

NEWS NOTES

November 5, 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: Holly Starr

8:15am: Jo Dimond

11:00am: Ron Nighbert, Dan Yeater

Altar Guild

Mel and Carol Penrod, Donna Linder

Readers

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Karen Bentley

11:00am: Cindy Gonsowski

Ushers

11:00am: Bill Diehl, Dennis Imbrock,
Jeff Shaw, Larry Sutton

Acolytes

8:15am: Colton Thompson

Ben Previts

11:00am: MacKenzie Norman

Layla Greer

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: MD: Armand Arabian

RD: Mel Penrod

11:00am: MD: Carol Rich

RD: Gloria Biggs

**Lessons: Revelation 7:9-17;
1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12**

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of all veterans. Given by Warren Grody and Linda Vozel.
PULPIT FLOWERS: In loving memory of Carl Kinman. Given by Nancy and family.
BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Tim Stewart**, who passed away on November 1, 2023. All who grieve are in our prayers.

“Thank you to my church family for all for the messages, texts, flowers, and cards. We are both so grateful to be a part of St. John’s in Grove City.” ~ Gary and Marilyn Smith.

“I want to thank both Pastor Seth and Pastor Patti for their visits to Paul while he was in the nursing home. Special thanks to Pastor Patti for the wonderful and meaningful funeral service. Thank you to all those that provided their time and great food, and to Wilma Phillips for overseeing the luncheon. Thank you to my church family for all the kind words and warm hugs. Sincerely,” ~ Andrea and Marc Offenburger.

“Many thank yous to my church family for all the beautiful sympathy cards after the passing of my dad, Walter Roth. Thank you to the Bereavement Ministry for the delicious dinner after the funeral. The time of food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for all the beautiful shawls for my dad’s grandchildren and his sister. Thank you to all the St. John’s members with the Meals on Wheels delivery team. My dad enjoyed your Friday visits and deliveries. Thank you to Pastor Seth for coming to visit with Dad and providing him words of comfort and care. The memorial service was greatly appreciated by all.”~Susan Koehler and family.

☞ TODAY’S NEWS ☞

WE WELCOME OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF LAY MINISTRY, MEGAN GROSSMAN!

This weekend at our traditional worship services, we will formally install our new Director of Lay Ministry, Megan Grossman, into her position. We are very happy and thankful that Megan is willing to take on this important role in our congregation! May God bless her and guide her as she begins her work.



**A SPECIAL SERVICE OF
COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE**

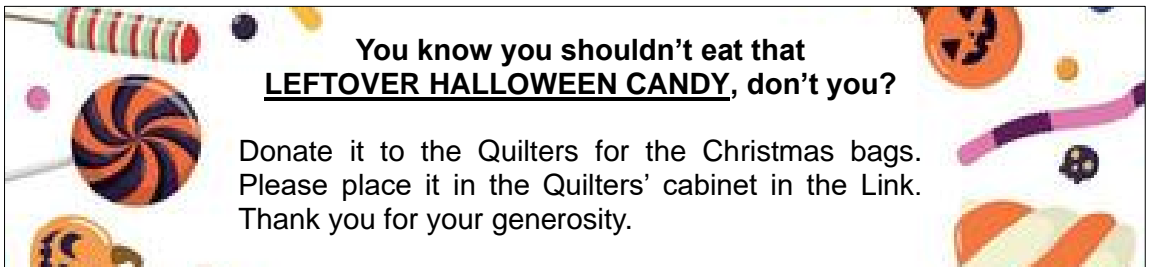
will be held on Sunday, November 26th at 2pm.

This is a special worship service set aside for family and friends who have had loved ones pass away this last year.

RAISE RIGHT ORDER DEADLINE is this coming Tuesday. Please submit your order by noon on **November 7th**.

EAGLE DEADLINE is this coming Friday. Please submit your December article by noon on **November 10th**.

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.



THE CHANCEL CHOIR is looking for singers for the Advent/Christmas season. For anyone who enjoys singing but may not be able to commit to weekly choir practices all year, this is a great opportunity to add your voice to the Christmas celebration. Interested parishioners would need only to practice with the choir in mid-November and December in order to sing with the choir during Advent and Christmas. We rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9pm in the sanctuary.

Please see Music Director Mark Meuser or any choir member if you think you may be interested. You would be warmly welcomed.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, November 11th at 9am and on Tuesday, November 28th 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.

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. ***If you are missing a car key, please see the office.***

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, sign up on the salmon sheet or contact Diana at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org. Come join us for a fun-filled, tummy-filled afternoon!

OWLS EVENT – NOVEMBER 17, 2023:

The Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) would love to see you at our November 17th meeting. It's the time of year we share what we are thankful for, and we have so much. God's blessings are bountiful.



We are very pleased and honored to welcome Grove City's new police chief, Eric Scott. He started his police career as a part-time officer for the Village of Harrisburg. Scott joined the Grove City Division of Police as a reserve officer in 1998 and was promoted to Chief of Police in April 2023. Grove City is growing and growing and growing which means our problems will probably increase as well. Come and hear our Chief of Police Scott's message about the changes, etc. in our wonderful home city.

You are invited to come join us for lunch before the program. OWLS will provide fried chicken. We are very happy to tell you Debbie Abbitt's famous meat loaf is back!!!!Bring a covered dish and join your friends for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. We ask you to arrive around 11:15 am so we can open the meeting at 11:30 am. Use the salmon sheet in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation. This is a big help for our planning committee. You can also call the office or Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. Hope to see you there!

THE MITTEN TREES have returned! Please help fill the trees with mittens, gloves, warm hats, earmuffs, scarves, and socks for all ages. ***All items need to be new with tags or homemade.*** The trees will be up until December 3rd, after which the items will be taken to the Grove City Food Pantry, where they will be distributed to anyone in need in our local community. Please contact Ellen Previts at 614-345-8576 if you have any questions. Thank you for helping our neighbors stay warm!



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

Good News. Great Joy.



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: There's only one week left to get your shoeboxes filled! We have an opportunity to share God's love with children all over the world and everyone can help! Here's how:

- ⇒ **Fill a shoe box with toys, school supplies, and personal care items (see the posters hanging around the church for ideas). Don't forget the \$10 to help with shipping.**
- ⇒ **Bring in one or two items to go toward filling a box. Just place these items in the donation tub in the Link.**
- ⇒ **Build a shoebox online by visiting <https://sampur.se/46hDaKb> and click on the Operation Christmas Child link. You will find the "Build a Shoebox" link here. You can also use the QR code.**



Don't forget to pray for the children and their families to experience and grow in God's love as they respond to the Gospel that is presented at the shoebox events around the world. Please contact Justin, Beth, Brayden and Addy with any questions 740-360-2752. Deadline to bring in items is next Sunday, **November 12th**. Thank you!



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held on **Tuesday, November 21st** 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

YOUTH NEWS

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!*

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 29 301

<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, NOVEMBER 5

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 Veterans Luncheon (FLC, 103-4)
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
 6:30pm Men's Discussion Group (103-4)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

VOTING IN THE FLC ALL DAY 1:00pm
RAISE RIGHT ORDER DEADLINE
 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
 11:30am OWLS Planning Meeting (102)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (off-site)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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 (away)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

EAGLE ARTICLES DUE

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
 10:00am Girl Scouts #6300 (FH)
 11:00am Visitation (Sanc)
 12:00pm Celebration Service – (Sanc)
 Rosemary "Rosie" Turnbull
 1:00pm Celebration of Life Dinner (FLC)
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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)
 11:30am Private Event (103-4)
 5:00pm 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!**