

# NEWS NOTES

August 10-11, 2024

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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: Linda Diehl

### Ushers

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

11:00am: George Gonsowski, Dennis  
Imbrock, Blake Lang, Tom Lang

### Acolytes

8:15am: Ben Previts, Truman Allman

11:00am: Eva and Leigh Counts

### Contemporary Communion Prep

Cindy Dye

### Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman

Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

### Readers

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Contemporary: Beth Katterhenrich,  
Emma Grossman

### Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Dave Sweeley

8:15am: Betty Lewis, Sarah Schmitz

11:00am: Dave and Karen Grossman,  
Dwight Henricksen

Contemporary: Cindy Dye, Beth  
Katterhenrich, Beth Gottshall

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In loving memory of our parents, Roy and Barb Grossman. Given by the Grossman family.

**BULLETINS:** To the Glory of God and in memory of Alice M. Katterhenrich. Given by Beth Katterhenrich.

**Lessons Today: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35,41-51.**

## **✪ PERSONAL NEWS ✪**

**HOLY BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND:** Congratulations and blessings to **Leo Rich Hardy**, son of **Abbie Hardy**, who will be baptized at the 11:00am traditional service with his father, **Joshua Hardy**, on Sunday! Please keep Leo and Joshua in your prayers as they begin their baptismal journey with the Lord.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of **Dee Shrum**, who passed away on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024; to the family and friends of **Charlene Dean**, who passed away on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024; to the family and friends of **Marvin Cress**, who passed away on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

## **✪ TODAY'S NEWS ✪**

**LIFT UP YOUR VOICE!** As part of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, St. John's is planning to form a Reformation Choir. Its purpose is to sing at the Reformation Service on October 27. That service will be a combined service involving contemporary and traditional worship and will take place at 11:00 am.

The Reformation Choir plans to sing Randall Thompson's *Alleluia*, a beautiful and inspiring work. The choir will be made up of Chancel Choir members and additional volunteers from both the contemporary and traditional services. The plan is for the Reformation Choir to learn the *Alleluia* during the first twenty minutes of Chancel Choir practices beginning on **September 4** at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. After twenty minutes, the Reformation choir members may leave, and the Chancel Choir will continue practicing for its other fall services.

This is a wonderful opportunity for singers from both contemporary and traditional worship services to join their voices in praising God and celebrating the church's anniversary. It does involve a commitment of time in September and October, but it is less than a full-time commitment to the choir. Interested singers may contact Mark Meuser, Music Director, at [mmeuser@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:mmeuser@stjohnsgc.org) or in person after a service.

**BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING:** On **Sunday, August 18th**, bring your backpack to worship service and the Pastors will say a prayer over you!

**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 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.

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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. All pastors will preach during the traditional services, unless stated otherwise.



- 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 Caspersen (James)
- Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Tari Stage Harvey
- Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Amy Little – General Secretary, NALC

**REV. MARK KREEMER:** In my final interview during confirmation, Pastor Hartman asked me if I had “ever considered becoming a pastor?” It took another fifteen years of discernment before I was ordained on August 25, 2000, at a service here at St. John's. I am forever grateful to Pastors Hartman and Allman, my youth leader Gary Pecuch, and the people of St. John's for developing my faith and turning a shy kid into the pastor, husband, and father I am today. I appreciate all the people who saw things in me before I knew them myself. Finally, I am grateful beyond words to my home congregation, who paid my seminary tuition so I could afford to serve the church and the people I love.

I graduated from Grove City High School in 1985, where I was active in the Marching Band and Choir. My intent was to go to Ohio State and study music, but the question Pastor Hartman asked me kept popping up in my mind. I graduated from The Ohio State University in 1990 with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. During my senior year, the Men's Glee Club, which I sang in, was named “Choir of the World” at the International Eisteddfod in Llangollen, Wales. After graduation, I began work on a second degree in Business Finance at Franklin University.

