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HOLY BAPTISM

Congratulations and blessings to all those who were baptized here at St. John's in October!



Lisa Absten
Amanda Gonsowski
Brycen Gonsowski
Conner Gonsowski
Ashton Hogle
Kenzlynn Hogle
Lydia Starr
Asher Vander Werf
Jayce Walls
Tatum Walls

Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their baptismal journeys with the Lord.

November **BIRTHDAYS**

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, 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. Talk to Christina about joining.

Note: We will not meet November 27th and we take the month of December off.

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!

EXPLORERS and ENERGIZERS for grades 7—8 and 9—12 meet weekly on Wednesdays, 7—8:30pm. Wednesday nights are great to connect with others, make friends, and grow in faith. They will not meet on November 26th or the month of December and resume again on January 8th. **High School IQA Bible Study** meets on Wednesdays, 6-6:45pm in Room 103-4. See Gini Rogers for details.

A PARENTING GROUP meets every Sunday 9:30-10:30am 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 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.

November 2nd Veterans Luncheon

November 9th Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due

November 23rd Chili Cook-Off and Dessert Auction

December 6th Family Bike Assembly

SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages meets from 9:30am—10:30am. Our Sunday School Superintendent is Tim Allman. See Tim for questions about Sunday School.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH meets every other Sunday in room 103-4 during the Contemporary Worship sermon. Children enjoy a creative lesson with Jenn Czaplicki, Erin Wahl, Kate Shrum, or Christina Allman! Meeting dates include: November 2nd, 16th, 30th, December 14th and 28th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM for children in all Sunday School classes will take place on Sunday, December 14th starting at 5pm with dinner and the program to follow. Adults and children, please contact Christina Allman if you would like to be involved. We will have rehearsals on Thursday, December 4th and 11th with dinner provided from 5:30 to 7:15pm and a dress rehearsal on Sunday, December 14th during the Sunday School Hour.



Shoebbox Gift Suggestions

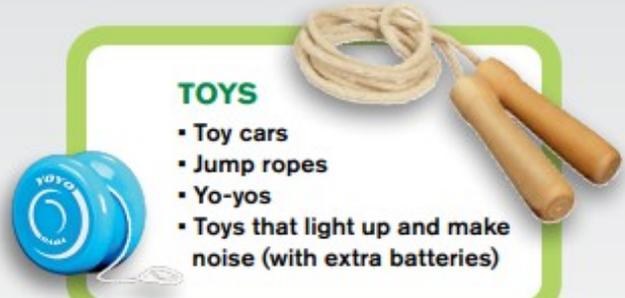
"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Musical Instrument



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



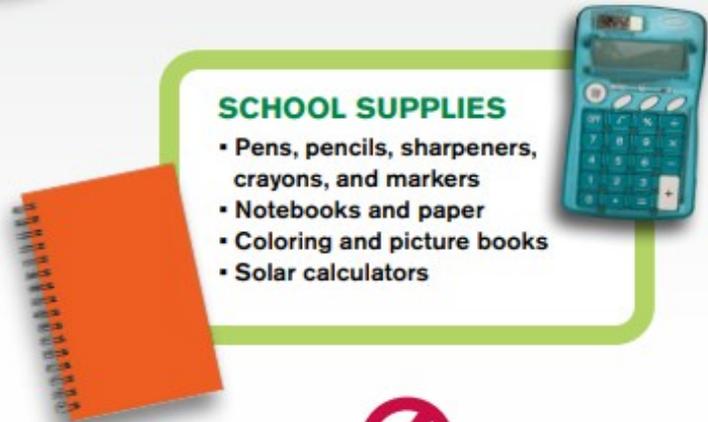
PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

soap, candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, aerosol cans

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

There's only a couple more weeks left to get your shoeboxes filled! We have an opportunity to share God's love with children all over the world and everyone can help!

