

NEWS NOTES

September 10, 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: Dave Sweeley

8:15am: Karen Bentley

11:00am: David and Karen Grossman
Lisa Stallard

Altar Guild

David and Karen Grossman

Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

Readers

4:00pm: Chris Jenkins

8:15am: Tom Phillips

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Ushers

11:00am: Rick Butsko, Dennis Imbrock,
Jeff Shaw, Ike Stage

Acolytes

8:15am: Ben Previts
Corban Allman

11:00am: Lukas Althoff
Warren Althoff

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Judy Graessle
Mel and Carol Penrod

11:00am: MD: Keith and Jane Stenerson
RD: Diane Sexton

Lessons: Ezekiel 33:7-11, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Suzi (Maynard) Hart. Given by Rhonda Maynard.

ALTAR FLOWERS: in honor of our 55th anniversary. Given by Erle and Judy Taylor.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In honor of Janet Wittenberg's birthday. Given by Paul, Pam, Sarah, Hannah, and Julie Wittenberg.

BULLETINS: In Memory of the 2,977 Casualties and in Honor of all First Responders of the September 11 attack on our country. God Bless the U.S.A. Given by Mel and Carol Penrod.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

NOTES OF THANKS: To everyone at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, on behalf of my family, I would like to thank everyone for their hand in helping us. From all the great food from the Bereavement Team to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. The prayer shawls were beautiful and will be forever cherished. Thank you, love, and prayers, ~ Tracy and Terry Keffer and family.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Bruce Whyte.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

RALLY DAY – Save the Date! Rally Day for the new Sunday School year will take place today, September 10th 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 10th.** If you have not had a chance to sign-up yet but would like to, you can still do so on Sunday morning 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!

EAGLE DEADLINE is this Sunday. Please submit your article by noon on **September 10th.**

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meeting on **Tuesday, September 26th at 6pm in Rooms 103-4**. Everyone is welcome. The Saturday monthly meetings will still be at 9am, and all Tuesday meetings moving forward will be at 6pm. 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.

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 10am 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 16th 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?** Shirts for those not in the parade will be available soon! We'll let you know about ordering and pricing once the information is 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 or 678-572-0308. Nick can be reached at 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.

ARTS IN THE ALLEY AND PIZZA! What a winning combination! The **St. John's Short-term Mission Teams** are again teaming up with Jets Pizza to provide warm pizza, as well as cold drinks and chips at **Arts in the Alley**, Friday through Sunday, September 15th through 17th. Please plan on stopping by our booth in the new Park Street Stage area to visit and break bread with us!




VETERANS LUNCHEON – SAVE THE DATE

Dear Veterans,

In honor of Veterans, your service, and your sacrifice for our country, you and a guest are invited to St. John's Annual Veterans Luncheon. This event will take place in the Family Life Center on **Sunday, November 5th, 2023, at 12:15pm.**

If you are a Veteran planning to attend, please mark the salmon sheet in your bulletin or call the church at 614-875-2314 to reserve your seats **by October 22, 2023.** Thank you for your service.





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 7pm**, 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.

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.

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.

BULK TRASH DISPOSAL – Jackson Township Administration Building, 3756 Hoover Road. September 29th 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.

ADVENTURE CLUB and FAITH TREK TRAINING FOR ADULTS AND TEEN LEADERS is Thursday, September 21st. Contact Laurie at lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org for more details.

STARTING SEPTEMBER 28th! Adventure Club (ages 4 through 4th grade) and Faith Trek (grades 5 - 6) meet weekly on Thursday nights, 5:45 - 7:15pm. The greeter's table opens at 5:30pm. Suggested donation for the evening meal is \$3. Each group enjoys gym time, a meal with friends, arts and crafts, and an active learning Bible lesson. We have lots of teen and adult leaders who love spending the night with the children. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to join us. We also love our faith-webbing adult friends. Talk to Laurie about joining us!

STARTING SEPTEMBER 27th! Explorers and Energizers for grades 7 - 8 and 9 - 12 meet weekly on Wednesday nights, 7 - 8:30pm. Learn more about it by connecting with our Interim Youth Director, Gini Rogers. Gini has been helping with the youth groups and is an amazing leader. She's also a teacher at Groveport Madison Schools. Gini is dedicated, witty, insightful, and the youth love her!

AXIS.ORG is "connecting Parents, Teens, & Jesus in a Disconnected World." This website is full of free resources on parenting youth in today's culture. There is also an AXIS resource wall on the second floor, across from the youth office. It's full of insightful Parent Guides with practical tips on parenting. <https://axis.org/>

PARENTING GROUP meets every Sunday during the Sunday School hour, in Room 103-104, with Amy Wanner. Stop by and join the conversation. It's a great place to be encouraged and feel supported.






THE SELAH ROOM is a space where people of all ages can pause and pray with their minds, voices, and hands. It's a safe, calm place set up in room 101. At any time on a Sunday morning, children and parents can go to this space to pause, stop, listen, breathe, and praise. You're welcome to stay in the room as long as you like, or sign-out items that will assist you during worship. The items you can use (or sign out) include fidget busters, coloring books, crayons, markers, books, and Bibles. Please return them after worship. The room also has soft lighting, noise cancelling headphones, a white noise machine, weighted blankets, and special seating.

STEWARDSHIP

Attendance September 3 - **248**

<u>August 2023</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$47,011	\$ 545,599	\$89,500	\$523,372
Benevolence	\$ 3,390	\$ 53,157	\$ 3,590	\$ 52,037

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!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Faith Discussion, Pastor Seth, FH / 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.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

OCTOBER EAGLE ARTICLE DEADLINE

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am **RALLY DAY (FLC)**
9:30am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Men's Chorale (Choir Room)
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)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 9:30am BSF Leaders
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
1:00pm Altar Guild Meeting (Chapel)
6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 9:30am BSF
1:00pm Small Group (102)
5:30pm Lions Club (SH [FLC])
6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (204)
6:00pm Private Event (103-4)
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
7:30pm Chancel Chorale (Sanc)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 9:00am Private Event (103-4)
9:30am Small Group (101)
6:00pm Dartball (away)
6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

ARTS IN THE ALLEY

- 8:00am Private Event (103-4)
10:00am OWLS (FLC)
11:30am OWLS @ Der Dutchman
1:00pm Private Event (FLC)
8:30pm AA (SH [FH])

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

ARTS IN THE ALLEY

- 9:30am **Arts in the Alley Parade**
10:00am Quilt Show (FLC)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

ARTS IN THE ALLEY

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Men's Chorale (Sanc)
10:00am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
12:00pm Quilt Show (FLC)

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