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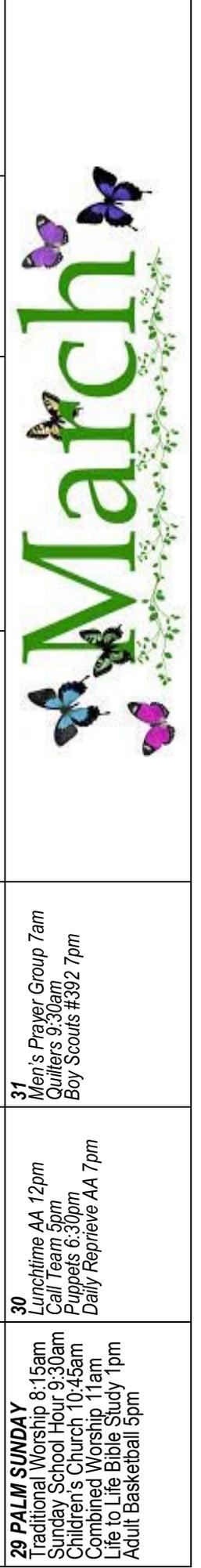
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDS.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 Traditional Worship 8:15am Sunday School Hour 9:30am Children's Church 10:45am Contemporary Worship 11am Traditional Worship 11am Life to Life Bible Study 1pm Adult Basketball 5pm</p>	<p>2 BSF Leaders 9:30am Property Team 10am Lunchtime AA 12pm Call Team 5pm Life to Life Bible Study 6pm (off-site) Elizabeth Circle 6:30pm Puppets 6:30pm Daily Reprieve AA 7pm</p>	<p>3 RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE Men's Prayer Group 7am Quilters 9:30am OWLS Planning 11am Boy Scouts #392 7pm Life to Life Bible Study 7pm (off-site) SW Historical Soc. 7pm</p>	<p>4 BSF 9:30am Lenten Noon Service 12pm Small Group 1pm Private Event 3pm Soup Supper 5:30pm Lenten Evening Service 6:30pm AA Design for Living 7pm Explorers & Energizers 7pm</p>	<p>5 Promise Keepers 8am Life to Life Bible Study 9:30am Small Group 1pm Bulletin Team 3pm Children's Choir 5pm Adventure Club & Faith Trek 5:45pm Celebration Ringers 6:15pm Dartball 8pm (TBD)</p>	<p>6 Bible Study 9:30am Life to Life Bible Study 10am Private Event 2pm Prayers and Pins 6pm (off-site) AA 8:30pm</p>	<p>7 Traditional Worship 4pm Serenity Seek. AA 7pm</p>
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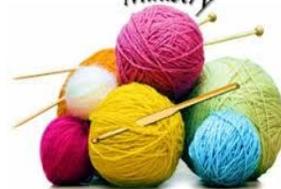


March

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, March 14th at 9am
and **Tuesday, March 24th 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, March 2nd at 6:30pm

Sarah Circle
Contact
Diane Carducci
614-871-7588

Monday, March 23rd at 7pm.

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. The 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. We would love for you to join us!

Please note that we do not meet on March 26 due to SWCS Spring Break.

LEGO CLUB will meet Sunday, March 15th from noon to 2pm. Pizza provided. All ages welcomed. Parents and faith-webbing Adults are welcome, too!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR meets before Adventure Club and Faith Trek in the Chapel on Thursdays, starting at 5pm. Children staying for youth groups are escorted down to the greeter's table.

EXPLORERS and ENERGIZERS for grades 7—8 and 9—12 meet weekly on Wednesdays, 7—8:30pm. Wednesday nights are a great night to connect with others, make friends, and grow in faith.

Please note that we do not meet on March 25 due to SWCS Spring Break.

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. [AXIS.ORG](https://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. Sign up to receive the weekly Culture Translator email for free at <https://axis.org/> Other Parenting Resources are on the wall across from the youth office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages meets from 9:30am—10:30am.

Join us for LEGO Club!

The next meeting date is Sunday, March 15.

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 at 12pm and stay until 2pm.

Lunch is provided! If you're able to, please RSVP to help us have the right amount of food. Tell Jen Mitchell, Stephanie Potokar, or Christina Allman.

Fasting: Abstaining from something that takes your time and focus, so that you can focus on Christ's sacrifice.

Prayer: Time spent in communion with Your Heavenly Father.

Alms giving: Setting aside money, time, talents, and/or goods to benefit others.

