

# NEWS NOTES

November 23-24, 2024

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

### ☞ SERVING TODAY ☛

#### **Greeters**

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Volunteer(s) Needed

11:00am MD: Diane Sexton

ND: Don and Diane Carducci

#### **Ushers**

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

11:00am: George Gonsowski, Tom  
Lang, Larry Sutton, Volunteer  
needed

#### **Acolytes**

8:15am: Corban Allman, Addy Gottshall

11:00am: Riley Millet, Wes Millet

#### **Communion Prep**

Laurie Pecuch

#### **Altar Guild**

Lynda Berry, Sarah Schmitz

Gloria Biggs

#### **Readers**

4:00pm: Chris Jenkins

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Christine Hank

Contemporary: Hope Katterhenrich, Emma  
Grossman

#### **Communion Assistants**

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Sarah Schmitz, Linda Wagner

11:00am: Christine Hank, Bonnie  
Swanson, Linda Diehl

Contemporary: Karen Jersild, Beth  
Katterhenrich, Jackie Rutan,  
and Karrie Clark

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In celebration of the birthday of my father, Armand Arabian. Given by Sarah Schmitz and family.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** in celebration for the 60th wedding anniversary of Ike and Shelah Stage.

**BULLETINS:** In memory of my grandma, NP, who passed away on November 26, 2022. Given by Kathryn Mullins.

**Lessons Today: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37.**

**☞ ☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞**

**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. **Come join us for a fun-filled, tummy-filled afternoon!**

**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!

**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](mailto:dstanley@stjohnsgc.org).

**SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE:** The Service of Comfort and Remembrance will be held on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**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.



**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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.

**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!

**QUILTERS’ QUILT SALE – 2024:** Now that Thanksgiving will soon be over, we can get serious about Christmas. The Quilters’ **Christmas Quilt Sale will be Saturday and Sunday, December 13-14, 2024, from 9am to noon.** The sale will be in the Link. The money raised will be given to church-related activities. The quilt sale will be held at the same time as the Christmas cookie sale on Saturday and Sunday. Winter is coming! It’ll be cold out there! **Lutheran quilts keep you warm!** Thank you for helping with the Quilters’ ministry.

**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) if you are interested in helping.

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE COMING!** On Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – Noon in rooms 103-104, we will be holding our annual **Christmas Cookie and Goodie Sale**. We are asking for **HOMEMADE ITEMS ONLY**.

**We are need of many many cookies and goodies to make this a successful event. Again, this year, you will be able to choose your own cookies for your platter. We will have prepackaged plates also if you would prefer those.**

Baked goods can be **dropped off by 8:30 a.m. on Friday, December 13th** in the Family Life Center Kitchen. If you don't want to bake but want to help in another way, you can make a monetary donation to the Kitchen Fund would be appreciated.

Volunteers are needed to help with the **sale on Saturday, December 14th**. If you are available Saturday, please mark the salmon sheet in the bulletin or you can call Sue Sutton, 614-539-9544 or Suzie Brace, 614-871-3201. **Proceeds from our sale will go to the Kitchen Fund.**

**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.*

**THE MITTEN TREE** is filled with many examples of Christian caring, but we're not done yet! Your donations of new mittens, gloves, hats, earmuffs, scarves, and warm socks will be gratefully accepted by babies, children and adults. **ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE NEW WITH TAGS OR HOMEMADE. The tree will be up until next week, 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!



**ADOPT-A-FAMILY/ANGEL TREE:** In the hopes of helping to make the holidays a little brighter for some of our fellow members who may be struggling financially, we will be accepting monetary donations during the month of December for our annual holiday Adopt-A-Family drive. Envelopes will be available throughout the church and in the church office.

**ANGEL TREES ARE COMING!** The Angel Tree contains gift items for you to purchase, wrap and return to church (with the angel) by Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. These gifts are going to children in our congregation who otherwise would not have much of a Christmas. The Angel Trees will be located in the North Entrance and in the Link. If you or anyone you know of within the congregation would like to be considered for Adopt-A-Family, please mark that on the salmon sheet. The names are kept completely confidential.

**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 10<sup>th</sup>). **Envelopes must be returned by December 8<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:corbana09@gmail.com) or Diana Imbrock at [dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org). **Thank you for giving kids something fun to ride at Christmas!**

**SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE?** Articles are due by 9am each **Wednesday**. Please send your article via email, [secretary@stjohnsgc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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

## ☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

**YOUTH GROUPS do not meet this week.** *Happy Thanksgiving!* Note we take the month of December off and will start again in January.

**YOUTH GROUPS will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 29 and Thursday, Nov. 30. We hope you can join us! It's our last one until January. We take the month of December off** so leaders and families can attend special church events, school activities, and family gatherings throughout the month.

**RAISE RIGHT gift card orders are placed on the first Tuesday of every month.** You can use these cards personally and they also make great gifts. Talk to Laurie Pecuch or email her at [lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org) about how you can order physical cards. Talk to Pam Wittenberg about how easy it is to place orders on-line. With each gift card purchase, a percentage comes back to us and helps off-set the costs for children and youth ministries not covered by the budget. *Thanks for your support!*



## STEWARDSHIP

**ATTENDANCE** November 17 - 299

**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.



GIVE  
Thanks  
WITH A  
Grateful  
heart.  
Colossians 3:15-16



# ☞ CALENDAR ☞

## 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)**  
12:00pm Long Range Ministry (103-4)  
1:30pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)  
1:30pm Mouth of the Wolf-After School Acting Production (FH)  
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)  
6:30pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FH)

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)  
1:30pm GriefShare (103-4)  
6:00pm Private Event (1/2 FLC)  
6:30pm Puppets (1/2 FLC)  
6:30pm Small Group (101)  
7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)  
7:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 6:30am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)  
9:30am Quilters (103-4)  
6:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (FLC)

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Sanc)

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
8:30pm AA (FH)

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

### **FINAL MITTEN TREE COLLECTION**

- 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 Scouts Religious Medals (304)  
12:00pm Private Event (FH)  
1:30pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)  
**2:00pm SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE (Sanc, FLC)**  
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)



Oh Lord my God,  
I will give you  
thanks forever!  
Psalms 30:12

**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.