Here's how:

1. **Fill a shoe box** with toys, school supplies, and personal care items (see the posters hanging around the church for ideas). Don't forget the \$10 to help with shipping.
2. **Bring in one or two items** to go toward filling a box. Just place these items in the donation tub in the Link.
3. **Build a shoebox online** by scanning the QR code.



Remember to pray for the children and their families to experience and grow in God's love as they respond to the Gospel that is presented at the shoebox events around the world. The deadline to bring in items is Sunday, November 9th. Please contact Justin, Beth, Brayden and Addy with any questions at 740-360-2752. Thank you!



How to Pack Your Shoebox Gift

Your shoebox will be an expression of God's love to a child and may be the only gift he or she receives. So plan to pack quality items that will last. Be sure to make them **FUN**, adding a "wow" item the child will love; **FULL**, with no empty space; and **PERSONALIZED** so that each is unique, prayed over, and includes a note of encouragement.

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SHOEBOX

Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Great preprinted boxes are available on our website.



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PRAY

Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of the child.



2

"WOW" ITEM

Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.



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DONATE \$10 PER BOX

A donation of **\$10** per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online. If you use our **Follow Your Box** feature online, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!



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OTHER GIFTS

Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



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DROP OFF

Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, the third week in November**. Visit our website to find one near you.



**2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES
are now available on the table in the Overflow.**

These are dated 2026, and your box number may be different from last year, so please wait until January 1st to use them. If you do not see a box with your name, please indicate that you would like a box on the notepad provided. I will place a box for you beside the notepad the following weekend.

Please note a change to the envelopes: when using the "other" line, please specify the fund you would like to donate to. If none is specified, it will be placed in the Operating Fund.



SPECIAL SHOW EVENT

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

**The Columbus Miniature Society (CMS)
invites everyone to the
38th Annual Miniature Show and Sale
at St. John's Lutheran in Grove City!**

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!

The longest running miniature event in central Ohio will feature a free Show Hall starting near the North Entrance Café and winding down through the Link. The Show Hall will contain more than 200 displays made by local miniature artists.

The Vendor Hall in the FLC will have more than two dozen artisans selling one-of-a-kind scale items, raffles for prizes such as kit baskets and completed miniature works, a craft table for kids, and a free miniature creative challenge for the public.



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

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
- ◆ Free Take-n-Make craft challenge for attendees
— Bring your craft back next year for free admission to the Vendor Hall and get entered for the chance to win a prize!
- ◆ Snacks available for purchase in the FLC Kitchen support St. John's Short-Term Missions
- ◆ Lunch available to purchase on-site at two food trucks:
Tortilla Taco Truck and Grilled Cheese Gangster

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.

ANNUAL BIKE PROJECT



Once again St. John's is pairing up with The Buckeye Ranch to supply bikes to children in need within central Ohio. Corban Allman is heading up the project this year, and our goal is 40 bikes with helmets. You may sponsor a fourth of a bike for \$25, a half of a bike for \$50, a full bike for \$100, or help purchase a helmet for \$20.

Donation envelopes are located at one of the church's entrances (available November 9th). Envelopes must be returned by December 7th. Envelopes can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Questions:

Contact Corban Allman at corbana09@gmail.com or Megan Grossman at mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org

Thank you for giving kids something fun to ride at Christmas!

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE COMING...

On Saturday, December 13th from 9 am – noon in Room 103-104, we will be holding our annual **Christmas Cookie and Goodie Sale.**

We are asking for **HOMEMADE ITEMS ONLY.** We are in need of many, many cookies and goodies to make this a successful event.

Again this year, you will be able to choose your own cookies for your platter. We will have prepackaged plates also if you would prefer those.

Baked goods can be dropped off at **8:30 am on Friday, December 12th** in the Family Life Center Kitchen. If you don't want to bake but want to help in another way, monetary donations to the Kitchen Fund would be appreciated.

Volunteers are needed to help with the sale on Saturday, December 13th. If you are available Saturday, please mark the salmon sheet in the bulletin or you can call Sue Sutton, 614-539-9544 or Suzie Brace, 614-313-1364.

