

# NEWS NOTES

November 9-10, 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: *Keith and Jane Stenerson*

ND: *Linda Diehl*

#### **Ushers**

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

11:00am: *Dave Clark, George Gonsowski, Kelvin Koethke, Larry Sutton*

#### **Acolytes**

8:15am: *Cordelia Wanner, Truman Allman*

11:00am: *Lukas Althoff, Eva Counts*

#### **Communion Prep**

*Karen Jersild*

#### **Altar Guild**

*Dave and Karen Grossman*

*Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson*

#### **Readers**

4:00pm: *Karen Colwell*

8:15am: *Pam Wittenberg*

11:00am: *Lisa Stallard*  
*Contemporary: Karen Jersild, Lydia Shrum*

#### **Communion Assistants**

4:00pm: *Bill Woodgeard*

8:15am: *Tim Allman, Kathy Myers*

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

*Contemporary: Karen Jersild, Jennifer Shade, Kate Shrum*

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of my dad, Emerson. Given by Jim Braskett and family.  
**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In celebration of our mom, Mildred's birthday. Given by the Braskett family.  
**PULPIT FLOWERS:** in honor of Carl and Nancy Patzer's 68th wedding anniversary.  
**BULLETINS:** Given by Rhonda Maynard.

**Lessons Today: 1 Kings 17:8-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.**

**☞ ☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞**

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of **Ruth Ann Sappington**, who passed away on November 5, 2024. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

**☞ ☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞**

**175th ANNIVERSARY** A wonderful celebration was held in honor of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of St. John's last weekend. As a part of this year of historical significance, a booklet regarding **St. John's Cemetery** has been prepared. Copies are available at the entrance doors. Many thanks to the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary team for your work to commemorate this significant event in the life of St. John's.



**GRIEF SHARE:** Grief Share is a support group for anyone who has lost a loved one and is looking for hope and healing. We will be meeting on Mondays, 1:30-3:00pm, beginning November 11th. If you are interested in participating or helping in this ministry, please fill out your salmon sheet or contact our intern, Dale Stanley, at 540-685-0536 or [dstanley@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:dstanley@stjohnsgc.org).

**CANDY FOR QUILTERS:** Think about donating candy to the Quilters to add to the Christmas bags. Please place the candy in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thanks for all of you and your giving hearts.



**THE CHANCEL CHOIR IS LOOKING FOR SINGERS FOR CHRISTMAS!** For anyone who enjoys singing but may not be able to commit to weekly choir practices all year, this is a great opportunity to add your voice to the Christmas celebration. Interested parishioners would need only to practice with the choir in mid-November and December in order to sing with the choir during Christmas. We rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Please see Music Director Mark Meuser or any choir member if you think you may be interested. You would be warmly welcomed!

**CHURCH LIBRARY UPDATE:** As many of you have seen, we have been refreshing our church library over the past few months. We're not done yet, but we invite you to visit our work-in-progress and look for a book or two (or more!) to enjoy.



We have recently filled in the gaps in our Martin Luther collection (a really nice collection to begin with!), and our collections of writings by the popular authors C.S. Lewis and Madeleine L'Engle.

If you have any questions or suggestions for future acquisitions, please feel free to text Susan at 614-363-9024.

**OTTERBEIN CHOIR AT ST. JOHN'S – November 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.**

The Otterbein Choir will be performing their Christmas concert at St. John's Church at 4pm on Sunday, November 17. The choir is under the direction of Professor Gayle Walker. This concert is a part of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the church's founding. Members of the community are warmly invited to attend. Refreshments will be served after the concert.



**OWLS EVENT - NOVEMBER 15, 2024:** We have a very special guest speaker coming in November. You won't want to miss this one. As she tells her story, you will be impressed, and your heart and soul will be touched. **Jenny Cunningham** is a 48-year-old self-advocate with Down Syndrome. She has worked for Franklin County Board of DD for 15 years as a clerical aide. She lives with her partner Bryan in Worthington, and they have been together more than 25 years.



She has received several awards including: Running the Olympic Torch in 1996, being selected as one of SUNNY 95's "20 Outstanding Women" and appeared in Stephen King's "Kingdom Hospital", a miniseries on ABC. She attended three Special Olympic World Games and won medals in gymnastics and skiing. She has served on the local Board of Directors for the local Down Syndrome Association and also the National Down Syndrome Congress. She has been a self-advocate speaker at events including the Ohio Statehouse and the Capital in Washington, DC. Hope you plan to join us for this special program!

