

NEWS NOTES

February 3-4, 2024

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Pastor Jeff Morlock



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, Paul Wittenberg

11:00am: Dan Yeater, Ike Stage

Altar Guild

Lynda Berry, Dee Harlor, Linda Vozel

Donna Linder

Readers

4:00pm: Chris Jenkins

8:15am: Marilyn Smith

11:00am: Cindy Gonsowski

Ushers

8:15 and 11:00am: Boy Scouts #392

Acolytes

8:15am: Colton Thompson

Ben Previts

11:00am: Layla Greer

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am MD: Armand Arabian

RD: Mel Penrod

11:00am MD: Bill Diehl

RD: Linda Diehl

LESSONS TODAY: Isaiah 40:21-31, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Bill Castle, a loving husband and a caring father to Robby and Billy. Given with love from his six grandchildren, Hayley, Hannah, Heidi, R.J., Bella, and Matthew.

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

BAPTIZED TODAY: Congratulations to Evan and Kate Stith on the baptism of their son, Michael Andrew, on Sunday, February 4th in the 8:15am traditional service.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Pastor George Hartman**, who passed away on Sunday, January 28, 2024. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

Welcome

PLEASE JOIN US in welcoming our new intern **Dale Stanley** and his family on **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!

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, FEBRUARY 14TH: We begin the season of Lent with this day of repentance and renewal, on which we remember that “we are dust, and to dust we shall return.” We will have two services with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes at **Noon and 7:00pm on Wednesday, February 14th**.



LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES, 2024: Be sure to make Wednesday worship part of your observance of Lent this year! Worship will take place in the main sanctuary at **Noon and 6:30pm** each Wednesday from February 21st through March 20th.

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.

SPOTLIGHT ON SCOUTING – “SCOUT SUNDAY”: *“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment.” (Mark 12:30; NIV)*

Scouts BSA recognizes “Scout Sunday” in the month of February annually which recognizes National Boy Scouts Day. Since 1910, Scouts across America have been doing good deeds, learning survival skills, and developing moral foundations through the Scouts BSA. The 12th principle of the Scout Law is **reverent**: *A Scout is reverent, s/he is reverent toward God. S/he is faithful in his/her religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion. (<https://www.scouting.org/about/>)*



Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Scouts BSA Troop 392 thanks the leaders and community of St. John’s Lutheran Church, Grove City Ohio, our chartering organization. We welcome your ideas to connect, volunteer and serve together. Upcoming events are posted to our online troop calendar at <http://www.grovecitytroop392.com/home>.

Yours in Scouting,
Andy Smith, Troop.392.scoutmaster@gmail.com.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, February 10th at 9am and on Tuesday, February 27th 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.

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 snuggly warm!



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.

EAGLE DEADLINE is this coming **Saturday**. Please submit your article by noon on **February 10th**.

ST. JOHN'S HISTORY COLUMN: I'm embarking on a weekly exploration of St. John's Lutheran Church history. Each week, I'll delve into a question, diligently research, and share my findings. Feel free to drop your questions in the box on the parish door table. *Thank you, Hunter Thompson.*

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.*

OWLS EVENT FEBRUARY 16, 2024: The Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) are committed to providing programs the planning committee feels the group would find interesting, informative, and enjoyable. Sometimes after a typical meeting, many say to us “WOW! I didn't know that! I'm glad I came!” Then we know we did a good job! If you aren't really interested in a program and don't plan to come that month maybe you can remember the good time (and food) you enjoyed the last time you did come and give it a second shot. The friendship and fellowship the OWLS share are truly gifts from God.

GARY PECUCH. That is probably all that needs said about our speaker this month. But here's more – Gary has graciously agreed to join us on the 16th and share his story about his July 2023 trip to Slovakia. He was part of a team of people that led two weeks of Vacation Bible School in two different villages.



The OWLS will provide fried chicken and meat loaf for our potluck lunch but we ask you to 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!

RAISE RIGHT ORDER DEADLINE is this coming Tuesday. Please submit your order by noon on **February 6th.**

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.

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 flower dedication openings for the months of February through April.** Reserve your date on the Altar Flowers Chart in the Parish Entrance. Please direct questions to Lesa Corbin at 614-530-4984.