Proceeds from our sale will go to the Kitchen Fund.

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

Can you believe summer is over, fall has begun, and winter is very close by? If you are to believe the Farmer's Almanac, our area is to be colder than normal with more precipitation. So, with that in mind, I will again be asking for donations of winter coats, hats, gloves and blankets.

This year I have chosen HM3, which stands for Hoge Music, Message, and Meals, to be the recipient of our donations. These will be offered at no charge to those attending a weekly service at Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, located on West Broad Street in the Hilltop. They have a connection with Columbus City Schools, so some of our items may be offered to them.

You can drop off your items from November through February. There will be a collection container in the Link. If you have any questions, you may call Bruce and Karen Whyte at 614-878-9392.

Jesus said, "Truly, I tell you whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me." - Matthew: 25:40 -

THANK YOU AND BLESSINGS TO ALL!

THE MITTEN TREE IS COMING!!

The Mitten Tree is returning to the North Entrance the weekend of November 9th!

Please help fill it with mittens, gloves, hats, earmuffs, scarves, and warm socks for all ages. *All items need to be new with tags or homemade.*

The tree will be up until November 30th, after which the items will be taken to the Purple Door Free Store, where they will be distributed to our neighbors in need. Please contact Ben Previts at 380-710-3689 if you have any questions.

Thank you for helping our community stay warm!



COME ONE! COME ALL!

**To the annual Chili Cook-Off and Dessert Auction
on Sunday, November 23rd, right after the late service.**

We will be tasting chili and voting on the best St. John's recipe. Bid on some amazing desserts created by the incredible bakers right here in our midst.

It's a perfect time to get those much-needed Thanksgiving treats without all the work! All donations and auction monies will go to support Short-Term Missions.



If you would like to enter your award-winning chili in the contest or create a dessert for the auction, please watch the bulletin for details or contact Diana at gloriaadios06@gmail.com.

Come join us for a fun-filled, tummy-filled afternoon!

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.

**The next meetings are
Monday, November 10th and
Monday, November 24th.**



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!

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, November 8th at 9am
and Tuesday, November 25th at
6pm in Room 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 Room 103-4. Contact the leaders listed for more information.

Elizabeth Circle
Contact
Amy Shaw
614-496-2890

Monday, November 3rd at 6:30pm

Sarah Circle
Contact
Wilma Phillips
614-875-7931

Monday, November 24th at 7:00pm



**St. John's will be hosting a
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
in the Family Life Center on TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 25 from 12-6 pm.**

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



Quilters

The Quilters, with the help of the congregation, are donating 100 Christmas bags to the Grove City Food Pantry at the “Purple Door” Methodist Church for the children. We like to add candy to “sweeten-up” the bags. You may donate any leftover, wrapped Halloween or other wrapped candy or healthy, wrapped snacks as long as their expiration dates are in 2026.

We need two tables full of candy to fill the 100 Christmas bags.

Thanks to your giving hearts, our collection of other items for the Christmas bags is almost complete. The goals of 100 boxes of Crayola crayons, 100 plush toys, 100 pencils, 100 bouncy balls, 100 combs, 100 toothbrushes, and other toothcare items have been reached! Grove City Family Dentistry on Columbus Street is once again donating other dental care items for each of the 100 bags. The Quilters thank the many people for helping us with obtaining the material for the 100 Christmas bags. It takes 14-16 yards of material to make them.

We can still use any small items appropriate for a child to add to the bags.
Please place your donation in the Quilters cabinet in the Link.

The Christmas bags will be filled and delivered on Tuesday, December 2, 2025. Your help on December 2nd in filling the bags will be welcomed and appreciated. We start filling the bags at 9:30am. The Christmas bags will be given to the children as a gift of Christian love and compassion.

