

NEWS NOTES

Easter Sunday

March 30-31, 2024

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Leaders

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☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Teresa Orahood, Karen
Grossman

11:00am: Traditional: Ron Nightbert, Dan
Yeater

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich, Gini
Rogers, Kate Shrum

Altar Guild

Don and Diane Carducci, Dellno and Betty
Lewis, Judy Graessle

Bill and Linda Diehl, Paul and Pam
Wittenberg

Contemporary Communion Prep

Rachel Katterhenrich

Readers

4:00pm: Lisa Dubos

8:15am: Rita Orahood

11:00am: Rick Butsko

Contemporary: Karen Jersild

Ushers

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

11:00am: David Clark, Bill Diehl, George
Gonsowski, Dennis Imbrock

Acolytes

8:15am: Jaylynn Jermann/Ben Previts
Colton Thompson (Cross)
Jaylynn (Christ Candle)
Ben Previts (Bible)

11:00am: Lukas Althoff/Nick Althoff
Brayden Gottshall (Cross)
Riley Millet (Christ Candle)
Lukas Althoff (Bible)

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Volunteer(s) needed

11:00am ND: Linda Diehl

RD: Bonnie Swanson

Contemporary: the Grossman Family

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Given by Vi Davis, and Dellno and Betty Lewis

BULLETINS: The Easter bulletins are In memory of our mother Wilma Jean Marcum, grandparents Edward & Lillie Iftner, great-grandparents, and loved ones. Given by Steve Marcum, Sheryl Childress, Deanna Neal, and Debbie Mosley.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Amy O'Day**, who passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2024. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

NEW MEMBER CLASS: Are you interested in learning more about becoming a member at St. John's? Our new member class is perfect for you! We will be having a class following lunch on **APRIL 14TH** after the late services in room 103/104. We would love for you to join to learn more about the Christian mission at St. John's and ask any questions you may have about our congregation and our Lutheran Christian heritage. If you are interested in coming to the new member class on April 14th, please fill out the salmon sheet or contact Megan Grossman at mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org.

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 & 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 & 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.

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 in rooms 103-4. **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.

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.

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:

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

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

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!

OWLS EVENT - APRIL 19, 2024: Deputy Laura Stahr of the Franklin County Sherriff's Office will be our guest speaker this month. While her primary duties involve teaching the D.A.R.E. program to fifth grade students in various elementary schools within Franklin County, she does provide safety talks on a variety of topics to all age groups. In 2008, she was one of four deputies who helped establish the Rape Aggression Defense Program at the Sheriff's Office. The R.A.D. Systems is an international program which is a women's only self-defense program.

Deputy Stahr will be presenting the Personal Safety Program. She will share risk reduction strategies for when you're at home, in your car or going through your daily routine. Three elements must be in place for any type of crime to occur. There is a victim, an assailant, and an opportunity. By learning these safety strategies, you will remove the opportunity for an assailant to make you their next victim. These basic tips and strategies can help reduce your odds of becoming a victim of a crime.

Deputy Stahr is not a stranger to St. John's. Laura and her two young daughters attended church here a few years ago. Mark your calendars to join us!

The OWLS will provide fried chicken 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 11:15 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!

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 175th anniversary. A reception in the FLC will follow the concert.

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.

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.

**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 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!

Registration brochures are available at the entrances. You can also go online to thenalcoho.org to download the brochure. Registration is due by April 22.

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.

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.

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 ☪

OUR SUMMER ADVENTURE BROCHURE for families, grades K – 12, and adults volunteers is now available! Pick up your brochure at the greeter's table at the North Entrance. Discover what faith and fun adventures you can do this summer! Questions? See Laurie Pecuch, Diana Imbrock, or Gini Rogers.

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.

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. 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 (April 2nd). 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!

The Selah Room (room 101) is open on Sunday mornings. It's a quiet place with sensory items that can be checked out for church or engaged in the room. Children in the room should be accompanied by an adult. Selah is a word found in the Psalms. It encourages us to pause, quietly reflect, and praise.

STEWARDSHIP

Attendance Palm Sunday, March 24 - 318

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

☪ CALENDAR ☪

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)

MONDAY, APRIL 1

OFFICE CLOSED

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
5:00pm Private Event (FLC, Kit)
7:00pm Elizabeth Circle (103-4)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

9:30am Quilters (103-4)
11:30am OWLS Planning (102)
2:00pm GriefShare (103-4)
7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)
7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 392 (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

1:30pm Small Group (102)
6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (204)
6:30pm Private Event (Chapel)
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
7:00pm Explorers & Energizers
7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

10:00am Private Event (FLC)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (103-4)

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

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)
4:00pm OSU Orchestra Ensemble
Concert & Reception
(Sanc, FLC)

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