

# NEWS NOTES

July 6-7, 2024

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Paul Cannon, Guest Pastor, 8:15am Temple Talk



Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Nick Grossman and David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

### ☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

#### **Greeters**

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Armand Arabian

11:00am MD: Christine Hank

ND: Gloria Biggs

#### **Ushers**

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

11:00am: Rick Butsko, David Clark,  
Larry Sutton, Dan Yeater

#### **Acolytes**

8:15am: Colton Thompson, Ben Previts

11:00am: Layla Greer

#### **Contemporary Communion Prep**

Kate Shrum

#### **Altar Guild**

David and Lisa Stallard

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

#### **Readers**

4:00pm: Lisa Dubos

8:15am: Rita Orahood

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Contemporary: Kate Shrum, Cindy Dye

#### **Communion Assistants**

4:00pm: Charlie Brown

8:15am: Joel Baughman, Jo Dimond

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

Contemporary: Kate Shrum, Cindy Dye,  
Jennifer Shade

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In celebration of our country's 248th birthday.

**LECTERN FLOWERS:** In celebration of Hannah Wittenberg's 28th birthday. Given by her mom and dad with love.

**BULLETINS:** Given by Bill and Chris Snashall.

**BULLETINS:** In honor of my son and daughter and my grandchildren. Given by Lorna McMillin.

**Lessons Today: Ezekiel 2:1-5; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13.**

## **✪ PERSONAL NEWS ✪**

**THE FAMILY OF RON CHURCHILL** is having a Celebration of Life on July 12<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-4pm at the Cedar Ridge Lodge, BATTELLE Darby Creek Metro Park. Members welcome.

**VBS went great!!** Thank you for all the donations and all the support to make VBS happen each year. We had a wonderful time teaching youth about the fun they can have learning about the Bible and learning about Jesus! We could not have put on such an amazing VBS without the help of our VBS teachers, kitchen ladies, craft and recreation leaders, science and service leaders, puppet leader, music leaders and our awesome teen helpers! It is these hard-working people that make it a blessing each year to love kids into the kingdom at VBS. 😊

## **✪ TODAY'S NEWS ✪**

**LONG RANGE MINISTRY PLANNING FOR ST. JOHN'S: Sunday, July 14 at noon.** Our surrounding culture is becoming more and more unchurched. We need to seek God's guidance on how best to be faithful witnesses to our Lord Jesus Christ in Grove City in these changing times. If you would like to be part of a visioning team seeking God's guidance as we begin a process of discernment, and want to be part of building up St. John's ministries for the future, please consider being part of the Long-Range Ministry Planning Team! Our first meeting will take place on **Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at noon** (right after the late service) in the church library. We hope you can be part of the team!



**FOR ALL THE SAINTS** – an important part of our anniversary celebration is remembering those who came before us. **On Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>** we will celebrate the rededication of our cemetery with a picnic and a short worship service. This will all take place at from 10am -1pm at our Shelter House behind our church. We will provide hot dogs, buns, and beverages. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Mark the salmon sheet to help us plan for attendance.

**CEMETERY SEEK AND FIND** – an activity has been developed to help members of all ages get acquainted with our St. John’s cemetery. Pick up a Seek and Find page and spend an hour or more searching for the answers at our cemetery located in the south-west corner of the old Grove City cemetery. Our part is behind the apartment building. Turn your completed pages in at the rededication event on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**WELCOME, GUEST PREACHERS!** From now through the fall, former pastors of St. John’s will be here to share God’s Word and help us celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. All pastors will preach during the traditional services, unless stated otherwise.



- July 7<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Paul Cannon
- Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Matt Cox
- Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Mark Kreemer
- Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> – Pastor Terry Morgan (not preaching)
- Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Pastor Karen Casperson (James)
- Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Terry Stage Harvey
- Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Amy Little – General Secretary, NALC

**PASTOR PAUL CANNON** has deep roots with St. John’s. His family joined St. John’s upon moving to Grove City when he was 5 years old. He grew up attending church and Sunday School and was confirmed at St. John’s by Pastor Paul Meuser. After graduating from Grove City High School, he went on to Miami University. Sensing a call to ministry, he then attended Trinity Lutheran Seminary, where his studies were funded in large part by a grant from St. John’s College Fund. Upon seminary graduation in 1981, he was ordained at St. John’s by Pastor George Hartman.

From 1981-85, Pastor Cannon served a rural congregation near Bucyrus, Ohio. From 1986-88 he served as Associate Pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kettering, serving with former St. John’s pastor Terry Morgan.

