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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDS.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The office will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day.	1 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED Lunchtime AA 12pm Daily Reprieve AA 7pm	2 RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE Men's Prayer Group 7am Quilters 9:30am OWLS Planning 11am Boy Scouts #392 7pm SW Historical Soc. 7pm	3 Small Group 1:30pm Women's Chorale 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm	4 Promise Keepers 8am Small Group 2pm Bulletin Team 3pm Children's Choir 5pm	5 Bible Study 9:30am Men's Chorale 3pm Private Event 6pm AA 8:30pm	6 Ladies Tea Party 10am Private Event 12pm Traditional Worship 4pm Serenity Seek. AA 7pm
7 BIBLE SUNDAY Traditional Worship 8:15am Confirmation Orientation 9:30am RALLY DAY 9:30am Men's Chorale 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Small Group 10:30am Contemporary Worship 11am Traditional Worship 11am Private Event 2pm Adult Basketball 5pm	8 BSF Leaders 9:30am Property Team 11am Lunchtime AA 12pm Exercise Class 6pm Small Group 6pm Daily Reprieve AA 7pm Finance Team 7pm	9 Men's Prayer Group 7am Quilters 9:30am Executive Team 5:30pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild 6:15pm Boy Scouts #392 7pm	10 EAGLE DEADLINE. BSF 9:30am Small Group 1:30pm Lion's Club 5pm Women's Chorale 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm	11 Promise Keepers 8am Bulletin Team 3pm Children's Choir 5pm Celebration Ringers 6:15pm	12 Bible Study 9:30am Ohio Mission Region Meeting 10am Men's Chorale 3pm Private Event 6pm AA 8:30pm	13 Prayer Shawl Ministry 9am Columbus Miniature Society 12:30pm Traditional Worship 4pm Serenity Seekers AA 7pm
14 Traditional Worship 8:15am Sunday School 9:30am Men's Chorale 9:30am Small Group 10:30am Contemporary Worship 11am Traditional Worship 11am Adult Basketball 5pm	15 Cancer Thrift Shop Annual Meeting 9am BSF Leaders 9:30am Lunchtime AA 12pm Council 6:30pm Daily Reprieve AA 7pm	16 Men's Prayer Group 7am Quilters 9:30am Quilt Show Judging 4pm Friends of the Library 5:50pm Contemporary Band 6:30pm Boy Scouts #392 7pm	17 BSF 9:30am Small Group 1:30pm Quilt Show Judging 6pm Women's Chorale 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm	18 Promise Keepers 8am Quilt Show Judging 9am OWLS 11:30am @ Der Dutchman Small Group 2pm Bulletin Team 3pm Children's Choir 5pm Celebration Ringers 6:15pm	19 Quilt Show Post-Judging 9am Bible Study 9:30am Men's Chorale 3pm AA 8:30pm	20 ARTS IN THE ALLEY Silent Auction 10am Quilt Show 10am Traditional Worship 4pm Serenity Seekers AA 7pm
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ST. JOHN'S SHORT-TERM MISSION SILENT AUCTION DURING ARTS IN THE ALLEY



Come visit our Silent Auction set up in the beautiful new entrance during Arts in the Alley weekend! Bid on that one-of-a-kind handmade item, collectible, or themed basket. There is something for everyone! Bidding will be open after the parade on Saturday and will close at 2pm on Sunday. You may pick up and pay for your items until 4pm on Sunday. **Thank you for supporting Missions!**

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.



JOIN THE MINISTRY TEAM! Make a difference on THURSDAY NIGHTS by volunteering with Adventure Club and Faith Trek. Both meet on Thursday nights, 5:45pm - 7:15pm. Adult and teen leader training will be on **September 25th, 5:45pm - 7:15pm**. If you're able, let Christina know you're coming for a dinner head count.

