

NEWS NOTES

January 6-7, 2024

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

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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: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Cindy Gonsowski

Ushers

11:00am: Rick Butsko, Dave Clark, George Gonsowski, Dennis Imbrock

Acolytes

8:15am: Colton Thompson
Ben Previts

11:00am: Layla Greer

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Armand Arabian

11:00am MD: Jeff Shaw

RD: Linda Diehl

LESSONS TODAY: Genesis 1:1-5; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

PERSONAL NEWS

NOTES OF THANKS:

“Dear Family of Faith, Thank you so much for the many ways you have shown your love this Christmas Season, through the many cards, gift cards, ornaments, candy, cookies, and other gifts. We are truly blessed to be on the receiving end of such generosity. What a joy to be able to serve you! With much love,” ~ Pastors Patti and Jeff.

“St. John’s congregation, It has been 30 years and as we move into 2024 it is 31 years since you commissioned and set us out! God has blessed, grown us, protected us, and helped us to bless others in our Aviation Ministry with MAF. First in P.N.G. for 15 years and now globally for a second 15 years! PRAISE GOD! THANK YOU ST. JOHN’S!” ~ Tim and Carol Imbrock.

“Dear St. John’s, Thank you so much for all the cards, prayers, and concern for our dad, Bob Eesley. Special thanks to Pastors Seth and Karen for their ministries, Pasto Patti for her services and support to him, and JoAnne Keller for her in-home communion. It all meant so much! Our appreciation for the lovely lunch by the Bereavement Committee! Thank you for sharing your lovingly made Prayer Shawls. We are deeply touched by your faith, generosity, and support. Sincerely,” ~ the Eesley Family.

“To my St. John’s family, thank you for all the prayers.” ~ Pat Marie.

“Dear St. John’s, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, too! What a wonderful surprise to receive our gifts and poinsettia for Christmas. Phil and I are so thankful for your thoughtfulness. Love,” ~ Phil and Cindy Pennington.

“St. John’s, Thank you for the poinsettia and gift bag. I really appreciate it! Thanks to everyone who delivered these gifts of love.” ~ Bonnie Swanson.

“I wish to thank you for the beautiful poinsettia and Christmas gifts that were dropped off to me by Ginny Bent before the holiday. Sorry I missed my friend as I was picked by my daughter and spent most of the day with her. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is much appreciated. I also want to mention a special thank you to Lisa and Dave Stallard for bringing me communion each month. I always enjoy our visit and getting caught up on mutual connections. God bless everyone and I hope you have a safe and healthy new year.” ~ Jan Evans.



THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will follow the 11am services in the FLC on Sunday, January 28, 2024. Please plan to attend.



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.



LAY READERS are needed for the 8:15am and 11:00am worship services from January through June. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish Entrance. Thank you for serving in this ministry. Contact Jo Dimond if you have any questions, 614-270-3291.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP: Our worship services each week are beautified with wonderful music, smiling faces, and flowers. Making a flower dedication for the Altar, Pulpit, and Lectern is a wonderful way to remember or honor loved ones. We presently have openings for flower dedications for the beginning of 2024. Reserve your date on the Altar Flowers Chart in the Parish Entrance. Please direct questions to Lesa Corbin at 614-530-4984.



Altar Flowers

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.



tacklehunger.org

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 individuals and families in our community. If you want to learn more, go to www.tacklehunger.org. *Thank you! ~ Brooklyn Cress.*

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, and we ask you bring a covered dish and join your friends for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. Please plan to arrive around 11:15am so we can open the meeting at 11:30am. 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!**

KITCHEN NEEDS: If you'd like to donate some towels and washcloths that would very much be appreciated. If towels have been taken home to launder, please return them as very few are left.

EAGLE DEADLINE is this coming Wednesday. Please submit your article by noon on January 10th.

MEXICO MISSION 2024: 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.



WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, January 13th at 9am and on Tuesday, January 23rd 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 ☞

THURSDAYS start again this week, 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 this week, 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!

☪ CALENDAR ☪

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

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 Sunday School Teacher
Training and Luncheon (103-4)
1:00pm IQA Bible Study (High School Rm)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

9:30am Quilters (103-4)
6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)
6:30pm Private Event (102)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

February Eagle Article Deadline

9:30am BSF
6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (204)
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
7:00pm Explorers and Energizers
7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9:30am Small Group (103-4)
2:00pm Small Group (101)
3:00pm Home School Acting (FLC)
5:45pm Adventure Club and Faith Trek
6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
8:00pm Dartball (away)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Boy Scouts #392 Overnighter (FLC, 101-2)
10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Boy Scouts #392 Overnighter (FLC, 101-2)
9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
10:00am Girl Scouts #6300 (FH)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Boy Scouts #392 (FLC, 101-2)
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)
1:00pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA:

Website: www.stjohnsgc.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsgrovecity/>

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.