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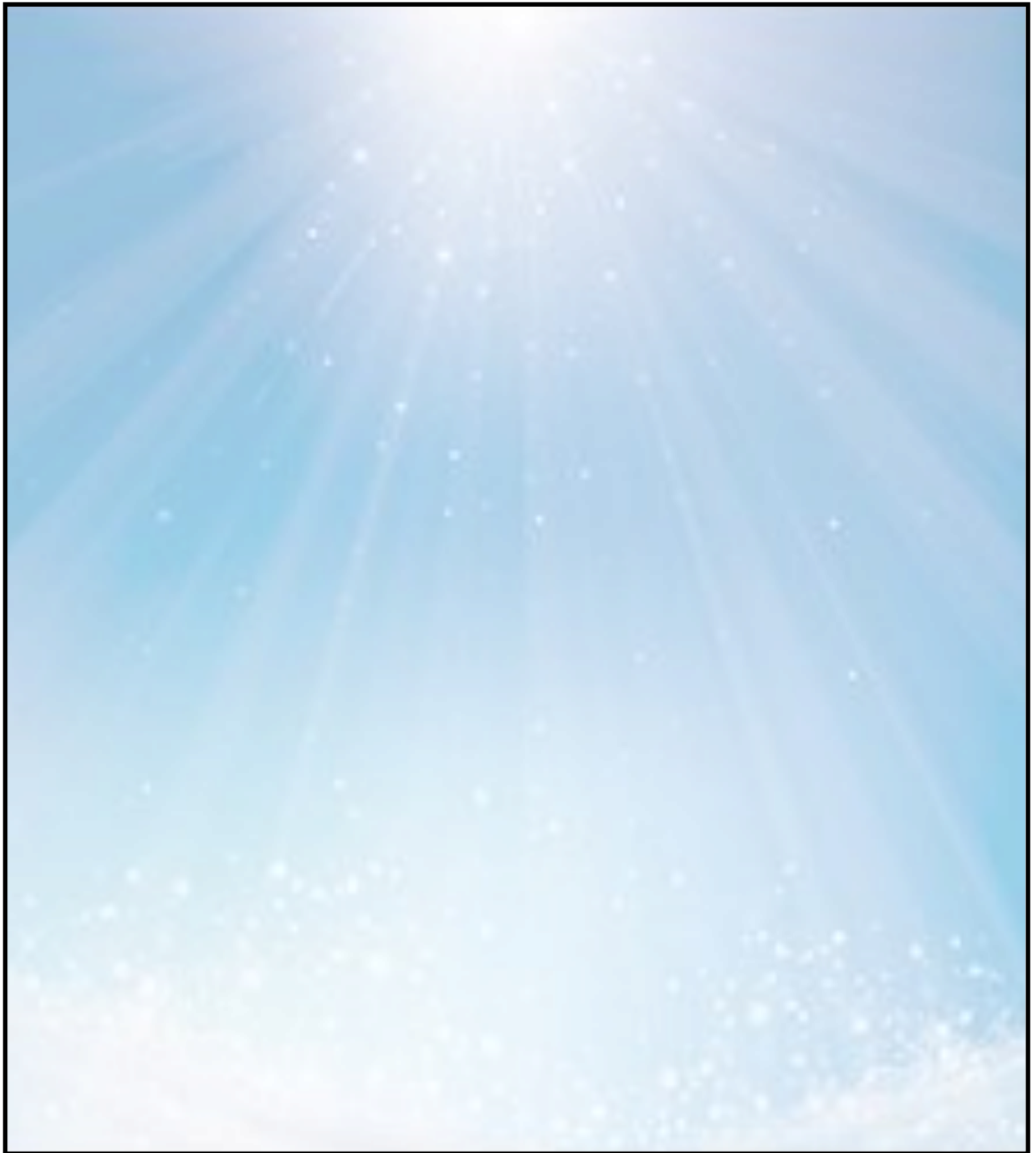
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| <b>SUNDAY</b>  | <b>MONDAY</b>   | <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>WEDS.</b>  | <b>THURSDAY</b>   | <b>FRIDAY</b>   | <b>SATURDAY</b>   |
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| <b>2024</b>  | <b>1 OFFICE CLOSED</b><br><b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b><br>Lunchtime AA 12pm<br>Puppets 6:30pm<br>Daily Reprieve AA 7pm                              | <b>2 RAISE RIGHT DUE</b><br>Quilters 9:30am<br>OWLS Planning 11am<br>Boy Scouts #392 7pm<br>SW Historical Soc. 7pm | <b>3</b><br>Small Group 1pm<br>Women's Chorale 6:30pm<br>Chancel Choir 7:30pm   | <b>4</b><br>Promise Keepers 8am<br>Small Group 9:30am<br>Home School Acting 3pm<br>Celebration Ringers 6:15pm<br>Dartball 8pm (home)  | <b>5</b><br>Bulletin Team 10:30am<br>AA 8:30pm  | <b>6 EPIPHANY PARTY</b><br><b>Grades K-6 3pm</b><br><b>Grades 7-12 5:30pm</b><br>Traditional Worship 4pm<br>Serenity Seekers AA 7pm           |
| <b>7</b><br>Traditional Worship 8:15am<br>Sunday School 9:30am<br>Men's Chorale 9:30am<br>Small Group 10am<br>Traditional Worship 11am<br>Contemporary Worship 11am<br>SS Teacher Training 12pm<br>High School IQA Bible Study 1pm<br>Adult Basketball 5:00pm<br>Men's Discussion Group 6:30pm | <b>8</b><br>BSF Leaders 9:30am<br>Lunchtime AA 12pm<br>Puppets 6:30pm<br>Elizabeth Circle 6:30pm<br>Finance Team 7pm<br>Daily Reprieve AA 7pm | <b>9</b><br>Quilters 9:30am<br>Fat Quarter Quilt Guild 6:15pm<br>Private Event 6:30pm<br>Boy Scouts #392 7pm       | <b>10 EAGLE DEADLINE</b><br>BSF 9:30am<br>Girl Scouts #6679 6pm<br>Women's Chorale 6:30pm<br>Explorers & Energizers 7pm<br>Chancel Choir 7:30pm | <b>11</b><br>Promise Keepers 8am<br>Small Group 9:30am<br>Small Group 2pm<br>Home School Acting 3pm<br>Adventure Club & Faith Trek 5:45pm<br>Celebration Ringers 6:15pm<br>Dartball 8pm (away)                      | <b>12</b><br><b>Boy Scouts Troop #392 Annual Overnighter 9:30am</b><br>Bulletin Team 10:30am<br>AA 8:30pm | <b>13 Boy Scouts Overnighter</b><br>Prayer Shawl Ministry 9am<br>Girl Scouts #6300 10am<br>Traditional Worship 4pm<br>Serenity Seekers AA 7pm |