Adventure Club and Faith Trek start the following week, October 2nd. They meet weekly, 5:45 - 7:15pm. The greeter's table opens at 5:30pm. Suggested donation for the evening meal is \$3. Adventure Club is for ages 4 through 4th grade. Faith Trek is for 5th and 6th grade. Each group enjoys gym time, a meal with friends, arts and crafts, and an active learning Bible lesson. We have lots of teen and adult leaders who love spending the night with the children. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to join us. We also love our faith-webbing adult friends. Talk to Christina about joining us!

Explorers and Energizers for grades 7—8 and 9—12 will start on October 1st, 7—8:30pm. Interested in being on the adult leadership team? Please connect with Interim Youth Director Gini Rogers at grogers@stjohnsgc.org. Wednesday nights are a great night to connect with others, make friends, and grow in faith. Training for Adult Leaders is Wednesday, **September 24th, 7pm—8:30pm**.

AXIS.ORG is "connecting Parents, Teens, & Jesus in a Disconnected World." This website is full of free resources on parenting youth in today's culture. There is also an AXIS resource wall on the second floor, across from the youth office. It's full of insightful Parent Guides with practical tips on parenting. <https://axis.org/>

PARENTING GROUP meets every Sunday during the Sunday School hour, in Room 103-104, with Amy Wanner. Stop by and join the conversation. It's a great place to be encouraged and feel supported.

SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES! For more information, contact Megan Grossman or Christina Allman, sign the interest clipboards in the confirmation room, or email Christina at callman@stjohnsgc.org.



RaiseRight

Simply the right way to fundraise

See Pam Wittenberg on how your gift cards can raise monies at no extra cost to you!
ORDERS ARE PLACED THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.

kroger community rewards



Connect your KROGER card with the COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM.
Go to <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>.
Our organization number is EY530.

Shop at Kroger and a percentage comes back to the youth at St. John's!

Women's Tea Party

You were created for such a time as this.

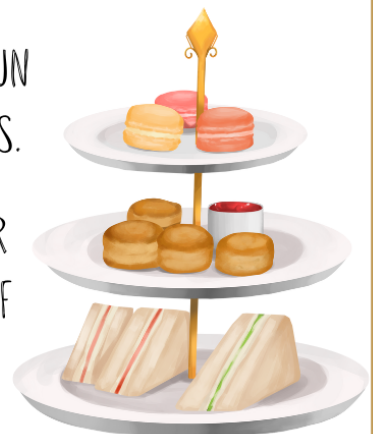


SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH
10:00AM-1:00PM

ALL MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, SISTERS, GRANDMAS, AND AUNTS—WOMEN OF ALL AGES—ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL MORNING OF FELLOWSHIP AND ENCOURAGEMENT! TOGETHER, WE'LL CELEBRATE HOW YOU ARE GOD'S TREASURED CREATION: VALUED, CHOSEN, AND MADE FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS.

ENJOY A LIGHT LUNCH, SWEET TREATS, TEA AND COFFEE, FUN GAMES, AND UPLIFTING MESSAGES FROM INSPIRING SPEAKERS.

PUT ON YOUR FAVORITE PARTY DRESS, BRING A FRIEND OR LOVED ONE, AND COME BE REFRESHED IN THE COMPANY OF YOUR SISTERS IN CHRIST!



PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 31ST WITH THE NUMBER ATTENDING ON A SALMON SHEET OR CONTACT MEGAN GROSSMAN AT 614-905-2629 OR MGROSSMAN@STJOHNSGC.ORG



ATTENTION SINGERS!

The Chancel Choir will soon be starting up after the summer break. Our first practice will be on **Wednesday, September 3** at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.



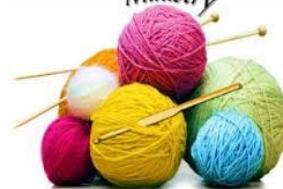
We look forward to welcoming back all returning members of the choir. But we also want to invite new members to join us as we praise God and lead the congregation in song. If you have been thinking about joining but have never felt that it was the right time, now is that time!

