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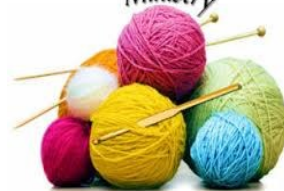
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April

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, April 11th at 9am
and **Tuesday, April 28th at 6pm** in
Room 103-4.



Women's Ministry

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, April 6th at 6:30pm

Sarah Circle
Contact
Diane Carducci
614-871-7588

Monday, April 27th 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. Suggested donation for the evening meal is \$4. Adventure Club is for ages 4 through 4th grade. Faith Trek is for 5th and 6th grades. We would love for you to join us! We do not meet on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd. Our last night of the school year is April 30th.

LEGO CLUB is back Sunday, April 19th from noon to 2:00pm. 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. We do not meet April 1st (it's no joke!) during Holy Week. Our last night for the school year is May 7th.



RAISE RIGHT gift card orders are placed on the first Tuesday of every month.

You can use these cards personally and they also make great gifts!

Talk to Pam Wittenberg on how you can order physical cards, order e-gift cards, and how to re-load your cards online.

Raise Right gives a percentage for each card ordered back to St. John's. Monies raised help to offset the costs of the children and youth programming that is not covered by the church budget.

Thanks for your support!

Connect your KROGER Card with the COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM.



Thanks to the 84 households who are connected with the Kroger Community Rewards Program.



Because of you, this past quarter, \$244.76 was donated back to "St. John's Youth Ministries".

If you haven't connected yet, it's so easy! Google "Kroger Community Rewards Program" and follow their prompts. **Our organization number is EY530.**

Every time you shop, you're giving back at no extra cost to you!

Thanks for your continual support!



REJOICE!

This summer, July 6th-11th, we will be sending 7 youth and 2 adults to the NALC Continental Youth Gathering for a four-day event!

The mission of this event is to provide opportunities for Lutheran youth to not only grow in their faith, but to be encouraged by connecting with other believers throughout North America.

Throughout the event, youth, leaders, and volunteers will join in corporate worship, study God’s Word, engage in large and small group sessions, reach out to the community through mission events, and engage in fellowship and fun. NALC youth will rally around the powerful theme “*Rejoice*,” living with a joy that lasts. Joy isn’t just a happy feeling; it’s something God has given us so that we can face life with hope, no matter what’s going on around us.

Please start praying for our youth (Corban & Truman Allman, Lukas Althoff, Davy Clark, Brooklyn Cress, Ben Previts, and Cordelia Wanner) and adult chaperones (Tim and Christina Allman) as they begin to prepare for this trip. As the date approaches, we will be asking youth and adults of the congregation to prayerfully consider being prayer buddies during this time as well as help to support donations for NALC disaster relief kits that we will be assembling while at the gathering. Feel free to reach out to Tim and Christina Allman if you have any questions!



PRE-ORDER MOTHER’S DAY FLOWERS

Your Name: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Please mark item(s) you would like to order. Deadline: Sunday, May 3rd

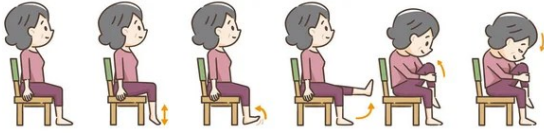
- _____ \$30 A colorful spring mix of fresh flowers, arranged in a basket.
- _____ \$30 A colorful spring mix of fresh flowers, arranged in a vase.
- _____ \$25 Wrapped assortment of colorful fresh flowers to put in your favorite vase.
- _____ \$12 One Blooming flower in a basket with bow, to enjoy indoors or out.
- _____ \$25 Two Blooming flowers in a tin, with a bow.
- _____ \$45 Garden mixed pot, assorted blooming annuals come in a 10-inch pot, ready to set on your porch.

Write checks out to: “St. John’s Lutheran”

*For specialty orders and delivery within the Grove City area, call Rita Bausch at 614-701-8902 and be sure to mention “St. John’s Short-Term Missions”. **Thanks for supporting Missions!***

MONDAY EXERCISE CLASS

Please join us every Monday at 6pm in the Family Life Center (FLC) for 30 minutes of fun, fellowship, and fitness.



Everyone is welcome! 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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—JUNE 22-25



Mark your calendar!!! Tropical Trek Vacation Bible School is coming to St. John's June 22nd through June 25th, 9:00am to noon. We will be learning that Jesus comes to seek and save. All children ages 3 (potty trained) through 6th grade are welcome. *Please note that all children must be potty trained in order to attend.*

Online registration will open in May!

