

NEWS NOTES

September 17, 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: *Bill Woodgeard*

8:15am: *Pat Larick*

11:00am: *Gloria Biggs, Lynda Berry,
Linda Diehl*

Altar Guild

David and Lisa Stallard

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Readers

4:00pm: *Karen Colwell*

8:15am: *Judy Graessle*

11:00am: *Cindy Gonsowski*

Ushers

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

Acolytes

8:15am: *Cordelia Wanner
Jaylynn Jermann*

11:00am: *Eva Counts
Leigh Counts*

Greeters

4:00pm: *Mary Campbell*

8:15am: *Mel and Carol Penrod*

11:00am: *MD: Carol Fornof, Riley and
Mason Millet
RD: Lynda Berry*

Lessons: Genesis 50:15-21, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS, Pulpit side: In memory of Chuck Conkle. Given by Hannah McClary.

ALTAR FLOWERS, Lectern side: In celebration of Judy & Erle Taylor's 55th wedding anniversary. Given by Erle and Judy Taylor.

PULPIT FLOWERS: Mary Campbell.

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

PERSONAL NEWS

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Charlie Brown, Dwight Henricksen.

TODAY'S NEWS

ARTS IN THE ALLEY AND PIZZA! What a winning combination! The **St. John's Short-term Mission Teams** are again teaming up with



Marco's 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!



2024 WILL BE ST. JOHN'S 175th ANNIVERSARY YEAR! Next year, St. John's will be celebrating 175 years of Christian ministry in Grove City! We want to celebrate this special milestone with a variety of events throughout the year in 2024. If you would like to be part of the 175th Anniversary Committee, please let Pastor Seth or Pastor Patti know within the next few weeks. We need a group of energetic, creative people who will take the reins and have fun planning and organizing anniversary activities. We hope the Committee can have its first meeting in October. It's important for us to remember and appreciate the story of this great congregation, to give thanks to God for where we've been, and to look forward to where he's leading us! Please pray about it, and consider joining the team!

THE FALL MISSIONS BAZAAR is coming on Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 9am to 1pm. Please come and support our short-term mission trips while enjoying shopping, raffles, food and fun!



Interested in donating to our bake sale? Please sign up on the salmon sheet. Donations can be dropped off either Friday, October 6 from 6-8pm or the day of the sale (10/7) from 7-9am.

There are still spaces available for vendors. Please contact Diana Imbrock at gloriaadios06@gmail.com for more information.

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.

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.

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.



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 ☞

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 10 - **296**

<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.
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIVING TO ST. JOHN’S MINISTRIES!

☪ CALENDAR ☪

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

ARTS IN THE ALLEY

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am 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 Quilt Show (FLC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00am Private Event (FLC)
 9:30am BSF Leaders
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
 6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
 7:00pm Council (103-4)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:30am BSF
 6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (204)
 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
 7:30pm Chancel Chorale (Sanc)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
 9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
 9:30am Small Group (101)
 2:00pm Small Group (101)
 5:45pm Adventure Club and Faith Trek
 Leader Training
 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
 8:00pm Dartball (FLC)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:30pm AA (SH [FH])

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Sunday School
 9:30am Men's Chorale (Choir Room)
 10:00am Small Group (Lib)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
 5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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.

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