

NEWS NOTES

April 6-7, 2024

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Jo Dimond, Linda Wagner

11:00am: Dan Yeater, Ike Stage, Brenda Schultz

Contemporary: Cindy Dye, Jackie Rutan, Jennifer Shade

Altar Guild and Communion Prep

Lynda Berry, Gloria Biggs, Linda Vozel

Donna Linder

Contemporary: Laurie Pecuch

Readers

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Pam Wittenberg

11:00am: Karrie Clark

Contemporary: Lydia Shrum, Cindy Dye

Ushers

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

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

Acolytes

8:15am: Colton Thompson, Ben Previts

11:00am: Riley Millet, Layla Greer

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Armand Arabian

11:00am ND: Cheryl Thompson

RD: Bill and Linda Diehl

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of our anniversary, created by the Lord. Given by Doug and Megin Cress.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

HOLY BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: Congratulations and blessings to Caleb Ball, who will be baptized at the 11:00am traditional service on Sunday! Please keep Caleb in your prayers as he begins his baptismal journey with the Lord.

☞ 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.

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!

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 19th through July 29th, 2024.

Contact Diana Imbrock with questions or to sign up.



LAST DAY TO HOLD YOUR SPOT ON THE MEXICO MISSION 2024 IS SUNDAY MAY 5th!

THE QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will follow the 4:00pm worship service on Saturday, April 28, 2024. Please plan to attend.

EAGLE DEADLINE is Wednesday. Please submit your article by noon on **April 10th**.

ACCESSIBILITY FUNDING: We have been very blessed with the completion of our Accessibility Project. This major project has been completed with no resulting debt, a miracle and blessing! Thank you for your support and generosity. Gifts given for this project exceeded the final cost. The unused funds will be used by giving 10% to another church for a project to be chosen by our church council, the remainder will be used to enhance our new space in the coming months. It should be noted that additional funds for the accessibility project are no longer required. Consequently, your gifts can be redirected to other church needs of your choosing. If you are automatically giving through your bank or other method to accessibility, please change those. Any future gifts to accessibility will be considered gifts to the general operating fund of the church. Thank you again for your generosity.

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!

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION TEAM: On the first Sunday of each month this team comes to receive a Holy Communion kit. The distribution of home communion is an extension of the Lord's Supper and is for those who are unable to be present at the celebration of the congregation. We bring to them the same bread of life and the same cup of blessing so that they may be strengthened through their participation in the body of Christ. Let us be mindful and grateful for this ministry.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, April 13th at 9am and on Tuesday, April 23rd 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.

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.

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!

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 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.

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.

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. 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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held on **Tuesday, April 23rd** in the Family Life Center from 12pm to 6pm. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2776) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: StJohnsGC.

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.

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.






Our St. John's Historical Seek and Find is available now! Pick up your papers at the new entrance greeter's desk. You can do it all at one time, or over the course of several visits. All ages will enjoy learning more about our rich history. Questions? See Hunter Thompson!

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance Easter Sunday, March 31 - 496



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!

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.

☪ CALENDAR ☪

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)

MONDAY, APRIL 8

9:30am BSF Leaders
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (103-4)
6:30pm Small Group (102)
7:00pm Finance Team (Lib)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

9:30am Quilters (103-4)
2:00pm GriefShare (103-4)
6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 392 (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

EAGLE ARTICLES DUE

9:30am BSF
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 11

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 & Faith Trek
6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
8:00pm Dartball (home)

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
2:00pm Private Event (Chapel)
4:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
9:00am Private Event (101-2)
10:00am Private Event (FLC)
10:00am Girl Scouts #6300 (FH)
11:00am Private Event (SH [103-4])
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (103-4)

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
10:00am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
12:15pm New Member Class
and Luncheon (103-4)
1:00pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA:

Website: www.stjohnsgc.org | Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsgrovecity/>

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 12:30pm.