

NEWS NOTES

March 9-10, 2024

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Pastor Rich Melheim, Contemporary

Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Nick Grossman & David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Dave Sweeley

8:15am: Linda Wagner, Joel Baughman

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

Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman

Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

Readers

4:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Marilyn Smith

11:00am: Bonnie Swanson

Ushers

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

11:00am: Dave Clark, Bill Diehl, Dennis
Imbrock, Dan Yeater

Acolytes

8:15am: Ben Previts
Truman Allman

11:00am: Lukas Althoff
Nick Althoff

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Carol Penrod

11:00am ND: Keith and Jane Stenerson
RD: Christine Hank

LESSONS TODAY: Numbers 21:4-9, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my husband Paul, on his birthday and our anniversary, for all the years of loving each other. Given by Doris Leibrock.

BULLETIN DEDICATIONS: In honor of our four great-grandchildren. Given by Charlie and Pam Brown.

BULLETIN DEDICATIONS: In celebration of the anniversary of Ruth Ann and Michael Caleb Schwiebert on March 3rd.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

NOTES OF THANKS: “Prayer Shawl Ministry, Thank you very much for the beautiful shawls. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness during this difficult time. The Prayer Shawls will provide comfort to us! Thank you again,” ~ Suzie Brace and family, Rob McNicol and family, Amy Dieckhoner and family, and Bill McNicol.

☞ TODAY’S NEWS ☞

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH: Pastor Jersild will be leading a class on Holy Communion for children on Sunday, March 10th at church from 12:15—1:45pm. The class will be geared towards 5th grade students; however, younger children who have expressed a serious desire to receive the sacrament are welcome to participate (as are older youths who have not yet received this instruction). We ask that at least one adult be present at the class with each child. We’ll meet in the confirmation classroom on the third floor of the education wing. At the end of the class, parents and students will discuss whether the student is ready to receive the sacrament. Those who are ready will participate in their first communion at the **11:00 traditional worship service on Sunday, March 24th (Palm Sunday)**. Please call Pastor Seth (217-255-2118) or the church office (614-875-2314) if you have any questions regarding your child’s participation in the class.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS and NEW MEMBERS’ RECEPTION IN APRIL! A Membership Class will be held at 12:15pm on Sunday, April 14th. We’ll start with lunch together in room 103-4. All visitors to our congregation, our newest members, and all potential members are invited to come! The classes will cover Christian mission at St. John’s, and we’ll be able to answer any questions you have about our congregation and our Lutheran Christian heritage. We will formally receive new members into our congregation during the **11:00am traditional worship service on Sunday, April 21st**. We hope you can come!

EAGLE DEADLINE is today. Please submit your article to the office by noon.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION: 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.

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 weekly beginning in March. If you are interested in participating or helping in this ministry, please contact our intern Dale Stanley at 540-685-0536 or dstanley@stjohnsgc.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY SEARCH UPDATE: The Youth Ministry Call Team has been busy searching for the right candidate for St. Johns. We are looking for someone with a deep love for Christ, a passion for youth, and a background in either youth ministry or education. If you think you might know someone who fits that description, please contact the committee chair, **Christina Allman (614-519-8092)** for a copy of the job description or have them get in touch with us directly. And most importantly, please continue to pray for the team and our candidates as we search for the person God is preparing for this vital ministry!

TIME & TALENT SURVEY: If you didn't get a chance to fill out your time and talent survey, no worries! I will still be continuing to collect them. So, please continue to fill them out and put them in Megan Grossman's mailbox or in the church office. If you're not a paper person and would prefer to do it online we have you covered. All you need to do is scan this QR code on your phone and it will direct you right to the Time & Talent survey and our new booklet! Everything will be right on your phone. Once you complete it, we will have your answers. Contact Megan Grossman with any questions.



HOSPITALITY TEAM: With our new addition complete and it being such an amazing place for fellowship, we are looking for people who would want to bring hospitality to this great space on Sunday mornings. We are looking for people to be welcoming as people come in the door, make coffee in our new coffee maker, help serve coffee & donuts as needed and assist/direct people where they would like to go. We will have training available once we get people interested in helping. We would love to have faces from both Contemporary & Traditional to be a part of this. Please fill out the salmon sheet or reach out to Megan Grossman if you are interested in being a part of this hospitality team.



EASTER CANDY DONATIONS & “STUFFERS” NEEDED: We are asking for individually wrapped candy donations for our Easter Family Fun Day! Please bring them to church by Sunday March 17th and place them in the labeled bin in the link. We will then be stuffing Easter Eggs on **Sunday March 17th after the late service** in the Family Life Center. A light lunch will be provided and then we will stuff the eggs. Please mark the salmon sheet if you plan to attend and help out. Thank you so much for your support!

