

# NEWS NOTES

January 11-12, 2025

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### ☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

#### **Greeters**

4:00pm: *Mary Campbell*

8:15am: *Volunteers Needed*

11:00am MD: *Keith and Jane Stenerson*

ND: *Linda Diehl*

#### **Ushers**

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

11:00am: *Don Carducci, Dave Clark, Bill Diehl, Dennis Imbrock*

#### **Acolytes**

8:15am: *Cordelia Wanner, Truman Allman*

11:00am: *Nick Althoff, Eva Counts*

#### **Contemporary Communion Prep**

*Karen Jersild*

#### **Altar Guild**

*Dave and Karen Grossman*

*Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson*

#### **Readers**

4:00pm: *Chris Jenkins*

8:15am: *Gary Smith*

11:00am: *Lisa Stallard*

*Contemporary: Karen Jersild, Karrie Clark*

#### **Communion Assistants**

4:00pm: *Dave Sweeley*

8:15am: *Karen Bentley, Joel Baughman*

11:00am: *Volunteers Needed*

*Contemporary: Karen Jersild, Jennifer Shade, Karrie Clark*

**Lessons Today: Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.**

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In loving memory of Mary A. Fadeley by her daughter. Given by Diane Carducci.

**BULLETINS:** In memory of my mother Pat Gusa’s birthday. Given by Frank and Jean Gusa.

**☞ ☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞**

**NOTES OF THANKS:**

“Dear St. John’s: Thank you for the lovely poinsettia, candy, and other items delivered to my home, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. It truly was an act of kindness. Fondly, Pat Walters.”

“There is no gift so fine as the conscious act of grace and kindness. Thank you so much for thinking of me. Thank you for all the goodies and card. Thank you for being such a wonderful loving and caring church. P.S. – Thank you to Carol Penrod for delivering this gift. ~ Elaine (Card Lady) Rapp.”

“Thank you for my poinsettia, card, and goodie bag. It was the prettiest poinsettia I ever laid eyes on. I really appreciated it. ~ Pat Marie.”

**☞ ☞ TODAY’S NEWS ☞**

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held in the FLC at 9:30am during the Sunday School Hour on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025**. Please plan to attend.

**WEDNESDAY TWICE-A-MONTH PRAYER GROUP** – Starting in January 2025. Starting on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 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  
February 5 and 19  
March 5 and 19  
April 2, 16, and 30  
May 14

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

**NEW BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN ABOUT THE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE – Starting in February 2025.**

The 1<sup>st</sup> session starts Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 3pm and 6pm and will run 4 weeks till Ash Wednesday. We will study Eve, Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel. We will meet in Rooms 103-4. Pastor Patti will be leading the study. Session 2 will start on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please sign up on the salmon sheet if you would like to attend either of these class times.



**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.

**SERMON SERIES: VISION FOR ST. JOHN'S**

Pastors Seth and Patti will be doing a six-week sermon series from February 9th—March 16th on our St. John's vision statement:

***St. John's equips people to be and make disciples of Christ. This happens through the study of God's Word and the leading of the Holy Spirit as we help people develop a life plan to enhance faith and grow spiritually through:***

***Prayer  
Reading the Bible  
Worship  
Service  
Relationships  
Generosity***

Our vision statement is like a target we are aiming for in all that we do as a congregation. It's a picture of what we pray to see in every person who gets involved in the life of St. John's. We all have our unique gifts and interests; in a sense we all enter into the life of our church through different doorways. But our target is the same. It's that each and every one of us will grow to become a disciple who prays, reads scripture, worships, serves, builds up the church, and gives generously towards the work of the Kingdom. In this six-week sermon series, we'll delve into each of the six characteristics of Christian discipleship. We think you will find it challenging, helpful, and inspiring. May God bless us as we grow in his Word together!

**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.



## A Heartfelt Farewell and Celebration for Vicar Dale and His Family

**Join us on Sunday, February 2, at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center to Celebrate the Successful Completion of Vicar Dale's internship and His New Journey in Ministry.**

Dear St. John's Family,

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the final Sunday that Vicar Dale and his family will be with us is **February 2**. After a meaningful journey here, Vicar Dale will be ordained and begin a new chapter in pastoral ministry, accepting his first call to serve in an NALC congregation yet to be determined by the call process.

As we gather on Sunday, February 2, we invite all members of our congregation to join us for a special **reception** in the Family Life Center to share food, fellowship, and words of encouragement with the Stanley family. This will be a wonderful time to personally wish Vicar Dale well as he steps into this new role and prepares to serve God and His people in new ways.

For those who wish to give a gift to Vicar Dale as he embarks on this exciting new chapter, we kindly suggest a gift card to a national retail chain. Since we don't yet know where he will be called to serve, this will give him the flexibility to use the gift in his new location.

If you would like to send a card or note to Vicar Dale, please send it to the **St. John's Church office** by **Sunday, January 26**, or feel free to hand it directly to **Pastor Patti**. Thank you in advance for your participation in this heartfelt gesture of appreciation!

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church  
Attn: Pastor Patti  
3220 Columbus St.  
Grove City, Ohio 43123

Let us come together to celebrate, pray, and send our vicar off with love and blessing as he begins this new chapter. We hope to see you there to share in this momentous occasion!

With gratitude and joy,  
The Internship Team



**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!

**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!

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will be held on **Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** 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.

**ST. JOHN'S GOODTIME IRISH BAND:** On March 15th, from 6 to 7:30pm St. John's will be hosting a traditional Irish music concert by our own St. John's Goodtime Irish Band. The concert is free and open to the public, but there will be a free will offering for Missions. We are anticipating a good turnout and want to be able to offer free cookies and free bottled water. In that regard, we are asking for donations of bottled water to make this possible. We believe we will need about 10 cases. Donations can be placed on the left side against the wall as you walk into the gym. Thank you so much!



**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.

**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.

**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** January 5 - 277

**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.
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**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, 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)  
3:00pm Prayers and Pins Bowling (off-site)  
4:00pm Private Event (FLC)

## **MONDAY, JANUARY 13**

9:30am BSF Leaders  
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)  
1:00pm Altar Guild (Chapel)  
1:30pm GriefShare (103-4)  
6:00pm Private Event (FLC)  
6:30pm Puppets (FLC)  
7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)  
7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 14**

6:30am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)  
9:30am Quilters (103-4)  
6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (103-4)

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15**

9:30am BSF  
1:30pm Small Group (102)  
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)  
7:00pm Explorers & Energizers  
7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 16**

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
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 (away)

## **FRIDAY, JANUARY 17**

9:30am Ladies Bible Study (103-4)  
10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)  
11:30am OWLS (FLC)  
6:00pm Private Event (FLC)  
8:30pm AA (FH)

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**

12:30pm Columbus Miniature Society (103-4)  
1:00pm Private Event  
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

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 Second Year – Faith Celebration  
Prep. (103-4)  
1:30pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)  
3:00pm Prayers and Pins Bowling (off-site)  
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!