Contact Christina Allman at 614-519-8092 or at callman@stjohnsgc.org if you want to volunteer or have any questions.

Mother's Day Bouquets!

Be sure to get the flowers you want for that special mom, aunt, grandma, or person in your faith web. There is a beautiful selection on the back of this page for your pre-order.

The drive-up sale will be on Mother's Day weekend, May 9th and 10th, before and after all worship services at the Shelter House. Pull up, pick out your flowers, and we'll bring them to your car! We will have single carnations for \$1 each, as well as some of the arrangements listed below on the pre-order form. There will be a limited number of these flowers, so it's best to pre-order to ensure you get flowers for that special lady.

To preorder, simply fill out the pre-order form and drop it off in the church office or place it in the offering plate. *The deadline for pre-orders is Sunday, May 3rd.* You can also email your order to gloriaadios06@gmail.com by noon on Sunday, May 3rd.

You can drive up and pick up your pre-ordered flowers at the Shelter House on Mother's Day weekend, before and after all worship services.

Need your flowers **BEFORE** Mother's Day weekend **OR** would like to order something special? For specialty orders or delivery, call Rita Bausch at 614-701-8902 and mention "St. John's Short-Term Missions" when you order. Rita is a member of St. John's and owner of Prairie Flowers and Gifts. She is partnering with us on this sale. *Thank you, Rita!*

Happy Mother's Day



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

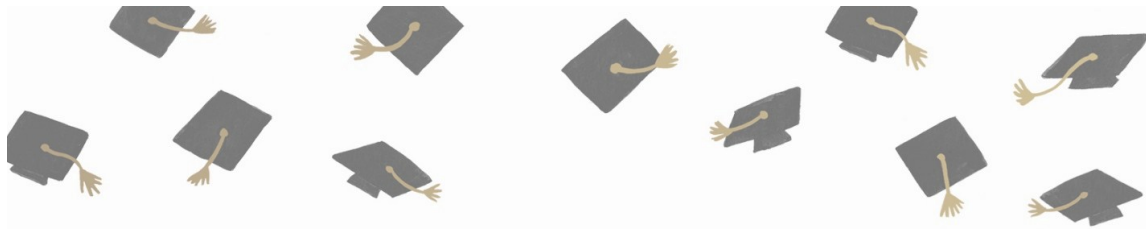
Pastor Patti and Intern Billie Fisch will be leading a class on Holy Communion for children **Sunday, May 3rd at church from 12:15—2:15pm.**

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.



GRADUATION 2026

***The Graduation season is rapidly approaching and we like to recognize those in our congregation who may be finishing their degrees. If you would like to recognize your post-high graduate, please send the following information: student's name, name of school, degree and major, to Christina Allman at callman@stjohnsgc.org, to be placed in the bulletins and Eagle.

*****The congregation** is invited to the **GRADUATION BLESSING RECEPTION**, Sunday, May 3rd from 9:30 to 10:30am in the FLC. Visit with our graduating seniors to see where they will be going next. Students will be available for prayers, good wishes and hugs!!! Come and bless our graduates and share a light celebratory breakfast with us. We will also be recognizing our students at the combined 11am traditional service that day. What a great time to encourage those in our faith webs!



THE COLUMBUS MINIATURE SOCIETY

will meet next in the Family Life Center on **Saturday, April 18.**

Refreshments are at 12:30pm. Then, we open with the club business meeting 1pm, followed by a \$10 workshop. This month's workshop will be creating a small scene in a "pocket watch". All are welcome!

If you are interested in crafting with us and participating in the workshop, please **RSVP** to Sheri at shp678@yahoo.com **by Sunday, April 12th** so we can prepare enough materials and to advise of suggested supplies (ex: scissors, glue, pencil) to bring with you to the meeting.

OWLS EVENT—APRIL 17, 2026

Children's Hospital is a familiar name to all of us. Each of us has probably been a visitor at one time or another as a parent, grandparent or friend of the family. Although most of our loved ones' stays are short, some last much longer. That's where the Ronald McDonald House comes in.

Recognizing the importance of supporting families when a child faces a serious illness or injury, the first House opened in Philadelphia in 1974. In 2024, Ronald McDonald House provided more than 2.8 million overnight stays, helping families save \$678 million on lodging and meals.



Our speaker Mike Amfahr is a ten plus year volunteer. He is the front desk volunteer and has become the facility tour guide. His support and enthusiasm led to his being asked to speak for the House whenever a speaker is requested. He will talk about its history, how it works and what it offers as well as a few stories about some of the families who have come through and benefited from the House.

We meet for lunch on the third Friday of each month at 11:30am, followed by our guest speaker.

