

NEWS NOTES

September 21-22, 2024

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Pastors Karen Caspersen and Matt Cox



Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Nick Grossman and David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Carol Penrod

11:00am MD: David and Lisa Stallard

ND: Linda Diehl

Ushers

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

11:00am: Rick Butsko, George
Gonsowski, Larry Peterson,
Larry Sutton

Acolytes

8:15am: Corban Allman, Addy Gottshall

11:00am: Riley and Wes Millet

Altar Guild

Linda Vozel, Dee Harlor

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Readers

4:00pm: Karen Colwell

8:15am: Rita Orahod

11:00am: Bonnie Swanson

Contemporary: Beth Katterhenrich,
Cindy Dye

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: David Sweeley

8:15am: Joel Baughman, Linda Wagner

11:00am: Christine Hank, Bonnie
Swanson, Linda Diehl

Contemporary: Rachel or Gini, Beth
Katterhenrich, Cindy Dye

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of our mother, Elsie Skinner, on her birthday. Given by Barbara Armentrout and Cindy Roberts.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

Lessons Today: Jeremiah 11:18-20; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37.

☞ 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

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

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.

ST. JOHN'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY
REDEDICATION SERVICE AND DINNER OCTOBER 27TH

Reformation Sunday, October 27th, will be a very special day at St. John's! Please note that *there will be only one worship service that weekend*: 11:00 on Sunday in the Main Sanctuary.

The Reverend Doctor Amy Little, General Secretary of the North American Lutheran Church, will be our guest preacher that day. We'll have a children's message, children's church, and a beautiful mix of music during the worship service, including a special large choir piece, instrumentalists, and some contemporary songs alongside our traditional hymns. During worship, we will also rededicate our congregation to Christ's mission.

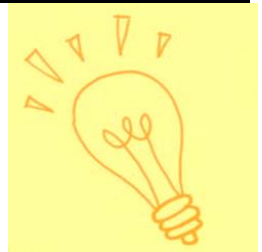
Weather permitting, after worship, everyone will be encouraged to come to the south lawn (outside the main entrance on the Columbus Street side) for a **175th Anniversary group picture**. In case of rain, we'll move the picture-taking to the Family Life Center.

After the picture, please come to the Family Life Center for a delicious dinner and some special presentations. It's going to be a beautiful day of celebration and thanksgiving to God for the blessings he has poured out upon our congregation these past 175 years.

We hope you and your family can come! Please indicate the number of people in your family who will be attending the dinner in the salmon sheets in the bulletins before October 20th!

CALLING ALL ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS: 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!



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!

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!



ST. JOHN'S GOT TALENT TO RETURN OCTOBER 19th: 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 **this Sunday, September 22.**

QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – OCTOBER 13TH. 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.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP: Our worship services each week are beautified with wonderful music, smiling faces, and flowers. Making a flower dedication for the Altar, Pulpit, and Lectern is a wonderful way to remember or honor loved ones. Reserve your date on the Altar Flowers Chart in the Parish Entrance. Please direct questions to Lesa Corbin at 614-530-4984.



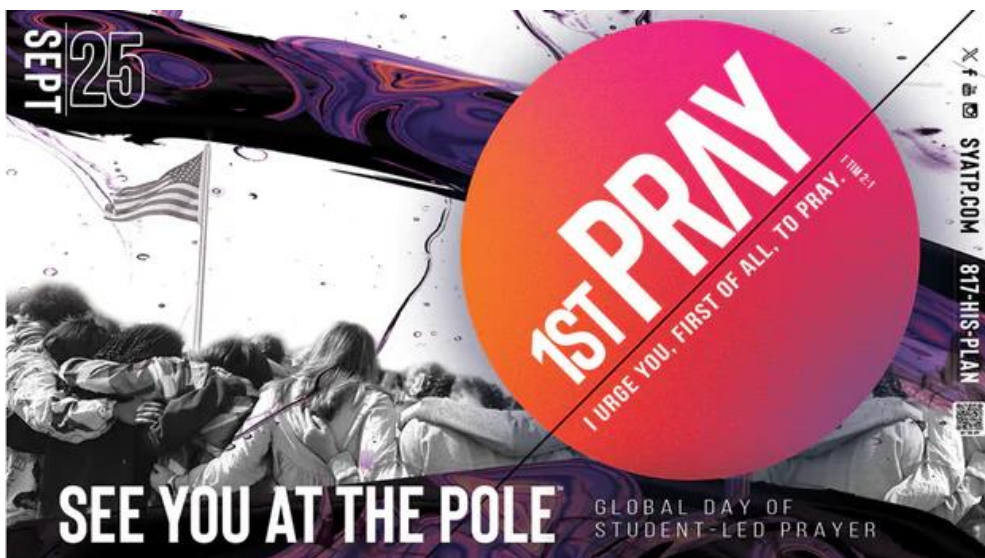
KITCHEN PRE-RENOVATION: At this time, St. John's Kitchen Committee is taking inventory of everything in the kitchen in the Family Life Center before the start of renovation. A few weeks ago, the committee took inventory of all the dishes. Having the dishes stored in various places in the kitchen, we 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

STARTING OCTOBER 3rd! Adventure Club (ages 4 through 4th grade) and Faith Trek (grades 5 - 6) meet weekly on Thursday nights, 5:45pm - 7:15pm. The greeter's table opens at 5:30pm. Suggested donation for the evening meal is \$3. Each group enjoys gym time, a meal with friends, arts and crafts, and an active learning Bible lesson. We have lots of teen and adult leaders who love spending the night with the children. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to join us. We also love our faith-webbing adult friends. Adult and teen leader training is this Thursday, starting at 5:45pm.

STARTING OCTOBER 3rd, Children Choir will meet from 5pm to 5:30pm in the Chapel. Children staying for Adventure Club and Faith Trek will be escorted to the greeter's table.

STARTING OCTOBER 2nd! Explorers and Energizers for grades 7 - 8 and 9 - 12 meet weekly on Wednesday nights, 7pm - 8:30pm. Learn more about it by contacting our Interim Youth Director, Gini, at grogers@stjohnsgc.org. Gini has been helping with the youth groups and is an amazing leader. Adult training is this Wednesday starting at 7pm.



AXIS.ORG is “connecting Parents, Teens, & Jesus in a Disconnected World.” This website is full of free resources on parenting youth in today's culture. There is also an AXIS resource wall on the second floor, across from the youth office. It's full of insightful Parent Guides with practical tips on parenting. <https://axis.org/>

A PARENTING GROUP meets every Sunday during the Sunday School hour, in Room 103-104, with Amy Wanner. Stop by and join the conversation. It's a great place to be encouraged and feel supported.

THE SELAH ROOM is a space where people of all ages can pause and pray with their minds, voices, and hands. It's a safe, calm place set up in room 101. At any time on a Sunday morning, children and parents can go to this space to pause, stop, listen, breathe, and praise. You're welcome to stay in the room as long as you like, or sign-out items that will assist you during worship. The items you can use (or sign out) include fidget busters, coloring books, crayons, markers, books, and Bibles. Please return them after worship. The room also has soft lighting, noise cancelling headphones, a white noise machine, weighted blankets, and special seating.



STEWARDSHIP






Attendance September 15 - 295

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.

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

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.



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 22

ARTS IN THE ALLEY

TALENT SHOW SIGN UP DEADLINE **SILENT AUCTION (N Entrance, Link)**

- 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**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 9:30am BSF Leaders
- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
- 6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
- 6:30pm Small Group (101)
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)
- 7:00pm Respect Life (102)
- 7:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 6:30am Men's Prayer Group (SH [Sanc])
- 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
- 6:00pm Internship Team Meeting (Lib)
- 6:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH [FLC])

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

SEE YOU AT THE POLE (off site)

- 9:30am BSF
- 1:00pm Private Event (103-4)
- 1:30pm Small Group (102)
- 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
- 7:00pm TRAINING Explorers & Energizers (FLC, 103-4, 3rd Floor)
- 7:30pm Reformation Choir (Sanc)
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 3:00pm After School Acting Class (FLC)
- 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
- 5:45pm TRAINING Adventure Club & Faith Trek (FLC, FH, 101-4)
- 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
- 8:00pm Dartball (home)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
- 6:00pm Private Event (FLC, 103-4)
- 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 9:30am GLU (Chapel)
- 10:30am Private Event (FLC)
- 11:00am Private Event (103-4)
- 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 5:00pm Private Event (FH)
- 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [103-4])

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 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 **TIME CAPSULE OPENING**
- 12:00pm BSA #392 Religious Medals (304)
- 12:00pm Long Range Ministry (103-4)
- 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
- 6:30pm Ministry Brainstorming (103-4)

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