QUILTS FOR SALE: We have a hand quilted, green, blue, and white quilt for sale. Also, we have hand-knotted quilts of various colors and sizes for sale. Stop by any Tuesday to admire and select a quilt. Also, look for our Quilt Sale in the Link during the Cookie Sale on December 13-14, 2025. The Quilters proceeds will be given to St. John’s and Grove City area causes. Most of the unsold quilts will be given to children’s charities. As we always remind you, our Lutheran quilts keep you warm and look pretty on a bed.

Would you like to learn the art of quilting? We have friendship waiting for you!

This Thanksgiving, we are truly thankful for your support of our ministries. You respond to our many requests for donations. The Quilters thank you for you and your concern and understanding for others. We wish you a blessed Thanksgiving. *Please note, there will not be a Quilters meeting on November 25, 2025. We will be doing all those Thanksgiving do-ahead preparations instead of quilting.*

OWLS EVENT—NOVEMBER 21, 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.

November is a time to give thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed on us. It is also a perfect time to help those who are struggling and having difficulty finding any reason to feel even a tiny bit thankful. So many are in this situation today and they would appreciate our love and helping hands. The need is great.



MASH was the name of a very popular TV show, but did you know it is also the name of an organization that serves our Veterans, Active Duty Military, and Surviving Spouses with food, personal toiletries, and clothing as they have available? The OWLS are hosting Penny Kilcourse with the MASH Pantry. Penny is the Pantry Coordinator for Grove City. Your lunch donation will go to MASH. And if you’d like to donate food items, I’m sure they would be appreciated.

The OWLS will provide fried chicken and meat loaf for our potluck lunch, and 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 11:15am so we can open the meeting at 11:30am. 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!**

St. John's Pays It Forward

St. John's Lutheran Church Grants awarded to Two Ohio Churches

St. John's is pleased to announce the award of grants of \$5,000 each to two Ohio NALC churches: Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Lucas, OH, and Groveport Zion Lutheran Church in Groveport, OH.

We at St. John's were blessed to be able to complete our Accessibility Project last year without debt due to the great generosity of individuals as well as other churches. Upon completion of that project, \$10,000 of the remaining funds were set aside to pay that generosity forward and aid other churches in the NALC with their own building or remodeling projects.

