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WEDDINGS

Congratulations to **Greg and Lisa Absten** who renewed their wedding vows in celebration of their 30th anniversary in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, August 26, 2025. May God continue to bless your life together!

Congratulations to **Owen Yokum and Kathryn Keil** who were married on Sunday, August 31, 2025.
May God bless your new life together!



HOLY BAPTISM

Congratulations and blessings to **Owen Yokum**, who was baptized on Saturday, August 30, 2025. Please keep Owen in your prayers as he begins his baptismal journey with the Lord.



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

We want to surround our children and youth with lots of faith-filled relationships between all age groups 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.



ADVENTURE CLUB AND FAITH TREK meet weekly on Thursdays, starting on October 2nd, 5:45pm - 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 grades. Each group enjoys gym time, a meal with friends, arts and crafts, and an active Bible lesson. Talk to Christina about joining us! **We do not meet on Oct. 30th (Trick or Treat night in GC).**

EXPLORERS AND ENERGIZERS for grades 7—8 and 9—12 meet weekly on Wednesdays, starting 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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR starts at 5pm in the Chapel on Thursday nights with Kate Shrum. Children attending Adventure Club will be escorted there after choir practice. Kate's love and enthusiasm for Jesus is contagious!

LEGO CLUB with the Katterhenrich Family is meeting on Sunday, Oct. 19th and Nov. 16th, noon to 2:30pm! They start with pizza in the FLC. It's creative, fun, and a great time with friends! Parents are welcome to join!

A PARENTING GROUP meets every Sunday, 9:30-10:30am in Room 103-104, with Nate and Amy Wanner. Stop by and join the conversation. It's a great place to be encouraged and feel supported.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, all ages from 9:30am—10:30am. Our Sunday School Superintendent is Tim Allman. See Tim for questions about Sunday School. If you don't know Tim, we'd be happy to introduce you to him! He's a great guy!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH meets every other Sunday in room 103-4 during the Contemporary Worship sermon time. Children enjoy a creative lesson with Jenn Czaplicki, Kate Shrum, Erin Wahl or Christina Allman. They do an awesome job sharing about Jesus and His great love!

SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES!

For more information, contact Megan Grossman at mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org or Christina at callman@stjohnsgc.org. There are also interest boards in the Confirmation Room (304) on the third floor. Students in Confirmation receive service credit for serving.

UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECTS:

October 19	Operation Christmas Child Kick-off
November 2	Veterans' Luncheon
November 23	Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction
December 6	Family Bike Assembly



SPECIAL SHOW EVENT

Contact: Angela Ryan
614-392-4499 / writeon@columbus.rr.com
www.columbusminiaturesociety.org

Columbus Miniature Society 38th Annual Miniature Show and Sale

Grove City, Ohio November 15, 2025 – Sofas that fit in the palm of your hand, fine China the size of your thumb nail, lamps smaller than marbles that light up, six-inch-long row boats that really float, the list is as endless as it is amazing. Come see all the **itsy bitsy teeny weeny** miniature fine art and collectibles you've been missing!



**It's an Itsy Bitsy Teeny
Weeny Yellow Polka
Dot Recliner**

The Columbus Miniature Society (CMS) invites everyone to the 38th Annual Miniature Show and Sale in Grove City. The longest running miniature event in central Ohio will feature a show hall with 150+ displays by local miniature artists as well as a free miniature creative challenge for the public. The sale hall features more than two dozen artisans selling one-of-a-kind scale items.

This one-day event features:

Raffles, Door Prizes, and Grab Bags

Exhibits by regional artists, including prior Ohio State Fair winners

— Exhibit Hall entry is **free**

Thousands of unique items for sale in the Vendor Hall — \$5 at the door

CMS Club Sale Table featuring local artisan miniatures for sale

Parking is free and the location is completely handicapped accessible

Lunch available to purchase on-site

Event Hours

November 15, 2025
10:00am - 4:00pm

Event Location

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
3220 Columbus St.
Grove City, OH 43123

CMS, a 501-C3 non-profit organization, works to increase awareness and participation in miniature fine arts. In addition to the Show and Sale, CMS sponsors events at The Ohio State Fair, Winter Fair, and offers project classes and seminars on the third Saturday of each month. There are also people available for your school activities and special events.

The Lego Club!

