

# NEWS NOTES

August 27, 2023

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

### ☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

#### Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Ann Jones

10:45am: Linda Wagner, Christine  
Hank, Ron Nighbert, Karen  
Jersild

#### Altar Guild

4:00pm: David and Lisa Stallard

#### Readers

4:00pm: Chris Jenkins

10:45am: Teresa Orahod

#### Ushers

10:45am: Dennis Imbrock, Blake Lang,  
Tom Lang, Hunter Thompson

#### Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

10:45am: Judy Graessle, Mel and Carol  
Penrod, Shirley Blake, Carol  
Rich

**Lessons: Isaiah 51:1-6, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20.**

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

**BULLETINS:** Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

## PERSONAL NEWS

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Amy O'Day, Karen Sheldon, Averil MacKenzie, Kevin Goebel.

## TODAY'S NEWS

**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 casual 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!

**ARTS IN THE ALLEY PARADE:** We are pleased to announce that once again St. John's will be participating in the Arts in the Alley Parade that takes place on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. **We are in need of people to walk in the parade and pass out candy.** If you are interested in participating, please mark the salmon insert. We are getting new T-shirts this year for volunteers, so don't forget to mark your size as well!



Not participating in the parade, but would like a new **St. John's T-shirt**? You can order one for yourself. We'll let you know about ordering and pricing as soon as the information becomes available.

**We are also in need of candy donations.** As you can imagine, it takes a lot of candy to make it through the parade! Please consider representing St. John's in this fun community event. You can contact Diane Sexton or Nick Grossman with any questions you may have. Diane can be reached at [dsexton@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:dsexton@stjohnsgc.org) or 678-572-0308. Nick can be reached at [ngrossman12@gmail.com](mailto:ngrossman12@gmail.com) or 614-560-3724. Thanks!

**You can drop off candy any time before the event. We will be placing bins wherever you pick up your Sunday Bulletin.**

**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 (217-469-7422) 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!

**CHANCEL CHOIR AND CELEBRATION RINGERS RESUME PRACTICE THIS FALL!**  
**New Members Welcome!**

**The Chancel Choir** will be returning to traditional worship after its summer break. Their first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9pm in the Sanctuary. We cordially invite anyone who is interested in singing to attend this rehearsal.

Singing in the Chancel Choir is a great opportunity to serve. Whether you are an experienced singer or just a beginner, you will find the choir to be a welcoming group whose purpose is to praise God in song. Anyone interested can simply come to the first rehearsal or e-mail Choir Director Mark Meuser at [mmeuser@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:mmeuser@stjohnsgc.org) if you have additional questions.

**The Women's Chorale** will start its fall rehearsals on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> as well. We will meet at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

**The Men's Chorale** will meet on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am in the choir room.

**The Celebration Ringers** are looking forward to a new year of ringing for worship. If you are interested in enhancing worship with us, contact Susan Locey at 614-208-8215 or by email at [sea.low6011@gmail.com](mailto:sea.low6011@gmail.com). Rehearsals begin September 14 at 6:15pm.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will be held on **Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>** in the Family Life Center from 12pm to 6pm. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2776) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: StJohnsGC.

**OWLS EVENT – SEPTEMBER 15, 2023:** If you would ask almost any OWL (Older Wiser LutheranS) to name one of their favorite meetings of the year, I am pretty sure most of them would say “Der Dutchman! Of course!”. What’s not to like about a restaurant that is located in a beautiful country setting and the bounty of a country kitchen? They serve generous portions of hearty, home-style Amish Kitchen Cooking. They might not be as good as our Lutheran cooks, but we think they’re pretty good. Their bakery is full of pastries, cakes, cookies, breads, and their legendary pies that are baked every day. And if you have any money left over, their gift shop is very inviting.

For the past couple of years, we have enjoyed a wonderful lunch catching up with those we don’t see often, and we did not plan a program so the agenda will stay the same! We are so pleased to be able to get together and enjoy our time together. God has blessed each of us by leading us to St. John’s and offering us the Christian fellowship that is priceless.

