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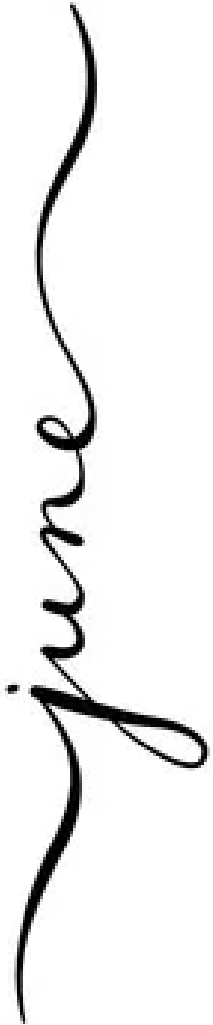
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Sundays at 11am

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDS.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Traditional Worship 8:15am Sunday School 9:30am Men's Chorale 9:30am Small Group 10:30am Contemporary Worship 11am NEW MEMBER CLASS 12pm Private Event 1pm Adult Basketball 5pm	2 Property Team 11am Lunchtime AA 12pm Elizabeth Circle 6:30pm Daily Reprieve AA 7pm	3 RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE Men's Prayer Group 6:30am Quilters 9:30am OWLS Planning 11am Boy Scouts #392 7pm SW Historical Soc. 7pm	4 Small Group 1:30pm	5 Promise Keepers 8am Women's Bible Study 3pm Children's Choir 5pm Women's Bible Study 6pm	6 Bulletin Team 10:30am Private Event 6pm AA 8:30pm	7 Bible Study 1pm Traditional Worship 4pm Serenity Seek. AA 7pm
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Vacation Bible School

True North VBS is coming to St. John's June 23-26th!



Below is a list of items needed to make the snack rotation successful over the entire week of VBS. Please make sure to buy the listed item as some items are specific for making the snack work for the day. We will have bulletin boards set up in the main entrance and in the FLC for you to grab an item tag before purchasing from the list and returning to St. John's by Saturday, June 21st. Thank you for your support!

Vanilla Pudding Cup

Popcorn (already popped)

Mini Marshmallows

Cheez-Its

Pirates Booty Individual Bags

Spoons

Pretzel twists

M&M's

Cheex cereal

Twisted Pretzel Sticks



Please join us for our:

FUN IN THE SON

CARNIVAL

THURSDAY
JUNE 26, 2025

6:00-8:00pm

A clown with red hair and a yellow shirt is juggling five colorful balls. To the right is a carnival game with four bottles on a wooden stand, each with a star on it.

We will have fun carnival games, bounce houses, food & more.

WE NEED A LOT OF HELP TO MAKE OUR EVENT HAPPEN, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP PLEASE CONTACT

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TWICE-A-MONTH MONDAY EXERCISE CLASS

Please join us every 2nd and 4th Monday each month at 6pm in the Family Life Center (FLC) for 30 minutes of fun, fellowship, and fitness. Everyone is welcome, however the class is geared more towards those who want to strengthen their core and work on their balance. There are chairs available to help with any needed stability. Several of the exercises are seated, but there are some standing balance challenges too. The last 5 or so minutes of each session is a basic work out with light hand weights for anyone who wants to stay and participate. Just bring two 1-3 lb. weights or even a couple of 16.9 oz. plastic water bottles will work. This is a drop in class so no registration is needed. Just come when you can! Please call Diane Sexton with any questions at 678-572-0308. Thank you!

The next meeting is on Monday, June 9th.

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no class on June 23rd.



LAY READERS are needed for the 8:15am and 11am worship services from July through December.

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.



OWLS EVENT—JUNE 20, 2025

The OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors) once again welcome you to join us for our speaker and lunch - regardless of your age!! Tell a friend! Bring a friend!



Mayor Ike Stage is all I need to say about our speaker this month!! St. John's is home to the mayor and if you don't know him or haven't met him, now is your opportunity. He will share Grove City's latest news and there is a lot! Council is currently discussing the possibility of changing the form of government. If you want to know more, come be an OWL for an afternoon. We promise you an excellent program.

The OWLS will provide fried chicken and meat loaf for our potluck lunch, but we ask you to bring a covered dish and join your friends (old and new) for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. Please plan to arrive around 11:15 am so we can open the meeting at 11:30 am. Use the salmon sheet in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation so the group can plan accordingly. You may call the office or Bonnie Swanson 614-562-8002. Hope to see you there!



The Quilters try to help the less fortunate by showing God's love and our understanding of their situations. Our main focus is to make quilts for our Christmas sale and giving back the proceeds to various church ministries and charities. We donate most of the unsold quilts to children's charities.