| <b>14 Boy Scouts Overnighter</b><br>Traditional Worship 8:15am<br>Sunday School 9:30am<br>Men's Chorale 9:30am<br>Small Group 10am<br>Trad. & Cont. Worship 11am<br>High School IQA Bible Study 1pm<br>Adult Basketball 5:00pm<br>Men's Discussion Group 6:30pm                                | <b>15</b><br>Lunchtime AA 12pm<br>Altar Guild 1pm<br>Puppets 6:30pm<br>Council 7pm<br>Daily Reprieve AA 7pm                                   | <b>16</b><br>Quilters 9:30am<br>Boy Scouts #392 7pm  | <b>17</b><br>BSF 9:30am<br>Small Group 1pm<br>Women's Chorale 6:30pm<br>Explorers & Energizers 7pm<br>Chancel Choir 7:30pm                      | <b>18</b><br>Promise Keepers 8am<br>Small Group 9:30am<br>Home School Acting 3pm<br>Adventure Club & Faith Trek 5:45pm<br>Celebration Ringers 6:15pm<br>Dartball 8pm (home)   | <b>19</b><br>Bulletin Team 10:30am<br>OWLS 11:30am<br>AA 8:30pm   | <b>20</b><br>Private Event 8am<br>Private Event 11am<br>Private Event 3pm<br>Traditional Worship 4pm<br>Serenity Seekers AA 7pm               |
| <b>21</b><br>Traditional Worship 8:15am<br>Sunday School 9:30am<br>Men's Chorale 9:30am<br>Small Group 10am<br>Trad. & Cont. Worship 11am<br>High School IQA Bible Study 1pm<br>Adult Basketball 5:00pm<br>Men's Discussion Group 6:30pm   | <b>22</b><br>BSF Leaders 9:30am<br>Lunchtime AA 12pm<br>Puppets 6:30pm<br>Respect Life 7pm<br>Sarah Circle 7pm<br>Daily Reprieve AA 7pm       | <b>23</b><br>Quilters 9:30am<br>Red Cross Blood Drive 12pm<br>Prayer Shawl Ministry 7pm<br>Boy Scouts #392 7pm     | <b>24</b><br>BSF 9:30am<br>Girl Scouts #6679 6pm<br>Women's Chorale 6:30pm<br>Explorers & Energizers 7pm<br>Chancel Choir 7:30pm                | <b>25</b><br>Promise Keepers 8am<br>Eagle Mailing Team 9am<br>Small Group 9:30am<br>Small Group 2pm<br>Home School Acting 3pm<br>Adv. Club & Faith Trek 5:45pm<br>Celebration Ringers 6:15pm<br>Dartball 8pm (away) | <b>26</b><br>Bulletin Team 10:30am<br>AA 8:30pm   | <b>27</b><br>Traditional Worship 4pm<br>Serenity Seekers AA 7pm   |
| <b>28</b><br>Trad. Worship 8:15am<br>Sunday School 9:30am<br>Small Group 10am<br>Trad. & Cont. Worship 11am<br><b>ANNUAL CONG. MTG. 12pm</b><br>High School IQA Bible Study 1pm<br>Adult Basketball 5:00pm<br>Saddles n Such 4-H 6pm<br>Men's Discussion Group 6:30pm                          | <b>29</b><br>BSF Leaders 9:30am<br>Lunchtime AA 12pm<br>Puppets 6:30pm<br>Daily Reprieve AA 7pm   | <b>30</b><br>Quilters 9:30am<br>Boy Scouts #392 7pm  | <b>31</b><br>BSF 9:30am<br>Small Group 1pm<br>Women's Chorale 6:30pm<br>Explorers & Energizers 7pm<br>Chancel Choir 7:30pm                      |   |   |   |





