

NEWS NOTES

October 15, 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: Mike Gibboney

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Wayne and Carla Beavers,
Caroline Koethke

Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman

Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

Readers

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Judy Taylor

11:00am: Christine Hank

Ushers

11:00am: George Gonsowoski,
Dennis Imbrock, Blake
Lang, Tom Lang

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: Bill and Linda Diehl

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of our daughter, Megin Cress, on her birthday. Given with love by mom and dad, Becky and Larry Link.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

Lessons: Isaiah 25:1-9, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14.

✪ PERSONAL NEWS ✪

7th Annual Mission Fall Bazaar: another success!!! Woohoo!!! Thanks to all who provided baked goods, stopped by to support our craft vendors, and ate hot dogs, shredded chicken sandwiches, etc., at our concessions. Our vendors felt welcomed and appreciated the kindness extended to all. Thank you for continuing to support missions. Over \$1,400 was raised! 😊



✪ TODAY'S NEWS ✪

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS has been postponed. It was originally planned for this Sunday, October 15th. We will have a new date early in 2024. Thank you for your understanding.

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

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!!



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.

THE QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will follow the 11am services on **Sunday, October 22nd** 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.

OWLS EVENT - OCTOBER 20th: 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!

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.

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.



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!

SCOUTS BSA POPCORN FUNDRAISER! Popcorn! Popcorn! Get your popcorn here! Scouts BSA annual popcorn FUNdraiser sale is happening now! This fundraiser provides the best opportunity for our troop to raise money necessary to deliver a quality, year-round program. Popcorn, trail mix and chocolate covered pretzels are available. Yellow popping corn, microwave, pre-popped, and flavored are all delicious. Some come in collectible containers or tins, too. Scouts will be selling at church **Sunday, October 15 and 22** from 8:45am- 12pm. The troop accepts cash, checks made to Boy Scout Troop 392, credit cards (via Square), and Venmo.



Our church has been a long time supporter and charter organization of Scouts BSA Troop 392. Current church family members active in the troop are: Jaxxon and Michael Baldree, Jackson Czaplicki, and Matthew Little. They would love to receive your order **now through October 23!** *Questions?* Contact Scouter parents Dan Czaplicki and Kristina Little, or Scoutmaster Andy Smith, troop.392.scoutmaster@gmail.com.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR TRUNK OR TREAT on Saturday, October 28th at 10am for a morning of fun! We will have all games, crafts, puppets, snacks and more. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. This event will be held rain or shine. Donations are needed for this community event.

TRUNK
OR TREAT

If you are able to help, please take a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch bulletin board located in the link and just outside the chapel and return your donation to the cupboard in the Link by Thursday, October 26th. We also need volunteers to help run this event and to decorate your trunk and pass out candy. Please mark the salmon sheet if you are able to give a little of your time the morning of October 28th. Thank you for your support!

ANNUAL BIKE PROJECT: We would like to invite you to take part in the annual Bike Project. In early December, we will be delivering 25 bikes and helmets to children in need in Central Ohio to make their Christmas great!

You may sponsor a fourth of a bike for **\$25**, a half of a bike for **\$50**, a full bike for **\$100**, or help purchase a helmet for **\$10**. Give your gift by picking up an envelope at one of the church entrances. Then fill it with the designated amount of cash or check made out to St. John's Lutheran Church. Finally drop the envelope in the offering plate or return to the church office **by November 27**.

Questions: Contact Corban Allman at corbana09@gmail.com or Diana Imbrock at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org. Thank you for making an area child's Christmas a little brighter!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: *"Let the little children come to me...for of such is the Kingdom of God". ~ Luke 18:16.* This November, Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts will be collected at thousands of locations across the USA and shipped to more than 100 countries around the world where church partners will hand them out to hurting children. Please consider packing a shoebox and praying for the child who will open it. Gift ideas include:

1. A "WOW" gift such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, backpack, or stuffed animal.
2. Hygiene items: Soap, toothbrush and holder, washcloth, colorful band-aids, combs, stick deodorant.
3. Clothing: Shirt, pants, loose-fitting sundress, hair bows and ribbons, sunglasses, purses.
4. Crafts and Activities: pencils, sharpeners, crayons, coloring books, stickers, jump ropes, sewing kit.
5. Other toys: Marbles, balls, plastic dinosaurs, finger puppets, slinky.

Please no war-related items, gum, candy, liquids, or lotions. Include a \$10 donation to cover the shipping costs and drop off your filled shoebox in the Link before **November 12th**.



Not able to shop for gifts? There is a NEW opportunity to "**Build a Shoe Box Online**". Visit Operation Christmas Child (<https://sampur.se/46hDaKb>) or click on the QR code to see how you can build your box online for just \$25. We also have a donation tub in the Link and monetary donations are accepted!



Please contact Justin, Beth, Brayden or Addy Gottshall with any questions 740-360-2752. *"Pack your shoe box with love, send it with prayer and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a hurting child. That's the power of a simple gift."* ~ Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse.

ATTENTION GARDENING ANGELS AND INTERESTED VOLUNTEERS: It's time for fall landscape clean up around the church. We have one more scheduled workday on **Saturday, October 28**, 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. If you can spare an hour or two, we would welcome your help!

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

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!







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

STEWARDSHIP

Attendance October 8 - 294

<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, 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 (103-4)
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:30am BSF Leaders (101-4, Nursery)
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
7:00pm Council (103-4)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:30am Quilters (103-4)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (SH [103-4])

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

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 20

10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
11:30am OWLS (FLC)
8:30pm AA (SH [FH])

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00am Private Event (103-4)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm St. John's Got Talent! (FLC)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

FOLLOWING 11AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

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 **QUARTERLY
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING (Sanc)**
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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.