During the last half of the year, we make 100 Christmas bags for the children whose families use the Grove City food pantry at the Methodist Church. We request our congregation to donate items to fill the bags. One of our other two on-going projects is collecting used greeting card fronts for The Cancer Thrift Store. The card fronts are recycled by a craftswoman into cards that are sold in the Cancer Thrift Store and given to local nursing homes. Our second on-going project is collecting, trimming, and mailing off used stamps for two military hospitals in Virginia for hand rehabilitation.

The Quilters welcome visitors! We are a small group for those uncomfortable in large groups. **The Quilters meet every Tuesday from 9:30am to 1:30pm in rooms 103-104.** The times are flexible. We come and go as we wish. Come at any time and stay as long as you wish. You may sew on a machine, learn to hand quilt, cut squares, arrange already cut squares, tie knots, pin a hem or just sit, have a cup of coffee and visit with us. You may take fabric home to make a quilt to donate.

Lord, give us the Christian love and understanding to not judge others. Amen

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We are happy to teach anyone interested how to knit or crochet. For more information, call Glenda Allman at 614-352-5955 or Diana Imbrock at 614-271-5775.



Join us for the next meetings on **Saturday, JUNE 14 at 9am and Tuesday, JUNE 24 at 6pm in rooms 103-4**

Here's a spiritual growth goal: Join a Circle of friends!

Joining our Circles is an easy way to make new friends and grow spiritually. Both Circles have evening meeting times and are held in rooms 103-4. Contact the leaders listed for more information.

Elizabeth Circle
Contact
Amy Shaw
614-496-2890

Monday, JUNE 2 at 6:30pm

Sarah Circle
Contact
Wilma Phillips
614-875-7931

Monday, JUNE 23 at 7pm

RESPECT LIFE HOSTS BOTTLES FOR LIFE

"I am come that they may have life, and may have it more abundantly." ~ John 10:10

Your St. John's Respect Life team loves this verse! We are so thankful that our Lord gives us life and seeks abundant life for every one of us. Sin militates against this abundant life and reveals itself in many ways; neglect and abuse of children, the elderly, and other vulnerable people; human trafficking; abortion; suicide; and addiction; among others. For many people, such struggles as mental illness and poverty make it difficult to reach this abundant life.

We seek to promote the life Christ has for us. Recent projects of the committee have included partnership with our local crisis pregnancy centers, a contribution toward free ultrasound examinations of unexpected or challenging pregnancies, and an anti-human-trafficking initiative.



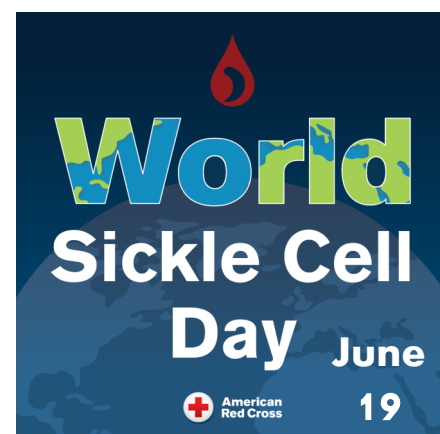
How you can help:

- St. John's will honor parents by again hosting the **annual Bottles for Life Campaign** from Mother's Day through Father's Day. Pick up a colorful plastic baby bottle from the church to fill with change, currency, and checks. Bring your Baby Bottle back on Father's Day, June 15, with a donation for the life-saving work of our local Pregnancy Decision Health Centers.
- **Pray** that vulnerable people are protected and God's gifts of life is valued.
- **Sign up for newsletters** from Ohio Right to Life, the Pregnancy Decision Health Centers, and other pro-life groups, which would be grateful for your prayers.
- **Join us!** We meet on the fourth Monday of each month at St. John's at 7 p.m. to share ideas, pray together, and learn more about spreading God's love to others. We would love to see you there!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

St. John's will be hosting a
Red Cross Blood Drive
in the Family Life Center on
THURSDAY, June 19
from 12-6 pm.

To schedule your appointment,
call 1-800-RED-CROSS
or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use
sponsor code: **StJohnsGC**



Announcement of Marriage

Bob and Janette Briggeman would like to announce that their daughter **Emily Briggeman** exchanged vows with **Evan Beachler** of Westerville on April 26, 2025, at the Darby House in Grove City.

**Congratulations Emily and Evan!
May God bless your new life together.**



Relationships are important to us at St. John's!

