

# NEWS NOTES

February 24-25, 2024

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### ⌘ SERVING TODAY ⌘

#### Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Dave Sweeley

8:15am: Betty Lewis, Ann Jones

11:00am: Christine Hank, Bonnie Swanson, Karen Jersild

#### Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis

#### Readers

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Gary Smith

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

#### Ushers

11:00am: Bill Diehl, George Gonsowski, Dennis Imbrock, Larry Sutton

#### Acolytes

8:15am: Cordelia Wanner  
Jaylynn Jermann

11:00am: Eva Counts  
Leigh Counts

#### Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Carol Penrod

11:00am ND: Lynda Berry  
RD: Linda Diehl

**LESSONS TODAY: Genesis 17:1-7,15-16; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38.**



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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In honor of grandma Link for her birthday, for always being there for all of us. Love Brooklyn Cress.

**PULPIT FLOWERS:** In honor of Beth Katterhenrich on her birthday.

**BULLETINS:** In honor of Paul Wittenberg's birthday. Given by Pam and family.

**BULLETINS:** In memory of June and Ernie Duffield. Given by Barbara Connors.

### **✧ 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.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** All who came for fun and fellowship to the Chris Cakes Pancake Dinner for Mexico Missions! Over \$650.00 was raised to send the Mexico Family to be the hands and feet of Jesus this summer. We are very appreciative of your continued support. May God continue to shower His grace and love on you all! 😊

### **✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧**

**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.

**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION** will take place on March 10<sup>th</sup> instead of March 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the dedication of the new building addition.



**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](mailto:mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org).



**DEDICATION LUNCHEON:** Our dedication of the new addition is quickly approaching. We are celebrating next Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> with a combined service in the Sanctuary at 11:00am. *That means there will be no contemporary service in the Family Life Center.* If you plan on joining us for the luncheon after the 11:00am service on March 3<sup>rd</sup> please fill out your salmon sheet with the number of attending guests by today! **Today is the last day to RSVP.**

**MINISTRY FAIR-PLANTING SEEDS & GROWING STEWARDS:** Thank you to all of the wonderful ministry leaders that represented their ministries in the Ministry Fair last week. It was a great event! I know that seeds were planted, and we are growing stewards. I can't wait to see how God continues to work here at St. John's. Also thank you to everyone who attended and filled out their Time & Talent surveys. These are so important for us to learn more about you and to find out where your talents can be used here at St. John's.

We have placed Time and Talent surveys around the church. Please fill one out and return it to the baskets labeled Time and Talent survey by March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone that fills out their survey and brings it back by March 3<sup>rd</sup> will be entered in a drawing to win your choice of our St. John's apparel! If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Megan Grossman at [mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org).

**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.

**EASTER CANDY DONATIONS:** We are asking for individually wrapped candy donations for our Easter Family Fun Day! Please bring them to church by Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> and place in the labeled bin in the Link. Thank you!





**OWLS EVENT MARCH 15, 2024 - PLEASE NOTE: WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE WHEN WE CANCELED JANUARY'S MEETING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING. But the good news is Fred and Donna Rieser will be with us at our March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

The **Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS)** are looking forward to kicking off 2024 with speakers from Jordan's Crossing, Fred and Donna 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.

If you would like to donate, here is a partial list of suggested items they need – new or used. Of course, cash is always appreciated.

Tents	Tarpolines	Sleeping Bags	Socks	Napkins
Plastic Forks	Cook Tops	Sandwich Bags	Canned Goods	
Boxed Goods		3-Compartment To-Go Containers		

You can purchase items on your own and either bring them to the meeting or call Bonnie Swanson and she will arrange to have your donation picked up prior to the 15<sup>th</sup>. You can also order from their wish list on Amazon's website: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2766ZSWRK78B2?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2766ZSWRK78B2?ref_=wl_share) and have item(s) delivered directly to Jordan's Crossing. If you need assistance, call Bonnie.

The OWLS will provide fried chicken and meat loaf for our potluck lunch but 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!

**ST. JOHN'S HISTORY COLUMN:** Who was the longest-serving pastor at St. John's? The question was asked by member Ann Jones. There is a tie for the longest-serving pastor at St. John's Pastor Proehl and Pastor Allman. They both served the congregation for 33 years. But Pastor Proehl served 3 months longer than Pastor Allman. During that time the increasing church attendance brought many new changes. Pastor Proehl organized the Chancel Choir and ordained seven young "Sons of St. John's" during his 33 years as pastor at St. John's. He also oversaw three church remodels, including the Educational Building. Pastor Allman oversaw the building of the Family Life Center and the remodeling of the Sanctuary. Please also continue to drop your question in the box on the greeter's table in front of the Parish Entrance.



**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 19<sup>th</sup> through July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Contact Diana Imbrock with questions or to sign up.



**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.

**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 ⌘

**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 ⌘

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024	-	<b>217</b>
	February 18, 2024	-	<b>341</b>

**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 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)

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

9:30am BSF Leaders (101-4)  
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)  
 6:30pm Puppets (FLC)  
 6:30pm Small Group (101)  
 7:00pm Respect Life (102)  
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

9:30am Quilters (103-4)  
 12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC)  
 6:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)  
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (FLC)

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

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)  
 6:00pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)  
**6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer (Sanc)**  
 7:00pm Explorers and Energizers  
 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

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

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 1**

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

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 2**

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

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

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)  
**12:30pm Accessibility Dedication and Celebration Dinner (FLC)**  
 1:00pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)  
 3:00pm Prayers and Pins (off site)  
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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