The OWLS (**Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors**) 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!

ST. JOHN'S GOODTIME IRISH BAND

is looking for a male tenor or baritone who loves to sing. If interested or curious, please call Mike Cunningham at 614-561-5214, text, or email at fmichaelc51@gmail.com.

**St. John's will be hosting a
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE in the Family Life
Center on TUESDAY, April 28th from 12-6pm.**

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



Quilters

Would you like to learn the art of easy, stress-free quilting? We use mainly 6" squares to make a quilt top. Many of our quilts are hand knotted with crochet thread. Other quilts are stitched using a regular sewing machine. We have chairs and friendship waiting for you. Quilting results in a heirloom generations will cherish.

If you have any greeting cards, new or ones that you have received and you no longer want them, you could donate them to the Quilters. We pass them on to the Grove City Cancer Thrift Shop. The new cards are sold at the shop for a greatly reduced price. If the cards are ones you have received, we forward only the decorative front. A craftsperson, Jenny D., redesigns them and makes them into new cards which are sold at the shop and proceeds are given to charity. Some of the cards are given to nursing home patients. Please place your unused cards and card fronts in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thanks for your donations.

The Quilters are a small group who meet every Tuesday from 9:30am to 1:00pm in rooms 103-104. We are neither clock watchers nor time-card punchers, so come in anytime and leave early. We eat our packed lunches around 11:30am. The quilts we make are for the Christmas sale, charities or other requests. If you wish to be involved with the making of the quilts, there are many different stages you may choose to do. We need to choose the material, cut the squares, arrange the squares into a quilt, sew the squares together, tie the layers together, measure and cut the edges, and sew the bindings and hems. Another option is after selecting your material, you may finish the quilt at home. All materials are provided.

The Quilters wish you a blessed Easter!

Lord, please show me how to serve You by helping others. Amen.

April Mexico Update



Thank you so much as you continue to support the Mexico Mission through your prayers and our fund-raisers. Check out the Genesis Diez newsletters on the mission board in the Link.

Here are some things you should know about the far-reaching impact of your hearts and hands on the children in Mexico.

Did you know that...

- ...Genesis Diez has a WhatsApp Prayer group that you can join just by scanning the QR code on the newsletter in the Link?
- ...In the past we went off-site for activities but their vision is to make Rancho Genesis a camp with all the fun amenities? They've added above ground swimming pools, an obstacle course, a beautiful hillside chapel, and now, thanks to donors and a business partnership, they are adding a zipline!
- ...Individuals from St. John's have donated art and craft supplies, playground equipment, and even a water tank for the trucked-in drinking water the ranch requires?
- ...There is another QR code on their newsletter that links to an Amazon wish list for summer camp supplies?
- ...You can see pictures of the children we have served throughout the years on the wall across from the chapel? Our first group of children we served 12 years in a row, watching them grow in faith and experience the love of God!
- ...The ranch employs students from a local Christian university to work as staff and translators in the summer?
- ...We are planning on sending a team in 2027? You can be part of the mission through prayer, service, donations, and/or participation!
- ...You can learn more by talking to Diana or anyone who has gone to Rancho Genesis, or by visiting www.genesisdiez.org?

Prayer:

Dearest Abba,

You alone are worthy of our thanks and praise. Touch our hearts to reach out in Your love to fulfill Your great commission. **Amen.**

Join us for LEGO Club!

The next meeting date is **Sunday, April 19.**

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.

Meditation Moment: April

*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. If you would like prayer stations set up for your small group, Sunday School class, or event, contact Diana Imbrock.

Theme: Awaken to His Easter Love!

Meditation Verse(s): Ephesians 3:18-19

“And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.”

Activity: Remember His Unconditional Love for you!

Supplies: peppermint patties, fingers and water! :)

In baptism, we celebrate God’s unconditional love. Dip your finger in some water and make the sign of the cross on your own, or someone else’s forehead. Say “I am (you are...) a child of God. I am (you are...) infinitely loved.” Get a peppermint pattie from the Youth Office as a reminder that He loves you so very much that He sent His Son to die that you might live with Him forever in heaven. (Find someone that can tell you the peppermint pattie story if you don’t know it yet... :) Taste and see that the Lord is good!

Self-reflection/Discussion Questions:

1. God’s love is unconditional. How has He shown you that love today?
2. What difference does living with an Easter mind make in your life?
3. What does it mean to be loved by God? How can you tell others about it?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

You sent Your only Son that I might live forever in Your presence. Your love is too great to understand. Help me to extend even a little of Your love to others. Amen.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

We have concluded our request for coats and blankets for this season! Thank you to everyone for your generous donations of winter coats, hats, gloves, blankets, and cash. Each year we collect, we are so happy with the big-hearted response. So many people were warm this very unusually cold winter because of YOU!