We want to surround our children and youth with lots of faith-filled relationships, of all ages, so that they might know the love of Jesus and stay connected with the church. If you'd like to know how you can make a difference in a young person's life, connect with our

Interim Children and Youth Directors:

Christina Allman, Donna Westerfeld, and Gini Rogers.



IN SEARCH OF SUMMER MUSICAL TALENT

Dear members of the congregation,

Since the St. John's choirs are on their summer break, we are in need of singers and instrumentalists to play for the worship services. If you play an instrument, can sing a solo, or would like to be a part of a small vocal ensemble, please let me know. I would be happy to rehearse with you to prepare an instrumental or vocal anthem for at a service. As you know, the worshippers at our services are very supportive and appreciative of musicians who share their gifts.

Sincerely,
Mark Meuser, Director of Music.



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MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF MAY 12, 2025

Mexico Missions Fund

Given in memory of **Marian Walsh** by Beth Katterhenrich; Martha Brown; Bruce Nicely; and anonymous donors

Given in honor of **Diana Imbrock** by Beth Katterhenrich

Memorial Fund, Youth Ministry

Given in memory of **Marian Walsh** by Daniel and Patricia Jackson; Jacqueline Rutan; and anonymous donors

Given in memory of **Rev. Dr. Ronald Warren** by Debbie Abbitt

Given in honor of **Laurie Pecuch** by Beth Katterhenrich

Handbells Fund

Given in memory of **Paul Offenburger** by Andrea Offenburger



**Memorials
& Gifts**

MY LAST PIECE OF ADVICE IS:

Smile. Be true to yourself. Stay faithful in the Lord no matter what.
Don't lose sight of the Lord. Remember that everything happens for a reason.
Enjoy every day. Always keep trying. Trust God and have fun!
Go the distance. Invest in the things that bring you joy!
Enjoy every day for what it brings. Challenges make you stronger.
Remember who you are in Christ. Work hard and enjoy your new friends.
You are a beloved child of God! Know we have faith in you and your dreams.
Be your own cheerleader and a cheerleader for others. Live life to the fullest.
Know and love yourself, failures and shortcomings, strengths and successes.
Never, ever forget the love and sacrifice of Christ Jesus, your Savior.
Represent Christ's character and know you are a winner in Christ.
There's some good in this world, and it's worth fighting for.
Don't get discouraged when things don't go as planned.
Good luck! Godspeed!

**If you noticed advice given in the form of Disney songs and movie quotes, it came from the imaginative minds of a group of youth! 😊*

Special Thanks to the **Elizabeth and Sarah Circles** for mini-muffins and fruit, **Christina Allman** for her renowned "Christina cake", **Rita Bausch** for the beautiful flowers, the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** for the beautiful graduate shawls, and **all of you** for coming to celebrate our graduates on this special day! 😊



Congratulations, 2025 Graduates!

***Congratulations to our post-high graduates!

Luci Evans from OSU with a B.A. in Zoology.

Kayla Rutan from Otterbein University with a Bachelor's Degree in criminal justice and psychology.

Reagan Straub from Hocking College with an Associate Degree of Science majoring in Natural Resources and Law Enforcement.

Aidan Wahl from the Toyota T-Ten program at Stark State Community College and he will soon be a Master Technician at Tansky Toyota.

Eli Wanner from the Divinity School of Duke University with a Masters of Divinity.

***Congratulations also to our graduating seniors who have worked diligently and have successfully finished strong!

Addie Anderson
Abby Brubaker
Cora Grimm
Ella Rauch
Briley Waller

Kaitlyn Ball
Morgan Cline
Grant House
Olivia Straub
Braydon Ware

Rebecca Baumgartner
Jordan Dye
Janie Mahan
Erin Wahl
Jenna White





Graduation 2025

Advice gathered for our graduates from their church family May 4, 2025

DON'T BE AFRAID TO...

...be wrong; take risks and ask for help; show who you are; try new things; try everything; do the things that make you happy; ask for prayers; chase your dreams; make mistakes (sometimes you learn from your mistakes); be yourself (anyone that tells you different is wrong); step outside of your comfort zone; reach for the sky; sail above the rest; challenge yourself; move to attend a new college; change your mind; take chances; share the truth of the Gospel.

BE PREPARED TO...

...be wrong; be flexible and work hard; make sacrifices; fail (Take the opportunity to learn from it.); roll with the punches life throws; (for) the challenge of a lifetime; face challenges; (Embrace this new chapter, the world is yours.); feel lost (Lots of opportunity also means lots of varied emotions.); finish the good works God has prepared for you in advance to do; flow with change; move it, move it; work hard and keep trying; be excited and amazed; stand up for Christ; make new friends; succeed; try new things and meet new people; roll with the punches!