We welcome singers of all ages, from teenagers to retirees! Rehearsals are easy and fun. Plus, you have an instant group of friends who share a love of music and a desire to serve. I invite you to prayerfully consider this opportunity to "praise God from whom all blessings flow."

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Join us for the next meetings on Saturday, SEPTEMBER 13 at 9am and Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 23 at 6pm in rooms 103-4.



SECURITY TEAM MEMBER WANTED!

Due to a recent vacancy, the Security Team is searching for a new member.

The duties typically take an hour each night.

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



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

Elizabeth Circle
Contact
Amy Shaw
614-496-2890

Sarah Circle
Contact
Wilma Phillips
614-875-7931

Monday, SEPTEMBER 22 at 7:00pm

ARTS IN THE ALLEY MISSION SILENT AUCTION September 19-21, 2025

Arts in the Alley is quickly approaching and the Mexico/Alaska Missions are again having a silent auction to support the children in their walk with Jesus.

If you have a **new, hand-made, collectible item or a themed basket or gift card** you would like to donate, please drop off your items to the church September 16-18th.

Questions? Call or Text Diana at 614-271-5775.

Thank you for continuing to support missions as we reach out to make heaven crowded! 😊



Arts & Music Festival • September 19-21



Dutchman
Hospitality

**OWLS EVENT – SEPTEMBER 18, 2025.
PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE TO THURSDAY.**

If you would ask almost any OWL (Older Wiser LutheranS) to name one of their favorite meetings of the year, I am pretty sure most of them would say “Der Dutchman! Of course!”. What’s not to like about a restaurant that is located in a beautiful country setting and the bounty of a country kitchen? They serve generous portions of hearty, home-style Amish Kitchen Cooking. They might not be as good as our Lutheran cooks, but we think they are pretty good. Their bakery is full of pastries, cakes, cookies, breads, and their legendary pies that are baked every day. And if you have any money left over, their gift shop is very inviting.

For the past couple of years, we have enjoyed a wonderful lunch catching up with those we don’t get to see often. So once again, we will skip the program and enjoy our friends and conversation! We are so pleased to be able to get together and enjoy our time together. God has blessed each of us by leading us to St. John’s and offering us the Christian fellowship that is priceless.

You can order from the menu which includes their buffet for \$19.49 which includes the salad bar, but it does not include your drink or pie. You can also choose from their lunch and dinner menu.

We are going to try something different with our travel arrangements instead of everyone meeting at the church to match riders with drivers. You will sign up on the salmon sheet as usual to attend, and then indicate if you are able to drive, need a ride, or will meet the group at restaurant. If you need extra help getting a ride, call Bonnie and she will help you!

We have reserved a private room, and we have a reservation for noon. If you are able and willing to drive, it would be greatly appreciated! Hope to see you there!

NALC Disaster Response
Needs YOUR Help!



“Serve one another humbly in love”
GALATIANS 5:13b

STUFF THE TRUCK

You know of all the catastrophic storms and occurrences that have taken place recently in our country. Here’s another opportunity for us to unite and be the “hands and feet” of Jesus for others in need!

This year, instead of asking for a variety of items to Stuff the Truck, we request donations in the form of gift cards to either Lowes, Home Depot, or Walmart.

All donated gift cards must be submitted to the church office no later than noon on Friday, September 12th.

The Quilters send many thanks to those who have already donated items for the Grove City Methodist Food Pantry Christmas bags for the children. Thank you especially for the donated Crayola crayons. We have 92 boxes of crayons which is on our way to 100 boxes, 95 pencils, and more than 100 notebooks.



We thank you all for your caring donations. We feel so blessed to have you help us nearly reach some of our goals early. We still need donations of glue sticks and pink erasers. The children delight is your leftover Halloween candy. We need two tables full of candy to fill the 100 bags. Please check the expiration date is in 2026. We cannot give expired candy to the children. Please place your donation in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. The Quilters thank you for your interest, concern and thinking about Christmas giving so early in September.

