

# NEWS NOTES

July 13-14, 2024

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

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Nick Grossman and David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

### ☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

#### **Greeters**

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Carol Penrod

11:00am MD: Keith and Jane Stenerson

ND: Carol Rich

#### **Ushers**

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

11:00am: Rick Butsko, Dennis Imbrock,  
Blake Lang, Tom Lang

#### **Acolytes**

8:15am: Ben Previts, Truman Allman

11:00am: Lukas Althoff, Nick Althoff

#### **Contemporary Communion Prep**

Rachel Katterhenrich

#### **Altar Guild**

Dave and Karen Grossman

Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

#### **Readers**

4:00pm: Chris Jenkins

8:15am: Rita Orahood

11:00am: Karrie Clark

Contemporary: Hope Katterhenrich, Jackie  
Rutan

#### **Communion Assistants**

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Betty Lewis, Sarah Schmitz

11:00am: Dave and Karen Grossman,  
Lisa Stallard

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich,  
Jackie Rutan, Gini Rogers

### DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In honor of Miles Pierre's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. Given by Terry and Teresa Orahood.

**PULPIT FLOWERS and BULLETINS:** In loving memory of John MacKenzie for his birthday, July 14th. Given by Averil, Cynthia, and MacKenzie.

**BULLETINS:** In honor of our 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Given by Dave and Karen Grossman.

**Lessons Today: Amos 7:7-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29.**

## ✪ PERSONAL NEWS ✪

### NOTES OF THANKS

"I want to thank Pastor Seth and Pastor Patti for their hospital visits. Thanks to my church family for their calls, cards, and all your prayers. God bless each of you. Love," ~ Nancy Kinman.

"Dear St. John's, Just wanted to say a big Thank You for letting us use your facility for my daughter's graduation party. And a special thanks to Steve Marcum for helping set up and get ready. Everything went great! Thanks," ~ Cathy Strong.

"Thank you so much for the wonderful prayers while I was in the hospital. Thank you."  
~ Pat Marie.

## ✪ TODAY'S NEWS ✪

**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>.

**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 **Chapel**. We hope you can be part of the team!

**HEALTH CARE KITS:** One of the Service Projects that Sarah Circle does is to put together Health Care Kits which are taken to the Grove City Food Pantry. Last year, we assembled 22 kits. The goal for this year is 30 kits. We would like help with collecting the items that are needed. We will assemble the kits at our August meeting. There will be a cupboard in the Link marked Sarah Circle/Health Kits to place your donations. We thank you and so appreciate your help with this special project. Items needed are:

Dental floss                      Full size toothpaste (check expiration)                      Nail clippers  
Full size deodorant                      2 wrapped bars of soap                      1 large dark bath towel

Contact Jane Stenerson at 614-875-8057 with any questions.

**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.

During our Summer Quarterly Congregational meeting on July 28th after the 8:15 service concludes we will vote on the following.

Approval to spend up to \$25,000 from our bequest holding account to hire a search agency for assistance in finding our next Youth Minister.

**ST. JOHN'S HISTORICAL DISPLAY:** The Historical Cabinet in the North Entrance has a new display! Please stop by and check it out. Submit any questions you have regarding the history of St. John's in the box on the North Entrance desk and find the answers in the following week's News Notes!

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## ☞ 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.









**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.

## ☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

**Attendance**                      July 7                      -                      271

### 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 14

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

### MONDAY, JULY 15

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)  
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)  
7:00pm Council (103-4)

### TUESDAY, JULY 16

9:30am Quilters (103-4)  
5:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)  
6:30pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FH)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH [103-4])

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

1:30pm Small Group (102)  
6:00pm Just For You! (FLC, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

### THURSDAY, JULY 18

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
9:00am A Joyful Pause (FLC)  
5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)  
5:30pm A Joyful Pause (FLC)

### FRIDAY, JULY 19

9:30am Small Group (103-4)  
10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)  
11:30am OWLS (FLC)  
8:30pm AA (FH)

### SATURDAY, JULY 20

4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (103-4)

### SUNDAY, JULY 21

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Small Group (Lib)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
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**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.