Here are our Fall 2025 dates:

October 19

November 16

Come have lunch with us, hear a Bible story told with Lego, and play and build with Lego bricks! We'll meet in the FLC after late service and stay until 2:30.

Lunch is provided! If you're able to, please RSVP to help us have the right amount of food. Tell Hope or Rachel Katterhenrich, or Christina Allman.

To the Levant!

Hannah Wittenberg – Missions Update



Thank you for your continual prayers and support for me as I've been preparing to launch as a full-time missionary in the Middle East! The months of preparation are coming to an end and the time has come for me to head overseas!

Later this month, I will be moving to the Middle East and joining a team of six others to minister and serve in the Levant region. We will be working to create spaces of prayer and worship, reach those who have yet to proclaim

Christ as their Lord and Savior, and train up indigenous believers to take leadership of the church in their own country.

The team I am joining has already been serving in the Levant region for a couple of years. Recently, they had the privilege of baptizing four new believers! We are praising God for the work He is doing to bring people out of darkness and into His light!

Another woman will be joining the Levant team this fall as well. We get to travel and join the team together this month. As we prepare to leave, we have a number of prayer requests.

Please be praying for:

Our Travel

- Flights to be on time
- No luggage lost
- Easy customs experience

Getting Adjusted to a New Culture

- Starting language school
- Making friends and getting acquainted with the community
- Getting comfortable/ settled in the mundane aspects of life such as grocery shopping, driving style, etc.

Housing and Transportation in the New Country

- We will initially be staying with others on our team, but will be looking for our own apartment. Please pray for the Lord to quickly provide us with our new home.
- I will need to purchase a vehicle shortly after arriving. Please pray for the Lord to provide something reliable at a reasonable cost.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. I have felt so supported by the community at St. John's! If you would like to receive updates, stories, and testimonies from the mission field, sign up for my monthly newsletters by emailing me at hannah.wittenberg@mapsglobal.org.

If you would like to make a financial gift towards the mission work, please write a check out to "MAPS Global" and write "1125-HW" in the memo line. You can mail the check to:

MAPS Global
P.O. Box 4570
Richmond, VA 23220



Boy Shoebox Gift Suggestions

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it **FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED**—praying for the child and adding a photo and personal note.

A "WOW" ITEM

- Small backpack
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Hobby kit
- Large toy truck or car
- Other large toy



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, sharpener, and erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Binoculars and compass
- Musical instruments
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Jump rope
- Stickers
- Games



TOYS

- Small ball
- Building blocks or LEGO® sets
- Slinky® or yo-yo
- Toy cars
- Plastic animals
- Magnets
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures



DO NOT INCLUDE

- Soap
- Food, candy, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Used or damaged items
- Scary or war-related items
- Wearable traditional camouflage
- Seeds or organic matter
- Liquids
- Medication
- Money
- Breakable items
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knives, saws, or razor blades

Wondering if an item will fit in an Operation Christmas Child preprinted shoebox?

Cardboard dimensions: 12 x 7 x 4.38 inches
Plastic dimensions: 13 x 7.5 x 4.7 inches

For more shoebox packing suggestions, the latest resources, and Follow Your Box labels, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ

VIEW SOLICITATION DISCLOSURE INFORMATION FOR SAMARITAN'S PURSE ONLINE AT SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/DISCLOSURE.



Girl Shoebox Gift Suggestions

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it **FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED**—praying for the child and adding a photo and personal note.

A "WOW" ITEM

- Small backpack or purse
- Doll
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Jewelry making or hobby kit
- Large toy



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, sharpener, and erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Costume jewelry
- Hair accessories
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



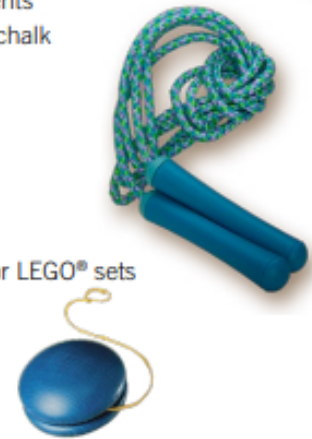
GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Binoculars and compass
- Musical instruments
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Jump rope
- Stickers
- Games



TOYS

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The Grove City Food Pantry

would like to sincerely thank you for all the food and monetary donations made in the last month. We regularly receive donations from St. John's, but you have gone over and above recently. It certainly helps build up our stock. Your generosity is most appreciated.

