

NEWS NOTES

August 17-18, 2024

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

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☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Carol Penrod

11:00am MD: Cheryl Thompson

ND: Linda Diehl

Ushers

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

11:00am: David Clark, Bill Diehl, Dennis
Imbrock, Larry Sutton

Acolytes

8:15am: Cordelia Wanner, Jaylynn
Jermann

11:00am: Lukas Althoff, Nick Althoff

Contemporary Communion Prep

Rachel Katterhenrich

Altar Guild

David and Lisa Stallard

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Readers

4:00pm: Karen Colwell

8:15am: Gary Smith

11:00am: Eva Counts

Contemporary: Karen Jersild, Jackie Rutan

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Tim and Christina Allman

11:00am: Wayne and Carla Beavers,
Caroline Koethke

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich,
Karen Jersild, Jackie Rutan

Lessons Today: Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Brooklyn Michelle Cress on her birthday. Given by her grandparents, Larry and Becky Link.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Jack Lyday on his birthday. Given by Richard and Evelyn Lyday and Debbie and Chuck Manofsky.

PULPIT FLOWERS and BULLETINS: In memory of husband and father David Mauch on his birthday. Given with love by Mary Lou Mauch and Amy Shaw.

BULLETINS: In memory of the birthday of David L. Gusa. Given by Frank and Jean Gusa.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

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!

THE VETERAN'S LUNCHEON PLANNING COMMITTEE will be having a meeting at **10am on Saturday, September 14th in the Library.**

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

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.

LIFT UP YOUR VOICE! As part of the **175th 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 or in person after a service.

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 175th anniversary, we're going to have a public opening of the time capsule on Sunday, **September 29th 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!

SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE? Articles are due each **Wednesday by 9am**. Please send your article via email, secretary@stjohnsgc.org, or drop it in the church office secure slot.

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 15th, or in the Church Office 8am-4pm on September 16-19th and fill out the description paper. Thank you!

CALLING ALL ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS: MINISTRY BRAINSTORMING MEETINGS
Two brainstorming meetings are going to be held at **6:30 p.m.** on the Sunday evenings of **September 29 and October 6.** We will meet in rooms 103-4. All members of St. John's are invited to attend **one or both** meetings as possible. Our Long Range Ministry Planning Team is forming a three year plan for ministry at St. John's for 2025-2027 and they would appreciate your input! Come, join the discussion and share your ideas!

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 ☞

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING is this weekend. If you forgot your backpack, no worries. We would still like you to come forward for the blessing and a special little gift. All ages are welcome!

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance August 11 - **310**

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

☞ CALENDAR ☞

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)
12:05pm Boy Scouts #392 (304)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

10:00am BSF Leader Meeting (204)
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
7:00pm Council (103-4)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

9:30am Quilters (103-4)
5:30pm Private Event (FLC)
6:00pm Internship Meeting (Lib)
6:15pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FH)
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH [103-4])

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

1:30pm Small Group (102)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
2:00pm Small Group (101)
3:00pm After School Acting Class (FLC)
5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

11:00am Private Event (FLC)
3:00pm Private Event (103-4)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (103-4)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am COMBINED OUTDOOR WORSHIP (SH)
12:00pm CHURCH PICNIC (SH, FLC)
12:15pm Confirmation Orientation (Sanc)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

THERE WILL BE NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL
on Labor Day weekend, Sunday, September 1, 2024.

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.