Altar Flowers

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.

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.

✻ YOUTH NEWS ✻

Adventure Club (ages 4 through 4th grade) and Faith Trek (grades 5 - 6) meet weekly on Thursday nights, 5:45pm - 7:15pm. Please note that Adventure Club and Faith Trek do not meet on days that SWCS cancels school due to bad weather. We also won’t meet on Feb. 15th, with the start of Lent.

Explorers (grades 7—8) and Energizers (grades 9 - 12) meet weekly on Wednesday nights, 7pm - 8:30pm. Youth groups will not meet on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th.

Sundays at 9:30am... Classes for all ages, including a parenting group that meets in 103-104 with Amy Wanner. Need some encouragement? This is a great place to be on Sunday mornings.

Children's Church, led by Jenn Czaplicki, meets during the sermon time at 11am Contemporary Worship. Children love learning Bible Verses, singing Bible songs, and hearing messages that help them grow in faith!

RAISE RIGHT gift card orders will be placed this Tuesday, February 6th. You can use these cards personally and they also make great gifts. Talk to Laurie Pecuch or email her at lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org about how you can order physical cards. Did you know that you can also order e-gift cards and re-load your cards on-line? Talk to Pam Wittenberg about how easy it is to place orders on-line. With each gift card purchase, a percentage comes back to us and helps off-set the costs for children and youth ministries not covered by the budget. *Thanks for your support!*

☪ STEWARDSHIP ☪

Attendance January 28, 2024 - **305**

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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIVING TO ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES!

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.

Enjoy a Short Stack For A Tall Cause

Join St. John's
Mexico Mission Team

All You can Eat Pancakes and Sausage

Tuesday February 13

5:30 PM—7:30 PM

For Tickets Contact Missions Members

\$6 In Advance

\$7 at Door



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR:

2024 MINISTRY FAIR



PLANTING SEEDS & GROWING STEWARDS

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18TH, 9:30-10:30
(DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL) IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER.

COME TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DIFFERENT MINISTRIES OF ST. JOHN'S, SHARE WHAT YOU LOVE AND TO SEE WHERE YOUR GIFTS MAY FIT IN OUR PARISH. ASK QUESTIONS AND DISCOVER WHERE GOD IS CALLING YOU TO SHARE YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES.

WE WILL BE SERVING A LIGHT BREAKFAST AND
HOPE TO HAVE A FUN AND EDUCATIONAL
MORNING FOR EVERYONE.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO
SEE YOU THERE!

CONTACT MEGAN GROSSMAN
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

614.905.2629
MGROSSMAN@STJOHNSGC.ORG



Please join us

IN THE DEDICATION:

Of our new addition at

St. Johns

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We hope you can join us in celebrating the completion of our accessibility project. We will start with a combined worship at 11:00am in the Sanctuary, move to the dedication and end with a celebration luncheon.

Let us give Thanksgiving to God's incredible gift.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE SALMON INSERT WITH THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING THE LUNCHEON BY FEBRUARY 25TH, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT MEGAN GROSSMAN
MGROSSMAN@STJOHNSGC.ORG



☪ CALENDAR ☪

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

SCOUT SUNDAY

- 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)
12:30pm Private Event (FLC)
1:00pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
3:00pm Prayers and Pins (off site)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

SCRIP ORDERS DUE

- 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
11:30am OWLS Planning (102)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (FLC)
7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 9:30am BSF
1:30pm Small Group (102)
6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (204)
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
7:00pm Explorers & Energizers
7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 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 & Faith Trek
6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
8:00pm Dartball (FLC)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 4:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

SOUPER BOWL

MARCH EAGLE ARTICLE DEADLINE

- 9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
10:00am Girl Scouts #6300
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

SOUPER BOWL

- 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)
3:00pm Prayers and Pins (off site)
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 Rm 001 / Matthew, Steve Johnston, Chapel / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, Rms 301, 303.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 2-3 years old, Rm 003 / 4-5 years old, Pre-K 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, Rms 302 and 304 / High School, Rm 311.

SELAH ROOM: Rm 101, a quiet place available every Sunday from 8:30am to 12:30pm.