

NEWS NOTES

November 19, 2023

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

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☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Dave Sweeley

8:15am: Ann Jones

11:00am: Gloria Biggs, Lynda Berry,
Linda Diehl

Altar Guild

David and Lisa Stallard

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Readers

4:00pm: Karen Colwell

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Christine Hank

Ushers

11:00am: Dave Clark, George Gonsowski,
Ike Stage, Larry Sutton

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: MD: David and Lisa Stallard
RD: Lynda Berry

Lessons: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of our mothers, Kathryn Lyday and Beulah Hughes, for their birthdays. Given by Richard and Evelyn Lyday.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In celebration for the birthday of my father, Armond Arabian. given by Sarah Schmitz & family.

BULLETINS: Given by JoAnne Keller.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Marian Breckenridge**, who passed away on November 4, 2023. All who grieve are in our prayers.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

COME ONE! COME ALL! To the annual Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction this **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!

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. A fellowship hour with refreshments will follow the worship service in the Family Life Center.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS: We are in need of some help getting our church ready for Christmas. Wednesday, November 22nd we would like to put up the Christmas trees in our Sanctuary at 9:30am. On Friday, November 24th, (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 MITTEN TREES are filled with many examples of Christian caring, but we're not done yet! Your donations of new mittens, gloves, warm hats, earmuffs, scarves, and socks will be gratefully accepted by babies, children, and adults. ***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!

A banner featuring several pieces of candy: a striped lollipop, a swirl lollipop, a pumpkin-shaped candy, and a pink candy. The background is white with small black dots.

Think about donating candy to the Quilters to add to the Christmas bags. Please place the candy in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thanks for all of you and your giving hearts.

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!

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 16th. 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.



THE CHRISTMAS QUILT SALE IS COMING! It will be Saturday and Sunday, December 16-17, 2023, from 9am -noon. We are hoping to be set up in the Link or thereabouts depending on if and where building equipment is located. **Look for us!** There will be hand-knotted or machine-stitched small quilts, lap throws, bed quilts, throw pillows, and kits for sale. The money raised goes to church-related activities and charities. The quilts will make a colorful Christmas gift. The Cookie Sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, also. Thank you for stopping by and visiting with Quilters.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: 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

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available in the Overflow (room 202). These are dated for 2024, and your box number may be different from last year, so please wait until January 1st to use them. If you do not see a box with your name, please indicate that you would like a box on the notepad provided. We will have a box ready for you to pick up the next weekend.



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.

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.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞







YOUTH GROUPS do not meet this week. Happy Thanksgiving! We will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 29 and Thursday, Nov. 30. See Laurie, Diana, or Gini for details.

“Journey to the Manger” books are our ADVENT FAMILY gift to families this Advent Season. Each book is packed full of fun activities, devotions for different ages, parent guides, an advent poster, and more. This book will engage the entire family. We will pass the books out at Adventure Club and Faith Trek on Nov. 30th. Extra books will be located on the greeter’s table at the Parish House door on Dec. 1st. Can’t locate one? Ask Laurie Pecuch.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance November 12 **299**

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, 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)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
9:30am BSF
7:00pm Boy Scouts (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 9:30am **Decorate the Church
- Christmas Trees**
7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Sanc)
7:45pm Chancel Chorale (Sanc)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- OFFICE CLOSED**
**Wishing you a safe and
Happy Thanksgiving!**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- OFFICE CLOSED**
9:00am **Decorate the Church**
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 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 (FH, 103-4)
2:00pm **Service of Comfort and
Remembrance (Sanc, FLC)**
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
5:30pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FH)
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!**