

# NEWS NOTES

February 17-18, 2024

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### ☪ SERVING TODAY ☪

#### Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Michael Gibboney

8:15am: Pat Larick, Kathy Myers

11:00am: Wayne and Carla Beavers,  
Caroline Koethke

#### Altar Guild

David and Lisa Stallard

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

#### Readers

4:00pm: Chris Jenkins

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Eva Counts

#### Ushers

11:00am: George Gonsowski, Blake Lang,  
Tom Lang, Jeff Shaw

#### Acolytes

8:15am: Cordelia Wanner  
Jaylynn Jermann

11:00am: Wes Millet  
Riley Millet

#### Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Carol Penrod

11:00am MD: Diane Sexton  
RD: Linda Diehl

#### DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In honor of Thomas' birthday. Given by the Schmitz family.

**✪ PERSONAL NEWS ✪**

**YOUTH IN SERVICE:** Thanks to all who helped in the **Blankets of Love** and **Souper Bowl Sunday Service Projects**. Winters are warmer and stomachs fuller thanks to your generosity! Special thanks to youth project leaders Layla Greer and Brooklyn Cress! We LOVE our student leaders and youth; they love to serve and serve to love!



**NOTES OF THANKS:**

“Dear St. John’s family, we are grateful for the warm welcome and help so many of you have been. We look forward to getting to know you this year!” ~ The Stanleys: Dale, Rosalind, Evie, Miles, Liat, and Devar.

“Dear Members of St. John’s-Jeanne and I send our thanks to you for all the prayers, cards, calls and visits during my recuperation from a fractured knee cap. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness. Special thanks to Dellno and Betty Lewis for bringing us flowers, a bulletin, annual report, and devotional. Also, special thanks to Dave and Lisa Stallard for bringing us Holy Communion. We appreciated and enjoyed both visits. Jeanne and I miss being in Church, and hope to be back soon. Blessings to all.” ~ Pastor Tom and Jeanne.

“Members of St. Johns, I am so overwhelmed and happy to be a member of this church! This year, we hit a record for how much the church was able to raise for the Souper Bowl of Caring. In checks that will be given to Lutheran Social Services, we raised \$695. In cash that will go to buying food for the Grove City Food Pantry, which our youth will help in purchasing this summer, we raised \$1,664.52! Adding these two totals together, we as a church raised 2,359.52!!! All of this money will help so many people who don’t have enough money to go buy food. I would like to thank everyone who helped collect money. I can’t wait to continue to see this project flourish in the coming years. Thank you so much St. Johns family! Sincerely,” ~ Brooklyn Cress.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of **Karen McNicol**, mother of Suzie Brace, who passed away February 9, 2024. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

**✪ TODAY’S NEWS ✪**

**SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE?** Articles are due by 9am each **Wednesday**. Please send your article via email, [secretary@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org), or drop it in the church office secure slot.

**SOUP SUPPERS:** Please join us for our Soup Suppers between 5-6pm on Wednesdays in the Family Life Center before our Lenten services. Come break bread together as a church community. If you would like to donate soup or bread and are willing to help serve, please contact Megan Grossman, mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org.



**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 March.** Reserve your date on the Altar Flowers Chart in the Parish Entrance. Please direct questions to Lesa Corbin at 614-530-4984.



Altar Flowers

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: SUNDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>:** Pastor Jersild will be leading a class on Holy Communion for children on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at church from 12:15—1:45pm. The class will be geared towards 5<sup>th</sup> grade students; however, younger children who have expressed a serious desire to receive the sacrament are welcome to participate (as are older youths who have not yet received this instruction). We ask that at least one adult be present at the class with each child. We'll meet in the confirmation classroom on the third floor of the education wing. At the end of the class, parents and students will discuss whether the student is ready to receive the sacrament. Those who are ready will participate in their first communion at the **11:00 traditional worship service on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday).** Please call Pastor Seth (217-255-2118) or the church office (614-875-2314) if you have any questions regarding your child's participation in the class.

**APPAREL ORDERS:** By now most St. John's apparel orders should have been fulfilled. If you placed an order and have not received your items yet, please call Nick Grossman at 614-560-3724. Thank you all for ordering and supporting the Mexico Mission Trip. If you did not get a chance to order, we will be opening another round of ordering soon.

**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.*

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org). Requests are updated on a weekly basis.

## ☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

**Adventure Club (ages 4 through 4th grade) and Faith Trek (grades 5 - 6) meet weekly on Thursday nights, 5:45pm - 7:15pm.** Suggested donation for meal is \$3. Greeter's table opens at 5:30pm.

**Explorers (grades 7—8) and Energizers (grades 9 - 12) meet weekly on Wednesday nights, 7pm - 8:30pm.**

**RAISE RIGHT gift card orders will be placed the first Tuesday of every month.** The next time to order physical cards will be March 5th. Did you know that you can also order e-gift cards and re-load your cards on-line at any time? It's convenient and helps support the youth programs at St. John's. Thank you for your support!

## ☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

**Attendance**      February 11, 2024      -      **345**

### **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](http://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 the Vanco Mobile app through Apple or Google – once your profile is made, giving is a one-touch process. Make a recurring gift or give when you want.
- Through your financial institution – they will send a check directly to the church on your behalf.



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



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

**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

## ☪ CALENDAR ☪

### **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)

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

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

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

9:30am BSF  
**12:00pm Lenten Noon Worship (Sanc)**  
 1:30pm Small Group (102)  
 5:00pm Lenten Soup Supper (FLC, Kit)  
 6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (204)  
 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)  
**6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer (Sanc)**  
 7:00pm Explorers and Energizers  
 7:45pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
 9:00am Eagle Mailing (204)  
 9:30am Small Group (103-4)  
 2:00pm Small Group (101)  
 3:00pm Home School Acting (FLC)  
 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)  
 5:45pm Adventure Club and Faith Trek  
 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)  
 8:00pm Dartball (away)

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

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

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

1:00pm Private Event (FLC)  
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

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)  
 5:30pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FH)

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