HAPPY  
*New Year*



**Relationships are important to us at St. John's!**

*We want to surround our children and youth with lots of faith-filled relationships, of all ages, so that they might know the love of Jesus and stay connected with the church.*

*If you'd like to know more about faith-webbing, outcome-based ministry, our many service projects, family devotions, and/or how you can make a difference in a young person's life, stop by the youth office on the second floor and talk to us!*

*Laurie 614-620-2669 and Diana 614-271-5775*



**Grades K – 6 and families will meet 3:30pm – 6pm on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> for an Epiphany Party.** This event is brought to you by Davy Clark, Rowan and Findley Lovell, and Truman Allman. Greeter's Table opens at 3pm. Parental attendance is not required but parents/grandparents are more than welcome to come participate and/or visit with other families. Activities include Nerf battles and/or Epiphany crafts/games. Choose what you'd like to do. Pizza will be served at the end of the event. Nerf guns that are permissible to bring are Rocket, Elite, Dual Pack, and Microshots.

**Grades 7 – 12 will also meet on Saturday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 10pm** with an evening of Nerf Extreme, Hide-n-Seek, Dessert Challenge, and Epiphany Hunt! This event is brought to you by Corban Allman, Brayden Gottshall, Brooklyn Cress, and Gini Rogers. Greeter's Table opens at 5:30pm. Pizza will be served at the beginning of the event.

**THURSDAYS start again on January 11th! 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!

**WEDNESDAYS start again on January 10th! Explorers and Energizers for grades 7 - 8 and 9 - 12 meet weekly on Wednesday nights, 7 - 8:30pm.** Talk to Gini Rogers for details!

**High School IQA Bible Study starts again on Sunday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, from 1 – 2pm, with a new study on Ephesians.** This is a great time to join!

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES coming up soon in 2024 will be "Blankets of Love" and "Souper Bowl Sunday".** Sign-ups will be in the confirmation room. Talk to Diana Imbrock for details!