ALWAYS KEEP...

...faith; challenging yourself and setting new goals; Christ in your heart; trying; your faith; swimming; God close to you; faith in God (He's always with you.); swimming (When in doubt, pray, and do the next right things.); your head up and face your problems head-on; a bigger boat; trying, and don't lose your faith; your hope in God's promises; your heart open; your vision; a positive attitude; in His Word.

DON'T ALLOW YOURSELF TO...

...not smile; worry too much; give up hope; grow distant with the Lord; not make mistakes; start to crumble; become jaded by the world; to doubt yourself (You are awesome!); give up (Always keep going.); second guess yourself (Know and do what is right for you, not them.); fall behind; give up; sit on a throne of lies; get caught up in the wrong crowd; stop learning, growing; turn back when you make a mistake or fail; forget self-care; lose focus; lose sight of the bigger picture; be separated from your friends and family by a relationship.

BE OPEN TO...

...being different; new opportunities and listening to God; suggestions; criticism; change and advice; a whole new world; new opportunity; new ideas and challenges; trying new things; what God has planned for you; change (Everything will change, sometimes it's good.); a warm hug; advice, change, and new friends; supportive advice and wisdom; trying as often as it takes to finish what your heart is set on; God's plans; a new start; changes and pivoting (Life is always moving.) change; the Holy Spirit's leading.

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Dear faith families,

Have we got a summer for you! Below, please find all the information you need to block out special times on your summer calendars for faith, fun, fellowship, and service! Watch the bulletins and Eagle for additional information as each event approaches. The church office phone number is 614-875-2314. All listed grades are for the 2024-2025 school year. We move up in the fall!

First off there's VBS for ages 3 (potty-trained) through 6th grades and student leaders 7-12th grades:



Point kids to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust.

"Kids will be guided on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that He is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!"

Monday – Thursday, June 23-26, 9-12am, with our famous Carnival on Thursday evening!

Contact Christina Allman at callman@stjohnsgc.org with questions.

Then, throughout the summer, there's a time for family down time and a breather in the midst of the chaos:



Joyful Pause: Come when you can and leave when you have to! It's a summer open house at St. John's on **Thursdays - June 12, July 10, and August 14!** **Times are 9:30am to 12:30pm and 5:30 – 8:30pm.** Choose which time you'd like to attend (or stop by both)! We will have tables set up in the gym with various activities: games, puzzles, arts and crafts, cards ... plus open gym ... and special guests! Pizza and drinks will be available around lunch and dinner-time. All ages are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors!

Contact Karrie Clark with questions at karriejclark@gmail.com.

Finally, there's a place for those middle school and high school youth:



Mission: Possible is a service and fellowship event that will be occurring on Saturdays throughout this summer aimed towards middle and high school students. We'll be serving throughout our community and growing our faith networks, while discussing how to be 'agents' of God. For more information, please reach out to Gini Rogers at grogers@stjohnsgc.org. Save the dates: **Saturdays - June 14, 28, July 12, 26, and August 9, 23.** Gini and Donna would love for you to join them!

IQA is a Bible study for middle and high school students that meets **every Monday night from 7:30-8:30 pm over Zoom.** We are currently reading through the book of Job and C.S. Lewis' The Screwtape Letters. For more information or the Zoom link, please reach out to Gini Rogers at grogers@stjohnsgc.org.

Looking forward to seeing you this summer!

Christina (Grades K – 6 and Families), Donna (Grades 7 – 8), and Gini (Grades 9 – 12)

Welcome New Members

MEMBERSHIP CLASS and NEW MEMBERS' RECEPTION IN JUNE

A Membership Class will be held at **12:15 p.m. on Sunday, June 1**. We'll start with lunch together in room 103-4. All visitors to our congregation, our newest members, and all potential members are invited to come! The classes will cover Christian mission at St. John's, and we'll be able to answer any questions you have about our congregation and our Lutheran Christian heritage. We will formally receive new members into our congregation during the **11:00 a.m. traditional worship service on Sunday, June 8**. We hope you can come!

Are you looking for a church home, or do you have questions about our congregation? Call Pastor Seth or Pastor Patti (614-875-2314) any time.



SECURITY TEAM MEMBER WANTED!

Due to a recent vacancy, the Security Team is searching for a new member. The duties include:

- Walking the interior and exterior of the building
- Turning off lights
- Checking the doors are locked, and locking them where needed
- Noting when things need to be fixed.

The schedule for the team member is 14 days rotation, and typically takes an hour each night. The compensation is \$12/hr.

