

# NEWS NOTES

August 24-25, 2024

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### ☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

#### Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

10:45am: Christine Hank, Lois Moore

#### Ushers

10:45am: Rick Butsko, David Clark,

George Gonsowski, Dennis Imbrock

#### Altar Guild

Linda Vozel, Dee Harlor

#### Readers

4:00pm: Charlie Brown

10:45am 1st Reading: Christine Hank

2nd Reading: Hope Katterhenrich

#### Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Mike Gibboney

10:45am: Brad and Theresa Wahl

### DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

**BULLETINS:** Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

Lessons Today: Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18, Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69.

### ☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

**175TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS ORDERS DUE TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>!**

## **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:

**-Today, 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!

**GERMAN HERITAGE SERVICES: SEPTEMBER 7-8.** Did you know that St. John's offered regular German language worship services (alongside English services) all the way into the late 1930s? On the weekend of September 7-8, as part of our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, we will be lifting up St. John's German heritage by altering our traditional worship services to closely follow the order of Luther's Mass. We'll also be singing German hymns and hearing a little bit (*nur ein kleines bisschen*) of German spoken in our worship services that weekend. Come and enjoy a special weekend of worship and praise! You'll experience first-hand the small but very interesting differences between Luther's original order of worship and the one we typically follow today.

**ARTS IN THE ALLEY:** It's that time of year again! **The Arts in the Alley parade is Saturday, Sept. 21 at 9:30am.** The parade is always a great opportunity to represent St. John's in our community. This year will be extra special as we highlight our 175th anniversary. We would love to have our best turn out yet. If you would like to walk with us this year, please sign up on the salmon sheet or contact Nick Grossman at (614)560-3724 or email [ngrossman12@gmail.com](mailto:ngrossman12@gmail.com).

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

**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.



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

**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.

**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 8am-4pm on September 16-19<sup>th</sup> and fill out the description paper. Thank you!

**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!

**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!

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

**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 ☪**

**ADVENTURE CLUB and FAITH TREK TRAINING FOR ADULTS AND TEEN LEADERS is Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:45pm.** Contact Laurie at [lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org) for more details. Adventure Club and Faith Trek will start the following week, October 3rd. They meet on Thursdays from 5:45pm – 7:15pm. A free will offering is collected for the meal.

**EXPLORERS and ENERGIZERS TRAINING FOR ADULTS is Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7pm.** Contact Gini at [grogers@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:grogers@stjohnsgc.org) for more details. Explorers and Energizers will start the following week, October 2nd. They meet on Wednesdays from 7pm – 8:30pm.







**RAISE RIGHT gift card orders are placed on the first Tuesday of every month.** You can use these cards personally and they also make great gifts. Talk to Laurie Pecuch or email her at [lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org) about how you can order physical cards. Did you know that you can also order e-gift cards and re-load your cards on-line? Talk to Pam Wittenberg about how easy it is to place orders on-line. With each gift card purchase, a percentage comes back to us and helps off-set the costs for children and youth ministries not covered by the budget. *Thanks for your support!*

## STEWARDSHIP

**Attendance** August 18 - 286

**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.

### 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, 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)

## MONDAY, AUGUST 26

10:00am BSF Leader Meeting (204)  
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)  
6:30pm Small Group (102)  
7:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)  
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

9:30am Quilters (103-4)  
12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH [FLC])  
7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00am BSF Leader Workshop (101-4, FH)  
1:30pm Small Group (102)

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
3:00pm After School Acting Class (FLC)  
5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

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

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

1:00pm Confirmation Orientation (Sanc)  
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [103-4])

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am Adult Sunday School  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (Sanc)  
12:00pm Long Range Ministry (103-4)  
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

**OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF  
LABOR DAY**

**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](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.