

NEWS NOTES

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Nick Grossman & David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Greeters

MD: Keith and Jane Stenerson

RD: Linda Diehl

Ushers

Bill Diehl, Blake Lang, Kyle Mawhorr,

Larry Sutton

Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman

Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

Acolytes

Lukas Althoff, Nick Althoff

Carry Cross: Brayden Gottshall

Carry Bible: Corban Allman

Carry Candle: Riley Millett

Readers

Christine Hank

Communion Assistants

Dave and Karen Grossman, Lisa Stallard

Lessons Today: Acts 1:15-17,21-26; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my mom Shirley Jo Fleshman and my grandmother Lillie Caito. Given by Tom and Lesa Corbin.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In memory of Craig Sonnen, husband, father, grandfather. Given by the family.

BULLETINS: In honor of our eight grandchildren. Given by Charlie and Pam Brown.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

PERSONAL NEWS

THANK YOU, JAN MILLER, FOR 34 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE!

At the end of May, after 34 years of service, Jan Miller will be retiring from her position as St. John's Church Recorder and Administrative Assistant. We have been blessed to have Jan with us all these years. Not only has she performed her duties efficiently, intelligently, and reliably, she has also been a model of Christian faithfulness and servanthood, always willing to give members of St. John's her loving attention. Thank you, Jan, for being so willing to step in and help wherever you are needed, for being a great co-worker, and for being such a wise and loving support for so many people at St. John's. We love you and will miss you!

Cards and gifts for Jan are welcomed and encouraged! Please make any checks out directly to Jan Miller. You can mail cards and gifts for Jan to St. John's, place them in her mailbox next to the church office, or give them to one of the pastors. Thank you!

"THANK YOU for the cards and thoughtful concern for Howard Linder as he recovers from his surgery. We especially thank Pastor Seth Jersild and Pastor Patti Morlock for their visits and support. It meant a lot. It's such a blessing to have a supportive and caring congregation." ~ Donna Linder.

GRADUATION 2024: Thank you to all who made the graduation blessing and reception so very special for our youth. We are truly a family of the Most High and it shows in the way we love and encourage each other. As one graduate put it: ***"Thank you so much for all the support throughout the years, many people overlook their church family, but you guys are truly amazing."***



Special thanks to ***Elizabeth Circle*** for their incredible fruit bowl, to ***Sarah Circle*** for their delicious pastries, to ***Christina Allman*** for the scrumptious cake, to ***Rita Bausch*** for the beautiful flowers, to the ***Prayer Shawl Ladies*** who wrapped each graduate in a handmade shawl, to ***Pastor Seth*** and ***Vicar Dale*** for their loving blessing, to ***Megan*** and ***Nick*** and all others who helped set up and tear down, and, last but not least, to the many family members who nurtured and brought their graduate to this point in their lives. To God be the Glory! Amen.

NOTES OF THANKS: "Our BSF class so appreciates all that St. John's have done for us, especially for making provision for us to meet during construction. You have been such a blessing to us, and the new addition is beautiful." ~ Ladies of BSF (Bible Study Fellowship).

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

Happy Mother's Day



MOTHER'S DAY BOUQUETS! Be sure to get the flowers you want for that special mom, aunt, grandma, or person in your faith web. The drive-up sale will be today, Mother's Day, May 12th at the Shelter House from 9am to noon. Pull up, pick out your flowers, and we'll bring them to your car! 😊 We will have single carnations for \$1 each, as well as some additional arrangements. There will be a limited number of these flowers, so get there early to ensure you get flowers for that special lady.

Pre-ordered flowers can also be picked up at the Shelter House today, Mother's Day, May 12th from 9am to 12pm. Thank you for supporting Mexico Missions!

CELEBRATING OUR 175TH ANNIVERSARY: While going through a lot of historical artifacts of St. John's, I came across an old German altar cloth. It was in poor shape, but thanks to Columbus Lace, it has been restored and looks lovely. It now adorns our altar and says in German "I give you my peace".

We had a banner made for our 175th by the "Flag Lady Store" which is also featured on the altar. It will always remind us of the many years St. John's has served God and community.

We have moved a curio cabinet from the Cry Room to the new North Entrance in order to display some of the historical artifacts the committee has put together. The display will be changed out from time to time over the rest of this year. ~ Linda Diehl.

CONGRATULATIONS, CONFIRMANDS! The following St. John's confirmation students will publicly affirm their baptism at worship on May 19th:

Corban Allman

Caleb Ball

Brayden Gottshall

Layla Greer

Addison White

For the past two years these students have been engaged in a regular discipline of prayer, Bible study, classroom discussion and service activities.

We should be very proud of them (and their parents) for their work and commitment! Please keep our confirmands in your prayers, that they will continue to build their lives on the Rock, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord.

CONFIRMATION FAITH CELEBRATION: MAY 19TH! Come share your support and encouragement with our confirmation students as they share their faith in Christ in a very special way between 9:30 and 10:30am in the Family Life Center on Sunday, May 19th. Smoothies and cake will be provided!

