

# NEWS NOTES

March 23-24, 2024

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### ☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

#### **Communion Assistants**

4:00pm: Mike Gibboney

8:15am: Karen Bentley, Paul Wittenberg

11:00am Traditional: Christine Hank,  
Nannette Shea, Linda Diehl

Contemporary: Cindy Dye, Beth  
Katterhenrich, Mistie Clark

#### **Altar Guild**

David and Karen Grossman, Dellno and  
Betty Lewis, David and Lisa Stallard

#### **Contemporary Communion Prep**

Rachel Katterhenrich

#### **Ushers**

8:15am: Steve Marcum, Dave Sweeley,  
Hunter Thompson

11:00am: Bill Diehl, George Gonsowski,  
Larry Sutton, Dan Yeater

#### **Readers**

4:00pm: Mike Gibboney, Barb Hill, JoAnne  
Keller, Cindy Pennington, Bill and Gayle  
Woodgeard

8:15am: Corban Allman, Teresa Orahod,  
Ben Previts, Gary and Marilyn Smith

11:00am Traditional: Christine Hank,  
Teresa Orahod, Lisa Stallard, Nate  
and Amy Wanner

Contemporary: Charlotte Clark

#### **Acolytes**

8:15am: Brayden Gottshall, Corban Allman

11:00am: Riley Millet, Wes Millet

#### **Greeters**

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Carol Penrod

11:00am ND: Sheryl Fraley  
RD: Lynda Berry

Contemporary: the M. Clark Family

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In honor of our daughter Amy Thompson's birthday and our granddaughter Ava Pierre's birthday. Given by Terry and Teresa Orahood.

**BULLETINS:** In memory of the Rev. Virgil Wittenberg's birthday. Given by Paul and Pam Wittenberg.

**BULLETINS:** Given by Rhonda Maynard.

**☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞**

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS and NEW MEMBERS' RECEPTION IN APRIL!** A Membership Class will be held at 12:15pm on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. We'll start with lunch together in room 103-4. All visitors to our congregation, our newest members, and all potential members are invited to come! The classes will cover Christian mission at St. John's, and we'll be able to answer any questions you have about our congregation and our Lutheran Christian heritage. We will formally receive new members into our congregation during the **11:00am traditional worship service on Sunday, April 21st**. We hope you can come!

**HOSPITALITY TEAM:** With our new addition complete and it being such an amazing place for fellowship, we are looking for people who would want to bring hospitality to this great space on Sunday mornings. We are looking for people to be welcoming as people come in the door, make coffee in our new coffee maker, help serve coffee and donuts as needed and assist/direct people where they would like to go. We will have training available once we get people interested in helping. We would love to have faces from both Contemporary and Traditional to be a part of this. Please fill out the salmon sheet or reach out to Megan Grossman if you are interested in being a part of this hospitality team.

**EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Please join us on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> for a time of fellowship and good food. We will be serving breakfast on Easter Sunday from 7am-10am in the Family Life Center. A free will offering will be taken. Volunteers are needed to take shifts serving breakfast. If you are interested, please contact Megan Grossman at 614-905-2629 or at [mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org). You can also mark the salmon sheet and we will contact you to schedule a shift.

**GRIEF SHARE:** *Grief Share* is a support group for anyone who has lost a loved one and is looking for hope and healing. *GriefShare* will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 2:00-3:30pm. Our sessions will begin on April 2nd. 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).

**SARAH CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> in rooms 103-4 at 7pm.

**TIME & TALENT SURVEY:** If you didn't get a chance to fill out your time and talent survey, no worries! I will still be continuing to collect them. So, please continue to fill them out and put them in Megan Grossman's mailbox or in the church office. If you're not a paper person and would prefer to do it online we have you covered. All you need to do is scan this QR code on your phone and it will direct you right to the Time & Talent survey and our new booklet! Everything will be right on your phone. Once you complete it, we will have your answers. Contact Megan Grossman with any questions.



**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!

**STUDENTS CELEBRATING FIRST COMMUNION:** The following children have received instruction in the meaning and practice of the Lord's Supper, and will be receiving the Sacrament for the first time over the next few weeks at St. John's:

<b>Truman Allman</b>	<b>Elizabeth Clark</b>	<b>Levi Greer</b>
<b>Addison Hartley</b>	<b>Hope Katterhenrich</b>	<b>Lainey VonLohr</b>
<b>Cordelia Wanner</b>	<b>Jack Hartig Mawhorr</b>	

Please keep these young people in your prayers as they celebrate this special occasion and begin receiving the precious gift of Holy Communion!

**GARDENING ANGELS NEEDED!** It's that time of year again! We need volunteers to adopt and care for the landscaped areas around the church. This involves checking your area a couple times per month to keep weeds from taking over your designated section. We would also appreciate help with watering the beds around the front of the church, the Link, the FLC, and the North Entrance during times of drought. We have hoses that will reach those areas. Edging and mulching will be done for you each spring and fall. We ask that you help us maintain the uniformity and landscape design by not adding additional plants or decorations to your area. **Please mark the salmon sheet to let us know of your interest—even if you have previously adopted an area or signed up to help at the Ministry Fair.** Thank you in advance. The Landscaping Team.

