

# NEWS NOTES

September 14-15, 2024

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### ☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

#### **Greeters**

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Carol Penrod

11:00am MD: Bonnie Swanson

ND: Diane Sexton

#### **Ushers**

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

11:00am: Dennis Imbrock, Tom Lang,  
Carl Patzer, Larry Peterson

#### **Acolytes**

8:15am: Evie Stanley, Miles Stanley

11:00am: Eva Counts, Lukas Althoff

#### **Altar Guild**

Dave and Karen Grossman

Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

#### **Readers**

4:00pm: Charlie Brown

8:15am: Karen Bentley

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Contemporary: Hope Katterhenrich,  
Stephen Katterhenrich

#### **Communion Assistants**

4:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Sarah Schmitz, Ann Jones

11:00am: Gloria Biggs, Lynda Berry,  
Linda Diehl

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich,  
Karrie Clark, Jackie Rutan

**Lessons Today: Isaiah 50:4-9a; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38.**

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In celebration of our 56th wedding anniversary. Given by Erle and Judy Taylor.

**L/P FLOWERS:** in honor of the 14th birthday of Layla Rose Marie Greer. Given by her grandparents and brother Levi.

**BULLETINS:** Given by Rhonda Maynard.

**☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞**

**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.



Sept. 22nd – Pastor Karen Caspersen (James)

Oct. 13th – Pastor Tari Stage Harvey

Oct. 27th – Pastor Amy Little – General Secretary, NALC

**ARTS IN THE ALLEY:** It's that time of year again! The Arts in the Alley parade is next 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](mailto: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 – NEXT WEEKEND:** 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!

**QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**. The next Quarterly meeting will be Sunday, October 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We are trying to find a time that will be as accommodating to as many people as possible. We ask that Adult Sunday School classes join us at 9:30, then proceed to class at the conclusion of the meeting. Since we only have Quarterly meetings four times a year we appreciate your flexibility with this newly scheduled time. This allows us to have one meeting and to conduct any written votes that might be necessary during that time. There will be a member of the Executive Team present after the 4:00 service on Saturday, October 12 for questions and comments. Please plan to attend. From the Executive Team.

### **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 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!

**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**.

**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!

**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!

**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.

**UPCOMING RENOVATION OF KITCHEN:** The Kitchen Committee has met several times planning a renovation for the Family Life Center Kitchen. We are taking into account many different aspects of the kitchen which need to be addressed 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.

**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!

**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 HAS BEGUN!** 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.

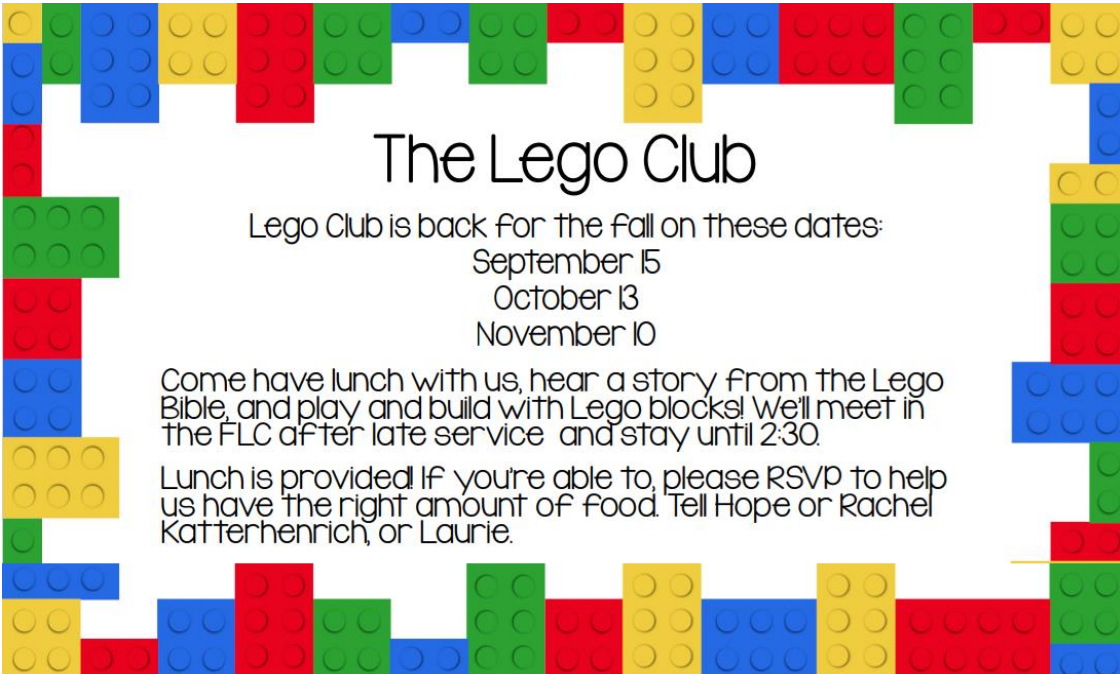
**PRAYER REQUESTS** should be turned in by Monday morning. Fill out the prayer request section on the salmon sheet or contact the church office at 614-875-2314. You may also email your prayer request to [secretary@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org). Requests are updated on a weekly basis.

**SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE?** Articles are due each Wednesday by **9am**. Please send your article via email, [secretary@stjohnsgc.org](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:45pm**. Contact Laurie at [lpечuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:lpечuch@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.



# 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 8      -      338

**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](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.



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

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Adult Faith Discussion, FH Rm 001 / 1 John, Steve Johnston, Chapel / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, Rm 102 / Parenting Topics,

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 2-4 years old, Rm 003 / ages 5 to Kindergarten, Rm 009 / Grades 1 - 2, Rm 204 / Grades 3 - 4, Rm 307 / Grades 5 - 6, Rm 303 / Grades 7 - 8, Confirmation Room / High School, Overflow 202.

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

# ☞ CALENDAR ☞

## **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)

## **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

8:30am Private Event (FLC)  
 9:30am BSF Leaders  
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)  
 6:30pm Puppets (FLC)  
 7:00pm Council (FH)  
 7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)

## **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

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

## **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

9:30am BSF  
 1:30pm Small Group (102)  
 6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (FH)  
 6:00pm Quilt Show Registration (103-4)  
 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)  
 7:30pm Reformation Choir (Sanc)  
 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)  
 9:00am Quilt Show Judging (103-4)  
 2:00pm Small Group (101)  
 3:00pm After School Acting Class (FLC)  
**4:00pm Silent Auction Drop-Off Closes**  
 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)  
 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)  
 8:00pm Dartball (away)

## **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

### **ARTS IN THE ALLEY**

10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)  
 11:45am OWLS @ Der Dutchman  
 6:00pm Private Event (FLC, 103-4)  
 8:30pm AA (FH)

## **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

### **TALENT SHOW SIGN UP DEADLINE**

**9:30am ARTS IN THE ALLEY PARADE**  
**Silent Auction Opens**  
 10:00am Quilt Show (FLC)  
 12:00pm Private Event (103-4)  
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [103-4])

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

### **ARTS IN THE ALLEY**

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 Quilt Show (FLC)  
**4:00pm Silent Auction Closes**

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