

NEWS NOTES

October 8, 2023

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

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Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: David and Karen Grossman
Dwight Henricksen

Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis

Judy Graessle

Readers

4:00pm: Margie Kennell

8:15am: Marilyn Smith

11:00am: Warren Grody

Ushers

11:00am: Bill Diehl, Dennis Imbrock,
Jeff Shaw, Ike Stage

Acolytes

8:15am: Brayden Gottshall
Corban Allman

11:00am: Lukas Althoff
Warren Althoff

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: MD: Carol Penrod
RD: Mel Penrod

11:00am: MD: Keith and Jane Stenerson
RD: Linda Diehl

Lessons: Isaiah 5:1-7, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: in thanksgiving of all our blessings.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Bob Swanson, who died on Sunday, October 1, 2023. All who grieve are in our thoughts and prayers.

OPEN HOUSE - An open house will be held on **Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 2-4pm** in St. John's Family Life Center to celebrate the 90th birthday of Vi Davis. Only your presence is requested. No gifts, please.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

THE QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will follow the 11am services on **Sunday, October 22** in the Sanctuary. Representatives of the Executive Committee will be available after each service to answer any questions. Meeting packets will be ready for anyone that would like to have one. Please plan to attend.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS will be held at **12:15pm, Sunday, October 15th**. We'll start with lunch together in room 103-4. All visitors to our congregation, our newest members, and all potential members are invited to come! The classes will cover Christian mission at St. John's, and we'll be able to answer any questions you have about our congregation and our Lutheran Christian heritage. We will formally receive new members into our congregation during the 11am traditional worship service on Sunday, November 5th. We hope you can come!

Are you looking for a church home, or do you have questions about our congregation? Call Pastor Seth (217-255-2118) any time.

MEN'S SUNDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION GROUP: OCTOBER 22ND – DECEMBER 10TH. All St. John's men are invited to join a faith-centered discussion on Sunday nights, starting on October 22nd. Each week, we'll share a casual meal and discuss a thought-provoking video series by Atlanta-based pastor Andy Stanley. The group will meet from 6:30-8pm in Rooms 103-4. Feel free to invite friends!

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.

ST. JOHN'S GOT TALENT! is set for **Saturday, October 21st at 7pm in the Family Life Center.** We have a wide variety of acts which should be enjoyable for all ages. David Dye is the master of ceremonies, and there will be light refreshments following the performance. We look forward to seeing as many of you as are able to attend. Dress rehearsal for all performers is October 14th at 7pm.

ATTENTION GARDENING ANGELS AND INTERESTED VOLUNTEERS: It's time for fall landscape clean up around the church. We have scheduled two workdays on **Saturday, October 14 and Saturday, October 28,** both beginning at 8:30am. The biggest need is for people who are willing and able to help us spread mulch in the front landscaped beds. We will have bags of mulch that need to be moved from pallets to the various areas for others to spread. With favorable weather, we are hoping to get everything done on October 14. If you can spare an hour or two we would welcome your help!

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!

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.

EAGLE DEADLINE is this Tuesday. Please submit your article by noon **October 10th**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES: We would like to welcome all children ages 2 and up who are not already attending to join us during the Sunday School Hour from 9:30-10:30am each Sunday. Parents are encouraged to join one of the adult classes. There's even one that focuses on parenting related topics. If you have any questions, please see Tim Allman or a member of the youth staff. We look forward to seeing you!!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: It's October and St. John's has partnered with Samaritan's Purse to send the Gospel to the ends of the earth through gift-filled shoe 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 have a donation tub for items in the Link as of October 4th. Monetary donations are also accepted! Please contact Justin, Beth, Brayden, or Addy Gottshall with any questions 740-360-2752.



That all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no other.
1 Kings 8:60

QR code and link to **build a shoebox online!** <https://sampur.se/46hDaKb>

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!

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 ☞

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.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance October 1 - **300**

August 2023	Income	YTD	Expense	YTD
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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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, 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)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:30am BSF Leaders
10:00am Visitation (Sanc)
11:00am Funeral Service (Sanc)
11:00am Funeral Dinner (FLC, Kit)
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
6:00pm Small Group (101)
6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild
7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (SH [FLC])

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9:30am 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 13

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
10:00am Girl Scouts #6300 (FH)
2:00pm Vi's Open House (FLC)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm St. John's Got Talent!
Rehearsal (FLC)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

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)
12:15pm NEW MEMBER CLASS
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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

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.