The Quilters have been given unusual and old stamps through the years of collecting and sending cancelled stamps to the veterans' hospital in Virginia. We had them checked out and found that they are common stamps. We would like to give them to someone interested in stamp collecting. Stop by on a Tuesday morning in room 103-4 to see if the stamps might interest you to add to your collection.

Have you wondered what happens to the card fronts you donated? Check out the card made Jenny D, a craftswoman at the Grove City Cancer Thrift Shop, on the bulletin board in the Link.

The Quilters meet every Tuesday from 9:30am to 1:30pm or thereabouts. The times are only a vague idea. Some come early and leave early. Some come late and leave early. Some come just to visit. The Quilters welcome all in rooms 103-104. All materials are provided.

Not everyone can do great things, but everyone can do small things with great love. Mother Teresa

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 meetings are
Monday, September 8th and
Monday, September 22nd.**



SARAH CIRCLE—Service Project

One of the Service Projects the Sarah Circle does is put together Health Kits to give to the Grove City Pantry. Contents in each set are: Dental Floss, Emery Board, Nail Clippers, Sturdy Comb, Full Size Toothbrush, Full Size Toothpaste (check expiration date), Full Size Deodorant, Two Bars of Wrapped Soap, One Dark Wash Cloth, and One Dark Bath Towel.

We have an over abundance of toothbrushes, so please omit them).

Please place your donations in the marked cabinet in the Link. We will be assembling the kits at our **September 22nd** meeting. Your consideration with this project is very much appreciated by the Sarah Circle members and all who will be receiving these Health Kits.



HealthKit

Any questions, please contact Jane Stenerson, 614-875-8057. Thank you.

Glenda Allman *"Worship, especially enthusiastic singing! Highlights of global missions emphasis of NALC. Beautiful, historic hotel!"*

Lisa Stallard *"The closing service on Friday afternoon was very inspiring and moving and the music was wonderful. I was so impressed by Jukka Kaariainen's sermon. It gives me great confidence in our seminary to see that the president is dedicated to God's purpose in the NALC and to know that this Godly man is the leader, inspiration and example that our seminarians will look up to.*

Overall, I thought the convocation was worthwhile and interesting. I was honored to represent St. John's and to be given the privilege to attend. I enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the various ministries, be inspired by our Synod representatives, and to worship with hundreds of my Lutheran brothers and sisters."

Karen Bentley *"Attending the continental gathering of the NALC is always a highlight for me. Since we were so close to the home of the North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS), the convocation organizers arranged a bus trip to Ambridge for interested attendees to tour the various facilities. It took two buses to transport all the people who wanted to see for themselves the progress that has been made in developing a home base for those in the NALC to receive training. The tour was a highlight for me. Hearing how the Spirit is moving in NALC churches and in the places where our global mission partners are serving is so encouraging. There is not a place on this earth where God does not care for his people, and He is making sure that there is someone there to tell them the Good News. We heard story after story of lives transformed, and gospel truth proclaimed. I'm so very thankful to be a part of a church that is traditionally grounded in the Bible"*

I am sure that each of these delegates would be happy to share more of their experience with you so don't hesitate to ask.

*Looking Forward in Faith,
Pastor Patti*



Letter from our Intern

Hello Church Family,

As many of our students, teachers, administrators, counselors, and coaches return to school this Fall, there will be many new beginnings. There will be new classes, new bus schedules, new joys, and new heartaches. There will be new homework to do and new papers to grade. Yet through all of these challenges, Christ and His Holy Word will remain constant and will be able to sustain us through it all.

The Bible is God's Word to us, and while many circumstances in our lives will change, His Word never does. Night or day, Winter or Summer, God's Word remains. If we turn to Genesis 1, we will always read of how God created the world. If we turn to Psalm 23, we will always read that the Lord is our Shepherd. Reading the Gospels, we will always find the truth of Christ, and if we turn to Revelation 20-22 we will read how God defeats darkness and reigns eternally. These truths will never change, just as God is steadfast, loving, and just.