Blessings to all of you. ~ Bruce and Karen Whyte.

BLANKETS OF LOVE



Thanks to all who prayed over, paid for, prepared, and/or tied 35 blankets that were included in Bed Brigade Blessing Bags with bedding and mattress pads. They were delivered to those in need of a cozy bed by the Bed Brigade. Thank you so very much for helping us warm the beds, souls, and hearts of those in need in the Columbus area during this winter season. Warmly, Cordelia Wanner, 7th grade youth coordinator of Blankets of Love.



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ST. JOHN'S**

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Robotics, Video
Game Design,
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July 20-24, 2026

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF MARCH 8TH, 2026

Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Ralph Johnston** by Andrea Offenburger; and Howard and Donna Linder

Given in memory of **Nancy Patzer** by Rebecca Priwer; and Andrea Offenburger

Given in memory of **Herbert Weisenberger** by Dellno and Betty Lewis

Given in memory of **Marilyn Koehler** by Richard and Shelah Stage

Given in memory of **Mildred Quinn** by Beth Katterhenrich

Given in memory of **Herbert Weisenberger and Rita Knore** by Beth Katterhenrich

Given in memory of **Margaret Stevenson** by Ed and Glenda Sheets

Given in memory of **Jane Stenerson** by Richard and Shelah Stage; Dellno and Betty Lewis; Andrea Offenburger; Rebecca Priwer; Howard and Donna Linder; Kenneth and Mildred Price; Deborah Abbit; Cheryl Thompson; and David Hayes

Sunday School Fund

Given in memory of **Averil MacKenzie** by Kevin and Holly Starr

Youth Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Jane Stenerson** by Nancy Long; and Kevin and Holly Starr

Wycliffe Bible Translators Fund

Given in memory of **my parents and grandparents** by Beth Katterhenrich

Youth Fund: Adventure Club

Given in memory of **Jane Stenerson** by Susan Koehler; Gary and Kathy Myers; Carol Foster; and anonymous giver

Handbells Fund

Given in memory of **Jane Stenerson** by Lorina Allmon

Kitchen Fund

Given in memory of **Jane Stenerson** by Jim and Carol Rorick

Good Samaritan Fund

Given in memory of **Marilyn Koehler** by Susan Koehler

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Our Christian Sympathy is extended to

the family and friends of
Karen Sheldon, who passed away
on March 12, 2026.

The family and friends of
Carl Patzer, who passed away
on March 15, 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 MAY
Eagle is APRIL 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,

Life is filled with uncertainty. That was as true for the first century church as it is today. Maybe more so. Persecution for the first generations of Christians came, not in the form of name calling, but of beheading and martyrdom. Yet John of Patmos, whose own persecution entailed forced exile - comforts believers of all times and places with the assurance that in Christ, we can have spiritual certainty in uncertain times.

In his vision in Revelation 20:1-6, John describes an angelic messenger sent by God the Father to do battle with Satan. Back in Genesis 3, immediately after Adam and Eve traded God's perfect love for the serpent's lies, God promised a Savior, who would destroy the serpent's power. Whether the thousand years of Satan's powerlessness are to be understood literally or figuratively, let's not miss the main point that Jesus, by his death and resurrection, has triumphed over evil and all its representatives! He's given his church authority over them, too (see Matthew 18:18 and James 4:7). Why then, do you and I live sometimes as though that's not true?

In his powerlessness, the devil seeks to manipulate and destroy Christ's followers, including you. So, when the evening news and your own trials make it seem as though evil is winning and that God's plan is somehow faltering, how are you fighting back? In Genesis 3, the serpent asked, "Did God really say...?" That was all it took for our first parents to forget God's good command and gracious gifts. And although Satan is now chained, he continues to lunge at us as far as that long chain will allow, whispering the same kind of deceit.

But in the midst of or our own failures, in the midst of so many global, racial, political, economic, and personal uncertainties, John says nothing can undo Satan's defeat and Jesus' victory. We have God's promise that we will share in Christ's reign of peace and justice that has already begun but is not yet complete. Knowing that Jesus wins, how will you bring his victory to bear this week in your thoughts and decisions? In your family relationships? Your job? Your neighborhood? Your church?

Believe the promises that the resurrection of Jesus Christ brings – having conquered sin, death, and the devil, be inspired each day to think and act in ways that reflect the victory of the cross. Be a people whose alleluia rings loud and clear in a world so in need of hope and peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Looking forward in Faith.

Pastor Patti