

NEWS NOTES

November 16-17, 2024

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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: Lois Moore

ND: Lynda Berry

Ushers

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

11:00am: Rick Butsko, Dave Clark,
Carl Patzer, Larry Peterson

Acolytes

8:15am: Evie Stanley, Miles Stanley

11:00am: Lukas Althoff, Nick Althoff

Communion Prep

Rachel Katterhenrich

Altar Guild

Don and Diane Carducci

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Readers

4:00pm: Charlie Brown

8:15am: Karen Bentley

11:00am: Bonnie Swanson

Contemporary: Ali Clark, Jackie Rutan

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: David Sweeley

8:15am: Karen Bentley, Teresa
Orahood

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

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich,
Brad and Theresa Wahl

Lessons Today: Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of our mothers Kathryn Lyday and Beulah Hughes birthdays. Given by Richard and Evelyn Lyday.

BULLETINS: Given by Jo Anne Keller.

☞ ☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BIRTH: Congratulations to **Haley Overly** on the birth of her son, Hunter Adam James Jones, born on November 8th, weighing 6 lb. and measures 19.5 inches long.

HOLY BAPTISM TODAY: Congratulations and blessings to **Shelia Holcomb**, who will be baptized at the 8:15am traditional service on Sunday! Please keep Shelia in your prayers as she begins her baptismal journey with the Lord.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Ruth Ann Keil Sappington Schwiebert**, 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 175th 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 175th 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. Our 12-week session has already begun, but you are still welcome to join! 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.



OTTERBEIN CHOIR AT ST. JOHN'S – TODAY! Sunday, November 17th 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 175th Anniversary celebration of the church's founding. Members of the community are warmly invited to attend. Refreshments will be served after the concert.



WE NEED CANDY!!

CANDY FOR THE KIDS: 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.



2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available on the table at the front of the Sanctuary. These are dated for 2024, and your box number may be different from last year, so please wait until January 1st to use them. If you do not see a box with your name, please indicate that you would like a box on the notepad provided. We will have a box ready for you to pick up the following weekend.

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE: The Service of Comfort and Remembrance will be held on Sunday, December 1st 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 to continue to deal with their grief.

For those that have had a loss in the past year, the family will receive an ornament in memory of their loved one.

A fellowship hour with refreshments will follow the worship service in the Family Life Center.



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!

SECURITY TEAM MEMBER WANTED: St. John's needs an additional Security Team member. The duties include:

- Walking the interior and exterior of the building
- Turning off lights
- Checking the exterior doors for being locked, and locking where needed
- Noting when things need to be fixed.

The schedule for the Team member is 14 days and typically takes an hour each night. The compensation is \$12/hr. If interested, please contact the office: 614-875-2314, secretary@stjohnsgc.org.

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 can give even an hour of your time to help out, we would greatly appreciate it. Please mark the salmon sheet if you are able to help. Thank you!

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



Sunday, November 24th, 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. Come join us for a fun-filled, tummy-filled afternoon!

FLC KITCHEN UPDATES are progressing. Groups that use the kitchen regularly have been surveyed regarding their needs and suggestions. The current layout will remain, with minor adjustments for workflow and efficiency. Our goal is to replace the cabinets for more versatility and ease of access. Countertops, sinks, and faucets will be replaced to accommodate needs and ease of cleaning. Increasing usable storage space in the pantry is another priority. Please note that Council has approved funds for the needed replacement and installation of a convection oven, a warming cabinet, and a cooktop.

Donations for the kitchen updates are welcomed. Please indicate that you would like your donation to be placed in the *FLC Kitchen Update fund*. These updates will proceed as funds become available.

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 Previts at 614-363-9024.

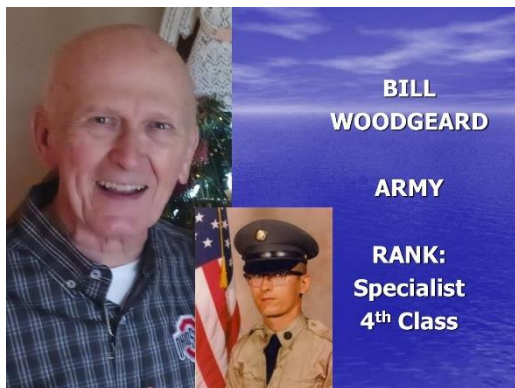
QUILTERS' QUILT SALE – 2024: The Christmas quilt sale is coming! It will be Saturday and Sunday, December 13-14, 2024, from 9am -noon. We will be in the Link. Look for us! There will be hand-knotted or machine-stitched small quilts, lap throws, bed quilts, throw pillows, aprons and kits for sale. The money raised goes to church related activities and charities. The quilts will make a colorful Christmas gift. The cookie sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, also. Thank you for stopping by and visiting with Quilters.