ACTUALIZACIÓN IMPORTANTE! MEXICO MISSION: It's with a heavy heart that I have decided to postpone the Mexico Mission trip until next year. I came to this decision because of the following:

1. This was to be the year that I had said I would mentor someone to take on the leadership role of the trip and no one has stepped forward yet.
2. The optimal number for the Mexico family/team is around 12-15 and we did not have enough people sign up by the deadline. And last, but not least,
3. The doctors have said that it will take months for Dennis' recovery, and I would like to stay closer to home this summer.

God has guided my decision and made it clear to me that this is the right one at this time. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Mexico and support our Mexico Mission fellowship events. Thank you, Diana.



OWLS EVENT MAY 17, 2024: As we grow older, we hear more and more about “independent living, assisted living, and in- home health care”. Everyone has unique needs that need to be met in order to continue to live safely at home. Long-term health care is a topic most of us don’t want to think about let alone talk about but, unfortunately, it could be in our future or a loved one’s.

Our program in May will include a speaker representing Comfort Keepers whose goal is to provide the best in-home caregiving services to aging seniors who wish to maintain their independence. At a time when seniors feel as if their independence is slipping away, Comfort Keepers mission is to provide high quality in-home caregiving to help seniors continue living their independent lifestyle. Experienced caregivers can help with everything from light housekeeping and grooming to meal preparation, prescription reminders and running errands. We hope you will plan to join us and hear much more about them. Everyone is welcome! Invite a friend!

The OWLS will provide fried chicken for our potluck lunch but we ask you to 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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Mark your calendars!!! Start the Party Vacation Bible School is coming to St. John's **June 24th-27th from 9:00am to noon**. All children ages 3 (potty trained) through 6th grade are welcome. Please note that all children must be potty trained in order to attend. **Online registration will open soon!** Contact Christina Allman at 614-519-8092 or at christina.allman04@gmail.com if you want to volunteer or have any questions. Keep an eye out for the snack donation boards coming soon to the Family Life Center and the North Entrance!!

ST. JOHN'S HISTORY COLUMN: An article in a newspaper found in the basement of the church stated:

May 12, 1889, was the day of the dedication. A special train brought 500 guests from Columbus. The speakers at the morning service were two former pastors of the congregation, Professor Emmanuel Schmidt and the Rev. I. A. Schulze. Both preached German sermons. The afternoon service was English. The preachers were Dr. M. Loy and Rev. J. Breck. At the evening service, Prof. F. W. Stellinghorn preached a German sermon, and Prof. A. Pflueger delivered one in English. Special music for the day was provided by the Grove City Band, the choir of Grace Lutheran Church of Columbus, and the choir of St. John's Church.

GROVE CITY FOOD PANTRY is in short supply of the following: jelly, boxed potatoes, hamburger and tuna helper, and tuna fish. There is a bin in the Link where you can donate. Thank you.

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.

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 or papers with confidential information, please put it through the slot to help ensure security.

YOUTH NEWS

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 North 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!

LEGO CLUB meets next Sunday, May 19, starting at noon in the basement of the church. If you can, RSVP with the Katterhenrichs or Laurie Pecuch. Pizza and snacks are provided!

Nicole's 28th Chapter Fundraiser and Awareness Day is Saturday, June 1st at The Old Barns at Dry Run Farms, 20521 Pherson Pike, Williamsport, Ohio. From 12pm to 4pm there will be fun family activities and games featuring Archi's inflatables, plus food trucks, auctions, and raffles. From 4pm to 8pm there will be live music featuring Grammy award winning artist Don and Andrew Rigsby along with the New Mountain Heritage Band. **It's a great venue and a wonderful way to support a family of St. John's.**

Nicole's 28th Chapter was established on May 4, 2020, which would have been Nicole's 29th birthday. Nicole died on June 5, 2019, from fentanyl poisoning. Since starting the chapter, her parents have opened a recovery home for women. These women live in a safe environment while undergoing an intensive outpatient rehabilitation program. Nicole's 28th Chapter is making a significant difference in the lives of those struggling with the disease of addiction and mental health issues.

STEWARDSHIP

Attendance

May 5 - 367

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.



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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Faith Discussion, FH Rm 001 / 1 John, 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.

☯ CALENDAR ☯

SUNDAY, MAY 12

MOTHERS DAY FLOWERS

Sale and Pick Up 9am-12pm

- 9:30am Men's Chorale (Choir Rm)
9:30am Sunday School
10:00am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am **COMBINED WORSHIP AND
and 175th SANCTUARY
REDEDICATION (Sanc)**
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, MAY 13

- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
6:30pm Small Group (102)
7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, MAY 14

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

- 1:30pm Small Group (102)
6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (204)
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, MAY 16

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9:30am Small Group (103-4)
2:00pm Small Group (101)
5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
6:00pm Private Event (103-4)
6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)

FRIDAY, MAY 17

- 10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
11:30am OWLS (FLC)
4:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, MAY 18

- 10:00am Girl Scouts (SH [FH])
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (103-4)
9:30am Private Event (Chapel)

SUNDAY, MAY 19

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Confirmation Faith
Celebration (FLC)
9:30am Men's Chorale (Choir Rm)
9:30am Sunday School
10:00am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
12:00pm The Lego Club (FH, Chapel)
12:30pm Private Event (FLC)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
5:30pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FH)

**IN OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY,
the office will be closed
Monday, May 27th.**

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