Self-reflection/Discussion Questions:

- 1. What is something you can omit from your routine so you can focus on Christ? Social Media? TV? Gaming? Shopping? Coffee? Sweets?**
- 2. When can you set aside time to talk with and listen to God?**
- 3. What are some ways you can help others? Providing food? Spending time with family? Making a special gift or writing a note? Grab some friends and serve!**

Try to practice at least one of these spiritual disciplines daily during Lent. You can make a calendar of ideas; you can find lots on line. It doesn't have to be big, just Christ-led and heart-felt.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to take our place and through His sacrifice we are given eternal life. May we humble our hearts in thanks and praise as we walk together. Amen.



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Orders must be received on or before Monday, March 30th, 2026.

March Meditation Moment

*from St. John's Prayer Stations to your family... Each month the bulletin and Eagle will have a meditation moment which can be used individually or with your family. Enjoy time with your Heavenly Father as you take a moment to breathe in His love, grace, peace, and goodness. There are many Lenten activities your small group, Sunday School class, or event can use. Contact Diana Imbrock.

Theme: Walking with Jesus to the cross.

Meditation Verse(s): Psalm 51:10-12

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."

Activity: Lenten Disciplines

Supplies: a willing heart and spirit.

We are now in the church season of Lent; a time, like Advent, of preparation. This time we are preparing our hearts to travel the journey to the cross with Jesus. It's not too late to prepare! There are three spiritual disciplines that are associated with this journey: fasting, prayer, and alms giving.



EASTER LILY SALE

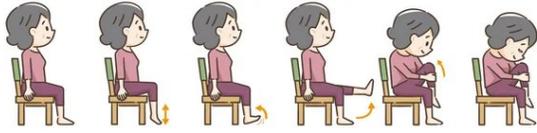


As in previous years, the Sanctuary of St. John's will be filled with the beauty of white Easter lilies as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Each plant will be in a six-inch pot. The cost of each lily will be \$7.50. You may order your lilies now by completing the form below and turning it in at the church with your check. Make checks payable to "St. John's" and mark for "Lily Order." The lilies may be picked up following the 11:00 am service on Easter Sunday.

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 will be on
Monday, March 9th and
Monday, March 23rd.



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!

St. John's will be hosting a
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
in the Family Life Center on
TUESDAY, March 17th
from 12-6pm.



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

I want to acknowledge and thank all the people that sent cards and monetary gifts in memory of my wife, Nancy Patzer. It means so much to me. Thank you. ~ Carl Patzer.

Notes of Thanks

A very special thank you to everyone at St. John's for keeping me in prayer during my surgery. Thank you for the get well cards, telephone calls, and offers to assist me. I am so blessed to be a part of St. John's. Thank you, Christine Hank, for the beautiful poinsettia plant. You are a blessing. ~ Shelia Holcomb.

Pam Castle would like to thank the Prayer Shawl ladies for all the beautiful prayer shawls for Binns elementary students grieve group! We received about 20 beautifully made prayer shawls and the students absolutely loved them. Thank you so much for your hard work! Marilyn Weisenberger and Pam would also like to thank the ladies for the prayer shawls for their families during this sad time! It means so much to us.

Marilyn Weisenberger and Pam Castle would like to thank Pastor Patti for presenting such a beautiful funeral for Marilyn's husband Herb, and for all her and Billie Fisch's support at this time. We would also like to thank the Bereavement Committee for preparing such a wonderful luncheon for our families! We want to especially thank Susie Brace, Wilma Phillips, Sue and Larry Sutton, Linda Chenault, and Barb Hill for setting up, cleaning up, and all their hard work. Thank you to all who prepared the delicious food. Thank you also to Steve Marcum for helping with the funeral. Thank you also to all who visited and attended the funeral. Being a part of St. John's family at this sad time means so much to us.

To St. John's. No words can express how thankful I am to have a church that cares. I am sorry it is so late (for Christmas Kindness) but have been sick and had a lot of personal problems, but I know God will take care of me when time comes again. Love y'all ♥ and God bless. ~ Ruth Emmelhainz.

Thank you so much for all of your support for the **Souper Bowl of Caring** this year! We were able to collect \$635 in checks to go to LSS and \$1308.35 in cash to purchase food for the Grove City Food Pantry, for a grand total of \$1,943.35! We want to thank Lukas Althoff, who became our new student leader after our kickoff, for the tremendous job he did taking on his first student led service project! We can't express all of the gratitude we have for our congregation and how much we were able to donate to help local food pantries. The students are always excited to go out and buy food for the food pantry with these donations and will do that soon as part of their service work. Lukas would also like to thank all of the youth who held pots and collected money at all the services. Thank you for being a light in this dark world to help others see that God is with them even in a time of hunger. Blessings of thanks!

