

# NEWS NOTES

September 3, 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

### ☪ SERVING TODAY ☪

#### Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Jo Dimond

11:00am: Ron Nighbert, Dan Yeater

#### Altar Guild

Mel and Carol Penrod

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

#### Readers

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Christine Hank

#### Ushers

11:00am: Dave Clark, Blake Lang,  
Tom Lang, Jeff Shaw

#### Acolytes

8:15am: Ben Previts  
Jaylynn Jermann

11:00am: MacKenzie Norman

#### Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Armand Arabian

11:00am: MD: Carol Rich  
RD: Lois Moore

### DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Glory of God and with gratitude for our family at St John's.

**PULPIT FLOWERS:** In memory of my daughter, Rosemary Anderson. Given by her mother, Suzie Long.

**BULLETINS:** To the Glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Paul Katterhenrich. Given by Beth Kattehenrich.

✪ PERSONAL NEWS ✪

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the friends and family of Jane Woodgeard, sister-in-law of Bill Woodgeard, who died on August 30, 2023. All who grieve are in our thoughts and prayers.

✪ TODAY'S NEWS ✪

**RALLY DAY – Save the Date!** Rally Day for the new Sunday School year will take place on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am – 10:30 am. We will start out in the Family Life Center for a fun group opening. From there, the kids will travel to fun and interactive learning stations, have a snack, and do a cool craft. **We will finish out the hour back in the Family Life Center, where you can pick your child/children up.** We look forward to a great start of a new Sunday School year and hope your child/children will be part of the fun! Ready? **GO!!!**

**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING AND LUNCHEON:** Thanks so much to everyone who has signed up to help with some (or several) aspects of the Contemporary Worship Service on Sunday mornings. Many hands make for light work! **We will have a brief training session immediately following the Contemporary Service on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.** If you have not had a chance to sign-up yet but would like to, you can still do so on Sunday mornings in the Family Life Center. A light lunch will be served after the training and childcare will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

**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.

**WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, September 9th at 9am and on Tuesday, September 26th 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.

**EAGLE DEADLINE** is next Sunday. Please submit your article by noon on **September 10<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**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!



**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 sheet. 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.**

**MISSING BLUE CASSEROLE DISH:** There were two blue casserole dishes used for a recent funeral dinner. To whoever has already picked up one blue casserole dish, please double check to see if it was the right one. If not, please bring it back to the kitchen and make the correct exchange.

**Reminder:** There are several dishes which have been in the kitchen for several weeks. If you haven't picked up your dish, it would be much appreciated if you do so at your earliest convenience.

Thanks to everyone who donates food for funerals. It is much appreciated by all. Thanks to everyone who supports this ministry. Very much appreciated not only by the Bereavement Committee but the families we are serving. God Bless.

**MISSING FLAMINGO PLATE:** Did anyone pick up a white plate with a pink flamingo on it? It is a plastic plate, about 8" in diameter. This was from the Elizabeth and Sarah Circles combined potluck in August, held at Putt 'n Play. If you have it or know where it is, please call the church office at 614-875-2314.

**RAISE RIGHT ORDER DEADLINE is this coming Tuesday.** Please submit your order by noon on **September 5th.**




**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**SEE A MAINTENANCE CONCERN WITHIN OUR BUILDING?** Please fill out a "Church Maintenance Request" form and return it to the church office. Forms are available throughout the building, in the church office, and on the door of the Business Manager's office, room #205.

**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.

**PLOGGING IN GROVE CITY:** “Plogging” is cleaning up litter while on a run. On Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, the Grove City CRC (Columbus Running Company) will host a run and walk, sponsored by Saucony. Arrive as early as 7:40am to try on Saucony shoes with the workout starting at 8am. We'll run with garbage grabbers and garbage bags, cleaning up the path along our route. (Plogging is optional: If you're joining the GC CRC for their standard Saturday morning run & walk, that's great too - try on some Saucony shoes and put in whatever mileage your training plan calls for.) **BONUS:** Stick around afterwards for the Arts in the Alley festival! Complete an RSVP form online at <https://www.columbusrunning.com/saucony/>

**GROVE CITY SHREDDING DAY:** SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 8am-1pm at Park Street Intermediate School, 3205 Park St.

**SWACO HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL:** SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 8am-1pm, Kingston Center, 3226 Kingston Ave.

**BRUSH PICKUP – JACKSON TOWNSHIP ONLY.** Pickups are scheduled September 25-29. Place brush along the front of your property, crews cannot drive onto private property. Limbs should be no larger than six inches in diameter. Drop off yard recycling at Com-Til, 7000 Jackson Pike. Call 614-645-3153 for additional information. **City of Grove City and Village of Urbancrest residents**, please follow Local Waste Services yard waste collection guidelines.






**BULK TRASH DISPOSAL – Jackson Township Administration Building, 3756 Hoover Road.** September 29<sup>th</sup> will be the last day available for bulk trash pick up at this location. The free service is available to all Jackson Township, City of Grove City, and Village of Urbancrest residents weekdays from 8am-4pm. Residents must check in at the office prior to unloading.

## STEWARDSHIP

**Attendance**      August 26-27      -      **208**

<b><u>July 2023</u></b>	<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>Expense</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></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.
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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, 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)

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

#### **OFFICE CLOSED**

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

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

#### **RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE**

9:00am Quilters (103-4)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (SH [103-4])

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (204)  
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)  
7:30pm Chancel Chorale (Sanc)

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

**NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL  
LABOR DAY WEEKEND,  
SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**SELAH ROOM:** Rm 101, a quiet place available every Sunday from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

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

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

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

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)  
10:00am Girl Scouts #6300 (FH)  
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

#### **OCTOBER EAGLE ARTICLE DEADLINE**

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am RALLY DAY (FLC)  
9:30am Adult Sunday School  
10:00am Small Group (Lib)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
12:00pm Contemporary Service Volunteer  
Training Luncheon (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!**