

NEWS NOTES

June 29-30, 2024

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

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: Cheryl Thompson

ND: Lynda Berry

Ushers

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

11:00am: Rick Butsko, George Gonsowski,
Dennis Imbrock, Dan Yeater

Acolytes

8:15am: Corban Allman, Truman Allman

11:00am: Eva Counts, Leigh Counts

Contemporary Communion Prep

Megan Grossman

Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis

Readers

4:00pm: Charlie Brown

8:15am: Gary Smith

11:00am: Bonnie Swanson

Contemporary: Lydia Shrum,
Beth Katterhenrich

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Mike Gibboney

8:15am: Joel Baughman, Sarah Schmitz

11:00am: Dan Yeater, Ike Stage

Contemporary: Cindy Dye, Beth
Katterhenrich, Gini Rogers

Lessons Today: Lamentations 3:22-33; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by Ed and Glenda Sheets.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In celebration of our 43rd wedding anniversary. Given by Tom and Lesa Corbin.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Kora McClure**, granddaughter of Bob and Joy McClure, who passed away suddenly on June 20, 2024.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

WELCOME, GUEST PREACHERS! From now through the fall, former pastors of St. John's will be here to share God's Word and help us celebrate our 175th anniversary. All pastors will preach during the traditional services, unless stated otherwise.

- July 7th – Pastor Paul Cannon
- August 4th – Pastor Matt Cox
- August 11th – Pastor Mark Kreemer
- September 1st – Pastor Terry Morgan (here but not preaching)
- September 22nd – Pastor Karen Casperson (James)
- October 13th – Pastor Terry Stage Harvey
- October 27th – Pastor Amy Little – General Secretary of the NALC

FOR ALL THE SAINTS: An important part of our anniversary celebration is remembering those who came before us. **On Saturday, July 27**, we will celebrate the rededication of our cemetery with a picnic and a short worship service. This will all take place from **10am -1pm at our Shelter House** behind our church. We will provide hot dogs, buns, and beverages. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Mark the salmon sheet to help us plan for attendance.

CEMETERY SEEK AND FIND: An activity has been developed to help members of all ages get acquainted with our St. John's cemetery. Pick up a Seek and Find page and spend an hour or more searching for the answers at our cemetery located in the south-west corner of the old Grove City cemetery. Our part is behind the apartment building. Turn your completed pages in at the rededication event on July 27.

RAISE RIGHT ORDER DEADLINE is this coming Tuesday. Please submit your order by noon on July 2nd.

LONG RANGE MINISTRY PLANNING FOR ST. JOHN'S: Sunday, July 14 at noon.

Our surrounding culture is becoming more and more unchurched. We need to seek God's guidance on how best to be faithful witnesses to our Lord Jesus Christ in Grove City in these changing times. If you would like to be part of a visioning team seeking God's guidance as we begin a process of discernment, and want to be part of building up St. John's ministries for the future, please consider being part of the Long-Range Ministry Planning Team! Our first meeting will take place on **Sunday, July 14th at noon** (right after the late service) in the church library. We hope you can be part of the team!

Dear members of the congregation,

Since the St. John's choirs are on their summer break, we are in need of singers and instrumentalists to play for the worship services. If you play an instrument, can sing a solo, or would like to be a part of a small vocal ensemble, please let me know. I would be happy to rehearse with you to prepare an instrumental or vocal anthem for at a service. As you know, the worshippers at our services are very supportive and appreciative of musicians who share their gifts.

Sincerely,

Mark Meuser, Director of Music

BULLETIN DEDICATIONS: Consider submitting a Bulletin Dedication in honor or in memory of loved ones, and to celebrate an event, milestone, birthday, or anniversary. Bulletin Dedications are only \$20.00. Reserve your preferred weekend date on the Bulletins Sign Up sheet on the Parish Entrance bulletin board. Please direct questions to Barb Armentrout at 614-875-2985.

