

# NEWS NOTES

December 7-8, 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: Rick Butsko, Bill Diehl, Carl Patzer, Larry Peterson

#### Acolytes

8:15am: Cordelia Wanner, Truman Allman

11:00am: Nick Althoff, Eva Counts

#### Contemporary Communion Prep

Karen Jersild

#### Altar Guild

Don and Diane Carducci

#### Readers

4:00pm: Chris Jenkins

8:15am: Judy Graessle

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Contemporary: Karen Jersild, Ali and Charlotte Clark

#### Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Dave Sweeley

8:15am: Joel Baughman, Ann Jones

11:00am: Dave and Karen Grossman, Dwight Henriksen

Contemporary: Karen Jersild, Jennifer Shade, Kate Shrum

Lessons Today: Malachi 3:1-4;

Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6.

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In dedication to the family of St. John's.

**BULLETINS:** Given by Rhonda Maynard.

**PERSONAL NEWS**

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Mike Esposito and family for the death of his brother-in-law, Doug Boham, who passed away on December 4<sup>th</sup> from cancer. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

**THANK YOU** from the bottom of our hearts! Dear Church Family at St. John's, Carol and I want to express our gratitude, and THANKS TO YOU we have been partners in ministry with Mission Aviation Fellowship now for 34 years! You have prayed for us, sacrificed and cared for us in innumerable ways over all these years. We are humbled whenever we think of you! May God richly bless your faithfulness to Him. Sincerely, Tim and Carol Imbrock, MAF.

**THANK YOU FROM THE QUILTERS:** The 100 Christmas bags were filled and taken to the Grove City Food Pantry at the "Purple Door" Methodist Church on December 3, 2024. We were able to fill the bags in one hour with the gracious help of Barb Armentrout, Linda Ballou, Karen Bentley, David Chenault, Linda Chenault, Steve Henry, Donna Kimmins, Sharon McGuire, Charlotte Rausch, Richard Rush, Jane Stenerson, June Stimpfle, Linda Vozel, Dora Yates, and Mary Young. Vicar Dale Stanley offered a prayer that blessed the children who will receive the bags. The Quilters thank you all for your donations of candy, crayons, combs, soft toys, glue sticks, small notebooks, and many other items. We could not have done the bags without the congregation's concern and donations. The Quilters hope we show the children a bit of Christmas caring and love with the bags. Thank you for helping our ministry.

**THANKS AGAIN** for your generous support of Operation Christmas Child! This year we dropped off 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.

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.*



## ☞ ☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞ ☞

**ANNUAL BIKE PROJECT:** St. John's is pairing up with The Buckeye Ranch to supply bikes to children in need within central Ohio. Corban Allman is the project lead this year. With your help, St. John's raised enough to purchase **40 new bicycles and helmets!**



**Today, December 8<sup>th</sup>,** is the last date of collection for this cause. Donation envelopes are located at the North Entrance area. Envelopes can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office secure drop box. Checks may be payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. **Thank you for giving kids something fun to ride at Christmas!**

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DINNER THEATER:** Please join us on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm** for our annual Christmas Program 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](mailto:mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org)) if you are interested in helping.



**QUILTERS' QUILT SALE** - Don't forget the Quilters' Quilt Sale is next weekend, December 14-15, 2024. Most are priced under \$40. The quilts are fashioned from your donated fabric. Come see the craft-womanship of the items. The proceeds go to church related activities and charities. Most of the unsold quilts are given to children's charities and St. John's Bed Brigade. Thank you for your interest in the Quilters' ministry.

**WEDNESDAY TWICE-A-MONTH PRAYER GROUP** – Starting in January 2025. Starting on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, all are welcome to join a new St. John's prayer group. We'll meet in the chapel at 6:30 p.m. (see schedule below). In addition to saying prayers together for God's Church, for the world, for healing, and for any issues we'd like to share with the group, we'll also be praying for all the members of St. John's by name from week to week over the course of five months. All are welcome to jump into this group at any time!

*Prayer Meeting Schedule (all meetings at 6:30pm):*

January 8 and 22

February 5 and 19

March 5 and 19

April 2, 16, and 30

May 14

**THE JANUARY EAGLE ARTICLE DEADLINE** is next Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Articles must be turned into the office or emailed to [secretary@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org).

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE IS HERE!** Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – Noon in rooms 103-104, we will be holding our annual Christmas Cookie and other Christmas Goodies Sale. We are asking for **HOMEMADE** items only. We are in need of **MANY** cookies/goodies in order to make this event successful. Again this year, we will have prepackaged plates or you may choose your own cookies for your plates. Tell a friend and come get some Christmas goodies! Baked goods can be dropped off by 8:30a. on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> in the Family Life Center Kitchen. **Proceeds from our sale will go to the Kitchen Fund.**

**LAY READERS** are needed for the **8:15am and 11am worship services from January through July.** Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish entrance. Thank you for serving in this ministry. Contact Jo Dimond if you have any questions at 614-270-3291.