In August of 1988, Pastor Cannon accepted a 3-year commitment to serve as a chaplain in the U. S. Air Force. That 3-year commitment turned into a 26-year ministry to military personnel. He served in assignments across the United States and around the world, including deployments to combat zones in Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom. In 2014 he retired to Texas from the military at the rank of colonel. After the Air Force, Pastor Cannon returned to parish ministry as full-time interim pastor in San Antonio, serving for two years.

Pastor Cannon and his wife Holly are the parents of two adult children and one grandchild. After Holly’s retirement from teaching, and upon the birth of their grandchild in 2017, they moved to Abilene, Texas to be near the family. Pastor Cannon keeps active in ministry, serving for the past five years as part-time pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Sagerton, Texas.



**EAGLE DEADLINE is this coming Wednesday.**

Please submit your article by noon on **July 10<sup>th</sup>**.



**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.

**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 Entrance bulletin board. Please direct questions to Barb Armentrout at 614-875-2985.

**OWLS EVENT JULY 19, 2024:** 1999. Brian Muha, 18 years old, was murdered. His family’s lives changed forever.



His mother, Rachel, through her act of forgiveness and wanting to bring the good out of evil as Our Lord asks us to do, Rachel, Chris and other family members

started The Brian Muha Foundation and in 2005, The Run the Race Club. She works every day at these ministries without monetary compensation. She says, “This is the most heartbreaking and the most joyful work I have ever done.” She has also written a book, “A True Story of Murder and a Mother’s Forgiveness.”

Since 2000, The Foundation/The Run the Race Club has provided exceptional enrichment and leadership development opportunities to young people in Columbus, Cleveland, and Steubenville that allow them to grow academically, physically, spiritually, and emotionally. They see the beautiful value and dignity in each and every child and have made it their mission to help them run the race of life and change the world.

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 11:15 am so we can open the meeting at 11:30 am. Use the salmon insert 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.

Just in case you don’t know --- OWLS are **Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors** but everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!

**THE QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will follow 8:15am worship on **Sunday, July 28**. Please plan to attend.

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

**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.



**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 Facilities Manager’s and Intern’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 second-floor hallway just outside of the library.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Please check the Lost & Found bin located in the **North Entrance** for lost or found items. For small items, such as rings, earrings, or headphones, please check with the office Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm. Items may be donated after several weeks.

**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.

**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 ☞

**JOYFUL PAUSE** is Thursday, July 18! Join us when you can and leave when you must. Choose what you'd like to do (i.e. free play, arts and crafts, kitchen fun, visiting with others, games). We have special themes for each month. July is our light theme! A light meal will be served around 11am and 6:30pm. We will also meet on August 15. Come between 9am and noon and/or 5:30—8:30pm.

**JOYFUL  
pause**

**DON'T MISS OUT!** Students who just completed grades 7 – 12 have several awesome opportunities in July. A "Friends and Faith Barbecue", a "Just For You" event, and "Catching the Vision" on Sunday mornings. Connect with Gini Rogers for more details.









Pray for the youth serving our community through **FAITH IN ACTION** this week, July 8 – 11, Monday through Thursday. We will be putting our faith into action and making a difference for Jesus' sake.



## STEWARDSHIP

**Attendance**          June 30          -          258

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

## ☪ CALENDAR ☪

### SUNDAY, JULY 7

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Small Group (Lib)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

### MONDAY, JULY 8

11:00am FAITH IN ACTION (FLC)  
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)  
5:30pm FAITH IN ACTION (FLC)  
6:30pm Small Group (102)  
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)  
7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)

### TUESDAY, JULY 9

9:30am Quilters (103-4)  
11:00am FAITH IN ACTION (FLC)  
6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH [FLC])

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

#### **AUGUST EAGLE ARTICLE DEADLINE**

11:00am FAITH IN ACTION (FLC)  
1:30pm Small Group (102)

### THURSDAY, JULY 11

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
11:00am FAITH IN ACTION (FLC)  
2:00pm Small Group (101)  
5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)

### FRIDAY, JULY 12

9:30am Small Group (103-4)  
10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)  
8:30pm AA (FH)

### SATURDAY, JULY 13

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)  
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (103-4)

### SUNDAY, JULY 14

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Small Group (Lib)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
12:00pm Long Range Ministry (Lib)  
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

**OFFICE HOURS** are Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm.

**DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA:**

Website: [www.stjohnsgc.org](http://www.stjohnsgc.org) | Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsgrovecity/>

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Adult Faith Discussion, FH Rm 001 / 1 John, Steve Johnston, Chapel / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, Rm 301.

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 2-4 years old, Rm 003 / ages 5 to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Rm 009 / Grades 2 through 4, Rm 307 / Grades 5 and 6, Rm 303 / Grades 7 through 12, High School Room 311.

**SELAH ROOM:** Rm 101, a quiet place available every Sunday from 8:30am to 12:30pm.