

NEWS NOTES

October 1, 2023

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Brian Johnson, Guest Organist, Saturday Worship

Nick Grossman & David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: *Charlie Brown*

8:15am: *Jo Dimond*

11:00am: *Dan Yeater, Ike Stage*

Altar Guild

Linda Vozel, Dee Harlor

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

Readers

4:00pm: *Holly Starr*

8:15am: *Jo Dimond*

11:00am: *Eva Counts, Dan Yeater*

Ushers

11:00am: *Rick Butsko, Dennis Imbrock,
Jeff Shaw, Dan Yeater*

Acolytes

8:15am: *Colton Thompson
Ben Previts*

11:00am: **Volunteers Needed**

Greeters

4:00pm: *Mary Campbell*

8:15am: *Armand Arabian*

11:00am: *MD: James, Eva, and
Emmy Counts
RD: Lynda Berry*

Lessons: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of God's many blessings. Larry and Becky Link.

BULLETINS: In honor of our 59th wedding anniversary. Given by Charlie and Pam Brown.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

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.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE – Monday, October 2: Come join us in rooms 103-104 at 6:30pm. Any questions contact Sherry Nighbert at 614-581-1436.

RAISE RIGHT ORDER DEADLINE is this coming Tuesday. Please submit your order by noon on **October 3rd**.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, October 14th at 9am and on Tuesday, October 24th at 6pm 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.

LAST CALL FOR TALENT: We have several performers in the upcoming talent show celebrating the new facility at St. John's. But we can always use another act or two. If you have been thinking about joining the fun, call Mark Meuser at the church office (614-875-2314) or at the e-mail address mmeuser@stjohnsgc.org. Your talent could include singing, dancing, playing an instrument, or comedy.

The program will take place in the Family Life Center, and participation in the program is open to 4th graders through adults. We will have a dress rehearsal on Saturday, October 14 at 7:00 pm.

The evening should be a great opportunity for both traditional and contemporary worshippers to join together to celebrate our new facility.

THE QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will follow the 11am services on **Sunday, October 22** in the Family Life Center. Please plan to attend.

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: The Fall Missions Bazaar is **THIS 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.

Please contact Diana Imbrock at gloriaadios06@gmail.com for more information.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: It's October and Operation Christmas Child kicks off! St. John's has partnered with Samaritan's Purse to send The Gospel to the ends of the earth through gift-filled boxes! Please consider filling a shoe box with items such as school supplies, soap and a covered plastic soap dish, toothbrush with a holder, quality pens, flashlights with batteries, new short-sleeved shirts (with no writing on them). Avoid lotions, war related items, and items that can melt. Also, please include a \$10 donation to cover the cost of shipping the box. If you are not able to pack your own box, we will have a donation tub for items in the Link starting on October 4th. Monetary donations are also accepted! Please contact Justin, Beth, Brayden, or Addy Gottshall with questions 740-360-2752.

***Interested in building a shoebox online?* Please visit samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to find more information.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held on **Tuesday, October 24th** 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.

EAGLE DEADLINE is coming up! Please submit your article by noon **October 10th**.

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.



OWLS EVENT - OCTOBER 20, 2023: The Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) meet the third Friday of every month. We start off with a potluck lunch at 11:30am and we invite speakers for our program after lunch. Our goal is to offer programs geared to those that affect us as individuals as well as a community.



We are very pleased that Mayor Ike Stage and BJ Roach will be presenting interesting details about Beulah Park from a community park to a horse racing track and finally to a living development. The Park has had a very interesting history for the past 100 years and they will be sharing it with us. Hope you plan to join us!

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 11:15am so we can open the meeting at 11:30am. 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!

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. Requests are updated on a weekly basis.

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.

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.

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.

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.



YOUTH NEWS

THURSDAYS! 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. Talk to Laurie Pecuch or Diana Imbrock about joining us!

WEDNESDAYS! Explorers and Energizers for grades 7 - 8 and 9 - 12 meet weekly on Wednesday nights, 7 - 8:30pm. Talk to Gini Rogers for details!

RAISE RIGHT gift card orders are placed on the first Tuesday of every month. You can use these cards personally and they also make great gifts. Talk to Laurie Pecuch or email her at lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org about how you can order physical cards. Did you know that you can also order e-gift cards and re-load your cards on-line? Talk to Pam Wittenberg about how easy it is to place orders on-line. With each gift card purchase, a percentage comes back to us and helps off-set the costs for children and youth ministries not covered by the budget. *Thanks for your support!*



STEWARDSHIP

Attendance September 24 - 313

<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.



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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Faith Discussion, FH / Book of Matthew, Chapel / Book of Colossians, Rms 301 and 303.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 2-3 years old, Rm 003 / 4-5 years old, 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, Rm 302 / High School, Rm 311.

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

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

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)
1:30pm Girl Scouts Troop #6300
Annual Event (SH [FLC])
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:30am BSF
6:00pm Girl Scouts Troop #6679 (204)
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
7:00pm Explorers and Energizers
(103-4, FLC, Kit, 3rd Floor)
7:30pm Chancel Chorale (Sanc)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9:30am Small Group (101)
2:00pm Small Group (101)
3:00pm Home School Acting Class (FLC)
5:45pm Adventure Club and Faith Trek
6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
8:00pm Dartball (FLC)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00am **FALL MISSIONS BAZAAR**
11:30am Private Event (SH [FH])
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

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)

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