The OWLS will provide fried chicken for our potluck lunch, 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 and the meeting will open at 11:30 am. Use the salmon sheet in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation. 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!

**EAGLE DEADLINE is this Sunday.** Please submit your article by **November 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**COME ONE! COME ALL! To the annual Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction on**



**Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**, right after the late service. We will be tasting chili and voting on the best St. John's recipe. Bid on some amazing desserts created by the incredible bakers right here in our midst. It's a perfect time to get those much-needed Thanksgiving treats without all the work! All donations and auction monies will go to support Mexico Missions. If you

would like to enter your award-winning chili in the contest or create a dessert for the auction, please sign up on the salmon sheet or contact Diana at [dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org). Come join us for a fun-filled, tummy-filled afternoon!

**SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE:** The Service of Comfort and Remembrance will be held on **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm** in the Sanctuary. This service provides a worship opportunity for those who not only have experienced the death of a family member or friend in the past year, but also to comfort those who have experienced deaths in past years who continue to deal with their grief. For those that have had a loss in the past year, their family will receive an ornament in memory of their loved one.



**ANNUAL BIKE PROJECT:** Once again St. John's is pairing up with The Buckeye Ranch to supply bikes to children in need within central Ohio. Corban Allman is heading up the project this year, and our goal is 25 bikes with helmets.



You may sponsor a fourth of a bike for **\$25**,  
a half of a bike for **\$50**,  
a full bike for **\$100**,  
or help purchase a helmet for **\$20**.

Donation envelopes are located at one of the church's entrances (available today! November 10<sup>th</sup>). **Envelopes must be returned by December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Envelopes can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. Questions: Contact Corban Allman at [corbana09@gmail.com](mailto:corbana09@gmail.com) or Diana Imbrock at [dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org). **Thank you for giving kids something fun to ride at Christmas!**



**TODAY: LEGO CLUB** with the Katterhenrich Family is meeting Sunday, Nov. 10th, noon to 2:30pm. They start with pizza in the FLC. It's creative, fun, and a great time with friends! Parents and faith webbing adult friends are welcome to join!

**ANNUAL COAT DRIVE:** After enjoying such a wonderful autumn, it is now time to think about winter, which is just around the corner. Cold winds will soon be blowing through Central Ohio. We are collecting coats, jackets, hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves to keep the less fortunate warm through the winter. Cleaning closets seems to be a spring event, but my mother said fall cleaning is just as important. So, perhaps you can clean out your closets and find a coat or jacket, which you no longer need. Remember: Matthew 25:40: "I tell you, whenever you did this for one of these brothers of mine, you did it for me." Donated items can be left in the hall outside the Family Life Center in the marked bin.



This year we are donating our items to Jordan's Crossing Center Ministry, located on Hague Avenue, which ministers mainly to the Hilltop area. You can find them online for more information. Any questions, please contact Bruce or Karen Whyte, 614-716-8754. Thank you! *P.S. – They have also requested candles.*



**THE MITTEN TREE HAS RETURNED** to the North Entrance! Please help fill it with mittens, gloves, hats, earmuffs, scarves, and warm socks for all ages. All items need to be new with tags or homemade. The tree will be up until December 1st, after which the items will be taken to the Purple Door Free Store, where they will be distributed to our neighbors in need. Please contact Ben Previts at 380-710-3689 if you have any questions. Thank you for helping our community stay warm!

**SAVE THE DATE! CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE COMING!** Do you love to bake? Do you have a favorite cookie recipe you would love to share? Your talents are needed! Our Christmas Cookie and Goodie Sale will be on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. This sale will also be open to the community.

We will need dozens and dozens of cookies and other homemade items. We are asking for **homemade items only**.

If you don't want to bake but want to help in another way, please feel free to make a monetary donation to the Kitchen Fund. Any questions, please call Suzie Brace, 614-871-3201 or Sue Sutton, 614-539-9544.



**DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS:** We are in need of some help getting our church ready for Christmas. On Friday, November 29th, (the day after Thanksgiving) we will be decorating the church for Christmas. We will begin at 9:00am and finish up by 11:00am. Many hands make for light work. If you are able to give even an hour of your time to help out, we would greatly appreciate it. Please mark the salmon sheet or contact Megan Grossman at [mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org) if you are able to help. Thank you!



