

NEWS NOTES

July 16, 2023

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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☪ SERVING TODAY ☪

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Paul Wittenberg

11:00am: Gloria Biggs, Lynda Berry
Linda Diehl

Altar Guild

Mel and Carol Penrod

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Readers

4:00pm: Charlie Brown

8:15am: Karen Bentley

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Ushers

11:00am: Larry Sutton, Blake Lang
Tom Lang, Jeff Shaw

Acolytes:

8:15am: Jaylynn Jermann

11:00am: Volunteers Needed

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Mel and Carol Penrod

11:00am MD: Christine Hank
PD: Lynda Berry

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Stephen & Denise Linder celebrating 9 years of bliss.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Miles Pierre 9th birthday. Given by Terry and Teresa Orahoad.

BULLETINS: In honor of our 48th wedding anniversary. Given by Dave and Karen Grossman.

Lessons Today: Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

✪ PERSONAL NEWS ✪

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Austin Schemrich, Chuck Conkle, Bob Swanson, Amy O'Day, Debbie Abbitt.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Dustin and Danielle Flint on the baptism of their son, Xavier Timothy, on July 16th, 2023, during the 11am contemporary worship service.

✪ TODAY'S NEWS ✪

CORRECTION: QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JULY 23RD - The Quarterly Congregational Meeting will follow the 8:15am service on Sunday, July 23rd. Meeting packets will be available at all services and online. Executive Team members will be available after the other services to answer questions and hear comments from the congregation. Please plan to attend.

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!

ATTENTION GARDENING ANGELS! The frequent rains have been a blessing and we have not needed to move hoses around to water our landscape plants. Unfortunately, it's also greatly increased the number of weeds popping up in the beds and cracks in the sidewalks. Please check your area soon. If you are unable to check your area, let Shirley Blake or Karen Bentley know and we will arrange to have someone clean it out for you. **NEW GARDENING ANGELS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**



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!



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!



Missionaries on the Move! From July 21st – 31st, our Mexico Mission Family will be glorifying our God together with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Mexico.



This year’s **Mexico Mission Family** is Jill Althoff, Lukas Althoff, Evan Beachler, Emily Briggeman, Laura Carpenter, Matt Carpenter, Matt Easterday, Kim Easterday, Ana Gantz, John Gantz, Chelsea Hartzler, Dennis Imbrock, Diana Imbrock, Alec Stenerson, Michaela Stenerson, Amy Wanner, and Megan Wycuff.



While in Mexico we will be sharing God’s Word, playing games, making crafts, and loving the children of a Tijuana orphanage. This is the 16th year that we have been called to serve and love at Rancho Genesis!

Please hold our “missionaries on the move” in your hearts and prayers as we extend the love of Christ and St. John’s to all we encounter!

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 for the weekend of July 29/30.** Reserve your date on the Altar Flowers Chart in the North Entrance. Please direct questions to Lesa Corbin at 614-530-4984.



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!

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.

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.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance July 9 - 267

<u>June 2023</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$114,917	\$ 445,608	\$ 59,247	\$378,445
Benevolence	\$ 18,418	\$ 45,440	\$ 6,001	\$ 27,730
Accessibility Project	\$ 19,846	\$1,210,014	\$351,798	\$444,649

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!

The Parable of the Sower

Find the 39 bold words from Matthew 13:1-9 (ESV)

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

That same day **Jesus** went out of the house and **sat beside** the sea. And **great crowds gathered about him**, so that he got into a **boat** and sat down. And the whole crowd **stood** on the **beach**. And he told them many things in **parables**, saying: “A **sower** went out to sow. And as he sowed, some **seeds fell along** the **path**, and the **birds** came and **devoured** them. Other seeds fell on **rocky ground**, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no **depth** of soil, but when the **sun** rose they were **scorched**. And since they had no **root**, they **withered** away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the **thorns** grew up and **choked** them. Other seeds fell on **good soil** and **produced grain**, some a **hundredfold**, some **sixty**, some **thirty**. He who has ears, **let him hear**.”

☪ CALENDAR ☪

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)

MONDAY, JULY 17

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, JULY 18

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
6:30pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FLC)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

1:00pm Small Group (102)

THURSDAY, JULY 20

9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
9:30am Small Group (101)

FRIDAY, JULY 21

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

11:30am OWLS (FLC)
8:30pm AA (SH [FH])

SATURDAY, JULY 22

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

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

SUNDAY, JULY 23

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

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

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