

NEWS NOTES

December 28-29, 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: *Linda Diehl*

ND: *Bill Diehl*

Ushers

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

11:00am: *Dave Clark, Bill Diehl, Dennis Imbrock, Tom Lang*

Acolytes

8:15am: *Cordelia Wanner*

11:00am: *Levi Greer*

Contemporary Communion Prep

Karen Jersild

Altar Guild

Betty and Dellno Lewis

Readers

4:00pm: *Holly Starr*

8:15am: *Pam Wittenberg*

11:00am: *Cindy Gonsowski*

Contemporary: *Karrie Clark, Emma Grossman*

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: *Holly Starr*

8:15am: *Ann Jones, Linda Wagner*

11:00am: *Dan Yeater, Ike Stage*

Contemporary: *Karen Jersild, Karrie Clark, Cindy Dye*

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Robert on our anniversary. Given by Bonnie Swanson.

BULLETINS: In honor of all my church family. Given by Armand Arabian.

Lessons Today: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52.

☞ ☞ 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!

☞ ☞ 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	

SARAH CIRCLE will not be meeting in the months of January or February. They will return in March 2025.

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.

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 Dave or Karen Grossman, 614-579-8037, or Jo Dimond, 614-270-3291, jodimond@aol.com. 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.

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE: The response to our request for coats and blankets has been overwhelming. THANK YOU FOR BEING SO GENEROUS! God's love is shown through your gifts of warm outerwear and blankets for Jordan's Crossing, an organization who offers these items (and many more) to those less fortunate. It is located on Hague Avenue, Valleyview, on the Hilltop. This is a winter project and **we'll be collecting through January.** Candles were also requested. The collection 'can' is in the link beside the tables there. Any questions, see Bruce and Karen Whyte in church or call 614-716-8754.



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.

OWLS EVENT JAUARY 17, 2025: The Older Wiser Lutherans' (OWLS) January speaker will share exciting news about a program the citizens of Grove City should be very proud of - The Grove City Buddy Ball program. It is more than just baseball. It's about making new friends, building self-esteem and treating everyone equally. Buddy Ball removes barriers that keep children and adults with mental and physical disabilities off the baseball field. The teams play on the Mirolo Dream Field at Mount Carmel Stadium – a custom designed tiled rubberized surface that will accommodate wheelchairs and other assistive devices.

Buddy Ball is committed to being an inclusive organization and is made up of people of all ages, from all walks of life, working side-by-side to strengthen our community. They work to ensure everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential. This program is such a great experience for our youngsters who deserve it and enjoy it!!!

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 11:15am so we can open the meeting at 11:30am. 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 Lutherans but everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!

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.

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

STEWARDSHIP

ATTENDANCE December 22 - 243 Traditional + Contemporary

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.



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 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)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
1:30pm GriefShare (103-4)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

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Happy New Year!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

9:30am Ladies Bible Study (103-4)
10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
6:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (FLC)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

6:30am Boy Scouts #392 (FLC)
10:00am Visitation (Sanc)
11:00am Funeral Service (Sanc, FLC)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

6:30am Boy Scouts #392 (FLC)
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)
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12:30pm Private Event (FLC)
1:30pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
4:00pm Private Event (FLC)

The office will be closed Tuesday, December 31st through
Thursday, January 2nd for New Years

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