

4:00pm: *Mary Campbell*

8:15am: *Mel and Carol Penrod*

11:00am *MD: Keith and Jane Stenerson*
PD: Carol Rich

Lessons Today: Zachariah 9:9-12, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Terry and Teresa Orahod and Hunter Thompson. Given by Jim Braskett.

PULPIT FLOWERS and BULLETINS: In loving memory of John MacKenzie for his birthday, July 14th. Given by Averil, Cynthia, and MacKenzie.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Austin Schemrich, Larry Mitchell, Ron Funk.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Barbara O'Day, and the family and friends of Fritz Buck, both of whom passed away on July 1, 2023. All who grieve are in our thoughts and prayers.

NOTES OF THANKS:

“Thank you, Pastor Seth, and everyone who made lunch for Bill England’s memorial service. Everything was beautiful. What a blessing it is to be a part of the church family who has loved my family well for years.” ~ Sky Eckel and Englands.

“Thank you to all my friends at St. John’s for so many cards, good wishes, and flowers in honor of my birthday.” ~ Toni Wilson.

☞ TODAY’S NEWS ☞

EAGLE DEADLINE – Articles for the August Eagle Newsletter are due **Monday**. Please submit your article by noon on **July 10th**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE! Can you help out in one or more of the following ways at our 11:00am Contemporary Worship service?



- Greeter
- Communion Setup
- Chairs/Altar setup
- Communion Assistant
- Sound Board and/or Slide Show operator
- Coffee Setup

We will give you all the help you need to feel comfortable doing any of these jobs! Sign-up sheets for all these positions are in the Family Life Center during 11:00am worship. For now, all we need is to know whether you’re interested or not. You will be able to pick which dates you serve. Your help will be greatly appreciated!



JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY
LOOKING FORWARD MEETINGS:

July 30 and August 6

6:30 p.m.

St. John's Basement Fellowship Hall

Starting in September, our youth ministers, Laurie Pecuch and Diana Imbrock, will be modifying their schedule to focus on ministry for children up through 6th grade and youth service ministries.

This summer, we will begin actively searching for a new full-time person to lead our congregation's youth program for the families of 7-12th graders.

As we look to the future of youth ministry at St. John's, we need your prayers, help, support, and input! We will be holding special meetings on the two **Sundays of July 30th and August 6th at 6:30 p.m.** to talk about your dreams, hopes and visions for ministry to our older children as we move forward.

Input and ideas are needed from as wide a cross-section of our congregation as possible to form a *Youth Ministry Plan* which will serve our congregation well for years to come. You do not need to have young children involved in our church to be an important and valuable contributor to these meetings.

We hope you can come!



NURSERY AVAILABLE: 11:00am Services. Sarah Wittenberg is staffing the nursery during our 11:00am services. Bring your children any time between 10:45am and 12:00pm. The nursery is located in the Sunday School Building basement, next to the basement Fellowship Hall. Just ask someone for directions if you need them!

QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS – JULY 22ND AND 23RD. Quarterly meetings will follow all services the weekend of Saturday, July 22nd and Sunday, July 23rd. Please plan to attend.

Assisting Opportunities
IN



**TRADITIONAL
WORSHIP**

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

OWLS EVENT – JULY 21, 2023: The Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) have a very interesting program for our July meeting, and we hope you join us to hear about a wonderful program that benefits children less fortunate than some. Sufficient Grace is a non-profit organization made up of a loving group of people committed to providing love, hope and food to children in need. Their mission statement is “To provide children physical nourishment through food, and Spiritual encouragement through kindness and example.” Since their launch in 2012, they have provided more than 827,880 meals, and with the donations, that number will grow every week.

Each school year 5500 volunteer hours and support are needed to make sure the program runs smoothly. This ensures that food is stocked, packaged and delivered each week for distribution at the end of the school day in time for a snack and later, dinner. No child is turned away. They also provide extra bags for students to take home to a younger sibling who is not of school age yet.

Their goal is to remove the barriers food insecurity can bring so they are better able to focus on school and have every opportunity to succeed which in turn helps our communities. Hope you join us and hear more about this extraordinary project.



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

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH – 39TH ANNUAL BRATS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL.

The 39th annual Brats and Crafts Festival will be held at St. James Lutheran Church on Friday, August 4th through Sunday, August 6th. Proceeds from the festival are sent back into the community through the support of organizations including but not limited to Habitat for Humanity, the Hilliard Community Welfare Council, and other local and regional food pantries and help houses.

WHAT: 39TH ANNUAL BRATS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

**WHEN: Friday, August 4th from 4-9pm
Saturday, August 5th from 11:30am-9pm
Sunday, August 6th from 11:30am-4pm**

**WHERE: ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
5660 Trabue Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228**



Events include live polka-style music and dancing, authentic and homemade German table fare and baked goods, beer wagon, arts and crafts, children's games, bounce houses, magic show, balloon artist, and an 1860's era "baseball" game between Ohio Village Muffins and the Lutheran Strikers (the game is Saturday at 3pm).

The events wrap up on Sunday with the Hilliard Community Band at noon, the Columbus Maennerchor at 2pm, and a traditional worship service, spoken and sung in German, at 2:30pm. For more information, contact the of St. James Lutheran church office at 614-878-5158.

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.

ST. JOHN'S 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.

RAISE RIGHT ORDER DEADLINE is this coming Tuesday. Please submit your order by noon on **July 11th**.

COMING THIS OCTOBER - ST. JOHN'S GOT TALENT! In anticipation of the completion of the accessibility project, St. John's Church is planning an autumn evening of entertainment. On Saturday, October 21, at 7:00 pm, we will host a program entitled "St. John's Got Talent." It will consist of members of the St. John's Church family who are willing to share their talents with the congregation. That talent could include singing, dancing, playing an instrument, or comedy. The program will take place in the Family Life Center.

Participation in the program is open to 4th graders through adults. Anyone interested in being in the show should or helping backstage should contact Mark Meuser, Nick Grossman, Pastor Seth, or Pastor Patti. You can also leave a message at the church office at 614-875-6716. **Please let them know by October 1.**

All performers must be approved by Mark Meuser or Nick Grossman. There will be a dress rehearsal on Saturday, October 14 at 7:00 pm.

We hope that many people will be willing to showcase their talents. The evening will be a great opportunity for both traditional and contemporary worshippers to join together to celebrate our new facility.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

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 an RSVP for both service times so we can plan accordingly.** *Thank you!*



STEWARDSHIP

Attendance July 2 - 395

May 2023	Income	YTD	Expense	YTD
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.

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, JULY 9

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
10:00am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
1:30pm WDYT? (3rd Floor)
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, JULY 10

EAGLE ARTICLE DEADLINE

11:00am Faith in Action
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
5:30pm Faith in Action
7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, JULY 11

RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
11:00am Faith in Action
5:30pm Faith in Action
5:45pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

11:00am Faith in Action
5:30pm Faith in Action

THURSDAY, JULY 13

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9:30am Small Group (101)
11:00am Faith in Action
2:00pm Small Group (101)
5:30pm Faith in Action

FRIDAY, JULY 14

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

SATURDAY, JULY 15

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

SUNDAY, JULY 16

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
10:00am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
1:30pm WDYT? (3rd Floor)
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND
OUR 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.