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** There's only a couple of days left to get your shoe boxes filled! We have an opportunity to share God's love with children all over the world and everyone can help! Here's how:

1. Fill a box with toys, school supplies, and personal care items (see the posters hanging around the church for ideas). Don't forget the \$10 to help with shipping.
2. Bring in one or two items to go toward filling a box. Just place these items in the donation table and in the link.
3. Build a shoebox online by visiting <https://sampur.se/3TeYFqq> You will find the "build a shoebox" link here.

Don't forget to pray for the children and their families to experience and grow in God's love as they respond to the Gospel that is presented at the shoebox events around the world.



Please contact Justin, Beth, Brayden or Addy Gottshall with any questions 740-360-2752. **Deadline to bring in items is Tuesday, November 12th.**

**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 by 9am each **Wednesday**. Please send your article via email, [secretary@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org), or drop it in the church office secure slot.

**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.



**MINIATURE SHOW & SALE: Saturday, November 16 from 10am-4pm in the FLC.**



The Columbus Miniature Society (CMS) invites everyone to the **37<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Show and Sale** at St. John's in Grove City. The longest running miniature event in central Ohio will feature a show hall with 150+ displays by local miniature artists as well as a free miniature creative challenge for the public. The sale hall features more than two dozen artisans selling one-of-a-kind scale items.



**It's an Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Recliner!** Sofas that fit in the palm of your hand, fine China the size of your thumb nail, lamps smaller than marbles that light up, six-inch-long row boats that really float, the list is as endless as it is amazing.

Come see all the **itsy-bitsy teeny-weeny** miniature fine art and collectibles you've been missing! Questions? Contact Angela Ryan at 614-392-4499 or [writeon@columbus.rr.com](mailto:writeon@columbus.rr.com), or visit our website at [www.columbusminiaturesociety.org](http://www.columbusminiaturesociety.org).

Admission is \$5.00 at the door. Please check the entrances both this Sunday and next for \$1.00 off flyers.

*CMS, a 501-C3 non-profit organization, works to increase awareness and participation in miniature fine arts. In addition to the Show and Sale, CMS sponsors events at The Ohio State Fair, Winter Fair, and offers project classes and seminars on the third Saturday of each month. There are also people available for your school activities and special events.*

## YOUTH NEWS

**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/>

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

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### **FAMILY FAITH BAG with a new Graticube**

(<https://goodkind.shop/collections/graticube>) will be available for pick up in the link area between Sunday, Nov. 17 and Sunday, Nov. 24. Bags will also be handed out at Adventure Club and Faith Trek on Thursday, Nov. 21. We also have some Advent Block kits from the same company. We passed these out a few years ago and families loved them so much, we purchased more. If your family didn’t get a set of Advent Blocks, please see Laurie.









## ☪ STEWARDSHIP ☪

**ATTENDANCE** November 3 - 325

**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.
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**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, NOVEMBER 10

### **DECEMBER EAGLE ARTICLE DEADLINE**

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am Small Group (Chapel)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 12:00pm Boy Scout Religious Medals (304)
- 12:00pm LEGO Club (FLC)
- 12:00pm Long Range Ministry (103-4)
- 1:30pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
- 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
- 6:30pm Acts Bible Study (103-4)

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

### **LAST DAY – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX DROP OFF**

- 6:30am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)
- 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
- 10:00am Visitation (Sanc)
- 12:00pm Funeral Service (Sanc)
- 5:15pm Private Event (FLC)
- 6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (103-4)

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 9:30am BSF
- 1:30pm Small Group (102)
- 6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (FH)
- 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
- 7:00pm Explorers & Energizers
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 2:00pm Small Group (101)
- 3:00pm After School Acting Class (FLC)
- 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
- 5:45pm Adventure Club & Faith Trek
- 8:00pm Dartball (FLC)

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 9:30am Ladies Bible Study (103-4)
- 10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
- 11:30am OWLS (FLC)
- 6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
- 8:30pm AA (FH)

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 10:00am Miniature Show and Sale (North Entrance, FLC, 103-4)
- 11:00am Private Event (FH)
- 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – BLESS THE BOXES**

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am Small Group (Chapel)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 12:00pm Boy Scout Religious Medals (304)
- 1:30pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
- 4:00pm Otterbein Choir Concert**
- 6:30pm Acts Bible Study (103-4)