

NEWS NOTES

February 10-11, 2024

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: *Bill Woodgeard*

8:15am: *Joel Baughman*
Christina Allman

11:00am: *Dave and Karen Grossman*
Dwight Henricksen

Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman
Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

Readers

4:00pm: *Lisa Dubos*

8:15am: *Rita Orahood*

11:00am: *Sheryl Fraley*

Ushers

11:00am: *Rick Butsko, George Gonsowski,*
Dennis Imbrock, Larry Sutton

Acolytes

8:15am: *Truman Allman*
Ben Previts

11:00am: *Lukas Althoff*
Warren Althoff

Greeters

4:00pm: *Mary Campbell*

8:15am: *Armand Arabian*

11:00am *MD: Keith and Jane Stenerson*
RD: Lois Moore

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

LESSONS TODAY: 2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9.

PERSONAL NEWS

BAPTIZED TODAY: Congratulations to Emily Montieth for her baptism alongside the baptism of her children, Xander and Myra Lechner, on Sunday, February 11th in the 11am contemporary service.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Vicky Weber**. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

NOTE OF THANKS: “Dear St. John’s Lutheran Church of Grove City, Thank you for your recent donation of diapers, bottles, a quilt, and a Pack-n-Play. Our moms, dads, and babies will greatly appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness. Thank you for walking alongside us to love them well!” ~ Anne Marie Weakley, Community Outreach Coordinator, Pregnancy Decision Health Centers.

MITTEN TREE: Thank you for your generous donations to the Mitten Tree this year! We collected over 800 items to go to the Grove City Free Store, and many items were given out immediately. If you are planning on donating next year, the Free Store mentioned that gloves are their greatest need. Thank you again!

TODAY’S NEWS

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.



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.*

THE MARCH EAGLE DEADLINE is TODAY. Please submit your March Eagle article by noon on **February 10th**.

JOIN US FOR ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP THIS WEEK, 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 this 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 Sanctuary at **Noon and 6:30pm** each Wednesday from February 21st through March 20th.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Exciting News! **Starting February 22nd**, our church is launching a Children's Choir that will be led by Kate Shrum. **We warmly invite all young voices to join us every Thursday from 5 – 5:30pm in the Chapel for rehearsals.** Together, we'll be learning a delightful mix of hymns and contemporary worship songs. Our goal is to share the joy of music and worship by performing at all services throughout the year to contribute to our entire congregation. For questions, please email Kate Shrum at kate.shrum@icloud.com.

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.*

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 opportunities now 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

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.



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
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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!



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!

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.

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, papers with confidential information, or your Eagle article, please put it through the slot to help ensure security.

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.

☪ YOUTH NEWS ☪

Adventure Club (ages 4 through 4th grade) and Faith Trek (grades 5 - 6) do not meet this Thursday, Feb. 15. If able, families are encouraged to attend the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and the Ash Wednesday Worship Service. We start up again the following Thursday! Questions? Talk to Laurie Pecuch.

Explorers (grades 7—8) and Energizers (grades 9 - 12) do not meet this Wednesday, Feb. 14. We start up again the following Wednesday! 😊 Questions? Talk to Gini Rogers or Diana Imbrock.

☪ STEWARDSHIP ☪

Attendance February 4, 2024 - **313**

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!

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.

☞ CALENDAR ☜

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)
- 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 9:30am BSF Leaders
- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
- 1:00pm Private Event (FLC)
- 6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
- 6:30pm Small Group (102)
- 7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
- 5:30PM SHROVE TUESDAY with
Chris Cakes (FLC, Kit)**
- 6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 9:30am BSF
- 12:00pm ASH WEDNESDAY
Noon Worship (Sanc)**
- 1:30pm Small Group (102)
- 6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (204)
- 6:00pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
- 7:00pm ASH WEDNESDAY
Evening Worship (Sanc)**
- 7:45pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 9:30am Small Group (103-4)
- 3:00pm Home School Acting (FLC)
- 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
- 8:00pm Dartball (away)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
- 11:30am OWLS (FLC)
- 4:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
- 6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
- 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 9:00am Private Event (FLC)
- 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am **MINISTRY FAIR (FLC)**
- 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/>