OWLS EVENT—MARCH 20, 2026

What's new downtown Grove City at City Hall? Inquiring minds want to know. The answer is simple but complicated. Our Council has several items under consideration, and they will be busy in 2026. One way to keep "in the know" is to attend their meetings the first and third Monday of the month. Our March program is not about a current item on Council's agenda but one that has been talked about informally around town: MAYOR or CITY MANAGER? Please note this is NOT a current topic for Council. However, there are a lot of questions/concerns and more of us saying "I don't have a clue!" to "What?"

Tami Kelly, Grove City Clerk of Courts, will be our guest speaker to share the differences between the two positions in an impartial, non-political presentation of facts. Hope you will mark your calendar now and as always invite a friend. Can't be too young or too old!



We are still working on improving our sound problems so don't give up on us!!

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 11:15am 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!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Pastor Patti and Intern Billie Fisch will be leading a class on Holy Communion for children **Sunday, May 3rd at church from 12:15—2:15pm.**

The class will be geared towards 5th grade students; however, younger children who have expressed a serious desire to receive the sacrament are welcome to participate (as are older youths who have not yet received this instruction). We ask that at least one adult be present in the class with each child.



We'll meet in room 103-4 and have a light lunch before class begins and a rehearsal at the end of class to practice how communion is received. At the conclusion of our time together, parents and students will discuss whether the student is ready to receive the sacrament.

Those who are ready will participate in their first communion at the **11am traditional worship service on Sunday, May 10th (Mother's Day).** Please contact Pastor Patti, Billie Fisch, or Christina Allman if you have any questions regarding your child's participation in the class.



Quilters

It's never too late to donate your Christmas card and other card fronts to the Quilters. We give them to the Cancer Thrift Store when we have a sizeable stack of fronts. The fronts are a favorite material for craftspeople.

If you would like to make a quilt at home for a charity, we have fabric, encouragement and friendship at no cost. Come visit any Tuesday or call the church to set up a meeting.

The Quilters meet nearly every Tuesday from 9:30am to 1pm, or thereabout, in rooms 103-4. Stay as long or as short as your interest and time allow. We also encourage just coming by, visiting and talking with us. We have room for you as we are a small group. Bring a snack for yourself or sack lunch if you are staying around lunchtime. We have all the supplies and materials you will need.

Proverbs 21:13 ~ If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he, too, will cry out and not answered.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY 2026: WALKING IN THE WILDERNESS

LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Our Wednesday Lenten services will feature
WALKING IN THE WILDERNESS at 12pm,
and *HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER* at 6:30pm.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH — IN BARREN PLACES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH — IN WANT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH — IN THIRST
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH — IN PRAYER



HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY SATURDAY, MARCH 28, Traditional Worship at 4pm
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, Traditional at 8:15am, Combined Worship at 11am
MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2, Worship at 7pm with Holy Communion & Stripping the Altar
GOOD FRIDAY FRIDAY, APRIL 3, Worship Services at 12pm and 7pm
EASTER SATURDAY, APRIL 4, Traditional Worship at 4pm
SUNDAY, APRIL 5, Traditional at 8:15am, Combined Worship at 11am



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**ORDERS ARE PLACED
THE FIRST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH.**



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MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF FEBRUARY 8TH, 2026

Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Ralph Johnston** by Richard and Evelyn Lyday; Barbara Armentrout; and Cindy Pennington
Given in memory of **Averil MacKenzie** by Jo Anne Keller; John Lechner; Barbara Armentrout; and Cindy Pennington
Given in memory of **Patricia Marie** by Cindy Pennington
Given in memory of **Philip Pennington** by Cindy Pennington
Given in memory of **Jane Stenerson** by Richard Stage; Wilma Phillips; Sarah Circle; Judy and Earl Taylor; Mary Lou Mauch; Barbara Armentrout; and Cindy Pennington
Given in memory of **Nancy Patzer** by Cindy Pennington
Given in memory of **Herbert Weisenberger** by Jeffrey and Marlys Beatty; and Leah Burket
Given in memory of **Philip Pennington** by Cindy Pennington

Bells Fund

Given in memory of **Herbert Weisenberger** by Lorina Allmon
Given in memory of **John and Rita Knore** by Lorina Allmon

Youth Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Doris Finley** by John Lechner
Given in memory of **Jane Stenerson** by Beth Katterhenrich; John Lechner; and anonymous donor

Quilters Fund

Given in memory of **Patricia Marie** by Barbara Armentrout



Hello Church Family,

I pray that this letter finds you well and finds you walking closely with Jesus in the midst of our Lenten Season. As I was reflecting recently, I was reminded of Maundy Thursday and the concept of washing one another's feet.

