

NEWS NOTES

September 7-8, 2024

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☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Carol Penrod

11:00am MD: Shirley Blake

ND: James, Eva and Emmy Counts

Ushers

8:15am: Steve Marcum, David

Sweeley, Hunter Thompson

11:00am: Rick Butsko, Dave Clark, Bill

Diehl, Larry Sutton

Acolytes

8:15am: Cordelia Wanner, Truman

Allman

11:00am: Lukas Althoff, Nick Althoff

Contemporary Communion Prep

Cindy Dye

Altar Guild

Don and Diane Carducci

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

Readers

4:00pm: Susan Previts, Ann Jones

8:15am: Susan Previts, Betty Lewis

11:00am: Susan Previts, Karrie Clark

Contemporary: Emma Grossman, Beth
Gottshall

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Tim and Christina Allman

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

Contemporary: Cindy Dye, Jen Shade,
Beth Gottshall

Lessons Today: Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-10, 14-17; Mark 7:24-37.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Suzi Hart. Given by Rhonda Maynard.

BULLETINS: In Memory of the 2,977 Casualties and in Honor of all First Responders of the September 11 attack on our country. God Bless the U.S.A. Given by Mel and Carol Penrod.

☪ TODAY'S NEWS ☪

CELEBRATING OUR 175TH ANNIVERSARY: While going through a lot of historical artifacts of St. John's, I came across an old German Altar Cloth. It has been restored and looks lovely. It now adorns our Altar and says in German "I give you my peace".

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? This weekend, September 7-8, as part of our 175th 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 this 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.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

Has an idea for Christian ministry been taking shape in your heart? Has God been nudging you to find a way to express your love for Christ beyond worship services—perhaps through a fellowship group, a prayer group, a Bible study, or worship leadership? Has he been calling you to serve youth, the aged, people with disabilities, veterans? Are you wanting to take on a leadership role, but don't know if you could handle it, or where to start? Are you wondering how to get the support and resources you need to figure out what God is calling you to do, and answer his call? St. John's is here to help! Pastor Seth, Pastor Patti, Megan Grossman—or any of our church staff—would love to talk to you one-on-one about your ideas and dreams, pray with you, and help you figure out the step-by-step process you might need to take in order to answer God's calling. Please pray about this, and call us any time!

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore, to the Lord of the harvest, to send out workers into his fields." Matthew 9:37-8

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!

MEN OF ST JOHN'S PRAYER GROUP: Brothers in Christ, join us Tuesday mornings at 6:30am in either the Shelter House (weather permitting) or in the Sanctuary as we pray for each other, our families, our church and our world.

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

MINISTRY BRAINSTORMING MEETINGS: Two brainstorming meetings are going to be held at **6:30pm** 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!

ARTS IN THE ALLEY: **It's that time of year again! The Arts in the Alley parade is Saturday, September 21st 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 ngrossman12@gmail.com.

We are in need of candy donations. As you can imagine, it takes a lot of candy to make it through the parade! Please consider representing St. John's in this fun community event.

We will be placing bins in the Link where you may drop off candy at any time.



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 North Entrance where we can welcome the community in to see our beautiful church and the annual quilt show in the FLC.

Please note change in time: Bidding will be open after the parade on Saturday and

close at 4:00pm on Sunday. You can pick up and pay for your items

Sunday afternoon from 4:00-6:00pm. Please stop by and

bid on items to support the Mexico Mission Family.



Have something to donate? Please drop it off in the Youth Office on Sunday, September 15th, or in the Church Office 8-4 on September 16-19th and fill out the description paper.

Due to limited space, we are only accepting new or homemade goods, and gift cards and gift baskets. Thank you!

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: ACTS. Pastor Jersild will be leading a six-week overview of the book of Acts on Sunday nights, October 13—November 17. We will meet from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in rooms 103-4. No prior Bible study experience will be assumed or expected. Come, enjoy the discussion, immerse yourself in God's Word, and be inspired by the accounts of the early Church leaders!

CALLING ALL RINGERS! The Celebration Ringers will begin the Fall season on **September 12 at 6:15pm**. If you would like to join the bell choir, call Susan Locey at 614-208-8215. We rehearse on Thursday evenings and play during worship once a month. Private lessons to give it a try!

PEACE PUPPETS IS BACK SEPTEMBER 9th, but we need YOU.

Help tell stories that make people laugh and learn at same time. If not sure about whole year, come try while we prep for Trunk or Treat and see how it feels. No experience necessary! If more comfortable with props than speaking, we can still use you. Mondays at 6:30pm starting September 9th in the FLC. Contact Jen Mitchell 614-774-6720 jenmitchel@aol.com for more information. *PS-it counts as service hours! :)*



OWLS EVENT – SEPTEMBER 20, 2024: If you would ask almost any OWL (Older Wiser LutheranS) to name one of their favorite meetings of the year, I am pretty sure most of them would say “Der Dutchman! Of course!”. What’s not to like about a restaurant that is located in a beautiful country setting and the bounty of a country kitchen? They serve generous portions of hearty, home-style Amish Kitchen Cooking. They might not be as good as our Lutheran cooks, but we think they are pretty good. Their bakery is full of pastries, cakes, cookies, breads and their legendary pies that are baked every day. And if you have any money left over, their gift shop is very inviting.

