

# NEWS NOTES

November 12, 2023

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### ☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

#### Communion Assistants

4:00pm: *Bill Woodgeard*

8:15am: *Pat Larick*

11:00am: *David and Karen Grossman*

*Lisa Stallard*

#### Altar Guild

*Dave and Karen Grossman*

*Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson*

#### Readers

4:00pm: *Charlie Brown*

8:15am: *Kathy Myers*

11:00am: *Karrie Clark*

#### Ushers

11:00am: *Dennis Imbrock, Blake Lang,  
Tom Lang, Carl Patzer*

#### Acolytes

8:15am: *Ben Previts*

*Corban Allman*

11:00am: *Lukas Althoff*

*Warren Althoff*

#### Greeters

4:00pm: *Mary Campbell*

8:15am: *Mel and Carol Penrod*

11:00am: MD: *Keith and Jane Stenerson*

RD: *Christine Hank*

**Lessons Today: Amos 5:18-24, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13**

**DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of my dad, Emerson, and in celebration of our mom, Mildred's birthday. Given by Jim Braskett and family.

**LECTERN FLOWERS:** In celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Bev and Mike Rees. Given by Ted and Carol Mackey.

**PULPIT FLOWERS:** In loving memory of James F. Fadeley, loving father, grandfather, and Veteran. In honor of all Veterans that have served. Given by Don and Diane Carducci.

**BULLETINS:** Given by Ike and Shela Stage.

**☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞**

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of **Jeannette Sennett**, who passed away on November 7, 2023. All who grieve are in our prayers.

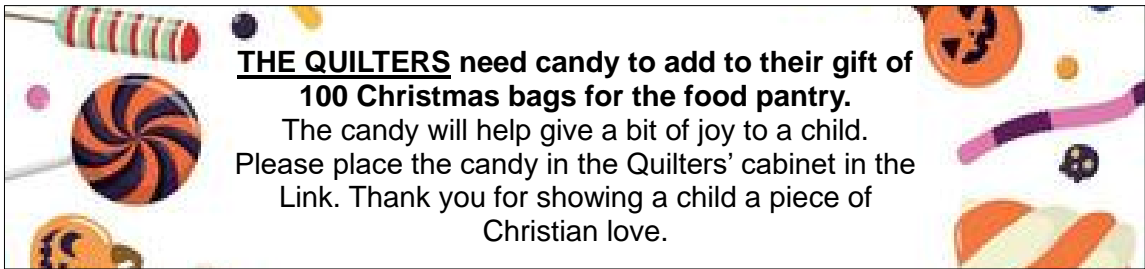
**☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞**

**A SPECIAL SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE** will be held on Sunday, **November 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.** This is a special worship service set aside for family and friends who have had loved ones pass away this last year.



**DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS:** We are in need of some help getting our church ready for Christmas. Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> we would like to put up the Christmas trees in our sanctuary at 9:30am. On Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, (the day after Thanksgiving) we will be decorating the church for Christmas. We will begin at 9:00am and finish up by 11:00am. Many hands make for light work. If you are able to give even an hour of your time to help out, we would greatly appreciate it. Please mark the salmon sheet if you are able to help. Thank you!

**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 are interested. You would be warmly welcomed.



**THE QUILTERS need candy to add to their gift of 100 Christmas bags for the food pantry.**

The candy will help give a bit of joy to a child. Please place the candy in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thank you for showing a child a piece of Christian love.

**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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 insert 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:** Please help decorate the Mitten Trees! Cold hands, feet, and heads (of all ages) are in need of new mittens, gloves, warm hats, earmuffs, scarves and socks. ***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!

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE COMING! SAVE THE DATE!** Do you love to bake? Do you have a favorite cookie recipe you would love to share? Your talents are needed! Our Christmas Cookie and Goodie Sale will be on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. This sale will also be open to the community.

We will need dozens of cookies and other homemade items. We are asking for **homemade items only.**

If you don't want to bake but want to help in another way, please feel free to make a monetary donation to the Kitchen Fund.

Any questions, please call Suzie Brace, 614-313-1364 or Sue Sutton, 614-539-9544.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will be held on **Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** 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.

**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](mailto: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.

**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 trifold at the entrances for more info.)

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

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Today is officially the last day to turn in your Operation Christmas Child shoebox. However, if you forgot, we can still accept shoeboxes and/or monetary donations through Monday, November 13th.

Thank you to all who filled a shoebox and donated money or items. Please continue to pray for:



- Boys and girls in need around the world
- Local churches who deliver shoebox gifts
- Children disciplined through the Greatest Journey
- Volunteers worldwide.



*"The Lord is near to all who call upon Him." – Psalm 145:18*

**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](mailto:corbana09@gmail.com) or Diana Imbrock at [dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org). Thank you for making an area child's Christmas a little brighter!

**OUR 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VETERANS DINNER** was held on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Approximately 66 Veterans and their family members attended.



Demorest Road American Legion Post 532 presented the flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Liliya Polizza, an 8th grader from Our Lady of Perpetual Help, sang a beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner! Hunter Thompson, one of St. John's teens and a freshman at Central Crossing High School, did an awesome job of introducing the Color Guard and our Associate Pastor Patti Morlock, as well as reading an opening prayer. Pastor Patti emceed our program, and she did a wonderful job! Mayor Ike Stage presented the Golden Veterans awards along with a very special certificate from the mayor's office. We honored 3 St. John's Golden Veterans: Bruce Whyte, Larry Peterson, and Allen Schoch. Each was given a beautiful eagle plaque for their services. St. John's teenagers along with Grove City ROTC served the delicious meal! The Color Guard completed our moving program with the gun salute and "Taps".

In addition to those listed above, a special Thank You goes to:

- + Wilma Phillips for co-chairing and doing an excellent job!
- + Steve Marcum for organizing the American Legion and so many other jobs.
- + Diana Imbrock for organizing our teen servers
- + Laurie Pecuch for doing a wonderful job with our slide presentation.
- + Elaine Bennett, Nick and Megan Grossman, Cindy, Dwight, and Troy Henricksen, Mistie Clark, Don and Diane Carducci, and all their kitchen helpers!
- + Charlotte Rausch, Susan Koehler, Karen Jersild, and Linda Chenault.
- + Elizabeth Circle and Sarah Circle for baking the delicious pies!
- + Mary Young for making 2 beautiful quilts which were given as door prizes to Veterans, Bill Woodgeard and Dellno Lewis! Congratulations!!

But most of all, a very heartfelt thank you to our Veterans for their sacrifices they have made for all of us and for their service to our country! This program was presented in honor of all our Veterans!! God bless our Veterans!

## ☪ 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**      November 5      **322**

<b>August 2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>YTD</b>
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](http://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, 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)

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

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

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

9:30am Quilters (103-4)  
 6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)  
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (103-4)

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

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

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

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, NOVEMBER 17**

10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)  
 11:30am OWLS (FLC, Kit)  
 8:30pm AA (FH)

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

8:00am Private Event (FLC)  
 12:00pm Private Event (FLC)  
 1:00pm Private Event (FH)  
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

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 Chili Cook-Off and Dessert Auction (FLC)**  
 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!**