**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.

**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.



**Mexico Musings**

It was Thursday afternoon when I was watching my niña, Kimberly, jump over the waves in the ocean. She went out as far as she could and never seemed fazed by their power, but rather excited and up for the challenge. I noticed this resiliency in her from the moment we met. Outwardly, Kimberly was one of the more reserved and serious children, but it quickly became clear that she was doing her best to be a strong and responsible leader for the other niños. Throughout the week there were moments in which I worried we weren't spending enough time together, but I soon realized that this wasn't out of any disregard she had for me, it was simply due to her commitment to her "family." I had the chance to sit back and watch this amazing young lady in action, and yet be present when she needed a friend. One of my favorite moments of being Kimberly's amiga was sitting on the beach together quietly that Thursday after the staff called us out of the water. She grabbed a bucket and two shovels and we dug and dug into the sand until we couldn't go any further. We'd make progress but then the water would rush in and then we'd have to start all over again. This whole day reminded me of my favorite Bible passage: Matthew 7:24-25 which says, "Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock."

Despite all the waves of life Kimberly has encountered, it is evident that, by God's grace, she is founded on the rock. Her love of Jesus shined through in the little things like a cross necklace that she created, her offers to pray for meals, and her servant's heart. I'm excited for all the ways God will continue to solidify Kimberly's foundation in Him, even if I never get to see that fruit in this life. I am so thankful to follow a Savior who can be trusted with that task, and I feel blessed that He provided our team with another great week at Rancho Genesis where our own foundations could be tested and built upon as well.

¡Gloria a Dios!  
Chelsea Hartzler



For details, contact Laurie at  
lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org.

**ORDERS ARE PLACED  
THE FIRST TUESDAY  
OF THE MONTH.**

You can also order on-line.  
Talk to Pam Wittenberg!

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to the youth at St. John's!

## OWLS EVENT - JANUARY 19, 2024

The Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) are looking forward to kicking off 2024 with a speaker from Jordan's Crossing, Fred Rieser. Jordan's Crossing? What's that? It ministers to the homeless and addicted on the west side, primarily in the Hilltop areas. Fred was our guest a few years ago and we were very impressed with this organization and their dedication. Here are just a few of

their on-site services: Daily Hot Lunch, Daily Sack Lunch, Daily Healthcare Connections to Mt. Carmel and Southeast Mental Health Services plus clothing pantry, food pantry and many more. You will be amazed at the number of clients they help every single day.



The OWLS will provide fried chicken and meat loaf for our potluck lunch but we ask you bring a covered dish and join your friends for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. Please plan 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 so the group can plan accordingly. You can also call the office or Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002.

Hope to see you there!



# Quilters

We hope the Christmas bags for the children at the Grove City Methodist "Purple Door" Church Food Pantry were a witness to Christian love and understanding. Many thanks to all who donated the beloved candy and other items for the children. The Quilters wish to thank Grove City Family Dentistry on Columbus Street and the Department of Ohio Wild Life for their donations.

We were able to fill the bags in 1 1/2 hours with gracious help of Linda Ballou, Ginny Bent, David Chenault, Linda Chenault, Vi Davis, Judy Graessle, Charlotte Rausch, Richard Rush, Jane Stenerson, June Stimpfle, Linda Vozel, Dora Yates, and Mary Young. Vi Davis offered a prayer that blessed the children who would receive the bags.

We thank all who visited and supported us at the quilt sale. We hope you find the quilts warm and enjoy using them.

Our 2023 treasury will be divided among the church ministries and charities.

We have the solution for those Christmas cards that are just too beautiful and sentimental to throw out in the trash. Give the front of the cards to the Quilters. After we have accumulated a stack of them, we donate the fronts to the Cancer Thrift Store. Patrons buy the card fronts as materials for crafts. Also, don't forget to tear off those used stamps for us. We send the stamps to two veterans' hospitals for rehab activities. Please place your donation in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thank you.