Thank you to all my Christian friends for praying for me. I appreciated the telephone calls. Thanks to Pastor Patti for visiting me in the hospital. I know the Lord is always beside me at all times. May God bless each of you.

Psalm 27:1-2

The Lord is my light and my salvation. I will fear no one. The Lord protects me from all danger. I will never be afraid.

In Christian love,

~ Vi Davis ~

Pastor Seth stated,

"that there are saints among us at St. John's." He was so correct! I found them. I have been blessed by the St. John's saints.

They have shown me love, grace, mercy, and kindness.

One held my hand during prayer; I was given fresh corn; I was asked to join their Bible study group; I received many hugs; several acknowledge my presence; they always answer my questions; received a prayer shawl; and they have accepted me with an open heart into the church, Quilters class, Sarah Circle, and OWLS.

They have given me a purpose to go forward while grieving. Special thank you cards and letters gave me peace. The beautiful organ music lifts my spirits. Also, the sermons and readings are heart felt and eye opening.

Thank you to everyone at St. John's Church. You will be blessed!

~ Shelia Holcomb ~



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Our organization number is EY530.

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

OWLS EVENT—OCTOBER 17, 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! Make a friend! We promise you an excellent program. As many of you know, we have experienced a few problems with the sound system for the past few months. We apologize for this inconvenience, and we have tried to improve but

have not been successful. Thank you for your patience. Good news!! We have a new system we will be using at October's meeting. Say a special prayer for success.

In case you haven't heard, there's a new group in town making the news! The Sunshine Gang is a group of volunteers that raise money and supplies for veterans. The Gang has been hard at work since 2021. They are very active in projects like writing over 900 letters a year to the veterans blessed to be able to participate in an Honor Flight, supplying meals for Ukraine, sending cards to three nursing homes monthly, visiting Comfort Care at Brookdale weekly, giving 600 gift certificates at Christmas for five nursing homes and VA at Chillicothe, and visiting the VA monthly to deliver items to approximately 200 veterans. Plus much more! But you must join the OWLS on the 17th to hear more. They love to tell their story. You won't be disappointed.

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!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



It's October and Operation Christmas Child and St. John's have partnered with Samaritan's Purse to send the Gospel to the ends of the earth through gift-filled shoeboxes! Please consider filling a shoebox with items such as school supplies, toothbrushes with holders, quality pens, flashlights with batteries, new short-sleeved shirts (with no writing on them). Avoid lotions, war related items, and items that can melt. Also, please include a \$10 donation to cover the cost of shipping the box. If you are not able to pack your own box, we will have a donation tub for items in the Link starting on October 9th. Monetary donations are also accepted!

Please contact Justin, Beth, Brayden, or Addy Gottshall with any questions at 740-360-2752.

*That all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God;
there is no other. ~ 1 Kings 8:60*



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MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2025

Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Philip Pennington** by Lois Marks, Beth Marks, Cheri Hawkins, Cindy Pennington, Kevin and Holly Starr, Tony and Elaine Bennett, and Abigail Brubaker

Vacation Bible School Fund

Given in memory of **Philip Pennington** by Susan Koehler

Prayer Shawl Fund

Given in memory of **Betty Heidebrink** by Tony and Elaine Bennett

Memorial Youth Fund

Given in memory of **Betty Heidebrink** by Kevin and Holly Starr

Music Fund

Given in memory of **Charles Hirth** by Beth Katterhenrich



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:
kmullins@stjohnsgc.org, 614-875-2314.

COLUMBUS MINIATURE SOCIETY

The Columbus Miniature Society will hold the next meeting in the Family Life Center on **Saturday, October 18.**

Refreshments are at 12:30pm. The Club Business meeting begins at 1:00pm, followed by a \$5 workshop. During this month's business meeting, we will discuss final planning details and preview of the upcoming Miniature Show and Sale taking place in the gym on November 15. The workshop will be learning how to make miniature tower candles and party bunting.

All are welcome to join us for the meeting!

If you are interested in participating in the workshop, please email Sheri at shp678@yahoo.com by **October 1st** so we can prepare the correct amount of materials.



