

NEWS NOTES

October 22, 2023

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: *Dave Sweeley*

8:15am: *Joel Baughman*

11:00am: *Christine Hank, Bonnie Swanson, Karen Jersild*

Altar Guild

*Lynda Berry, Gloria Biggs
Paul and Pam Wittenberg*

Readers

4:00pm: *Chris Jenkins*

8:15am: *Teresa Orahoad*

11:00am: *Lisa Stallard*

Ushers

11:00am: *Bill Diehl, Jeff Shaw, Larry Sutton, Dan Yeater*

Acolytes

8:15am: *Ben Previts
Corban Allman*

11:00am: *Riley Millet
Wesley Millet*

Greeters

4:00pm: *Mary Campbell*

8:15am: *Mel and Carol Penrod*

11:00am: *Bill and Linda Diehl*

Lessons: Isaiah 45:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by Frank and Jean Gusa.

BULLETINS: In gratefulness for my many blessings. Given by Vi Davis.

✠ PERSONAL NEWS ✠

BAPTISM: (Baptized Today) Congratulations to Sean and Kelsie O'Hanlon on the baptism of their son, Declan James, on Sunday, October 22nd, in the 11:00am traditional service.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Mary Lou Mauch, Robby Nighbert.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Rosemary "Rosie" Turnbull, who passed away at the age of 90 on October 17, 2023. All who grieve are in our prayers.

✠ TODAY'S NEWS ✠

THE QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will follow the 11am services today, **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.

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!!

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 today, 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.

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.

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 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. 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!

THE CALL FOR CANDY: Please donate your leftover Halloween candy to the Quilters. The candy will be placed in the Christmas bags for the children whose families use the Grove City Methodist Food Pantry. Each bag will contain a pencil, Ohio wildlife items, crayons, toothbrush, toothpaste, tooth flossers, small soft toy, glue sticks, small notepads, any other small items you wish to donate and THE candy. Please place your candy in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thanks for filling the bags with love and sweetening power.



Good News. Great Joy.



Two great ways to love God's children at Christmas!

1. **Operation Christmas Child:** Fill a box, in person or online, for a child in need of God's love and care! (See the posters around church for more info.)
2. **The Bike Project:** As a family, join us in the FLC, December 2 from 2-4, to assemble a bike for a local foster child. Bikes provide exercise, therapy, and a sweet Christmas gift for the child! (See the trifolds at the entrances for more info.)

Be Jesus with skin on for the children of the world this Christmas!

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: “*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*” – John 1:5. St. John’s Lutheran Church has an opportunity to be the light in hard-to-reach places by sharing God’s love through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each shoebox is an opportunity to reach a child with the gospel. For many of these kids, this is the first gift they have ever received!



There are three ways to participate:

1. **Pick up a prepared shoebox from the church entrance or Link.** The instructions for packing your box are included. Fill your box with some of the suggested gift items. Return your filled shoebox to the church entrance or Link by November 12th. Suggested gift items: small cars, balls, dolls, new short-sleeved shirts (no writing), small flashlight with batteries, soap AND plastic covered soap dish, toothbrush in a toothbrush holder, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, pens.
2. **Build your shoe box online for just \$25.** You can bless children around the world without leaving home! Go to St. John’s goal page and choose to build your online box: <https://sampur.se/46hDaKb>
3. **Donate monetarily or with gift items.** 100% of the donations will be allocated to the operation. Donation drop-off locations are also found in the church entrance and Link. Please contact Justin, Beth, Brayden or Addy Gottshall for any questions at 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, Samaritan's Purse President.



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.

COME ONE! COME ALL! To the annual Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction on Sunday, November 19th, right after the late service. We will be tasting chili and voting on the best St. John's recipe. Bid on some amazing desserts created by the incredible bakers right here in our midst. It's a perfect time to get those much-needed Thanksgiving treats without all the work! All donations and auction monies will go to support short-term missions. If you would like to enter your award-winning chili in the contest or create a dessert for the auction, please watch the bulletin for details or contact Diana at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org. Come join us for a fun-filled, tummy-filled afternoon!



☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

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 October 15 - 283

<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!**

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 22

- 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)
 6:30pm Men's Discussion Group (103-4)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 9:30am BSF Leaders (101-4, Nursery)
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
 6:00pm Small Group (101)
 6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
 7:00pm Respect Life (102)
 7:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
 10:30am Private Event (102)
 12:00pm **Red Cross Blood Drive**
 6:00pm Internship Committee Mtg. (Lib)
 6:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
 7:00pm Interior Accessibility Team (204)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (SH [FLC])



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 9:30am BSF
 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
 7:00pm Explorers and Energizers
 (103-4, FLC, Kit, 3rd Floor)
 7:00pm Construction Access. Team (102)
 7:30pm Chancel Chorale (Sanc)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 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
 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
 8:00pm Dartball (FLC)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 8:30pm AA (SH [FH])

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 10:00am **TRUNK OR TREAT!**
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 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 Private Event (FLC)
 5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
 6:30pm Men's Discussion Group (103-4)

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

Daylight Savings Ends November 5th!