

NEWS NOTES

January 4-5, 2025

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Nick Grossman and David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Armand Arabian

11:00am MD: Bill Diehl

ND: Linda Diehl

Ushers

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

11:00am: Bill Diehl, Dennis Imbrock,
Tom Lang, Larry Sutton

Acolytes

8:15am: Colton Thompson, Ben Previts

11:00am: Layla Greer, Riley Millet

Contemporary Communion Prep

Megan Grossman

Altar Guild

Don and Diane Carducci

Donna Linder

Readers

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Christine Hank

Contemporary: Lydia Shrum, Jackie Rutan

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Ann Jones, Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Volunteers Needed

Contemporary: Kate Shrum, Gini Rogers,
Jackie Rutan

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

Lessons Today:

Epiphany: Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 1:3-14, Matthew 2:1-12

Second Sunday after Christmas: Jeremiah 31:7-14, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:1-18

☞ ☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place during the Sunday School Hour at 9:30am on Sunday, January 26, 2025! Please plan to attend.

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

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION TEAM: On the first Sunday of 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.

BULLETIN SPONSORS: Consider submitting a bulletin dedication in honor or in memory of loved ones, and to celebrate an event, milestone, birthday, or anniversary. Bulletin Sponsorship is 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.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP: Our worship services each week are beautified with wonderful music, smiling faces, and flowers. Making a flower dedication for the Altar, Pulpit, and Lectern is a wonderful way to remember or honor loved ones. Reserve your date on the Altar Flowers Chart in the Parish Entrance, or by directly contacting Lesa Corbin at 614-530-4984.



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.

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.

RAISE RIGHT ORDER DEADLINE is this coming Tuesday. Please submit your order by noon on January 6th.

GREETERS NEEDED for both Sunday morning traditional services. Volunteers for 4pm and 8:15am services are encouraged to sign up on the Greeter's chart posted on the Parish bulletin board. We kindly request the 11:00am volunteers to contact Linda Diehl at 614-906-1408.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available on the table at the front of the Sanctuary. 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 – JANUARY 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!

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 are also requested. The collection 'can' is in the Link beside the cabinets. Questions? See Bruce and Karen Whyte in church or call 614-716-8754.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, January 11th at 9am and on Tuesday, January 28th at 6pm in Rooms 103-4.** Everyone is welcome. Bring your knitting/crochet materials and any completed shawls to be blessed with prayer. Anyone can learn to knit or crochet with our help! For more info call Glenda at 614-352-5955 or Diana at 614-271-5775.

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!

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.

USED EYEGLASSES are being collected for donation to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers located throughout the world. The used glasses are repaired and distributed to those in need in developing countries. You can donate your used eyeglasses in the drop boxes in the second-floor hallway just outside of the library.

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the Lost & Found bin located in the North Entrance coat area if you have lost or found any items in the church. For small items, such as rings, earrings, or headphones, please check with the office Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm. Eyeglasses 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.

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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held on **Tuesday, January 21st** in the Family Life Center from 12pm to 6pm. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2776) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: StJohnsGC.

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

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	Christmas Eve - 815 Christmas Day - 72 December 29 - 189 + Contemporary
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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.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

THURSDAYS start again this week, January 9th! Adventure Club (ages 4 through 4th grade) and Faith Trek (grades 5 - 6) meet weekly on Thursday nights, 5:45 - 7:15pm. The greeter's table opens at 5:30pm. Suggested donation for the evening meal is \$3. Each group enjoys gym time, a meal with friends, arts and crafts, and an active learning Bible lesson. Talk to Laurie Pecuch or Diana Imbrock about joining us!

WEDNESDAYS start again this week, January 8th! Explorers and Energizers for grades 7 - 8 and 9 - 12 meet weekly on Wednesday nights, 7 - 8:30pm. Talk to Gini Rogers for details!

Sundays at 9:30am...classes for all ages, including a parenting group that meets in 103-104 with Nate and Amy Wanner. For more information on classes, talk to Tim Allman.

Children's Church, led by Jenn Czaplicki, meets during the sermon time at the 11am Contemporary Worship. Children love learning Bible Verses, singing Bible songs, and hearing messages that help them grow in faith!

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 on how you can order physical cards. Did you know that you can also order e-gift cards and re-load your cards on-line? 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!*

CALENDAR

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)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 12:30pm Private Event (FLC)
- 1:30pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
- 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

- 9:30am BSF Leaders
- 11:00am Property Team (204)
- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
- 1:30pm GriefShare (103-4)
- 6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (103-4)
- 6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE

- 6:30am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)
- 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
- 11:00am OWLS Planning (102)
- 5:15pm Private Event (FLC)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (FLC)
- 7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

- 9:30am BSF
- 1:30pm Small Group (102)
- 6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (FH)
- 6:30pm Prayer Group (Chapel)
- 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
- 7:00pm Explorers & Energizers
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 2:00pm Small Group (101)
- 3:00pm After School Acting Class (FLC)
- 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
- 5:45pm Adventure Club & Faith Trek
- 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
- 8:00pm Dartball (FLC)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

FEBRUARY EAGLE ARTICLES DUE

- 9:30am Ladies Bible Study (103-4)
- 10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
- 6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
- 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

HOL(L)YSTOCK (FLC, Kit)

- 9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
- 9:00am Girl Scouts #6300 (FH)
- 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

- 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)

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