St. John's will be hosting a RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE in the Family Life Center on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 from 12-6 pm. To schedule your appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: **StJohnsGC**

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, OCTOBER 11 at 9am
and Tuesday, OCTOBER 28 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

Elizabeth Circle
Contact
Amy Shaw
614-496-2890

Monday, OCTOBER 6 at 6:30pm

Sarah Circle
Contact
Wilma Phillips
614-875-7931

Monday, OCTOBER 27 at 7:00pm

Please think about donating your leftover Halloween candy to the Quilters for the Christmas bags!



If you need some leftover candy to donate, you can usually find good bargains early the next day after Beggars' Night. We make 100 bags for the children at the Grove City Methodist Food Pantry. It takes two tables full of candy to fill the Christmas bags. The bags hold crayons, pencils, pens, sturdy combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, a small ball, stuffed toys, and most importantly, **candy!** If you wish, feel free to make a healthy substitution for the candy. You do not need to donate 100 items.

We accept any number of items that will fit in our 10" X 10" bags. We still need a few pink erasers and glue sticks. Place your Christmas bag donations in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. We thank Grove City Family Dentistry on Columbus Street for honoring our request once again for toothcare items for the bags. Thank you to the many who have already given donations to the children. Thank you for caring.

Are you an OSU/Buckeyes fan? The Quilters have made a small quilt and throw pillows with OSU colors and emblems just right for that special person. Stop by any Tuesday to see them!

We need your cancelled stamps. Just tear off the corners with the stamps, place them in small plastic bag or envelope and drop off in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thanks.



The Quilters are in need of medium to large safety pins. We use 50-100 or more pins to secure the quilt layers together while making crochet thread knots. If you find you have an overabundance of safety pins, the Quilters would appreciate your donation of pins.

Please come and visit our small group. We will help you if you have an interest in learning the different aspects of quilting. We have empty chairs and sewing machines just waiting for your willing spirit. If you do not want to do quilting, another activity is preparing canceled stamps for the veteran hospitals' hand rehab activities. You may, also, just come and sit with us and help keep us company. We enjoy visitors—we get to show off our handiwork.

The Quilters usually meet every Tuesday in rooms 103-104 from 9:30am-1:30pm or thereabouts as we come and go as we please. All materials are provided. With your caring for the children and your donations for the Christmas bags, we can continue to help the children who need our compassion and understanding.

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 cores 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, October 13th and
Monday, October 27th.**



Dear Church Family,

Since my arrival in mid-July, I've had the privilege to speak with many of you about what God is doing in your lives. I have been so blessed to hear the stories of what God has done for you in the past, and is doing for you currently. Through both the joys and the heartaches, you have all described how God has been with you, and how you trust He will continue to be with you in the days and years to come. I praise God that so many of you have this wisdom so deeply etched into each of your hearts.

Hearing these stories reminded me of a hymn that my grandmother used to sing to me. Perhaps you know it: "I Love to Tell the Story". The hymn speaks of a person who loves to tell the story of Jesus and His love. I will attach the lyrics for those who are not familiar with the hymn.

You all love to tell the story of Jesus and His love, and this is such a beautiful thing! Please keep doing this, both with those inside our four walls, and with all of those in our community! This beautiful story of Jesus and His love changes lives forever.

Think of the security that we find in knowing that Jesus died on the cross for us, and then rose from the grave paying the penalty for all of our wrongs. Think of the love that we have found there. Think of the hope that we have, knowing that, though things will go wrong in this life, we can trust that God has a plan. We can trust that we will spend all of our existence with Jesus! Remember with me, that each of us has been sealed in salvation through our baptisms! What a joy! What a blessing!

Now, beloved church family, think of our friends, coworkers, and neighbors who may have never heard this story. Think of the distress that they feel as they tell their stories, perhaps wondering if this is all there is. Will you be brave with me and share your story of all that God has done for you? Will you invite them into that hope? Will you be disciples who make other disciples, loving to tell the story of Jesus and His love?

This is my prayer for each of us - to be brave, and share these beautiful stories, not just with the pastoral intern, but with everyone around us. And we do this, not for the sake of saying, "Look at what I am doing for God!", but simply to say, "Look at God! Isn't He wonderful?! Isn't He faithful?! Isn't he powerful?! Isn't He loving?!" We know that He is. Let's go and make disciples!

May God bless and keep you always!