If interested, please contact the office: secretary@stjohnsgc.org, 614-875-2314.

Words cannot express how overwhelmed Laurie and I have been by our sweet send-off! The last evening of Adventure Club and Faith Trek, we were treated to a celebratory tunnel with all the children. We also received beautiful notebooks with each child's decorated handprint; a beautiful reminder of each precious child of God and a perfect way for us to continue to pray for each one! Then, the following week, the adult leaders, organized by Karen Grossman, hosted a special potluck dinner with all their specialty dishes. We received many well wishes, including a surprise gift from the kitchen crew. I know I will miss my one home-cooked meal of the week next year! Thank you, thank you, thank you! We have been truly blessed and touched by your loving kindness.
~ Diana & Laurie.



"What a wonderful gift to be shared among our St. John's family - the recognition and caring about each other. My recent hospitalization and health challenge emphasized how caring and concerned we are for each other. Thank you, dear church family, for the cards, calls, and prayers I received from you. I have truly been richly blessed by your responses. God bless you and yours. ~ Averil Mackenzie

A special thank you is extended to Elizabeth Circle and all others who donated clothing to the New Life Community Outreach Ladies Homeless Shelter! Thank you so much, we received over 20 garbage bags full of very nice ladies clothing!! I will continue to collect if anyone is interested. There's a container in the Link for donations. Thank you! ~ Pam Castle.

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**The article deadline for the JULY Eagle is
JUNE 10TH.**

Email announcements & articles to
secretary@stjohnsgc.org
or leave a handwritten copy in the church office.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to

the family and friends of **Lew McCreary**, who
passed away on February 22, 2025.

the family and friends of **Marian Walsh**, who
passed away on April 7, 2025.

the family and friends of **Pat Esposito**, who passed
away on April 9, 2025.

The family and friends of **Bill Pace, Jr.**, who
passed away on May 14, 2025.

*All who grieve are in our
hearts and prayers.*



NORTH AMERICAN
**LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

JOIN US FOR WEEKLY WORSHIP

Traditional Worship:

Saturdays at 4:00pm,
Sundays at 8:15am & 11am

Contemporary Worship: Sundays at 11am

Join us each week during the Sunday School Hour!

We would like to welcome all children ages 2 and
up who are not already attending to join us
during the Sunday School Hour from
9:30-10:30am each Sunday.

Parents are encouraged to join one of our adult
classes. There's even one that focuses on
parenting related topics.

If you have any questions, please see Tim Allman
or a member of the youth staff.

We look forward to seeing you!!

**Church Office hours are
Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm.**

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Officers: Aaron Clark, Council President; David
Clark, Vice President; Rachel Katterhenrich,
Secretary; Kathy Myers, Treasurer.

Members-At-Large: Cindy Gonsowski, Abby
Johnston, Doug Knisley, Phil Pennington, Gary
Smith, Bonnie Swanson, Amy Wanner, Paul
Wittenberg.



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Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I prepare to leave at the end of June, I want to say thank you to all of you who, in the last seven years:

- participated in the "Going Deeper" small groups
- came to the many Bible studies that were offered
- participated in the St. John's Prayer Group
- came to worship regularly
- participated in Sunday school classes
- encouraged our confirmation students
- served as Sunday school teachers for our youth and adults
- served on leadership teams
- were involved in outreach and service efforts
- served on the 175th Anniversary planning team
- helped with small jobs around church on a regular basis
- practiced Biblical stewardship of your resources
- gave generously to the mission of God's Church
- visited our homebound and hospitalized members
- were involved in fellowship groups like Promise Keepers and the Women's Circles
- served meals to our members who grieved the loss of loved ones
- shared your love and faith with our youth at their weeknight activities
- welcomed visitors
- served as an example of Christlike behavior for others
- shared your musical talents to the glory of God
- served on the Accessibility Wing planning and construction teams
- showed patience, respect, and graciousness towards your fellow church members
- did not gossip or cast shadows on people with petty talk
- acted personally to solve problems at church

St. John's is a strong congregation that brings together a remarkably diverse crowd, and not by today's shallow definition of "diverse." People here are truly coming from many different spiritual backgrounds and places. You hold together so well in these times when many other congregations are falling apart because you stay focused on God's vision that you *be and make disciples of Jesus Christ*, and you give each other room to pursue that mission in your own unique ways.

Karen and I are sad to say goodbye to all of you who have shown Christ's love, encouragement and support for us during our time at St. John's. Even though we have only seen you as in a mirror dimly, we love what we have seen. Soon we will see each other in the full light of God's glory.

In Christ,

Pastor Seth Jervild