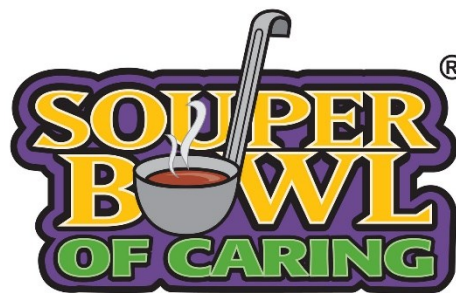
Come and visit the Quilters. We are a very small group of usually 4-6 that meet most Tuesdays. If you don't want to come weekly, drop in occasionally, maybe once a month. You may visit for just an hour or then go on your way. You don't have to commit to coming every Tuesday. The Quilters meet most Tuesdays in room 103-104 from about 9:30am to about 1:30pm.

The quilters wish to thank everyone for your donations and prayerful support. Our ministry cannot exist without you. We wish you all a peaceful 2024.

## THE OLD, THE NEW, YET STILL THE SAME

From the church around the corner  
I hear the sound of singing,  
The last amen on Sunday morning,  
The clear bells ringing,  
Stealing into my heart, reaching  
Out to me through the air  
I'm suddenly wistfully filled  
With longing to be there.  
That old church has stood solidly  
Through many changing years,  
In times of need always there  
Quieting her people's fears.  
Our forefathers founded the city  
And the church in a grove of trees,  
Sturdy men and women praying for  
God's help on their knees.  
Everyone knew his neighbors in  
Those farm-village days;  
We now spread in every direction  
With modern suburban ways.  
That old landmark still stands tall,  
Her steeple and her cross  
Through the cycles of life  
Overlooking the town, mourning loss,  
Still preaching faith and salvation,  
Her bells tolling for the dead,  
Joyously pealing at baptisms, announcing  
Her children are wed.  
She sends out and invitation to worship  
To one and all...  
"We want you, we really do,  
Come with us!" is still her call.

*A poem by Ada Weygandt, one of our late members and a poet. This poem was printed 25 years ago in a booklet titled Expressions of Faith in honor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.*



**tacklehunger.org**

In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: **"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."**

Since then, over \$175 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need.

**We will be collecting monies (cash and checks) for Souper Bowl of Caring on Feb. 10th and 11th at all the worship services.** Your cash donations will be used to purchase and deliver food to the Grove City Food Pantry. Checks made out to "St. John's Lutheran" will be deposited and one check sent to the LSS Food Pantry. Please note in the check memo: *Souper Bowl of Caring*.

Please consider donating to the hungry individual and families in our community. If you want to learn more, go to [www.tacklehunger.org](http://www.tacklehunger.org). Thank you!

*Brooklyn Cress*

## **PRAYERS AND PINS—2024 St. John's Bowling Club**

**@ Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, 3224 S High St, Columbus 43207, (614)491-7155.**

The cost is \$15 per person weekly. If you are not present, you may pay the following week. Proceeds will go to our mission funds.

1. Club will bowl at **3:00pm on Sundays starting January 7th to mid-March.**
2. Checks should be made out to WWCB.
3. We will bowl 2 games each week.
4. Teams will consist of 2 players, and substitutions are welcome.

Plan to have a great time! No worries if you are a rookie—It's about having fun!

Contact Dave or Karen Grossman, 614-579-8037, or Jo Dimond, 614-270-3291, [jodimond@aol.com](mailto:jodimond@aol.com).

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE MEXICO MISSION FUNDS!**

# Women's Ministry



Elizabeth Circle  
Contact  
Amy Shaw  
614-496-2890

Sarah Circle  
Contact  
Wilma Phillips  
614-875-7931

## Here's a spiritual growth goal: Join a Circle of friends!

Joining our Circles is an easy way to make new friends and grow spiritually. Both Circles have evening meeting times. Contact the leaders listed above for more information.

## WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We are happy to teach anyone interested how to knit or crochet. For more information, call Glenda Allman at 614-352-5955 or Diana Imbrock at 614-271-5775.



