

# NEWS NOTES

March 2-3, 2024

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### ☞ SERVING TODAY ☜

#### Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Jo Dimond, Teresa Orahod

11:00am: Ron Nighbert, Dan Yeater,  
Lisa Stallard

#### Altar Guild

Lynda Berry, Dee Harlor, Linda Vozel  
Donna Linder

#### Readers

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Karen Bentley

11:00am: Christine Hank

#### Ushers

11:00am: Bill Diehl, George Gonsowski,  
Dennis Imbrock, Jeff Shaw

#### Acolytes

8:15am: Colton Thompson

Ben Previts

11:00am: Riley Millet, Layla Greer

Carry Cross: Corban Allman

Carry Christ Candle: Riley Millet

Carry Bible: Layla Greer

#### Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am ND: Armand Arabian

11:00am ND: Linda Diehl

RD: Bonnie Swanson

**LESSONS TODAY: Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22.**

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of my husband and son. Given by Ginny Bent.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Celebrating the birth of our 1st great grandchild - Atlas Miller Warrick. Given by Jo Dimond and Charley Leibrock.

**PULPIT FLOWERS:** In memory of my cousin, Teri Greene Thompson, for her birthday on February 4th. Given by Christine Greene Snashall.

### **☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞**

#### **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 to Pastor Patti for prayers and visiting me in the hospital. I’d like to thank my church family for praying and thinking of me while I went through surgery.” ~ Judy Graessle.

### **☞ 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.

**GRIEF SHARE:** *Grief Share* is a support group for anyone who has lost a loved one and is looking for hope and healing. We will be meeting weekly beginning in March. If you are interested in participating or helping in this ministry, please contact our intern Dale Stanley at 540-685-0536 or [dstanley@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:dstanley@stjohnsgc.org).

**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!

**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, or sign up on the salmon sheet.



**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.

**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!

**RAISE RIGHT ORDER DEADLINE is this coming Tuesday.** Please submit your order by noon on **March 5th**.

**OWLS AND JORDAN'S CROSSING REQUEST:** The **Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS)** are asking for donations from members of St. John's to help a very worthwhile organization that works with the homeless and addicted on the west side, primarily the Hilltop area. Fred and Donna Rieser are directors of this program that serves daily hot lunches, daily sack lunches and works with Healthcare Connections to Mt. Carmel and Southeast Mental Health Services among many other ministries. The Riesers will be the guest speakers at the OWLS March 15, 2024, meeting.

If you and your group would like to join the OWLS in helping with the donation, it would be appreciated. A few suggested items they could use are: tents, tarps, sleeping bags, plastic forks, napkins, sandwich bags, socks, canned goods and boxed food, and of course, monetary donations. For more information, check out the OWLS article in March's Eagle or call Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002 or email [bss4903@yahoo.com](mailto:bss4903@yahoo.com). You can also arrange for your donation to be picked up by contacting Bonnie. Thank you in advance for your support.

**WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, March 9 at 9am and Tuesday, March 26 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.

**ST. JOHN'S HISTORY COLUMN:** This week's question was, when was the last German service held at St. John's. The last German service was held in the late 1930's. During Pastor Schuh's tenure at St. John's. He introduced regular English preaching. This was because many of the younger people had grown uninterested in sitting through a German service; they barely understood what was being said. The choir members were not interested in singing in German. The words did not mean anything to them.

**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.

**GREETERS NEEDED** for both Sunday morning traditional services. Volunteers for 4pm and 8:15am services are encouraged to sign up on the Greeter's chart posted on the Parish bulletin board. We kindly request the 11:00am volunteers to contact Linda Diehl at 614-906-1408.

**EAGLE DEADLINE** is next **Sunday**. Please submit your article by noon on **March 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**YOUTH MINISTRY SEARCH UPDATE:** The Youth Ministry Call Team has been busy searching for the right candidate for St. Johns. We are looking for someone with a deep love for Christ, a passion for youth, and a background in either youth ministry or education. If you think you might know someone who fits that description, please contact the committee chair, **Christina Allman (614-519-8092)** for a copy of the job description or have them get in touch with us directly. And most importantly, please continue to pray for the team and our candidates as we search for the person God is preparing for this vital ministry!

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.



## ☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

**Children's Choir** meets on Thursdays from 5pm – 5:30pm in the chapel (on the second floor). Children staying for Adventure Club and Faith Trek will be escorted to the greeter's table after choir practice. Questions? Connect with Kate Shrum. She's musically talented and lots of fun!

**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 in the new entrance. Please use the (new) north entrance or (new) link doors upon entering and dropping off children. Only the north entrance will be available to enter at the end of the evening to pick up children in the Family Life Center. Questions? Connect with Laurie Pecuch.

**Explorers (grades 7—8) and Energizers (grades 9 - 12) meet weekly on Wednesday nights, 7pm - 8:30pm.** Join us when you can! Questions? Connect with Gini Rogers or Diana Imbrock.

**RAISE RIGHT gift card orders will be placed the first Tuesday of every month (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. See Pam Wittenberg or Laurie Pecuch for details. Thank you for your support!

**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!

## STEWARDSHIP

**Attendance**      Wednesday, February 21 -    118  
                                February 25 -        288

### 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 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

## ☪ CALENDAR ☪

### **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 Dedication and Luncheon  
 1:00pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)  
 2:00pm Scouts Leader Meeting (102)  
 3:00pm Prayers and Pins (off site)  
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)  
 7:00pm Bed Brigade (103-4)

### **MONDAY, MARCH 4**

9:30am BSF Leaders (101-4, Nursery)  
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)  
 6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (103-4)  
 6:30pm Puppets (FLC)  
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 5**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**

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

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 7**

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
 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, MARCH 8**

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

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 9**

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

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

#### **APRIL EAGLE ARTICLE DEADLINE**

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)

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