In Christ's Service,

Billie

Billie Fisch
Pastoral Intern

"I Love to Tell the Story" by Kate Hankey and William Fisher (1866)

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and His glory,
of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story
because I know it's true.
It satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story!
'Twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it
more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story;
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long.

**OCTOBER
QUARTERLY
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING:**

The next Quarterly
Congregational Meeting
will be

**Sunday, October 26,
2025, at 9:15am**

after the 8:15am service
in the Sanctuary.

After the conclusion of the
meeting, Sunday school
classes can meet.

“We also celebrated new leadership at the North American Lutheran Seminary and embraced a renewed focus on preparing future pastors, deacons, and church planters. Attendees connected with global mission workers and seminarians, discovering new ways to support ministry locally, domestically, and globally. Inspiring reports on new North American church plants reminded us of the urgent need to proclaim the Gospel in our communities. From the first session to the closing benediction, our focus remained the same: mission. This Church does not exist for itself, but for the world Christ died to save. We move forward renewed, equipped, and transformed through Jesus Christ—trusting in his promises, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and unafraid to speak His name—confident that He will build his Church.”

In our own commitment here at St. John's, to continue our growth in being a disciple-making church, we will be following the Life-to-Life Discipleship process which the NALC developed for us a few years ago. Our Intern, Billie Fisch will be leading us through this process as soon as she is finished training group leaders. She, herself, had training during one of the J-term seminars at the seminary.

We will also be having a congregational workshop on October 4th so that we can fully enter the call process with a deeper understanding of what makes us unique as St. John's Lutheran Church here in Grove City, Ohio. I would encourage you all to set aside this Saturday as a priority, so that we are all on the same page moving forward. If you have any questions, our Call Committee Chair, Steve Johnston is the person to ask. I can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for us!

Looking Forward in Faith,
Pastor Patti

CALL PROCESS UPDATE AND CONGREGATIONAL WORKSHOP:

The Call Team has begun its important work. Steve Johnston is serving as Chair and Kate Shrum as Secretary. We have had our orientation with the NALC and are now moving forward in the call process.

Our **Congregational Workshop** will be held on **Saturday, October 4th, from 9:30am–3:30pm**, with a light lunch provided.

This will be an important opportunity for all members to share input as we prepare our congregational profile. Please make every effort to attend, **and bring your Bible** as we gather together for prayer, discussion, and discernment.

Do you need child care in order to attend?

If so, please note on the salmon sheet in your bulletin
ASAP so we may make appropriate arrangements.

Prayer for the Call Process: Gracious God, guide our Call Team with wisdom and unity. Prepare the pastor and family you are sending to us, and prepare our hearts to welcome them. Bless our congregation as we walk together in faith, trusting your Spirit and your perfect timing. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Our Christian Sympathy is extended to

The family and friends of **"TD" O'Connor**,
uncle of Bob Fisch,
who passed away on August 26, 2025.

The family and friends of **Jules Hansen**,
brother-in-law of Dr. Scott Hirth,
who passed away on September 2, 2025.

The family and friends of **Charles Hirth**,
father of Dr. Scott Hirth, who passed away
on September 7, 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.

**The article deadline for the NOVEMBER
Eagle is OCTOBER 10TH.**

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



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Letter from the Pastor



(The view from our delegates' table.)

Dear Disciples of Jesus,

In Last month's newsletter, I shared with you some thoughts from our delegates who attended the NALC Convocation in Pittsburgh, PA. The following is a summary from our communications team's own Ariel Wicker as seen in the NALC Newsletter:

"At this year's Mission Convocation—part of the 2025 Lutheran Week in Pittsburgh, PA—Lutherans from across North America gathered to celebrate God's faithfulness, renew our vision, and commit ourselves again to the mission of making disciples. We began by looking back—celebrating 15 years as a church body and more than a decade of faithful ministry through the North American Lutheran Seminary. The opening banquet was a joyful time of remembering and honoring the path God has led us on. Throughout the week, we reaffirmed the values that continue to shape us: our commitment to the Great Commission and the Great Commandment, the authority of Scripture, and discipleship as the heart of our identity. Together, we reflected on how far we have come—and looked boldly ahead with renewed vision and direction.

"This year's Convocation embraced our vision of a disciple-making church committed to:

- Renewing congregations in mission and vitality.
- Equipping disciples to live out their faith daily.
- Transforming communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.