In 1994, I started receiving invitations to “Visit Trinity Weekends” at the Seminary in Bexley. I later learned that Alice Katterhenrich, a family friend and member of St. John's, had submitted my name as a potential candidate for ministry. I went. During the weekend, I knew this was what God was calling me to do, and I could finally answer the question Pastor Hartman asked so many years before.

During my first year at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, I met my wife Veronica, and we were married a year later on September 7, 1997. I graduated in the spring of 2000 with a Master of Divinity and received a call to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Wichita, KS. On Valentine's Day 2004, Veronica and I adopted our daughter Kyla. In August of 2025, I will celebrate the 25th anniversary of my ordination.

I am currently the senior pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Massillon, OH. I have previously served at Good Shepherd in Wichita, KS, St. Andrew Lutheran in St. Petersburg, FL, and Christ Lutheran in Islip Terrace, NY.

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

**SAINT JOHN'S TIME CAPSULE OPENING: Sunday, September 29, Noon.** When St. John's completed construction of the Parish House (often referred to as the Education Wing) in 1956, a time capsule was enclosed in one of the wall blocks. As part of our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we're going to have a public opening of the time capsule on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at Noon, after our late worship services. Come enjoy a fun walk down memory lane, and see what memorabilia our forefathers and foremothers at St. John's left in the time capsule sixty-eight years ago!

**GREETERS NEEDED** for Sunday morning traditional services. Volunteers for 8:15am services are encouraged to sign up on the Greeter's chart posted in the Parish Entrance. We kindly request all 11:00am volunteers to contact Linda Diehl at 614-906-1408.

**NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL LABOR DAY WEEKEND, SUNDAY, SEPT. 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**175TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER! Orders due 8/25.**

**MISSIONS SILENT AUCTION – NEW IN 2024:** Due to rising health permit costs, Mexico Mission has decided not to run a pizza booth in Arts in the Alley. Instead... we are moving our Back to School Bash silent auction to Arts in the Alley weekend! We will have the items set up in the new North Entrance where we can welcome the community in to see our beautiful church and the annual quilt show in the FLC. Bidding will be open after the parade on Saturday and close at 12:00pm on Sunday. You can pick up and pay for your items Sunday afternoon until 6:00pm. Please stop by and bid on items to support the Mexico Mission Family.

Due to limited space, we are only accepting new or homemade goods, and gift cards and gift baskets. Have something to donate? Please drop it off in the Youth Office on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, or in the Church Office 8-4 on September 16-19<sup>th</sup> and fill out the description paper. 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](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org). Requests are updated on a weekly basis.

## ☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

**A JOYFUL PAUSE meets Thursday, August 15th!** Families are invited to join us when they can and leave when they must. Choice activities include free play, arts and crafts, kitchen fun, visiting with others, 9 square, games. We have guest artists leading arts and crafts. Come between 9am - noon and/or 5:30pm - 8:30pm. We offer a morning time and an evening time for whichever one works best for you and your family. Some families even come to both! Pizza will be served around 11am and 6:30pm. This event is free. Grandparents and faith-webbing adults are welcome to join us!

**GRADES 4—6 SUMMER FUN** is Sunday, August 11th, 6:30pm - 8:30pm! Fun, faith, and friendship! Snacks included! We have special things planned! See Laurie for details. *Grades are the grade a student completed this past year.*

**GRADES 7—12 JUST FOR YOU!** Last month was amazing! Join us on Wednesday, August 14th, 6 to 9pm. Questions? Connect with Diana or Gini.

**BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING:** On Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, bring your backpack to worship service and the Pastors will say a prayer over you!

## ☪ CALENDAR ☪

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 11**

8:15am Traditional Worship (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, AUGUST 12**

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

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 13**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14**

1:30pm Small Group (102)

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 15**

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, AUGUST 16**

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

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 17**

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

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 18**

#### **BACKPACK BLESSINGS**

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am Sunday School  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
12:00pm Long Range Ministry (103-4)  
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.