ANNUAL VETERANS' DINNER



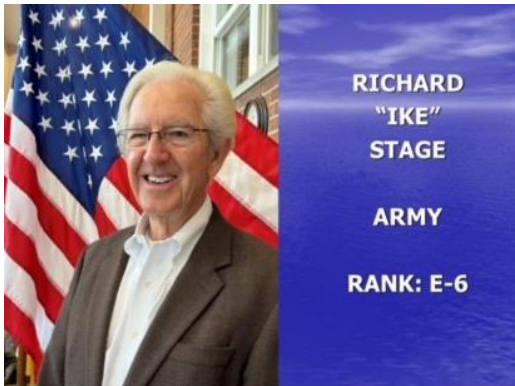
On Sunday, November 3, approximately 67 veterans and their family members and friends attended our 12th Annual Veterans Recognition Luncheon. Pastor Seth Jersild emceed our program, and he did a wonderful job.

Mayor Ike Stage presented the Golden Veterans Award along with a special certificate from the mayor's office to two of St. John's members. We honored the following St. John's Golden Veterans this year: William Woodgeard, Charles Highland, Mayor Ike Stage, and Louis Ardit. Louis is a 104-year-old veteran from the community.



Bill Woodgeard served in the United States Army from 1965 to 1967. He was assigned to be a radar operator and he worked on nuclear missiles. He and his wife Gayle have one daughter, Alicia. They joined St. John's in 1990 and are very active in our church.

Charles Highland served in the US Air Force from 1962 to 1966. He was a bomb navigation technician and fire control specialist for B47 and Lockheed 104. Charles is married to Marcine and they have a daughter, Lisa, and two stepsons, Stephen and Scott Boggs. Charles will celebrate his 85th birthday on December 30, 2024.



As a special surprise, we honored our wonderful **Mayor Ike Stage**. During the Vietnam War, he joined the Army Reserves. He went through boot camp at Fort Leonard in Wood, Missouri, and training at Fort Lee in Virginia. He was in the engineers troop, and after eight years, he left as a staff sergeant. Ike is married to Shelah and they have two children, Michael and Terry, and six grandchildren. Ike has been a member of St. John's since childhood. He has served on St.

John's Council many times, including once as Treasurer and twice as Council President.

We want to thank those who helped with this special program and luncheon. It takes the team!! Thank you to Pastors Seth and Karen Jersild, Mayor Ike Stage, Charlotte Rausch, Christine Hank, Debbie Mosley, Dennis and Diana Imbrock, Don and Diane Carducci, Dwight and Cindy Henricksen, Dylan Allman, Hunter Thompson, Laurie Pecuch, Linda Schott, McKenzie and Cindy Hutson, Phil and Cindy Pennington, Sharon McGuire, Steve Marcum, Sue Sutton, Susan Koehler, and Wilma Phillips.

Special thanks go to Mary Young for her beautiful quilts for our veterans' raffle, and to Elizabeth and Sarah Circles for their delicious pies. We appreciate everyone's help!

An extra special thank you is extended to each and every veteran.

Thank you for your service!

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 10th). **Envelopes must be returned by December 8th**. 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 or Diana Imbrock at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org. **Thank you for giving kids something fun to ride at Christmas!**

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.*



PLEASE HELP DECORATE THE MITTEN TREE! the Mitten Tree! Cold hands, feet, and heads (of all ages) are in need of new mittens, gloves, hats, earmuffs, scarves and warm socks. 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 14th**. 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.

CHRISTMAS DINNER THEATER: Please join us on **Sunday, December 15th at 5:00pm** for our annual **Christmas Dinner Theater**. This year's program will feature Sunday School Students, and more! Dinner will be served at 5pm and the program will begin immediately following dinner. Please bring a dessert to share when the program ends. All are welcome, so please be sure to invite friends, family, and neighbors! Suggested dinner donation for adults is \$6.00 and \$5.00 for children. We can always use extra hands to set up and clean-up for this event. Please contact Megan Grossman (mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org) if you are interested in helping.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Thank you to all who filled a shoebox and donated money or items. Please continue to pray for:

- Boys and girls in need around the world
- Local churches who deliver shoebox gifts
- Children disciplined through the Greatest Journey
- Volunteers worldwide

“The Lord is near to all who call upon Him.” Psalm 145:18

Thanks again for your generous support of Operation Christmas Child! **This year we donated 167 boxes!** St John's brought joy to children in need around the world. Packed with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items, these gifts bring joy and are a tangible expression of God's love.



These simple gifts bring smiles to the faces of children around the world.

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 by 9am each **Wednesday**. Please send your article via email, 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.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

FAMILY FAITH BAG with a new 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 (<https://goodkind.shop/collections/graticube>). 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 10 - 299

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



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 17

BLESS THE BOXES - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

- 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)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 6:30am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)
- 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
- 10:00am Visitation (Sanc)
- 12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC)
- 6:00pm Internship Team (Lib)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 9:30am BSF
- 1:30pm Small Group (102)
- 3:00pm After School Acting Class (FLC)
- 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
- 7:00pm Explorers & Energizers
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
- 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, NOVEMBER 22

- 9:30am Ladies Bible Study (103-4)
- 10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
- 6:00pm Private Event (FLC, 101-4)
- 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 4:00pm Private Event (FH)
- 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])
- 7:00pm Mouth of the Wolf-After School Acting Production (FH)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 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 CHILI COOK OFF AND DESSERT AUCTION (FLC)**
- 1:30pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
- 1:30pm Mouth of the Wolf-After School Acting Production (FH)
- 6:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
- 6:30pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FH)