

NEWS NOTES

December 21-22, 2024

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

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Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Carol Penrod

11:00am MD: Shirley Blake

ND: Christine Hank

Ushers

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

11:00am: Bill Diehl, George Gonsowski,
Blake Lang, Larry Peterson

Acolytes

8:15am: Corban Allman

11:00am: Riley Millet, Wes Millet

Contemporary Communion Prep

Laurie Pecuch

Altar Guild

Linda Vozel, Dee Harlor

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Readers

4:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Bonnie Swanson

Contemporary: Beth Katterhenrich, Lydia
Shrum

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Mike Gibboney

8:15am: Tim and Christina Allman

11:00am: Christine Hank, Bonnie
Swanson, Karen Jersild

Contemporary: Beth Katterhenrich,
Jennifer Shade, Jackie Rutan

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

BULLETINS: Given by Carol Rich.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

Lessons Today: Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55.

☪ ☪ PERSONAL NEWS ☪

WELCOME JASON BOSSE! Jason is our new Property and Grounds Manager. We are thankful for his years of experience in these areas. Please continue to use the "Maintenance Request" form to alert him to maintenance concerns around the property. His email is jbosse@stjohnsgc.org. Jason is also the person that oversees the various storage areas in the building and on the grounds. PLEASE check with him first regarding your storage needs. Thank you for respecting his role in helping to care for our large facility/grounds used by so many different groups throughout the week.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU! We had a wonderful and successful Cookie Sale! Thank you to all the bakers and buyers of St. John's along with the community who made this possible for 2024! We had so many cookies and other items that were beautiful and tasted so good! We were able to raise **\$1,468.25** for the Kitchen Fund! A special "Thank You" to all those who helped with the Cookie Sale! We would also like to thank those who gave a monetary donation toward our sale. Together we had a wonderful time and thank you!

BIKE PROJECT 2024: Thank you so much for supporting the Bike Project this year!! With your generous help, we raised enough funds to **give 40 bikes** this year to Buckeye Ranch for children in need this Christmas season. Thank you to all those families who volunteered to help assemble these bikes, and special thanks to Butch Myers and Joe Lovell for helping us to deliver. Thank you again for the continued support of the bike project for so many years and helping to give kids something fun to ride at Christmas!

☪ ☪ TODAY'S NEWS ☪

WEDNESDAY TWICE-A-MONTH PRAYER GROUP – Starting in January 2025. Starting on Wednesday, January 8th, 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	March 5 and 19	May 14
February 5 and 19	April 2, 16, and 30	

NEW IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Are you interested in starting a devotional series in the new year? The Church Library has many daily devotionals you are welcome to check out for the whole year. While you are there, check out our New Arrivals section (both donated and purchased). Questions or comments? Text Susan Previts at 614-363-9024.

LOST TUPPERWARE: Several dishes were brought in for a funeral dinner in November. One of the serving/carrier Tupperware dishes may have gone missing. Please check your cabinets and keep your eyes open for a vintage-yellow-colored dish carrier with a matching yellow handle over the lid. The owner's name should be printed on the bottom. Please contact or return to the office once found. Thank you!

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**, 614-491-7155, 3224 S High St, Columbus 43207. 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 Jo Dimond, 614-270-3291, jodimond@aol.com, or Dave and Karen Grossman, 614-579-8037. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE MEXICO MISSION FUNDS!

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.

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.

PROPERTY TEAM MEMBERS meet the first Monday of the month at 11am. If you have questions or concerns, please share them with a member of the team or put a note in the Property Team mailbox by the church office.

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.



STEWARDSHIP

ATTENDANCE December 15 - 335

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.



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

*The office will be closed Tuesday, December 24th
through Thursday, December 26th*

*The office will be open on Friday, December 27th
and Monday, December 30th*

*The office will be closed Tuesday, December 31st
through Thursday, January 2nd*

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 22

POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE

- 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 CHRISTMAS KINDNESS (FLC)**
- 12:00pm Private Event (FH, Cafe)
- 1:30pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
- 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)
- 7:00pm Respect Life (102)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

OFFICE CLOSED

- 6:30am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)
- 9:00am Quilters (103-4)
- 4:00pm CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP (Sanc)**
- 6:00pm CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP (Sanc)**
- 8:00pm CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP (Sanc)**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

OFFICE CLOSED

- 10:00am **CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP (Sanc)**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

OFFICE CLOSED

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 2:00pm Small Group (101)
- 3:00pm After School Acting Class (FLC)
- 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

- 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

- 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 Long Range Ministry (103-4)
- 1:30pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
- 4:00pm Private Event (FLC)

Join us for worship on *Christmas Eve* at 4pm, 6pm, and 8pm and
Christmas Morning at 10am. All are welcome!

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Thursday, December 26th

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