

NEWS NOTES

October 5-6, 2024

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Armand Arabian

11:00am MD: Bill Diehl

ND: Linda Diehl

Ushers

8:15am: Steve Marcum, David

Sweeley, Hunter Thompson

11:00am: Dave Clark, Bill Diehl, George

Gonsowski, Larry Sutton

Acolytes

8:15am: Colton Thompson

11:00am: Layla Greer, Riley Millet

Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis, Judy Graessle

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

Readers

4:00pm: Chris Jenkins

8:15am: Gary Smith

11:00am: Karrie Clark

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Ann Jones, Sarah Schmitz

11:00am: Ike Stage, Brenda Schultz

Contemporary:

Lessons Today: Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 1:1-4,2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In gratitude for God's many blessings. Given by Larry and Becky Link.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In honor of our 60th wedding anniversary. Given by Charlie and Pam Brown.

BULLETINS: Given by Charlie and Pam Brown

☞ ☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞ ☞

CALLING ALL ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS: MINISTRY BRAINSTORMING MEETINGS.

Two brainstorming meetings are going to be held at **6:30pm** on the Sunday evening of **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!



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.

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.

DISHES AND GLASSES from the FLC Kitchen that are no longer used are available to anyone who may want a place setting. They will be available until Oct. 20. Please contact Keith Stenerson or Wilma Phillips if you would like more information.

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

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 John Bradosky, Bishop Emeritus 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. **Please indicate the number of people in your family who will be attending the dinner on your salmon sheet before October 20th!** We hope you and your family can come!

HONORED VETERANS: With the upcoming Veterans Lunch in November, we would like to take an individual photo of each Veteran. After the service (4pm on 10/12) and (8:15 & 11am on 10/13) please come to the new North Entrance area where the photos will be taken. Thank you for your assistance in helping us commemorate all our Veterans. Just bring a smile!

DISASTER ASSISTANCE "STUFF THE TRUCK" EVENT: there will be a "Stuff the Truck" event at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grove City on November 3, to bless those who have been affected by Hurricane Helene. Cleaning supplies and bottled water are especially needed. Please see the enclosed flyer for specific needs and drop off your donations on or before Nov. 3rd.

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.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: It's October and Operation Christmas Child kicks off! St. John's has partnered with Samaritan's Purse to send The Gospel to the ends of the earth through gift-filled boxes! Please consider filling a shoe box with items such as school supplies, soap and a covered plastic soap dish, toothbrush with a holder, quality pens, flashlights with batteries, new short-sleeved shirts (with no writing on them). Avoid lotions, war related items, and items that can melt. Also, please include a \$10 donation to cover the cost of shipping the box. If you are not able to pack your own box, we will have a donation tub for items in the Link starting on October 9th. Monetary donations are also accepted! Please contact Justin, Beth, Brayden, or Addy Gottshall with questions 740-360-2752.

***Interested in building a shoebox online? Please visit <https://sampur.se/3TeYFgg> or use the QR code below to build a box for our church!*



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OWLS EVENT OCTOBER 18, 2024: Have you heard of the Franklin Park Conservatory? Have you visited the Conservatory? For those who have had the pleasure of visiting or not, now is the time to learn more about this unique attraction. The Conservatory offers numerous natural experiences for all ages to enjoy. Generations have been creating memories that last a lifetime since 1993. Inspired by horticulture, Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens elevates quality of life and connects the community through educational, cultural and social experience. Our speaker will present a conservatory overview with a focus on their food production and farmers market programs, as well as volunteer opportunities for community involvement.

The OWLS will provide fried chicken for our potluck but we ask you to bring a covered dish and join your friends for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. Please plan to arrive around 11:15 am so we can open the meeting at 11:30 am. Use the salmon sheet in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation so the group can plan accordingly. You can also call the office or Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. Just in case you don't know --- OWLS are **Older Wiser Lutherans** but everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION TEAM: On the first Sunday of each month this team comes to receive a Holy Communion kit. The distribution of home communion is an extension of the Lord's Supper and is for those who are unable to be present at the celebration of the congregation. We bring to them the same bread of life and the same cup of blessing so that they may be strengthened through their participation in the body of Christ. Let us be mindful and grateful for this ministry.

ST. JOHN'S GOT TALENT SHOW CANCELLED: Due to the small number of people able to participate in "St. John's Got Talent", we are cancelling the show for this year. We will see how much interest there is in having a show next fall. Many thanks to the people who offered to participate this year.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, October 12th at 9am and on Tuesday, October 22 at 6pm in Rooms 103-4.** Everyone is welcome. Bring your knitting/crochet materials and any completed shawls to be blessed with prayer. Anyone can learn to knit or crochet with our help! For more info call Glenda at 614-352-5955 or Diana at 614-271-5775.

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.

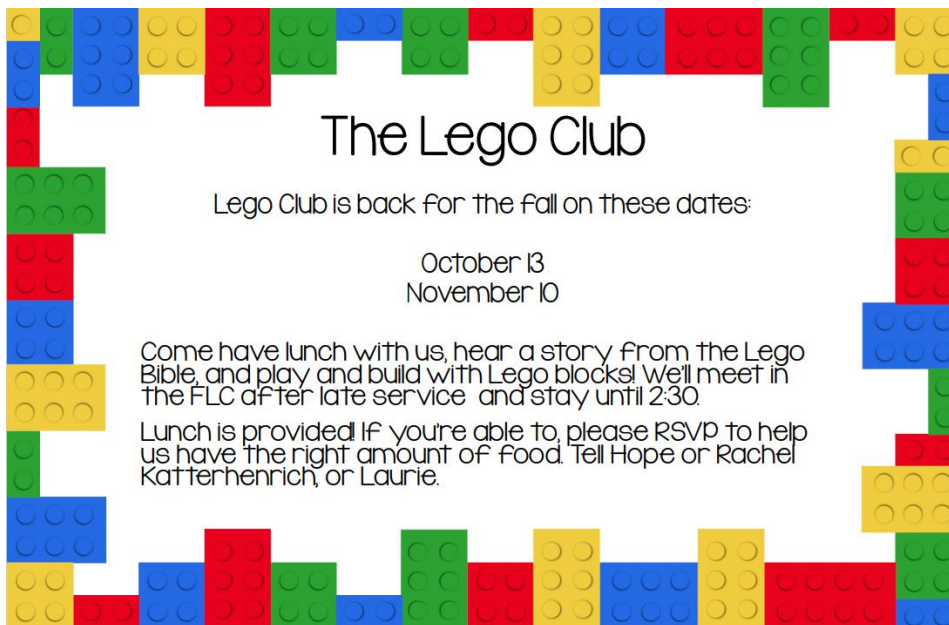
☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

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.

Children's Choir meets 5pm – 5:30pm in the chapel on Thursdays. Children staying for Adventure Club and Faith Trek are escorted to the greeter's table.

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 Rogers. Gini has been helping with the youth groups and is an amazing leader.

FALL FUN FOR FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADERS will be Sunday, Oct. 20th from 5pm-8pm. Fun Dinner, Pumpkin Games, Thankfulness Activities and more! Friends are invited. Questions? Talk to Laurie Pecuch, Diana Imbrock, or Cordelia Wanner.



The Lego Club

Lego Club is back for the fall on these dates:

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.



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.

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.

EAGLE DEADLINE is this coming Thursday. Please submit your article by noon on October 10th.

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, HS Room 311.
SELAH ROOM: Rm 101, a quiet place available every Sunday from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

☞ CALENDAR ☜

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

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)
 1:30pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
 6:30pm Ministry Brainstorming (103-4)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:30am BSF Leaders
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
 6:30PM Elizabeth Circle (103-4)
 6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

6:30am Men's Prayer Group (SH [Sanc])
 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
 5:45pm Fat Qtrs Quilt Guild (FH)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (103-4)]

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:30am BSF
 1:30pm Small Group (102)
 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
 7:00pm Explorers & Energizers
 7:30pm Reformation Choir (Sanc)
 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:30am Ladies Bible Study (103-4)
 10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
 6:00pm Private Event (FLC, 103-4)
 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00am GS Troop 6300 (FH)
 9:00am Prayer Shawl Min. (103-4)
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [103-4])

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:15am Quarterly Cong. Mtg (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 Boy Scout Medal Cer. (304)
 1:30pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
 3:00pm Private Event (FLC)
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
 6:30pm Ministry Brainstorming (103-4)