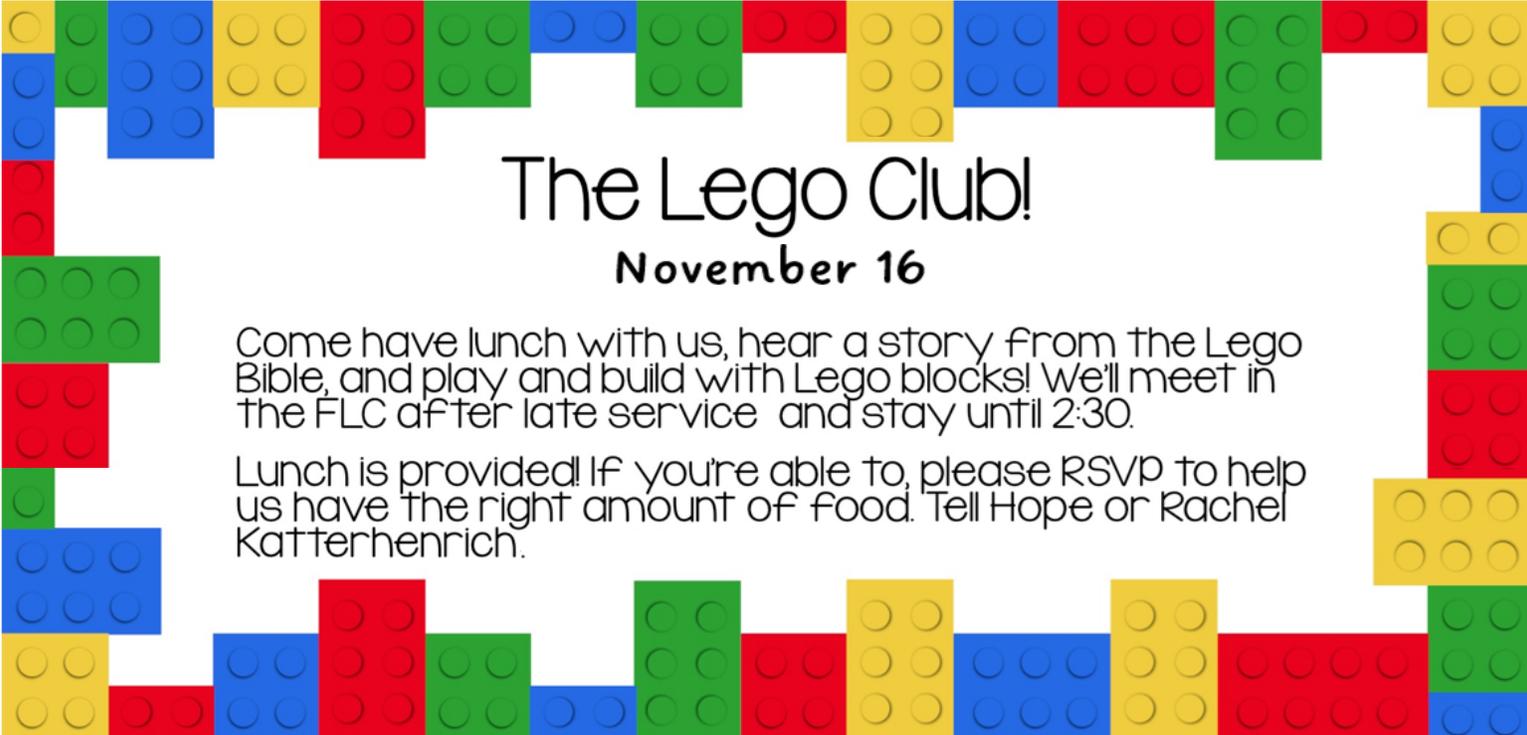
The one-time grant application was opened to any NALC church in Ohio in May of 2025. After consideration of the many worthwhile projects for which the grant committee received applications, two were chosen to receive \$5,000 each. The funds were disbursed in August of 2025.

Mt. Zion Lutheran's project was to update and improve their property to allow it to be used for a Christian daycare. This will expand their outreach and provide a badly needed resource in their community. They are excited to announce that their new childcare facility was able to open at the beginning of October and they asked me to pass on their gratitude to the people of St. John's for the gift that helped them achieve their goal.

Zion Lutheran of Groveport applied for grant funding to aid in the replacement of damaged and inoperable windows in their fellowship hall, originally installed in 1965. The building is used heavily by the church and many community organizations, so functioning windows are a matter of both safety and comfort. Installation of their new windows is scheduled for November and they also have shared their great thankfulness to be able to go ahead with this project.

Thank you to the people of St. John's for your faithful generosity that allowed our congregation to reach out a helping hand to other churches. Keep an eye out for a future display of the photos of both of these projects.

In Christ's Service,
Amy Wanner
St. John's Lutheran Church Grant Committee



The Lego Club!

November 16

Come have lunch with us, hear a story from the Lego Bible, and play and build with Lego blocks! 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.

VETERANS LUNCHEON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

Dear St. John's Veterans,

In honor of all Veterans, your service and your sacrifice to our country, you and a guest are invited to St. John's Annual Veterans Luncheon. This event will take place in the **Family Life Center on Sunday, November 2nd at 12:30pm.**

Thank you for your service. ♥ ★

THE OTTERBEIN CHOIR WILL PERFORM THEIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT ST. JOHN'S

Saturday, November 13th at 6pm

The choir is under the direction of Professor Gayle Walker. Members of the community are warmly invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served after the concert.

NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you Intern Billie Fisch for holding my hands and praying for me. Your words of love and faith were a comfort to me. So glad you are at St. John's! You will be blessed. Put on the full armor of God! Special thanks to Mel and Carol Penrod for transporting me to Der Dutchman for OWLS. I had a wonderful time! There was laughter, prayer, and good Christian fellowship. I could feel the Holy Spirit among us. Thank you, saints of St. John's OWLS. You will be blessed!
~ Shelia Holcomb

FROM THE NALC DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

Thank you so much for all your prayers and support! The gift cards are so very helpful when rebuilding homes! Thank you again and God Bless!
~ Mary Bates

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Sarah Circle Health Kit Service Project.

At our last meeting on September 22nd, the members assembled the kits and are pleased to share with everyone we had **a total of 40 Health Kits given to the Grove City Food Pantry.** We appreciate all the support you have given towards this project. Without your support this wouldn't have been possible. God bless each of you. And a special thanks to Keith and Jane Stenerson for being responsible for this Service Project and delivering of the Health Kits to the Grove City Food Pantry. Job well done!

Thank you to all who made this year's ARTS IN THE ALLEY MISSIONS SILENT AUCTION a success!



Thank you to those of you who donated items, those who came to visit and peruse, and those who purchased an item. **We raised almost \$1500.00 for Alaska and Mexico Missions!** If you have ever held a child's hand, cupped his/her beautiful face in your hands, or heard our stories, you know how precious these children of God are. Even though we are unable to go at this time (God is preparing a facilitator for us!), we would like to enable the orphan children of Tijuana to attend a Christian camp experience

away from the dangerous city streets, and the children of Scammon Bay, Alaska to experience a VBS program. With that in mind, the Mission Board reconvened this year and decided to send a \$5000.00 love offering from our accounts to each mission for every year we are unable to send a team: Genesis of Mexico and Alaska Mission for Christ. We will continue to have fundraising to support our love offerings and to prepare for our next mission! Please continue to pray for the children and the mission organizations. Thank you for making a HUGE impact in the life of a child. Let's make heaven crowded! 😊

***P.S. I have two items that didn't sell that we will give to someone for the minimum bid: a **Hamilton Beach pizza maker** – original value of \$75.00 currently available for \$30.00, and a **GoldFish Swim Private Birthday Party** - a \$595.00 value available for \$300.00. Contact Diana if you are interested!

Dear Church Family.

As Thanksgiving approaches, many memories have begun to surface. Some are heartwarming, some make me cry, and others just make me giggle. One such memory involves one fateful Thanksgiving dinner with my mom's side of the family.

It has become a tradition at my Uncle Bill's home each Thanksgiving to go around the table and say things for which we are thankful. My uncle, grandfather, and my cousins are all avid hunters, so they are often thanking God that deer season will start in the days following Thanksgiving.

About 20 years ago, when we were all still kids, one of my cousins shot a turkey and was proud to have us eat it for our meal that day. Being equally proud and grateful, each family member said they were thankful for his turkey, and then took a large slice of turkey and smiled warmly. We piled on the mashed potatoes, the gravy, and the corn and began to dig in.

One by one, each family member took a bite, and one by one, each made a face, and began to spit out small pieces of metal. As it turned out, my cousin had not cleaned the meat very well, and the remains of his ammunition had been cooked into the turkey! We all laughed and laughed, as we picked the shrapnel out of our turkey meat. And though I've never said it aloud, each year since, when I've been asked what I'm thankful for, I often want to say, a turkey that isn't full of pellets!



As Christians we have much for which we can be thankful. We have been given the Bread of Life in Christ's sinless life, death on the cross, and resurrection from the grave. We have been given forgiveness, and we have been given life together as believers. What a blessing! What a mercy!

Psalm 107:1 encourages us to "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and his steadfast love endures forever!" The Lord is good, and His love is fixed and immovable, and it has always been and will always be. What a reason to give thanks!

So, this Thanksgiving, as you think of reasons to be thankful, I hope you will chuckle as you think of my family's turkey mishap, but that you'll also smile, and give thanks for the God of the Universe, who loves you so much that He sent His Only Son to die for you on the Cross, and then conquered it all so that we could be with Him for all of eternity.