Foot washing was common practice in 1st Century Israel. Since roads were dusty and open sandals were the preferred footwear of the day, foot washing was necessary to keep the floors clean and a sign of respect to the homeowner. According to one commentary, the job of foot washing was typically reserved for Gentile slaves, as it was seen as even being too menial for those in Jewish servitude.



It must have come as quite a surprise to the disciples as Jesus rose in the middle of the supper, took off his outer garments, tied a towel around his waist, and began to wash the disciples feet. When he did this, he took on the posture of a slave, and as he knelt, washing the feet of each disciple – even Judas who would betray him, he once again turned the earthly idea of kingship on its head, making the first, last and the last, first.

Much more can be said about this passage, and I hope you'll come to our Maundy Thursday Service on April 2 to hear more, but I want to take a moment to focus on the idea of servant leadership. In another study note, one author writes that servants cannot consider themselves to be greater than their masters. Our master is Christ, and we must therefore look to his example.

In Revelation 19:16, we read that Jesus is the rightful King of the world, as Lord of Lords and King of Kings, yet he always led in his earthly ministry by serving those around him as he healed the sick (Matthew 4:26), taught the disciples (Luke 8:9-15), and fed the 5,000 (Matthew 14:13-21). Philippians 2 even teaches us that Jesus showed the truest humility as he died on the cross for our sins.

How else are we to say thank you, except to serve as he served, love as he loved, and offer forgiveness to others as we ourselves have been forgiven. If even Jesus didn't see foot washing to be too menial, then how are we to assume that there is any task below us? Let us all become like our Lord and be servant leaders. That is, those who: give of their time and talents to the church, build trust with others - even though they may not be just like us, desire to serve rather than be served, acknowledge the accomplishments of others rather than finding flaws, empower others to live into their God given potential, and speak the truth in love.

I pray that we will all do this, reflecting Christ in all we do, so that we may be God's hands and feet with our words, our attitudes, and our actions.

May the peace of the Lord be with you always!

In Christ's Service,

Vicar Billie Fisch

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Our Christian Sympathy is extended to

the family and friends of
Herb Weisenberger, who passed away
on January 23, 2026.

The family and friends of
Beverly Wilson, who passed away
on February 7, 2026.

*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.**



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**The article deadline for the APRIL 2026
Eagle is MARCH 10TH.**

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



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Letter from the Pastor

Dear Disciples of Jesus,

What's the difference between calling yourselves Christians and calling yourselves disciples? Do you know the distinction between the two? As we begin the Life-to-Life Discipleship process, we will be discovering some of these distinctions. See, we can live as a Christian, and not be a disciple, but we cannot be a disciple without first following Christ. Here are some of the characteristics of being a strong and faithful disciple of Christ:

PRAYER: This is prayer that leads to a strong devotion to Christ.

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:6-7)

WORD: This is a study of the Word of God so that it becomes such a part of who we are, in order that we may draw from its wisdom and learn from its ways.

"But as for you, continue on in what you learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work." (2 Tim 3:14-17)

FELLOWSHIP: Spending time with one another to encourage one another in our walk of faith.

"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Heb 10:24-25)

WITNESSING/SERVICE: This world of ours needs the light we bring. Does this verse sound familiar? It should, as we pronounce it over every newly baptized person as they receive the light of Christ:

"In the same way, let your light so shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matt 5:16)

STEWARDSHIP: How do we manage the gifts given to us? Time, treasure and talent...

"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and wealth." (Matt 6:24)

OBEDIENCE: Asking the Lord **FIRST** where would you have us go and what would you have us do.

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." (John 14:21)

As disciples, growing in these areas is not about perfection, but about transformation and growth.

Our goal is to know Christ in a more profound way than we ever have before. Our goal is not to "grow the church", but to grow in our relationship with Christ, and as the Body of Christ, I assure you, if you continue to be intent on this, the rest will take care of itself as HIS light will shine so brightly that people will continue to be drawn to him. I look forward to seeing what God will do through us as we continue to grow in Him!

Looking forward in Faith,

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