

NEWS NOTES

August 13, 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: Bill Woodgeard

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: David and Karen Grossman

Dwight Henricksen

Altar Guild

David and Karen Grossman

Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

Readers

4:00pm: Margie Kennell

8:15am: Marilyn Smith

11:00am: Christine Hank

Ushers

11:00am: Bill Diehl, George Gonsowski,

Dennis Imbrock, Jeff Shaw

Acolytes:

8:15am: Ben Previts

Corban Allman

11:00am: Lukas Althoff

Warren Althoff

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Volunteers needed

11:00am MD: Keith and Jane Stenerson

RD: Christine Hank

Lessons Today: 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by David and Karen Grossman.

BULLETINS: To the Glory of God and in memory of Alice Katterhenrich. Given by Beth Kattehenrich.

PERSONAL NEWS

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

DEAR ST. JOHN'S YOUTH: Thank you for making the 25 doll quilts as a service project. Thank you even more for helping the needy children to have a more merry and blessed Christmas. ~ The Woodworkers of Central Ohio.

TO THE CONGREGATION AT ST. JOHN'S: Every year, Fat Quarter Quilt Guild counts our blessings – that St. John's opened their doors, allowing us to meet and create. Your generosity is so appreciated. Not every church is willing to allow a bunch of ladies to traipse in and out of your building every month. You are so welcoming, and we appreciate it. May we all have another profitable (quilt-speaking 😊) and delightful year. Gratefully, ~ Karen R Lane, FQQG Secretary.

TODAY'S NEWS

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 7-12th 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

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 (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!

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 27th 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 26th, 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 27th 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!

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 through October. Reserve your date on the chart in the Parish House Entrance. Please direct questions to Lesa Corbin at 614-530-4984.

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.

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.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

BACKPACK BLESSING is next weekend!

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!

**Blessing of the
Backpacks
and the
School Year**









STEWARDSHIP

Attendance August 6 - **266**

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.
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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!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Faith Discussion, FH Rm 001 / Matthew, Steve Johnston, Chapel / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, Rms 301 and 303.

NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL LABOR DAY WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 3RD

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.

CALENDAR

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)

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
6:00pm Small Group (101)
6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (SH [FH])

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

1:30pm Small Group (102)
7:00pm Accessibility Team
Interior Meeting (Lib)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9:30am Small Group (101)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

11:30am OWLS (FLC)
1:00pm Fast Food Fridays (off-site)
8:30pm AA (SH [FH])

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

BACKPACK BLESSINGS

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

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AUGUST 19-20

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

**RALLY DAY
SEPTEMBER 10**

**DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE
POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE
AND FACEBOOK PAGE!
BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT!**