

NEWS NOTES

July 20-21, 2024

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Brian Johnson, Saturday Guest Organist

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: Diane Sexton

ND: Gloria Biggs

Ushers

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

11:00am: George Gonsowski, Dennis
Imbrock, Larry Peterson, Larry Sutton

Acolytes

8:15am: Cordelia Wanner
Jaylynn Jermann

11:00am: Eva Counts, Leigh Counts

Contemporary Communion Prep

Rachel Katterhenrich

Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Readers

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Sheryl Fraley
Contemporary: Stephen Katterhenrich,
Lydia Shrum

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Karen Bentley, Linda Wagner

11:00am: Gloria Biggs, Lynda Berry
Contemporary: Beth Katterhenrich,
Brad and Theresa Wahl

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: in celebration of Stephen and Denise Linder's 10 years of bliss.

BULLETINS: In gratefulness for my many blessings. Given by Vi Davis.

Lessons Today: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34,53-56.

✧ PERSONAL NEWS ✧

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Shirley Barnes**, who passed away at the age of 93 on July 12, 2024; and to the friends and family of **Helen Link**, who passed away at the age of 88 on July 12, 2024. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

CELEBRATING HELEN LINK: Helen Virginia Link, 88, passed peacefully into the Church Triumphant on Friday, July 12. She is sadly missed by her beloved and faithful "adopted" family, Paul and Marie Chapman and their children: Curtis, Dana, Rebecca, Laura, Kristen, and Alison (Sam) Ratliff; and "adopted" daughter, Diana Imbrock, as well as many friends from the Prayer Shawl Ministry and the Urbancrest YMCA.

You are invited to celebrate Helen's life with us on Wednesday, July 24th at 11:00am in the Sanctuary, followed by a luncheon in the Family Life Center.

Helen was a gifted crocheter and made hundreds of prayer shawls for our Wrapped in Prayer Ministry. In her honor, we ask that if you have ever received a prayer shawl, you wear it to her celebration. Chances are very good that she made it!

✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧



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 this **Saturday on July 27th**.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS – an important part of our anniversary celebration is remembering those who came before us. **On Saturday, July 27th** we will celebrate the rededication of our cemetery with a picnic and a short worship service. This will all take place at 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.

THE QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will follow 8:15am worship on **Sunday, July 28**. Please plan to attend. During our Summer Quarterly Congregational meeting on July 28th after the 8:15 service concludes we will vote on the following.

Approval to spend up to \$25,000 from our bequest holding account to hire a search agency for assistance in finding our next Youth Minister.

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION 2024-25:

It's almost time to begin our 2024-25 year of confirmation class at St. John's!

If your child is entering 7th or 8th grade this fall, we encourage you to enroll him/her in our confirmation program. It's a wonderful opportunity for young people to wrestle with their faith, grow in Christ, serve in his name, and establish strong ties of friendship within God's Church.

All potential confirmation students and at least one of their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend an orientation meeting on **either one or the other** of the following dates:

- Sunday, August 25th at 12:15pm in the Main Sanctuary**
- Saturday, August 31st at 1pm in the Main Sanctuary**

At the orientation, we'll go over the confirmation requirements and answer any questions you may have. At the end of the orientation, you can decide whether you can make the commitment this year.

If you cannot come to either orientation session, but are interested in confirmation for your child, please call Pastor Seth Jersild at 217-255-2118 or at church 614-875-2314 today. The first regular confirmation class is scheduled for **Sunday, September 8th, at 9:30 am**.

If you know of any children outside our congregation who might be interested in confirmation instruction, please let their parents/guardians know they are very welcome to take part in our program. See you in church!

LIFT UP YOUR VOICE! As part of the 175th Anniversary Celebration, St. John's is planning to form a Reformation Choir. Its purpose is to sing at the Reformation Service on October 27. That service will be a combined service involving contemporary and traditional worship and will take place at 11:00 am.

The Reformation Choir plans to sing Randall Thompson's *Alleluia*, a beautiful and inspiring work. The choir will be made up of Chancel Choir members and additional volunteers from both the contemporary and traditional services. The plan is for the Reformation Choir to learn the *Alleluia* during the first twenty minutes of Chancel Choir practices beginning on September 4 at 7:30 in the Sanctuary. After twenty minutes, the Reformation choir members may leave, and the Chancel Choir will continue practicing for its other fall services.

This is a wonderful opportunity for singers from both contemporary and traditional worship services to join their voices in praising God and celebrating the church's anniversary. It does involve a commitment of time in September and October, but it is less than a full-time commitment to the choir. Interested singers may contact Mark Meuser, Music Director, at mmeuser@stjohnsgc.org or in person after a service.

ST. JOHN'S HISTORICAL DISPLAY: The Historical Cabinet in the North Entrance has a new display! Please stop by and check it out. Submit any questions you have regarding the history of St. John's in the box on the North Entrance desk and find the answers in the following week's News Notes!

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.

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.

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.

YOUTH NEWS

SUMMER FUN! Each evening will be full of fun, faith, and friendship! Snacks included, of course! Join us on Sunday July 28, and Sunday 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.

Faith In Action was July 8—11th! *What a beautiful, faith-filled week of fellowship and service!* We learned what it truly meant to shine Jesus' light in the dark, broken places in the world and to give God the glory through our good deeds (Matthew 5:16). Throughout the week, the 7-12th graders bought and delivered 1,052 items to the Grove City Pantry, sewed 17 baby quilts for the quilters' Christmas ministry, built 37 beds for the Bed Brigade, and made 360 PB&J sandwiches for Jordan's Crossing. The 4-6th graders decorated 40 footboards for the bed brigade, sewed 12 baby quilts for the quilters, tagged 210 bears for the Althoff's CTA (Carrying Tender Angels) ministry, and made dog toys, bagged dog and cat treats, and prepared fans for distribution for LifeCare Alliance. We were served throughout the week by the young families of the congregation, the bereavement committee, the Sarah and Elizabeth Circles, and the Adventure Club Crew. They made our meals, filling our bellies with yummy food and our hearts with love. Thanks to all who participated and prayed the week through! **To God be the Glory! Diana, Laurie, Gini**

STEWARDSHIP

Attendance July 14 - 250

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, JULY 21

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)

MONDAY, JULY 22

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
 6:30pm Small Group (101)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
 7:00pm Respect Life (102)
 7:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)

TUESDAY, JULY 23

9:30am Quilters (103-4)
 5:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)
 6:00pm Internship Meeting (Lib)
 6:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH [FLC])

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

11:00am Funeral Service (Sanc, FLC)
 1:30pm Small Group (102)

THURSDAY, JULY 25

9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
 2:00pm Small Group (101)
 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)

FRIDAY, JULY 26

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

SATURDAY, JULY 27

10:00am **175th Cemetery Rededication
 Service and Cookout
 (SH, FLC)**
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (103-4)

SUNDAY, JULY 28

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:00am **QUARTERLY
 CONGREGATIONAL
 MEETING (Sanc)**
 9:30am Sunday School
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
 6:30pm Summer Fun (FLC, 103-4, FH)

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.