

NEWS NOTES

November 26, 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: Michael Gibboney

8:15am: Sarah Schmitz

11:00am: Christine Hank
Nannette Shea

Altar Guild

Linda Vozel, Dee Harlor

Readers

4:00pm: Nannette Shea

8:15am: Pam Wittenberg

11:00am: Sheryl Fraley

Ushers

11:00am: Bill Diehl, Dennis Imbrock,
Carl Patzer, Dan Yeater

Acolytes

8:15am: Brayden Gottshall
Corban Allman

11:00am: Riley Millet
Wesley Millet

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Mel and Carol Penrod

11:00am: MD: Bill and Linda Diehl
RD: Christine Hank

Lessons Today: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor and remembrance of Carl and Nancy Kinman's 71st wedding anniversary. With love from their family.

LECTERN FLOWERS: Given by Teresa Orahood.

BULLETINS: In memory of my grandma, Norma Phelps, who passed away on November 26, 2022. Given with love by Kathryn Mullins.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Doreen Zimmer**, who passed away on November 20, 2023. All who grieve are in our prayers.

PLEASE PRAY for those who are or were recently in the hospital: Pat Marie, Mel Baker, Michael Caleb Schwiebert.

BAPTIZED TODAY: Congratulations to Nicholas and Julia Kingsbury on the baptism of their daughter, **Elizabeth Rose**, on Sunday, November 26, 2023, during the 11am traditional service.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

A SPECIAL SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE will be held **this 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.

CHRISTMAS DINNER THEATER: Please join us **Sunday, December 10th at 5:00pm** for our annual Christmas dinner theater. This year's program will feature Sunday School Students, and more! Dinner will be served at 5pm and the program will begin immediately following dinner. Please bring a dessert to share when the program ends. All are welcome, so please be sure to invite friends, family, and neighbors! Suggested dinner donation for adults is \$6.00 and \$5.00 for children. We can always use extra hands to set up and clean-up for this event. Please contact Megan Grossman if you are interested in helping or mark the salmon sheet.

THE MITTEN TREES: Next Sunday is your last chance to bless our neighbors via the Mitten Trees! New mittens, gloves, warm hats, earmuffs, scarves, and socks for all ages can be left on the trees through December 3rd. All items need to be new with tags or homemade. 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!

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 this Monday, 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!

OWLS EVENT – DECEMBER 15, 2023: The Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) would love to see you at their December 15th meeting. It's a very special time for all of us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. There are many programs during the month of December and families are preparing for their own traditions at home.

The OWLS are also planning a special program for you and your friends to come and be entertained by an accomplished vocalist and flutist. Linda LaFever has performed with numerous bands, including the legendary Les Brown and the Band of Renown and Nelson Riddle, one of America's best-known composers and arrangers. She's no stranger to concert halls and large venues having appeared with the San Francisco Symphony, Buffalo Philharmonic and Los Angeles Pops Orchestra. AND she has also appeared in nightclubs in Las Vegas, New York City and Chicago.

Hope you mark your calendar, invite friends and come join us for a delicious potluck lunch and wonderful entertainment with old friends and new friends. We ask you to arrive around 11:15 am so we can open the meeting at 11:30 am. You bring a covered dish and the OWLS will provide fried chicken. We are very happy to tell you Debbie Abbitt's famous meat loaf is back!!! 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!

THANK YOU for continuing to pray for and support Missions! We are planning a mission trip to be with our precious children this summer 2024! If you have a heart for the children of Mexico and sharing the Good News with our brothers and sisters in Christ, come join the 2024 Mexico Mission Family! Mission dates are July 19th through July 29th, 2024. Contact Diana Imbrock with questions or to sign up.



ADOPT-A-FAMILY/ANGEL TREE: In the hopes of helping to make the holidays a little brighter for some of our fellow members who may be struggling financially, we will be accepting monetary donations during the month of December for our annual holiday Adopt-A-Family drive. Envelopes will be available throughout the church and in the church office.

We will also be doing the Angel Tree again this year. The Angel Tree contains gift items for you to purchase, wrap and return to church (with the angel) by Saturday, December 16th. These gifts are going to children in our congregation who otherwise would not have much of a Christmas. The Angel Trees are located in the North Entrance of the Sanctuary and in the Family Life Center. If you or anyone you know of within the congregation would like to be considered for Adopt-A-Family funds, please mark that on the salmon sheet. The names are kept completely confidential.

CHRISTMAS KINDNESS: On Sunday, December 17th, we will be delivering **Adopt-A-Family gifts** and spreading some Holiday Cheer to our older members and members who have had a rough year. They will receive a poinsettia and a small gift bag to let them know that they are being thought of and prayed for. Everything will be provided and can be picked up from the back of the Family Life Center immediately following the late service on December 17th. The families will be notified that someone will be delivering Christmas Kindness to them. So, if you would be willing to help deliver some holiday cheer, please mark the salmon insert to let us know. We hope to deliver to around 50 members/households, so any help is always appreciated.

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 will meet on **Wednesday, Nov. 29** and **Thursday, Nov. 30**. We hope you can join us! It's our last one until January. We take the month of **December off** so leaders and families can attend special church events, school activities, and family gatherings throughout the month.

“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 19 **293**

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.



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.

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 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 (103-4)
2:00pm Service of Comfort and Remembrance (Sanc, FLC, Kit)
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
 6:00pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FH)
 6:30pm Men's Discussion Group (103-4)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:30am Quilters (103-4)
 6:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
 7:00pm A.P. Construction Meeting (102)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
 9:30am Small Group (101)
 11:00am Visitation (Sanc)
 12:00pm Funeral Service (Sanc, FLC)
 2:00pm Small Group (101)
 3:00pm Home School Acting Class (FLC)
 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
 6:30pm 175th Planning Team (103-4)
 8:00pm Dartball (home)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00am Private Event (FLC)
2:00pm Bike Assembly (FLC)
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

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

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