**The North American Lutheran Church (NALC)  
OHIO MISSION REGION (OMR)  
MISSION EVENT and ANNUAL CONVOCATION**

**Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4, 2024.**

**Saint John's Ev. Lutheran Church in Grove City.**

**Who's invited? Every pastor and member of our North American Lutheran Church congregations in Ohio!**

This annual gathering brings together members and pastors not just to transact the business we do together in our Region (the state of Ohio) and our five mission districts (North West, North East, Southeast, North Central, and Southwest Ohio), but also is a time to worship together, fellowship together, learn together, pray together, and plan together.

This year the focus of **Mission Event on Friday, May 3 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.** will be on **Senior Adult Ministry**, from ministering to seniors and their families to empowering senior adults to share the Gospel of Jesus with others.

Our keynote speaker will be **Pastor Brad Hales**, pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church in Culpepper, Virginia. Pastor Hales, a native of northwest Ohio, is **Director of Church Planting and Aging Ministries for the North American Lutheran Church**. He is also the author of the recently published *Reviving the Aging Church: A Practical Guide*.

Pastor Hales has practical experience, having been used by the Holy Spirit to shepherd the spiritual and numerical growth of the congregation he serves through ministries to and with senior adults. On Friday, May 3, he'll provide practical advice based on his experiences. There will be a Q-and-A session and an opportunity to brainstorm, share, and pray with others from throughout Ohio.

On **Saturday, May 4 from 9:00- 5:00**, we'll focus on **Evangelism and Church Planting**, hear reports from the North American Lutheran Church, our region, and our districts, and elect members of our district and regional executive councils. We will also worship together. This event is always worth attending, an inspiring time. Please plan to attend!

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH TO HOST OSU MUSIC CONCERT:** St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Grove City is presenting various Ohio State University musical ensembles in an upcoming concert. The concert will take place in the St. John's Sanctuary, 3220 Columbus Street, Grove City at 4:00pm on Sunday, April 7. This event is open to the public and all are invited. A donation of \$5.00 per person is requested to help defray expenses.



The program will feature faculty and students in chamber works. The woodwind and reed quintets will perform works by Biedenbender and Cambini. A brass ensemble under the direction of Russel C. Mikkelson, Director of Ohio State bands, will perform Dvorak's *Serenade in D Minor* and *Dances of the French Renaissance*. OSU Professors Caroline Hartig, Mark Rudoff, and Ed Bak will perform Brahms' *Trio for Clarinet, Cello, and Piano*. Hartig is a native of Grove City and a member of St. John's.

This concert will feature some of the best musicians in Central Ohio. You won't want to miss this showcase of musical talent. The concert is part of a year-long celebration of St. John's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A reception in the FLC will follow the concert.

**ST. JOHN'S HISTORY COLUMN:** This week's question was: What was the name of the brickyard located behind the present church, and was the house at the corner of Dudley and Columbus Street made from bricks from the brickyard? The question was asked by member Jim Jones. The bricks used in the construction of the present-day church were fired in the old brickyard, which was located behind St. John's. The name of the brickyard was Grove City Brick and Tile Factory, and it was owned or managed by a man named Edward Darnell. The house on the corner of Dudley and Columbus Street was also made from bricks from the brickyard behind St. John's.

**APPAREL ORDERS:** If you did not get a chance to order your St. John's apparel during the Christmas season, a new round of ordering is available! Pick up your order form near the worship entrances. Turn in your completed form with payment through the offering plate, the office, or the secure drop slot by Easter Sunday, March 31st. Thank you all for ordering and supporting the Mexico Mission Trip.

**BULLETIN DEDICATIONS:** Consider submitting a Bulletin Dedication in honor or in memory of loved ones, and to celebrate an event, milestone, birthday, or anniversary. Bulletin Dedications are only \$20.00. Reserve your preferred weekend date on the Bulletins Sign Up sheet on the Parish Door's bulletin board. Please direct questions to Barb Armentrout at 614-875-2985.

**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. Reserve your date on the Altar Flowers Chart on the Parish Door's bulletin board. Please direct questions to Lesa Corbin at 614-530-4984.

**A SECURE DROP SLOT is located** under the staff mailboxes in the hallway near the church 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](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org), or drop it in the church office secure slot.

**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

**YOUTH GROUPS (Explorers, Energizers, Adventure Club, Faith, Trek,) do not meet this upcoming week.** It's Holy Week and Spring Break for South-Western City Schools. Youth groups will start again on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

# The Lego Club

Come enjoy the Lego Club! with Hope and Scott Katterhenrich

Eat lunch and play Lego. Read the Lego Bible and so much more.

Come **after church on April 21st until 3pm, in the Family Life Center.**

Please RSVP by April 14th. Tell Rachel, Hope, or Laurie if you'd like to come.

\*Pizza provided\*



**CALENDAR**

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

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, MARCH 25**

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26**

9:30am Quilters (103-4)  
 6:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)  
 6:00pm Internship Team Mtg. (Lib)  
 6:30pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FH)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27**

9:30am BSF  
 1:30pm Small Group (102)  
 6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (204)  
 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
 9:30am Small Group (103-4)  
 3:00pm Home School Acting (FLC)  
 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)  
 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)  
**7:00pm Maundy Thurs. Worship (Sanc)**  
 8:00pm Dartball (home)

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)  
**12:00pm Good Friday Worship (Sanc)**  
 4:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)  
 6:00pm Private Event (FLC)  
**7:00pm Good Friday Worship (Sanc)**  
 8:30pm AA (FH)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

9:00am Private Event (FLC)  
 3:30pm Annual AA Celebration (FH)  
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (103-4)

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

7:00am Easter Breakfast (FLC, Kit)  
 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 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)

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