Join us for the next meetings on  
**Saturday, January 13 at 9am**  
**and Tuesday, January 23 at 6pm**  
**in rooms 103-4.**

### **THANK YOU, MIKE ESPOSITO!**

Mike Esposito is retiring from his position as St. John's Facilities Manager on December 31<sup>st</sup>. We have been so blessed to have Mike in this important role for twenty years! He has faithfully taken care of our building, scheduling maintenance, overseeing custodial work, managing work records and insurance, and attending to the constant challenges involved in the upkeep of our beautiful church building and grounds. Thank you so much, Mike, for your excellent, faithful, and humble service! We encourage you to share your thanks and appreciation for Mike by sharing cards and gifts. You can place them in his mailbox at church (next to the main church office) or by mailing them to him at church:

**Mike Esposito**  
**c/o St. John's Lutheran Church**  
**3220 Columbus St.**  
**Grove City, OH 43123**

### **THANK YOU**

It all started in December 2002, and it ends in December 2023. It has been a fast 20 years! There have been days when I asked the Lord why he told me to say "yes!" when asked if I would take the position. It took me 5 minutes to think about it and say "yes!" I prayed a lot, had many sleepless nights worrying about problems, but in the end they all worked out. I was very lucky and blessed to have the staff to work with and bounce things off of or just talk things out with them. I was very lucky and blessed to also have a dedicated group of volunteers who would step up to the task when asked to help. Over 20 years, there were lots of great volunteers. St. John's will always be my church and I will see you at the Saturday night services.

Thank you and may God bless you all!

Michael Esposito

### **ACCESSIBILITY UPDATE**

The Accessibility Project has fallen behind. We have been looking forward to the new entrance for Christmas, I know that this is disappointing. Recently there have been issues with some materials and manpower availability. The new anticipated completion is the middle of January. Your patience and understanding is appreciated. Thank you. ~ Dan Yeater.

**DEAR MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S: THANK YOU** for all of the prayers, cards, calls, and concern during my knee surgery and recuperation. Jeanne and I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness. We especially thank Pastor Patti for coming to the hospital to pray and anoint us before surgery, and for visiting us at home. Her prayers and presence brought us strength and comfort. Above all, we thank our God for His healing power and loving compassion and presence during surgery and the days of recuperation. We hope to be back at worship soon. We miss everyone. God bless St. John's as we all serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Blessings, ~ Pastor Tom and Jeanne Phillips.

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**THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THE BIKE PROJECT!** We were able to assemble and deliver 25 bikes and helmets to kids in foster care this past week for the Bike Project! A big thank you to everyone who contributed this year! Thank you to those who helped assemble bikes: Tim Allman Family, Don Allman, Althoff Family, Cress Family, Layla Greer, Stephen and Scott Katterhenrich, Little Family, Paul Patterson, Turner Family, Wahl Family, Lovell Family, Czaplicki Family, Doug Knisley, Davy Clark, Diane Sexton, Shade Family, Wanner Family, and White Family. Special thanks to Diana Imbrock for ordering the bikes and to Butch Myers and Christina and Corban Allman for helping deliver the bikes!



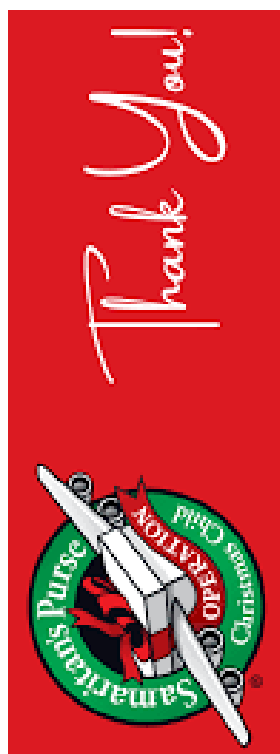
**THANKS TO ALL** who entered chili, donated baked goods, served, came to eat and join in the fellowship, and bought our wonderful, award winning desserts. Over \$2100.00 was raised to spread Christ's love around the globe!! We are humbled and honored by your continued support as we reach out to the children with your loving, extended arms. May God continue to bless the works of your hands and hearts!

**Special congratulations to our chili award winners!**  
**1<sup>st</sup> place: Calvin McDannald**      **2<sup>nd</sup> place: Tim Allman**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> place: Cindy Henriksen**

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**THANKS AGAIN for your generous support of OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!**

This year we dropped off 127 boxes! St John's brought joy to children in need around the world. Packed with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items, these gifts bring joy and are a tangible expression of God's love. These simple gifts bring smiles to the faces of children around the world.



## MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH DECEMBER 10, 2023

### Accessibility Project

Given in memory of **Rosemary Turnbull** by Raymond and Karen Bentley; Howard and Nellie McCarley; Marilyn Weisenberger; Richard Keil; the Steven Keil Family; and Gary and Cynthia Kinman.

Given in memory of **Robert Swanson** by Bonnie Swanson; Nancy Kinman; Carl Patzer; Bill and Martha Graul; Tony and Elaine Bennett; Nancy Rhomberg; Ike and Shelah Stage; Mike and Nancy Goldsberry; Tom and Nancy Bausum; Brian and Sandy Kinney; Suzie Long; Larry and Marilyn Peterson; Jim and Carol Rorick; Dan and Barb Berry; Sarah Remy; Brenda Hritz; John and Judy Lechner; Linda Wagner; Marilyn Weisenberger; Phil and Cindy Pennington; and Nellie and Howard McCarley.

Given in memory of **Paul Offenburger** by Nellie and Howard McCarley; Barbara Armentrout; Phil and Cindy Pennington; Carl Patzer; and Susan Koehler.

Given in honor of **the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Viola Davis** by Suzie Long; and Barb Hill.

Given in memory of **Marian Breckenridge** by Jo Anne Keller; and Susan Koehler.

Given in memory of **Walter Roth** by Dellno and Betty Lewis.

Given in memory of **Dwight E. Campbell Sr. and Dwight E. Campbell Jr.** by Mary Campbell.

### Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Rosemary Turnbull** by Larry and Becky Link; Barbara Armentrout; and Bonnie Swanson.

Given in memory of **Paul Offenburger** by Wilma Phillips; Bob Eesley; Cathy Howard; Mary Lockwood; Pat Walters; Nancy Mellen; Larry and Becky Link; Ike and Shelah Stage; Cathy Williams; Jim and Carol Rorick; Jim Braskett; Connie Perry; Juanita Offenburger; Craig and Janet Hedges; Andrea Offenburger; and Jack and Jodelle Spangler.

Given in memory of **Jeannette Sennett** by Bonnie Swanson.

Given in memory of **Robert Swanson** by Erle and Judy Taylor.

Given in memory of **Marian Breckenridge** by Jean Spillman, Gary and Lisa Spillman, Bob and Patty Spillman; Beryl Spangler; Bonnie Swanson; Ike and Shelah Stage; Dellno and Betty Lewis; David and Linda Ray; James and Carlene Worthington; and Suzie Long.

Given in honor of **the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Viola Davis** by Carl Patzer.

Given in memory of **Dorothy Wilhide** by Phil and Cindy Pennington.

### Memorial Fund, Youth Ministry

Given in memory **Rosemary Turnbull** by Susan Koehler; Wilma Phillips; Keith and Jane Stenerson; Gary and Cynthia Kinman; Mary Lou Mauch; Rebecca Priwer; Linda Wagner; Butch and Kathy Myers; Charlotte Rausch; Kevin and Holly Starr; Ray and Dana Canter; Kathy Clark; Jo Ann Ries; Erle and Judy Taylor; Paul E. Turnbull; Ricard Rush and Laura Rush; Phil and Cindy Pennington; Suzie Long; and David and Karen Keil.

Given in memory of **Paul Offenburger** by Holly and Kevin Starr.

Given in honor of the **wedding anniversary of Brock and Grace Starr** by Holly and Kevin Starr.

### Memorial Fund, Handbells

Given in memory of **Paul Offenburger** by Lorina Allmon.

### Memorial Fund, Altar Guild Room Renovation

Given in honor of **the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Viola Davis** by Wilma Phillips; Bill and Linda Diehl; and Raymond and Karen Bentley.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Given in memory of **Joyce Althoff** by Warren Althoff.

Given in memory of **Walter Roth** by Susan Koehler.

### Bereavement Team

Given in memory of **Walter Roth** by Susan Koehler.

### Youth Ministry, Bike Project

Given in honor of the best brother ever, **David Katterhenrich**, by Beth Katterhenrich.