**ANGEL TREES:** The angels have all been claimed! If you selected angel, remember to wrap the gift, and bring it back with the angel attached to the church office by **Saturday December 21st.** These gifts are going to children in our congregation who otherwise would not have much of a Christmas. If you have any questions, please reach out to Megan Grossman, 614-905-2629 or at [mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org).

## *Christmas Kindness*

ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, WE WILL BE SPREADING SOME HOLIDAY CHEER TO OUR OLDER MEMBERS AND MEMBERS WHO HAVE HAD A ROUGH YEAR. THEY WILL RECEIVE A POINSETTIA AND A SMALL GIFT BAG TO LET THEM KNOW THAT THEY ARE BEING THOUGHT OF AND PRAYED FOR.

EVERYTHING WILL BE PROVIDED AND CAN BE PICKED UP FROM THE BACK OF THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE LATE SERVICE ON DECEMBER 22ND.

IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP DELIVER SOME HOLIDAY CHEER, PLEASE MARK THE SALMON INSERT TO LET US KNOW OR CONTACT MEGAN GROSSMAN. WE HOPE TO DELIVER TO AROUND 50 MEMBERS/HOUSEHOLDS, SO ANY HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED.



**OWLS EVENT – DECEMBER 20, 2024:** In case you haven't heard, there's a new guy in town!! Actually, a new guy in the South-Western School District (SWCS). Mr. Randy Banks started his superintendency on August 1, 2024, having been selected by the board of education to become the district's next educational leader previously in June.

Prior to assuming the role, Banks served as an Assistant Superintendent at Worthington City Schools dating back to 2015 and previously served as Director of Human Resources for the district. He originally started his administrative career at SWCS as the personnel director for the certificated staff. Earlier on in his career at SWCS, he also served as the principal of Brookpark Middle School (now Beulah Park Middle School) and Finland Middle School.

Mr. Banks will be our guest speaker, and we are looking forward to hearing the latest news and updates for SWCS. Hope you plan to join us!



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!*

**SECURITY TEAM MEMBER NEEDED:** 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](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org).

**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.*



**PRAYERS AND PINS—2025: St. John’s Bowling Club @ Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl, 3224 S High St, Columbus 43207, 614-491-7155.** The cost is \$15 per person weekly. If you are not present, you may pay the following week. Proceeds will go to our mission funds.

1. Club will bowl at 3:00pm on Sundays starting January 12th to mid-March.
2. Checks should be made out to WWCB.
3. We will bowl 2 games each week.
4. Teams will consist of 2 players, and substitutions are welcome.

Plan to have a great time! No worries if you are a rookie—It’s about having fun! Contact Dave or Karen Grossman, 614-579-8037, or Jo Dimond, 614-270-3291, jodimond@aol.com. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE MEXICO MISSION FUNDS!

**LOST TUPPERWARE:** Several dishes were brought in for the most recent funeral dinner. One of the serving/carrier Tupperware dishes may have gone to the wrong home. Please keep your eyes peeled for a vintage-yellow-colored dish carrier with a matching yellow handle over the lid. There is the owner name printed on the bottom. Please contact or return to the office once found. Thank you!



**2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now available in the Overflow (room 202).



These are dated for 2025, 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.

**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.

**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.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will be held on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> in the Family Life Center from 12pm to 6pm. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2776) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: StJohnsGC.

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

**☪ STEWARDSHIP ☪**

**ATTENDANCE** December 1 - 276 + Saturday Worship

**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.



**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Adult Faith Discussion, FH Rm 001 / Romans, Steve Johnston, Chapel / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, 102 / Parenting Topics, Amy Wanner, 103-4.  
**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, DECEMBER 8**

### **BIKE PROJECT FINAL DONATIONS**

### **BLESS THE BIKES**

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

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

- 9:30am BSF Leaders
- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
- 1:30pm GriefShare (102)
- 5:30pm Private Event (FLC)
- 6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
- 6:30pm Small Group (102)
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)
- 7:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

### **JANUARY 2025 EAGLE DEADLINE**

- 6:30am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)
- 9:00am Quilters (103-4)
- 6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (103-4)

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

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

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 2:00pm Small Group (101)
- 3:00pm After School Acting Class (FLC)
- 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
- 5:15pm Christmas Program Rehearsal (FLC)
- 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
- 8:00pm Dartball (away)

## **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13**

- 9:30am Ladies Bible Study (103-4)
- 10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
- 6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (FH)
- 6:00pm Private Event (Sanc)
- 6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
- 8:30pm AA (FH)

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

- 9:00am **ANNUAL COOKIE SALE (103-4)**
- 9:00am **ANNUAL QUILTERS' QUILT SALE**
- 9:00am Girl Scout Troop #6300 (FH)
- 9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (102-2)
- 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am Small Group (Lib)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 12:00pm BSA Religious Medals (304)
- 12:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Faith Celebration Prep (103-4)
- 1:30pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
- 5:00pm **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DINNER THEATER (FLC, Kit)**

DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED  
ON OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGES.  
BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT!