

# NEWS NOTES

July 23, 2023

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### ☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

#### Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Dave Sweeley

8:15am: Sarah Schmitz

11:00am: Christine Hank  
Nannette Shea

#### Altar Guild

Don and Diane Carducci, Lynne Ehrlich

#### Readers

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Judy Taylor

11:00am: Joan Werner

#### Ushers

11:00am: Dave Clark, George  
Gonsowski, Jeff Shaw,  
Ike Stage

#### Acolytes:

8:15am: Brayden Gottshall

11:00am: Cordelia Wanner

#### Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Mel and Carol Penrod

11:00am MD: Don and Diane Carducci  
RD: Sheryl Fraley

**Lessons Today: Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.**

#### DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In celebration of Corbin's 14th birthday. Given by mom, dad, and Truman.

**BULLETINS:** In gratefulness for my many blessings. Given by Vi Davis.

## ☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Tim Stewart, Amy O'Day, Jim Braskett.

## ☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

**QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – TODAY, SUNDAY, JULY 23<sup>rd</sup>** following the 8:15am service in the FLC. Meeting packets are 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.

**CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION 2023-24:** **It's almost time to begin our 2023-24 year of confirmation class at St. John's!** If your child is entering 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade this fall, we encourage you to enroll him/her in our confirmation program. It's a wonderful opportunity for young people to wrestle with their faith, grow in Christ, serve in his name, and establish strong ties of friendship within God's Church.

All potential confirmation students and at least one of their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend an orientation meeting on **Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet in the main sanctuary after late worship, at **12:15 p.m.**

At the orientation, we'll go over the confirmation requirements and answer any questions you may have. At the end of the orientation, you can decide whether you can make the commitment this year.

If you cannot come to the orientation on August 27<sup>th</sup>, but are interested in confirmation for your child, please call Pastor Seth Jersild at 217-255-2118 or at church (614-875-2314) today. The first regular confirmation class is scheduled for **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m.**

If you know of any children outside our congregation who might be interested in confirmation instruction, please let their parents/guardians know they are very welcome to take part in our program. See you in church!

**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!**

**MISSIONARIES ON THE MOVE!** From July 21<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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!***

**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!

**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!

**MESSAGE FROM THE ACCESSIBILITY TEAM:** Lockers (metal) from the FLC restrooms will no longer be used. Also, there are several wide, hollow-core wood doors that will no longer be needed and are available to anyone who is interested. If anyone would like to have them, please contact the church office at 614-875-2314 by July 31.

**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.



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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7-12<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup> 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!



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

**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.

**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH – 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BRATS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL.** The 39<sup>th</sup> annual Brats and Crafts Festival will be held at St. James Lutheran Church on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. 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: 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BRATS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL**  
**WHEN: Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-9pm**  
**Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-9pm**  
**Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Attendance**      July 16      -      **286**

<b><u>June 2023</u></b>	<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>Expense</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
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

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



## ☪ CALENDAR ☪

### SUNDAY, JULY 23

#### **MEXICO MISSION TRIP**

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)

#### **QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (FLC)**

9:30am Youth Sunday School

10:00am Small Group (Lib)

11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)

11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)

5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

### MONDAY, JULY 24

#### **MEXICO MISSION TRIP**

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)

6:00pm Small Group (101)

7:00pm Respect Life (102)

7:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)

7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

### TUESDAY, JULY 25

#### **MEXICO MISSION TRIP**

9:00am Quilters (103-4)

7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (FLC)

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

#### **MEXICO MISSION TRIP**

### THURSDAY, JULY 27

#### **MEXICO MISSION TRIP**

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)

2:00pm Small Group (101)

### FRIDAY, JULY 28

#### **MEXICO MISSION TRIP**

8:30pm AA (SH [FH])

### SATURDAY, JULY 29

#### **MEXICO MISSION TRIP**

4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)

7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

### SUNDAY, JULY 30

#### **MEXICO MISSION TRIP**

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)

6:30pm Youth Ministry Planning (FH)

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.