For the past couple of years, we have enjoyed a wonderful lunch catching up with those we don’t get to see often so once again we will skip the program and enjoy our friends and conversation! We are so pleased to be able to get together and enjoy our time together. God has blessed each of us by leading us to St. John’s and offering us the Christian fellowship that is priceless. You can order from the menu which includes their buffet for \$18.49 but it does not include your drink, dessert or tip. Another choice is their soup and salad bar for \$13.99 And, of course, you can choose from their lunch and dinner menu which includes homemade white bread or wheat dinner rolls.



Our reservation is for 12pm. We will meet in the new lobby at 11am to match up riders with drivers. For those who need a ride, I know they appreciate our drivers! We will depart for the restaurant no later than 11:15am. We have reserved a private room. If you are driving separately you should plan to arrive between 11:45am and 12pm. If you are able and willing to drive, it would be appreciated! Please make your reservation using the salmon sheet – including if you are able to drive, need a ride or if you are meeting the group at the restaurant. Hope to see you there!

Just in case you don’t know --- OWLS are Older Wiser LutheranS but everyone is welcome!

ST. JOHN'S GOT TALENT TO RETURN IN OCTOBER: Due to the enthusiastic response to last year's program, *St. John's Got Talent* will again feature the various talents of the members of the church. We encourage members to share their talents at this program. Possible talents could include music, dance, reading, humor, or gymnastics. If you are interested, please contact Mark Meuser, Music Director, or Nick Grossman, Contemporary Service Leader, by September 21.

UPCOMING RENOVATION OF KITCHEN:

The planned date to start the renovation of the kitchen in the Family Life Center is January 2025. The Kitchen Committee has met several times regarding choice, determination, and up-coming results with many different aspects of the kitchen which need to be completed before the start of the renovation. Serious thoughts have gone into what we feel needs to be done to better benefit all who use or will use the kitchen in the future. The first, and one of the most important items, is removal of the industrial gas stove. It is still useable, but the concern of continuing use of an industrial gas stove isn't in our best interest. We're reaching out to you, our congregation, for suggestions and ideas, or maybe you know someone who might be interested in purchasing this stove. If you have other thoughts you can contact Wilma Phillips or Keith Stenerson. Thank you.

KITCHEN PRE-RENOVATION: At this time, St. John's Kitchen Committee is taking inventory of everything in the kitchen in the Family Life Center before the start of renovation. A few weeks ago, the committee took inventory of all the dishes. Having the dishes stored in various places in the kitchen, we were surprised of the number of place settings. Several members of St. John's were asked about how long it's been since these were last used? Many, many years ago. The Kitchen Committee decided we should ask our St. John's family, relatives, and friends if they would be interested in having a place setting as a keepsake. We have three different styles of place settings: plates with "St. John's" on the dinner plate, plain white with green rim, and plain white. We also have clear water glasses available to anyone. If you're interested in any of these dishes, please contact Wilma Phillips or Keith Stenerson. Thank you very much for all your support to everyone involved with the Kitchen Committee.

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS ROUTES: Every Friday St. John's is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels to our Grove City Community. Each route takes at 1 ½ - 2 hours depending on the number of meals to deliver. Our recipients appreciate our dedication in making sure they get their meals. Substitutes are needed to cover a route for our regular drivers when they are ill, on vacation, etc. You may only be called a few times during the year, but it is very important to making sure that our routes are covered. For more information, please mark the salmon sheet in the bulletin or call Megan Grossman, Lay Ministry Director, 614-905-2629 or Betty Lewis, 614-272-6696. Looking forward to hearing from you.

DARTBALL SEASON STARTS SOON! Join us for fun, fellowship and some friendly competition with other local churches. No experience necessary. All men and women are welcome. We play every Thursday through March. Contact Dwight for more info, 614-323-6330, maxfliddh@yahoo.com.

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.

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.

☪ YOUTH NEWS ☪

ADVENTURE CLUB and FAITH TREK TRAINING FOR ADULTS AND TEEN LEADERS is Thursday, September 26th, starting at 5:45pm. Contact Laurie at 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 25th, starting at 7pm. Contact Gini at grogers@stjohnsgc.org for more details. Explorers and Energizers will start the following week, October 2nd. They meet on Wednesdays from 7pm – 8:30pm.



The Lego Club

Lego Club is back for the fall on these dates:

September 15

October 13

November 10

Come have lunch with us, hear a story from the Lego Bible, and play and build with Lego blocks! We'll meet in the FLC after late service and stay until 2:30.

Lunch is provided! If you're able to, please RSVP to help us have the right amount of food. Tell Hope or Rachel Katterhenrich, or Laurie.






STEWARDSHIP

Attendance September 1 - 277

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIVING TO ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES!

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.
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OFFICE HOURS are Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm.

☞ CALENDAR ☞

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 8:15am **GERMAN HERITAGE**
Worship (Sanc)
9:30pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
9:30am **RALLY DAY (SH, FLC)**
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Small Group (Chapel)
11:00am **GERMAN HERITAGE**
Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (Sanc)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 9:30am BSF Leaders
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
1:00pm Altar Guild (Chapel)
6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

OCTOBER EAGLE ARTICLES DUE

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 9:30am BSF
1:30pm Small Group (102)
5:00pm Lions Club (SH [FLC])
6:30pm 175th Planning Team (Chapel)
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
7:30pm Reformation Choir (Sanc)
7:50pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
3:00pm After School Acting Class (FLC)
5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
10:00am Veterans Planning Team (Lib)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [103-4])

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Small Group (Chapel)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (Sanc)
12:00pm LEGO Club (FLC)
12:00pm Long Range Ministry (103-4)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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, Overflow 202.**

SELAH ROOM: Rm 101, a quiet place available every Sunday from 8:30am to 12:30pm.