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Please join us on Easter Sunday, March 31st for a time of fellowship and good food. We will be serving breakfast on Easter Sunday from 7am-10am in the Family Life Center. A free will offering will be taken. Volunteers are needed to take shifts serving breakfast. If you are interested, please contact Megan Grossman at 614-905-2629 or at mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org. You can also mark the salmon sheet and we will contact you to schedule a shift.

SOUP SUPPERS: Please join us for our Soup Suppers between 5-6pm on Wednesdays in the Family Life Center before our Lenten services. Come break bread together as a church community. If you would like to donate soup or bread and are willing to help serve, please contact Megan Grossman, mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org.

OWLS EVENT MARCH 15, 2024 - PLEASE NOTE: WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE WHEN WE CANCELED JANUARY'S MEETING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING. But the good news is Fred and Donna Rieser will be with us at our March 15th meeting.

The **Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS)** are looking forward to kicking off 2024 with speakers from Jordan's Crossing, Fred and Donna Rieser. Jordan's Crossing? What's that? It ministers to the homeless and addicted on the west side, primarily in the Hilltop areas. Fred was our guest a few years ago and we were very impressed with this organization and their dedication. Here are just a few of their on-site services: Daily Hot Lunch, Daily Sack Lunch, Daily Healthcare Connections to Mt. Carmel and Southeast Mental Health Services plus clothing pantry, food pantry, and many more. You will be amazed at the number of clients they help every single day.

If you would like to donate, here is a partial list of suggested items they need – new or used. Of course, cash is always appreciated.

Tents	Tarpolines	Sleeping Bags	Socks	Napkins
Plastic Forks	Cook Tops	Sandwich Bags	Canned Goods	
Boxed Goods		3-Compartment To-Go Containers		

You can purchase items on your own and either bring them to the meeting or call Bonnie Swanson and she will arrange to have your donation picked up prior to the 15th. You can also order from their wish list on Amazon's website: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2766ZSWRK78B2?ref_=wl_share and have item(s) delivered directly to Jordan's Crossing. If you need assistance, call Bonnie.

The OWLS will provide fried chicken and meat loaf for our potluck lunch but we ask you bring a covered dish and join your friends for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. Please plan to arrive around 11:15am so we can open the meeting at 11:30am. 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. Hope to see you there!

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, papers with confidential information, or your Eagle article, please put it through the slot to help ensure security.

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.

OWLS AND JORDAN'S CROSSING REQUEST: The **Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS)** are asking for donations from members of St. John's to help a very worthwhile organization that works with the homeless and addicted on the west side, primarily the Hilltop area. Fred and Donna Rieser are directors of this program that serves daily hot lunches, daily sack lunches and works with Healthcare Connections to Mt. Carmel and Southeast Mental Health Services among many other ministries. The Riesers will be the guest speakers at the OWLS March 15, 2024, meeting.

If you and your group would like to join the OWLS in helping with the donation, it would be appreciated. A few suggested items they could use are: tents, tarps, sleeping bags, plastic forks, napkins, sandwich bags, socks, canned goods and boxed food, and of course, monetary donations. For more information, check out the OWLS article in March's Eagle or call Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002 or email bss4903@yahoo.com. You can also arrange for your donation to be picked up by contacting Bonnie. Thank you in advance for your support.

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.

☪ CALENDAR ☪

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

APRIL EAGLE ARTICLE DEADLINE

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Men's Chorale (Choir Room)
- 10:00am Small Group (Lib)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 1:00pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
- 3:00pm Prayers and Pins (off site)
- 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, MARCH 11

- 9:30am BSF Leaders (101-4, Nursery)
- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
- 6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
- 6:30pm Small Group (102)
- 7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

- 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
- 6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

- 9:30am BSF
- 12:00pm Lenten Noon Worship (Sanc)
- 1:30pm Small Group (102)
- 5:00pm Lenten Soup Supper (FLC, Kit)
- 6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (204)
- 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
- 6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer (Sanc)
- 7:00pm Explorers and Energizers
- 7:45pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 9:30am Small Group (103-4)
- 3:00pm Home School Acting (FLC)
- 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
- 5:45pm Adventure Club and Faith Trek
- 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
- 8:00pm Dartball (away)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

- 10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
- 11:30am OWLS (FLC)
- 4:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
- 6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
- 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

- 8:00am Private Event (Sanc)
- 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (103-4)

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Men's Chorale (Choir Room)
- 10:00am Small Group (Lib)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 12:00pm Easter Egg Stuffing (FLC)**
- 1:00pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
- 3:00pm Prayers and Pins (off site)
- 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
- 6:00pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FH)

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