

# NEWS NOTES

August 6, 2023

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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: Holly Starr

8:15am: Jo Dimond

11:00am: Dan Yeater, Ike Stage

#### **Altar Guild**

Dellno and Betty Lewis

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

#### **Readers**

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Eva Counts

#### **Ushers**

11:00am: Rick Butsko, Jeff Shaw,  
Larry Sutton, Dan Yeater

#### **Acolytes:**

8:15am: Hunter Thompson  
Colton Thompson

11:00am: Volunteer(s) needed

#### **Greeters**

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Armand Arabian

11:00am MD: Bill Diehl

RD: Linda Diehl

Lessons Today: Isaiah 55:1-5; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21.

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of my mother Lucille Cauchi's birthday. Given by the Orahoad family.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of my mom, Jan Singleton for her birthday. Given by her daughter, Sky Eckel.

**BULLETINS:** Given by Rhonda Maynard.

**☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞**

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Phyllis Herbert, Amy O'Day.

**☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞**

**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 Sanctuary after 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 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!

**WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am and on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in Rooms 103-4.** Everyone is welcome. Bring your knitting/crochet materials and any completed shawls to be blessed with prayer. Anyone can learn to knit or crochet with our help! For more info call Glenda at 614-352-5955 or Diana at 614-271-5775.

**YOUTH MINISTER SURVEY RESULTS:** Thanks to all of you who filled out the youth minister survey! Below are the final results, with highest values at the top. As we embark on our search for a new youth minister to work with our 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade students, this will provide our interview team (and candidates) with a helpful snapshot of our congregation's priorities. The survey listed 19 qualities/qualifications with "0" being a valid response. The answers below reflect average scores.

Faith Nurture (e.g. Bible studies)	15.66	Small Groups Formation	9.60
Education (Teaching)	13.57	Administrative Ability	8.22
Relational Ministry	11.28	Recruitment and Training of Adults	6.91
Outreach to Inactive or Unchurched Youth	11.14	Has College Degree	6.75
Lutheran	10.71	Large Group Events	6.70
Young Adult Ministry (post high school)	10.06	Musical Ability	5.55
Service Projects and Mission Trips	9.95	Camping	3.75
Ministry to Young Children (elementary)	9.64	Athletics	3.48
		Drama	3.14
		Male	1.36
		Female	1.18

**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!

**ONE DAY – THREE GREAT EVENTS!** On August 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am, we will combine our three Sunday worship services into one grand outdoor worship event. Bring lawn chairs and dress causal as we gather by our shelter house to praise God under His clear blue sky. Note that the 4pm worship service will be held as usual Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, but please join us on Sunday for the picnic and other activities!

The **Church Picnic** will be here before you know it! We have set aside Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> for this time of fellowship. We will gather in the shelter house (weather permitting) immediately following the **Outdoor Worship Service**. Everything will be provided for the picnic; however, we will be collecting a 'free will offering' to help offset the cost. All donations will be greatly appreciated! Please bring a dessert to share. This year, we will incorporate into the church picnic all of the fun activities from the **Back to School Bash** that benefit the short-term mission trips! There will be a silent auction with many exciting items to choose from. Please save the date and plan to spend the afternoon with us. You will be glad you did!

**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION TEAM:** On the first Sunday of each month this team comes to receive a Holy Communion kit. The distribution of home communion is an extension of the Lord's Supper and is for those who are unable to be present at the celebration of the congregation. We bring to them the same bread of life and the same cup of blessing so that they may be strengthened through their participation in the body of Christ. Let us be mindful and grateful for this ministry.

**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?



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

**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 in August and September.** Reserve your date on the Altar Flowers Chart in the Parish House Entrance. Please direct questions to Lesa Corbin at 614-530-4984.

**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.

**USED EYEGLASSES** are being collected for donation to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers located throughout the world. The used glasses are repaired and distributed to those in need in developing countries. You can donate your used eyeglasses in the drop boxes in the North Entrance and in the second-floor hallway just outside of the library.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** should be turned in by Monday morning. Fill out the prayer request section on the salmon sheet or contact the church office at 614-875-2314. You may also email your prayer request to [secretary@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org). Requests are updated on a weekly basis.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Please check the Lost & Found bin located in the South Hall between the Sanctuary and first stairwell if you have lost or found any items in the church. For small items, such as rings, earrings, or headphones, please check with the office Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm. Eyeglasses may be donated after several weeks.

**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.

**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.

## **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>.

**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**

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.

## **☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞**



**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 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>!** 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      -      **269**

<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

### **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](http://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, 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)

### MONDAY, AUGUST 7

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)  
6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (103-4)  
6:30pm Puppets (FLC)  
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

9:00am Quilters (103-4)  
6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (103-4)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

5:30pm Summer Fun (SH, FLC, Kit)  
7:00pm Accessibility Construction  
Team (103-4)

**BACKPACK BLESSINGS**  
**AUGUST 19-20**

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP,  
CHURCH PICNIC, AND  
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**  
**AUGUST 27**

**RALLY DAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 10**

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

#### **SEPTEMBER EAGLE ARTICLES DUE**

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
9:00am A Joyful Pause  
9:30am Small Group (101)  
2:00pm Small Group (101)  
5:30pm A Joyful Pause

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

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

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry  
11:00am Private Event (SH, [103-4])  
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:00am Small Group (Lib)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
12:30pm Private Event (103-4)  
1:00pm Private Event (SH, 101-2 [FLC])  
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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