Thanks be to God!

Billie

Mrs. Billie Fisch, Pastoral Intern

So, today, as you read this, if you are upset with a family member, forgive them, or apologize to them – whichever is needed to make things right between you. If you've neglected them, give them a call, send them a card, let them know you're thinking of them. You who are children (young or older) who are blessed to still have both your parents, if you've rebelled against them, go to them with a humble attitude. If you parents have been short with your kids, give them some extra love and attention. If you live far away, make every effort to stay in touch. Your family is a tremendous gift from God. Warts and all. Most of all, pray for them. By name. For their needs. Pray as Paul prayed for the people in Colossae, "That they may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that they may walk worthy of the Lord." (Col 1:9-10)

The other family for which we give thanks today is this family of faith here at St. John's, the Body of Christ, the church. What a blessing to enjoy the love of these brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather for worship, as we study the Word together in small groups and Bible Study, and as we embark on the path of learning and growing as disciples of Jesus Christ. We are blessed to serve and support one another, to feed one another in times of need, to pray with and for one another when we need uplifted. When we love each other well, all of us are blessed. What a blessing it is to belong to such a group of believers.

My friends, I give thanks to God for each and every one of you, as I know you lift me and my family in your prayers as I do you! God continue to bless you richly.

Looking Forward in Faith,

Pastor Patti

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF OCTOBER 5TH, 2025

Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Philip Pennington** by Mary Ellen Voelker-Brown

Given in memory of **Philip Pennington** by Joseph Brubaker

Given in memory of **Helen Previts** by Beth Katterhenrich

Memorial Youth Fund

Given in memory of **Joyce Althoff** by Warren Althoff

Given in honor of **Diana Imbrock's retirement** by Shirley Blake

Given in honor of **Laurie Pecuch's retirement** by Shirley Blake

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE

The Service of Comfort and Remembrance will be held on **Sunday, November 30th at 2:00pm** in the Sanctuary.

This service provides a worship opportunity for those who not only have experienced the death of a family member or friend in the past year, but also to comfort those who have experienced deaths in past years who continue to deal with their grief. For those that have had a loss in the past year, the family will receive an ornament in memory of their loved one.



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THE FIRST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH.**



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Our Christian Sympathy is extended to

The family and friends of **Helen Previts**,
mother of Fred Previts, who passed away
September 25, 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 & 11:00am

Contemporary Worship: Sundays at 11:00am

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.

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Abby Johnston, Doug Knisley, Bonnie Swanson,
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**The article deadline for the DECEMBER
Eagle is NOVEMBER 10TH.**

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



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November 2025

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Letter from the Pastor



*It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night... (Psalm 92:1-2)*

“Count your many blessings, name them one-by-one, count your many blessings, see what God has done! Count your many blessings, name them one-by-one, count your many blessings, see what God has done! And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.” (Edwin Excell, 1897) How many of you sang this in your head as you read it? You're welcome!

As we enter the holiday season, we begin with Thanksgiving and continue from there to the greatest gift ever given, The Word Made Flesh, Jesus Christ! We begin with Thanksgiving, not just as an American holiday filled with food and football, but as an attitude of being. The Psalmist encourages us to sing songs and hymns of thanksgiving from morning to night.

The blessings that are most obvious, but which we take for granted are often overlooked – food and shelter, health and work, and yes even family and friends. They are tremendous blessings from our heavenly Father, gifts from God to us. It's easy to take these things for granted, especially when life is going well. Yet in times of tragedy – an illness, a death, a serious accident, a job loss – we are keenly aware of the comfort and wisdom they bring to us.

While the Psalm challenges us to give thanks and praise from morning to night, the same is true in remembering what He has given us and so we take this opportunity to remember. Our families are the ones with whom we share special memories and inside jokes. They are the ones who laugh and cry with us.

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