### Current Fund

Given in memory of **Bud and Genevieve Sheets and Edward and Mabel Miller** by Ed and Glenda Sheets.

### College Fund

Given in honor of **Beth Carpenter** by Cynthia Ahlberg.

### Benevolence Fund, Wycliffe Bible Translators

Given in honor of the **Bible translation outreach ministry of Stephen and Rachel Katterhenrich** by Beth Katterhenrich.

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## *Our Christian Sympathy is extended to*

to the family and friends of **Dorreen Zimmer**,  
who passed away on November 20, 2023.

To the family and friends of **Joann Allwine**,  
who passed away on December 7, 2023.

*All who grieve are in  
our thoughts and prayers.*

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

St. John's will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive in  
the Family Life Center on **Tuesday, January 23,  
2024, from 12 noon until 6 pm.**

Call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule your  
appointment, or visit RedCrossBlood.org  
and use sponsor code: **StJohnsGC**.

### **THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will follow the late services in the FLC SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024.**

Please plan to attend.

**Church Office hours are  
Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm.**

### **The article deadline for the FEBRUARY 2024 Eagle is JANUARY 10TH.**

Email announcements & articles to  
**secretary@stjohnsgc.org**  
or leave a handwritten copy in the church office.

**JOIN US FOR WEEKLY WORSHIP**  
**Traditional Service:** Saturdays at 4:00pm,  
Sundays at 8:15am & 11am  
**Contemporary Service:** Sundays at 11am  
**Sunday School:** for all ages every Sunday, 9:30am

### **CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL**

**Officers:** Aaron Clark, Council President; Paul  
Wittenberg, Vice President, Karen Bentley,  
Secretary; Kathy Myers, Treasurer.

**Members-At-Large:** Warren Althoff, Shirley Blake,  
Dave Clark, Cindy Gonsowski, Karen Grossman,  
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# The Eagle

January 2024

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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Letter from the Pastor

In 2024, St. John's will celebrate the 175th anniversary of its founding in Grove City. We are organizing a series of events and activities which will make this milestone year one of deep gratitude and praise to God. He has truly made St. John's a shining light for Christ in this community. As we remember the past with thanksgiving, we will also be looking with confidence to what God will do with us and through us in the future.

- The following is a smattering of some of the fun and inspirational things we'll be doing in 2024 to observe our 175th anniversary:
- Early in the year, we'll be celebrating the completion of a beautiful new addition to our church building, which will tie all three of our buildings together and make our sanctuary accessible to people with mobility issues.
- We'll be inviting former pastors of St. John's to come and preach at various points in the year.
- On May 12th (Mother's Day), we'll be having a special worship service with triumphant music and singing to commemorate the day our current sanctuary was dedicated (May 12, 1888).
- A pictorial history of our congregation, drawn from our extensive archives, will be on display in the new wing.
- One of our resident artists is planning to create renderings of the St. John's church campus at various stages of its development through the years.
- We plan to host some musical events and concerts which will be open to the whole community.
- In the summer, we'll be re-dedicating the St. John's cemetery, and honoring the Saints of our congregation who have passed into eternal life.
- In September, we will be encouraging BIG participation in the Arts in the Alley parade. We hope you will join the march, proudly wearing your St. John's regalia!
- We will be making video recordings of members of our congregation, young and old, talking about their experience at St. John's, and showing these videos online and at various events through the year.
- Several members of our congregation will be asked to give brief testimonials during worship services about how St. John's has nurtured them in their walk with Christ.
- Many interesting facts and historical articles will be shared with the congregation in the Eagle, online, and in our weekly bulletins throughout the year.
- Sometime in the summer months, we'll devote a weekend to St. John's German heritage. Our worship services will follow the order of Luther's Mass, with some of the (leaders') parts spoken in German. We're hoping to have a picnic afterwards featuring German dishes.
- In October or November, we will hold the keystone event of the year: a special worship service where we re-dedicate St. John's to its mission for Jesus, followed by a big congregational dinner, and hopefully a guest speaker from the North American Lutheran Church.

I hope you're as excited as I am about the coming year! Praise be to God for his unending mercy and blessings.

In Christ,

*Pastor Seth Jersild*