

NEWS NOTES

July 30, 2023

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pictures for
Coloring
Inside!

Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Nick Grossman & David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

Brian Johnson, Guest Organist

☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Mike Gibboney

8:15am: Joel Baughman

11:00am: Ron Nighbert, Dan Yeater

Altar Guild

Bill and Linda Diehl

Dellno and Betty Lewis

Readers

4:00pm: Charlie Brown

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Warren Grody

Ushers

11:00am: George Gonsowski, Jeff Shaw, Ike Stage, Dan Yeater

Acolytes:

8:15am: Volunteer(s) needed

11:00am: Riley Millet
Wesley Millet

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Mel and Carol Penrod

11:00am MD: Dave and Lisa Stallard
RD: Sheryl Fraley

Lessons Today: 1 Kings 3:5-12; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

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 7th or 8th 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 27th**. 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 27th, but are interested in confirmation for your child, please call Pastor Seth Jersild at 217-255-2118 or at church (217-469-7422) today. The first regular confirmation class is scheduled for **Sunday, September 10th, 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!

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?



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

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!



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!

RAISE RIGHT ORDER DEADLINE is this coming Tuesday. Please submit your order by noon on **August 1st**.

OWLS EVENT AUGUST 18, 2023: The Older Wiser Lutheran seniors (OWLS) have some exciting programs lined up for the next few months and we're hoping you agree and plan to join us the third Friday of each month for potluck lunch and to hear from our invited speakers. Next month we will be headed to Der Dutchman in Plain City for our annual trip to enjoy a delicious lunch and friendship. Over the next few months, we hope to hear about Beulah Park's 100 anniversary – big difference between then and now. The Franklin County Auditor's office is planning to reappraise property values and what will this mean to you. Watch for more information in The Eagle and our Sunday News Notes.

Have you heard of the Dedicated Senior Medical Center? Their mission is to honor seniors with affordable, VIP care that delivers better health. Affordable VIP care might sound too good to be true. But at Dedicated Senior Medical Center, it's how they do business. If you come to our August meeting you will hear much more.

The OWLS will provide fried chicken for our potluck lunch but we ask you bring a covered dish and join your friends for 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 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!

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.



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.

JOYFUL pause

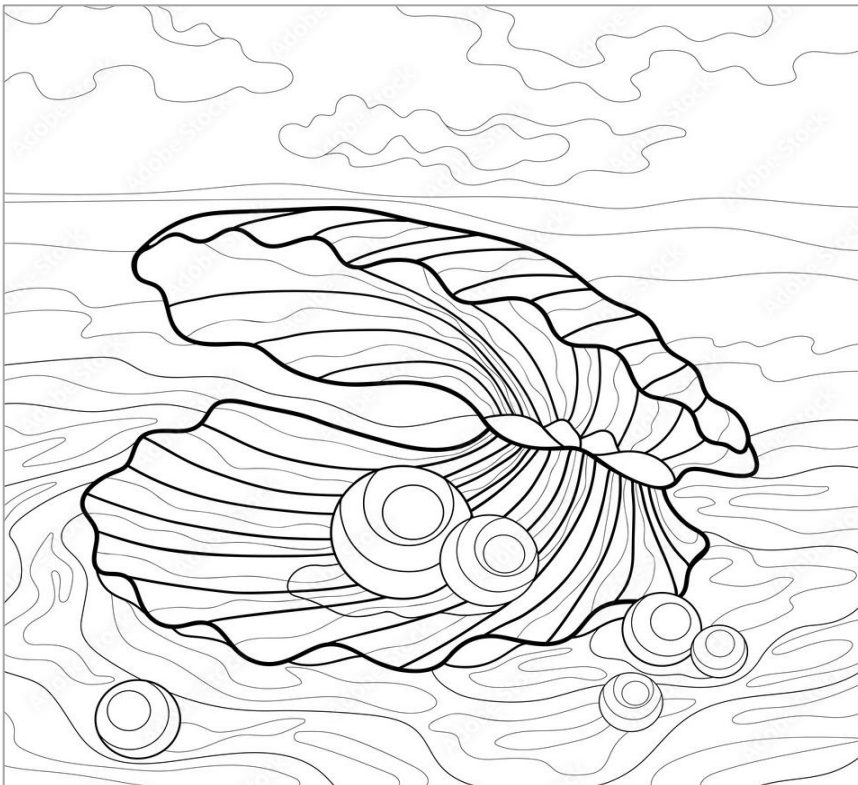
A JOYFUL PAUSE for families (and our faith-webbing friends) will meet on Thursday, August 10, 9am to noon and/or 5:30pm – 8:30pm. It's an open house in the FLC. Come when you can and leave when you need to! Questions? Talk to Laurie or Diana.

GOING INTO GRADES 5 – 8? Join us for **SUMMER FUN** on August 9, 5:30 – 8:30pm. Dinner included. A fun evening with your friends! Questions? Talk to Laurie or Diana.



RAISE RIGHT (formerly called SCRIP) card orders are placed on the first Tuesday of every month. You can use these gift cards personally and they also make great gifts. Talk to Laurie Pecuch about details.

BACKPACK BLESSING is August 19th and 20th! Bring your backpack with you to worship! During the Children's Sermon, pastors will say a special blessing over you, your backpacks, and your school year!



STEWARDSHIP

Attendance July 23 - 276

June 2023	Income	YTD	Expense	YTD
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

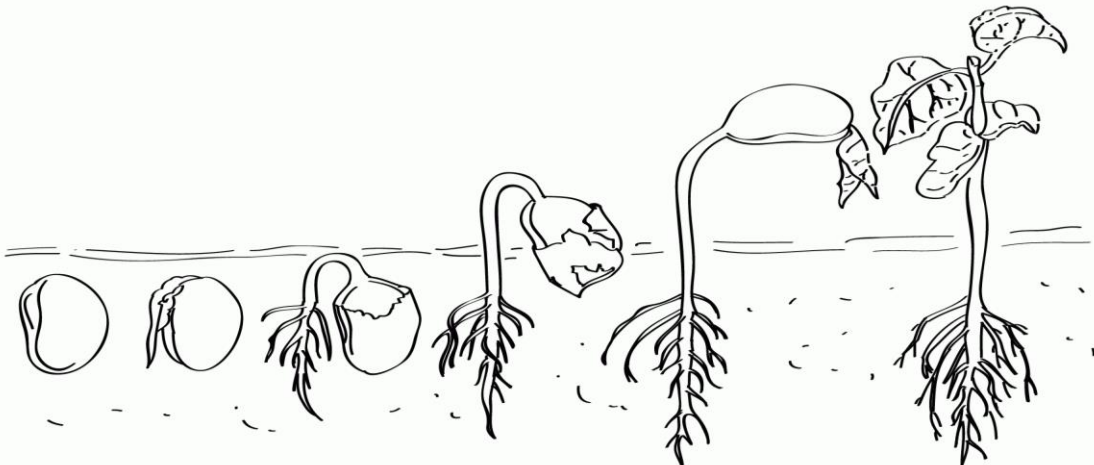
How to give to St. John's:

- + 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.



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 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)

MONDAY, JULY 31

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

- 9:00am Quilters (103-4)
7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

- 1:00pm Small Group (102)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

- 10:00am Private Event (SH, FLC)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

- 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.