My encouragement to all, as Fall approaches and the leaves begin to change, is to read God's Word to see God's unchanging truth for ourselves. If you've never read your Bible before, maybe you'd like to start small, just a few verses at a time with a short devotional, maybe you've been at this a bit longer, and want to read along with the lectionary, which can be accessed from theNALC.org, or maybe you're feeling ambitious and would like to read the entire Bible in a year. Whatever the case may be, know that if you pray and study God's Word, He will meet you there, and it can be life-changing.

May God Bless You and Keep You All the Days of Your Life,

Billie
Pastoral Intern/Vicar

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**The article deadline for the OCTOBER
Eagle is SEPTEMBER 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 **Phil Pennington**,
who passed away on July 15, 2025.

The family and friends of **Betty Heidebrink**,
who passed away on July 20, 2025.

The family and friends of **Marianne Allmon**,
who passed away on August 8, 2025.

The family and friends of
Jean Ferguson, sister of
Tom Spray, who passed away
on August 12, 2025.



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

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, Bonnie Swanson,
Amy Wanner, Paul Wittenberg.



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Letter from the Pastor

Dear Disciples of Jesus,

What a joy to have the NALC Convocation so close to us this year. We were able to send a full contingent of delegates and those included: Pastor Don and Glenda Allman, Elaine Bennett, Karen Bentley, Rachel Katterhenrich (Stephen was there also but as a Global Mission Worker), Pastors Jeff and Patti Morlock, Dave and Lisa Stallard, and Dan Yeater.

I had the honor of being the keynote speaker for the WNALC, and spoke on the theme of the convocation based on Hebrews 12:1-3, focusing on "running with perseverance the race that is set before us". There were many highlights, one of which is that the NALC is celebrating its 15th year as a denomination, while the seminary is celebrating its 10th year.

Below are a few comments from our delegates.

Dan Yeater *"A focus on the history of the NALC provided a good back drop for helping remember who we are as a Christ center group, where we came from, how we have grown with God's direction and where we are headed as we become a more mature organization."*

Discussion and reporting on the NALC seminary provided good understanding of the work that has and is being done to help assure that NALC congregations have Christ centered clergy to help lead us in the future. It was an encouraging picture that was painted by the group."

Dave Stallard *"Bishop Selbo's sermon was excellent. His past, present, and future insights were most interesting. His commitment to keeping the NALC on scripture is exactly what we all needed to hear. Jukka Kaariainen's sermon on Friday was excellent. Very impressive. Global Missions talks were informative. The wide variety of music was enjoyable. Being in a room with 500+ Christians praising God was quite moving."*

Rachel Katterhenrich *"I was honored to serve as a delegate to represent St. John's at the NALC convocation this year. The schedule was absolutely jam-packed but prioritized worship throughout. I enjoyed meeting and hearing from Bishop Dan Selbo, who I found to be a man of wisdom and wit (he made me laugh a lot!) Another highlight was getting to meet many of the other global workers within the NALC in person (Stephen and I are honored to also be supported by the NALC as global workers and had the opportunity to represent Wycliffe Bible translation at the convocation as well). And of course, I enjoyed getting to spend time with the other St. John's delegates and looking toward the future of our congregation together!"*

Pastor Don Allmon *"A theme at the NALC convocation was "with our eyes fixed on Jesus". This is a great reminder that we as we step out boldly on the next sage of our journey it is with our eyes fixed on Jesus. Our Bishop asked us to Renew (renewing congregations in discipleship making), Equip (equipping disciples for discipleship making), and Transform (transforming communities through disciple making). The Bishop remind us that the Great Commission calls us to make disciples, not just to be disciples. This seems like a good time for us to review and renew who we are. Covet hit worship and ministry hard, and with Pastor Seth's retirement we are forced to look to the future remembering who we are and whose we are. The NALC unveiled some new tools to help us and equip us for this time. Thank you for allowing me to be one of St. John's delegates."*