HEALTH CARE KITS: One of the Service Projects that Sarah Circle does is to put together Health Care Kits which are taken to the Grove City Food Pantry. Last year, we assembled 22 kits. The goal for this year is 30 kits. We would like help with collecting the items that are needed. We will assemble the kits at our August meeting. There will be a cupboard in the Link marked Sarah Circle/Health Kits to place your donations. We thank you and so appreciate your help with this special project. Items needed are:

Dental floss	Emery boards	Full size toothpaste (check expiration)	
Sturdy combs	Full size deodorant	Nail clippers	1 dark wash cloth
2 wrapped bars of soap	1 large dark bath towel		

Contact Jane Stenerson at 614-875-8057 with any questions.

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 EVENT JULY 19, 2024: 1999. Brian Muha, 18 years old, was murdered. His family's lives changed forever.

His mother, Rachel, through her act of forgiveness and wanting to bring the good out of evil as Our Lord asks us to do, Rachel, Chris and other family members started The Brian Muha Foundation and in 2005, The Run the Race Club. She works every day at these ministries without monetary compensation. She says, "This is the most heartbreaking and the most joyful work I have ever done." She has also written a book, "A True Story of Murder and a Mother's Forgiveness."

Since 2000, The Foundation/The Run the Race Club has provided exceptional enrichment and leadership development opportunities to young people in Columbus, Cleveland, and Steubenville that allow them to grow academically, physically, spiritually, and emotionally. They see the beautiful value and dignity in each and every child and have made it their mission to help them run the race of life and change the world.

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 so we can open the meeting at 11:30 am. Use the salmon insert 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.

Just in case you don't know --- OWLS are **Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors** but everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the Lost & Found bin located in the **North Entrance** for lost or found items. For small items, such as rings, earrings, or headphones, please check with the office Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm. Items may be donated after several weeks.

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.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

SUMMER FUN! Each evening will be full of fun, faith, and friendship! Snacks included, of course! Join us on **Sunday, June 30**, July 28, and August 11, 6:30—8:30pm. This is for those who just completed grades 4 through 6. If you're an older student and would like to be a leader for Summer Fun, please connect with Laurie.

DON'T MISS OUT! Students who just completed grades 7 – 12 have several awesome opportunities in July. A “Friends and Faith Barbecue”, a “Just For You” event, and “Catching the Vision” on Sunday mornings. Connect with Gini Rogers for more details.

FAITH IN ACTION is July 8 – 11, Monday through Thursday. Grades 7 – 12 meet from 11am – 3pm. Grades 4 – 6 meet from 5:30 – 8:30pm. Lunch and Dinner provided by our St. John’s faith web. Grades are what you just completed. We will be putting our faith into action and making a difference for Jesus’ sake. We will have a variety of service experiences throughout the week. RSVP with Diana Imbrock ASAP.

JOYFUL PAUSE is Thursday, July 18! Join us when you can and leave when you must. Choose what you’d like to do (i.e. free play, arts and crafts, kitchen fun, visiting with others, games). We have special themes for each month. July is our light theme! Pizza will be served around 11am and 6:30pm. We will also meet on August 15. Come between 9am and noon and/or 5:30—8:30pm. Grandparents and faith-webbing adults are welcome to join us!

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance June 23- **284**

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.



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

☪ CALENDAR ☪

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
6:30pm Summer Fun (FLC, 103-4, FH)

MONDAY, JULY 1

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (103-4)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, JULY 2

RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE

9:30am Quilters (103-4)
11:30am OWLS Planning (102)
2:00pm GriefShare (103-4)
7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH [FLC])

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

1:30pm Small Group (102)

THURSDAY, JULY 4

OFFICE CLOSED
HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

FRIDAY, JULY 5

9:30am Small Group (103-4)
10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, JULY 6

11:00am Girl Scouts #6679 (FLC)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (103-4)

SUNDAY, JULY 7

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
ON THURSDAY, JULY 4TH
in observance of the holiday.**

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

DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA:

Website: www.stjohnsgc.org | Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsgrovecity/>

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Faith Discussion, FH Rm 001 / 1 John, Steve Johnston, Chapel / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, Rm 301.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 2-4 years old, Rm 003 / ages 5 to 1st Grade, Rm 009 / Grades 2 through 4, Rm 307 / Grades 5 and 6, Rm 303 / Grades 7 through 12, High School Room 311.

SELAH ROOM: Rm 101, a quiet place available every Sunday from 8:30am to 12:30pm.