

NEWS NOTES

July 27-28, 2024

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Contemporary Pastor Matt Cox



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: Jim and Sheryl Fraley

ND: Carol Rich

Ushers

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

11:00am: Dave Clark, George Gonsowski,
Carl Patzer, Larry Peterson

Acolytes

8:15am: Brayden Gottshall
Corban Allman

11:00am: Riley Millet, Wes Millet

Contemporary Communion Prep

Karen Jersild

Altar Guild

Lynda Berry, Sarah Schmitz

Gloria Biggs

Readers

4:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Judy Graessle

11:00am: Christine Hank

Contemporary: Karrie Clark, Cindy Dye

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Mike Gibboney

8:15am: Tim and Christina Allman

11:00am: Christine Hank, Nannette Shea,

Linda Diehl, Dwight Henricksen

Contemporary: Cindy Dye, Jackie

Rutan, Karrie Clark

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of Corbin's 15th birthday. Given by mom, dad, and Truman.

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

Lessons Today: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

THE QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will follow 8:15am worship today, 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.

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION 2024-25:

It's almost time to begin our 2024-25 year of confirmation class at St. John's!

If your child is entering 7th or 8th grade this fall, we encourage you to enroll him/her in our confirmation program. It's a wonderful opportunity for young people to wrestle with their faith, grow in Christ, serve in his name, and establish strong ties of friendship within God's Church.

All potential confirmation students and at least one of their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend an orientation meeting on **either one or the other** of the following dates:

-Sunday, August 25th at 12:15pm in the Main Sanctuary

-Saturday, August 31st at 1pm in the Main Sanctuary

At the orientation, we'll go over the confirmation requirements and answer any questions you may have. At the end of the orientation, you can decide whether you can make the commitment this year.

If you cannot come to either orientation session, but are interested in confirmation for your child, please call Pastor Seth Jersild at 217-255-2118 or at church 614-875-2314 today. The first regular confirmation class is scheduled for **Sunday, September 8th, at 9:30 am.**

If you know of any children outside our congregation who might be interested in confirmation instruction, please let their parents/guardians know they are very welcome to take part in our program. See you in church!

OWLS EVENT – AUGUST 16, 2024: The Older Wiser LutheranS’ (OWLS) August speaker will share exciting news about a program the citizens of Grove City should be very proud of - The Grove City Buddy Ball program is more than just baseball. It’s about making new friends, building self-esteem and treating everyone equally. Buddy Ball removes barriers that keep children and adults with mental and physical disabilities off the baseball field. The teams play on the Mirolo Dream Field at Mount Carmel Stadium – a custom designed tiled rubberized surface that will accommodate wheelchairs and other assistive devices.

Buddy Ball is committed to being an inclusive organization and is made up of people of all ages, from all walks of life, working side-by-side to strengthen our community. They work to ensure everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential. This program is such a great experience for our youngsters who deserve it and enjoy it!!!

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 LutheranS** but everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND CHURCH PICNIC! On **Sunday August 25th at 10:45am** we will combine our three Sunday worship services into one grand outdoor worship event. Bring your lawn chair, dress casual as we gather as one congregation in our Shelter House to praise God under his beautiful blue sky.

Following our outdoor worship we will have our church picnic. The meal and beverages will be provided, and a free will offering will be collected to help offset the cost of the meal. All donations will be greatly appreciated. **Please bring a dessert to share!**

Volunteers are needed to help set up for our outdoor service and assist with the picnic. If you are able to help with either one of these, please fill out the salmon sheet or contact Megan Grossman.

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, or drop it in the church office secure slot.

Womens Tea Party

Saturday September 7, 2024

11:00am-2:00pm



All mothers, daughters, sisters, grandmas, aunts are invited to come
"Fill your cup"!

We will have finger foods, desserts, fun games for everyone to enjoy and 2 wonderful women sharing with us how God has filled their cups.



So wear your best party frock and join us for a wonderful afternoon with our sisters in Christ.

If you would like to help with this event or you would like to come to the event please email Megan Grossman at mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org

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 175th anniversary. All pastors will preach during the traditional services, unless stated otherwise.



Aug. 4th – Pastor Matt Cox
Aug. 11th – Pastor Mark Kreemer
Sept. 1st – Pastor Terry Morgan (not preaching)
Sept. 22nd – Pastor Karen Caspersen (James)
Oct. 13th – Pastor Tari Stage Harvey
Oct. 27th – Pastor Amy Little – General Secretary, NALC

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.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

SUMMER FUN! Each evening will be full of fun, faith, and friendship! Snacks included, of course! Join us on Sunday July 28, and Sunday August 11, 6:30—8:30pm. This is for those who just completed grades 4 through 6. If you're an older student and would like to be a leader for Summer Fun, please connect with Laurie.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance July 21 - 287

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!

☪ CALENDAR ☪

SUNDAY, JULY 28

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)

9:00am **QUARTERLY**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (Sanc)

9:30am Sunday School

11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)

11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)

5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

6:30pm Summer Fun (FLC, 103-4, FH)

MONDAY, JULY 29

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)

7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, JULY 30

9:30am Quilters (103-4)

7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH [103-4])

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

1:30pm Small Group (102)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)

5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

9:30am Small Group (103-4)

10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)

8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

11:00am Private Event (SH [FLC])

4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)

9:30am Sunday School

11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)

11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)

12:00pm Long Range Ministry (Chapel)

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 | 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 1st 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.