

NEWS NOTES

January 13-14, 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: *Bill Woodgeard*
8:15am: *Karen Bentley*
11:00am: *David and Karen Grossman*
Lynda Berry

Altar Guild

David and Karen Grossman
Linda Wagner, Dee Harlor,
Hunter Thompson

Readers

4:00pm: *Chris Jenkins*
8:15am: *Gary Smith*
11:00am: *Bonnie Swanson*

Ushers

11:00am: *Rick Butsko, Bill Diehl, Tom Lang,*
Blake Lang

Acolytes

8:15am: *Truman Allman*
Ben Previts
11:00am: *Lukas Althoff*
Eva Counts

Greeters

4:00pm: *Mary Campbell*
8:15am: *Armand Arabian*
11:00am MD: *Keith and Jane Stenerson*
RD: *Carol Rich*

LESSONS TODAY: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by Ed and Glenda Sheets.

BULLETINS: In memory of my mother Pat Gusa's birthday. Given by David and Jean Gusa.

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.

“Dear members of St. John’s, It’s a ... Christmas Miracle! Your giving has helped us reach 94% of our 2023 support target. God has richly blessed us through you! Your faithful, generous support (\$5,509) is a testimony of God’s provision and care for us as we serve together with MAF in this pilot training role. A t-shirt slogan ‘grabbed’ my attention this Christmas. It read, ‘Make Heaven Crowded.’ Thank you for ‘making heaven crowded!’” ~ Tim and Carol Imbrock.

“Thank you for the Christmas Kindness poinsettia, candy, and cards. Thank you for the Angel Tree gifts for my family in need. Thank you for the prayer shawls for my family and friends in their time of loss of family members.” ~ Judy Graessle.

TODAY’S NEWS

BLANKETS OF LOVE IS BACK! This year’s student leader is Layla Greer, an eighth grader with a caring servant’s heart. During the month of February, we are asking groups or families to sponsor a Bed Brigade Blessing Bag (with the blanket and a sheet set), tie a blanket, or both! Then the Blessing Bags will be given to the Bed Brigade for their deliveries. If your group or family would like to participate, contact Layla on Sunday mornings or Diana Imbrock throughout the week. Help make a child’s winter snugly warm!



PLEASE JOIN US in welcoming our new intern Dale Stanley and his family, Sunday February 4th. During the Sunday School hour, come to the Family Life Center to meet and get to know Dale and his family, while enjoying coffee and donuts. We hope to see you there!

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.



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.

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!**

Please contact Bonnie or the office if you find a tote bag with owls pictured.

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

ATTENDANCE January 7, 2024 - **298**

☪ CALENDAR ☪

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

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)

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
7:00pm Council (103-4)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

9:30am Quilters (103-4)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (off-site)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

9:30am BSF
1:30pm Small Group (102)
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
7:00pm Explorers & Energizers
7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
11:30am OWLS (FLC, Kit)
6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00am Private Event (Sanc)
10:00am Private Event (FH)
11:00am Private Event (103-4)
3:00pm Private Event (FLC)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

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)
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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.