You will have two options for lunch. The buffet costs \$20.99 and includes a drink, tax, and tip. Or you can order from the menu. They are back to a full menu.

We will meet at the church for a very brief meeting at 10:00 am which will include setting up our carpool. We will depart for the restaurant no later than 10:30. We have reserved a private room. If you are driving separately you should plan to arrive between 11:30 and 12:00. If you are able and willing to drive, it would be greatly appreciated! Please make your reservation using the salmon sheet – including if you are able to drive, need a ride or if you are meeting the group at the restaurant. Hope to see you there!

**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.



**EAT TO SUPPORT**  
**St John's Lutheran Church Grove City**

**11:00 AM - 8:00 PM**  
**09.05.23**

**City**  
**BARBEQUE**

**On Tuesday, September 5th from 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM,**  
**City Barbeque at 2261 Stringtown Rd is donating % of sales**  
from Dine-In, Takeout, Delivery, Drive thru, and Pick up orders to  
**St. John's Lutheran Church, Grove City!**

We're raising funds for our Missions Team who travels to Mexico and Alaska.

We hope you can join us in eating out for a good cause!

P.S. Please feel free to invite and share this event with your friends and family.

**How to Participate:**

**Phone Call:**

Call 614-423-3757 and mention that you are with St John's Lutheran Church Grove City before placing your order. *This does not include 3rd-party delivery apps.*

**Restaurant Website:**

Visit City Barbeque's online order website. [Citybbq.com/order](http://Citybbq.com/order) and use promo code "FundA". *This does not include 3rd-party delivery apps.*

**Storefront Walk-in:**

Visit 2261 Stringtown Rd in Grove City and they will take your order from their storefront for take-out. Mention that you are with St John's Lutheran Church Grove City before placing your order.

**BACKPACK BLESSING is today!** During the Children's Sermon, pastors will say a special blessing over you, your backpacks, and your school year! If you forgot your backpack, no worries. Please come up for your blessing during the Children's Sermon.

A big round of applause to Ellen Previts who made the buttons for the backpacks. *Thanks Ellen!*

**When I think about the last 40 years,  
there's a song that comes to mind ...  
to God be the glory, great things He had done!**



I started in my first ministry position as a youth director at Grace Lutheran in Fremont, Ohio, in August of 1983. Gary and I married in 1986. I've worked in various ministries and jobs, always with youth. Thirty-two of those years, I've been at St. John's in both part-time and full-time positions. God has been so good, blessing me with a devoted husband and a beautiful faith web of children, youth, and friends. I am ever thankful for the gift of each of you. I hope that you know how much I cherish you. As you've probably heard by now, I'm being led by God to move from my full-time position to a part-time position at St. John's, serving families and working with pre-K through 6th grade, effective the first of September. I look forward to being able to spend more time with Gary, my Dad, in my Bible, and going on little adventures. And, as always, I'm looking forward to another year of being with my St. John's family.









*Laurie*

## STEWARDSHIP

**Attendance**      August 20      -      255

<b>July 2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Operating	\$52,960	\$ 498,588	\$ 59,428	\$437,873
Benevolence	\$ 4,327	\$ 49,767	\$ 20,718	\$ 48,447

**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.



**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 3<sup>RD</sup>***

**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 27

9:30am Sunday School  
10:00am Small Group (Lib)  
10:45am Outdoor Worship (SH)  
12:00pm Church Picnic, Back to School  
Bash, Silent Auction (SH, FLC)  
12:15pm Confirmation Orientation (Sanc)  
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)  
5:30pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FH)

### MONDAY, AUGUST 28

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)  
6:00pm Small Group (101)  
6:30pm Puppets (FLC)  
7:00pm Respect Life (102)  
7:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)  
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00am Quilters (103-4)  
12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (SH [103-4])

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00am BSF Leader Meeting  
1:30pm Small Group (102)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

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

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)  
8:30pm AA (SH [FH])

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am Adult Sunday School (No Youth  
Sunday School)  
10:00am Small Group (Lib)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
OFFICE CLOSED  
SEPTEMBER 4**

**RALLY DAY  
SEPTEMBER 10**

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