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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, May 9th at 9am
and Tuesday, May 26th 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, May 4th at 6:30pm

Sarah Circle
Contact
Diane Carducci
614-871-7588

Monday, May 25th 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.



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!



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

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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!

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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!

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 opens in May!

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

CONGRATULATIONS, CONFIRMANDS!

The following four St. John's confirmation students will publicly affirm their baptism at the 11am combined worship service on May 24th:

Lukas Althoff Adelyn Gottshall Adelaide Westerfeld Jacob Westerfeld

For the past two years, these students have been engaged in a regular discipline of prayer, Bible study, classroom discussion, and service activities. We should be very proud of them (and their parents) for their work and commitment! Please keep our confirmands in your prayers that they will continue to build their lives on the Rock, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord.

CONFIRMATION FAITH CELEBRATION: MAY 24TH



Come share your support and encouragement with our confirmation students as they share their faith in Christ at our Faith Celebration from 9:30 to 10:30am on Sunday, May 24th. Smoothies and cake will be provided!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will take the month of May off, and will start again in June. We meet in the Chapel on Thursdays starting at 5pm. Please contact Kate Shrum if you have any questions.

ADVENTURE CLUB and **FAITH TREK** for age 4—4th grade and 5—6 grades are done meeting for the school year. Keep an eye out for our start date in the fall and for more summer information to come!

EXPLORERS and **ENERGIZERS** for grades 7—8 and 9—12 meet for their last night of the school year on May 6th. Contact Gini or Donna for further information.

MULCHING THE PLAYGROUND: We could use your help!

On Wednesday, May 13th, starting around 6pm, we will be mulching the church playground. Bring a garden rake, if you have one, and some gloves. In the past we've had families, adults, and even some of the youth group helping us. Many hands make light work. Don't be late, or you might miss all the fun of serving and the cool treat afterwards! Questions? See Christina Allman.

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July 20-24, 2026



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!

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS NOTES FOR MAY 10, 1987

MOTHER

What can I give for my Mother's care,
For her prayers and just being there?
To her who first taught me to walk,
And heard my first word when I
started to talk?

Who watched over me by night and day,
And with her blessing sent me on my way?
The bright eyes are now faded, the step unsure,
But when I need a friend I still turn to her.
I look at her and see the worn trace
Of love and sacrifice on her dear lined face,
And through a misty veil of grateful tears,
Her devotion shining through the years.
Whether I give her one dozen roses or two,
I know she'll smile and say,
"My best gift is you!"

--Ada Weygandt



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS



Pastor Patti 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 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!



OWLS EVENT—MAY 15, 2026

LifeCare Alliance is a nonprofit human services organization that provides a comprehensive array of health and nutrition services to residents of Central Ohio. Founded in 1898 as the Instructive District Nursing Association (IDNA), LifeCare Alliance was Columbus' first in-home health care agency and Ohio's first Visiting Nurse Association, services they continue to provide today. Over the years they have added many programs: Home Delivered Meals (Meals on Wheels), Life Care Alliance Cancer Clinic, Diabetes Services, Wellness, Visiting Nurse, Project Open Hand and Senior Pet Care. According to the latest AARP statistics, Life Care Alliance saves Ohio taxpayers over \$62,000 per year for each client they assist in remaining independent and in their own homes, where they want to be.

We hope you make plans to come to our May meeting and hear more about these programs. We guarantee you will be surprised and impressed.

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 11:15 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!

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 Rooms 103-4 on **TUESDAY, May 19th from 12-6pm.**

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

Come check out the Quilters! We always welcome visitors. Please come in just once in a while if you are unable to come in weekly. You may visit as long as you wish and as often as you wish. If you would like to learn more about quilting, there are boxes of material divided by color, just waiting for you to choose your colors and make a quilt for any charity. Another option is to choose from our large selection of already cut 6" squares. We have a large box of adult-themed Christmas quilt material if you are interested in making an adult Christmas quilt, also. You may make a small 36" X 45" quilt or larger.



Quilters

You may give your completed quilt to a charity, or we can sell it at the Christmas sale where the proceeds are donated by the Quilters. Come in, join in the conversations, and sit for a while. Your visit is always welcome. Remember, a visit is not a commitment.

Our quilting group gave \$900 from our treasury to mostly child-oriented ministries and charities. We hold a Christmas sale and do various projects during the year to earn this money.

Want to play with scissors? We have stamps to cut and trim for our Wounded Soldier Project. We always need more material cut into 6" squares.

The Quilters welcome you to come and visit. We meet every Tuesday from 9:30am to 1pm or thereabouts in rooms 103-4. We furnish all supplies and materials.

*Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to interest of others. ~ **Philippians 2:4***

Dear Traditional Worshipers at St. John's,

As summer approaches, I wanted to give you an opportunity to make suggestions for our summer hymns. As in past years, we will choose hymns from those suggested by the congregation. There will be a hymn suggestion box located at the North Entrance of the Sanctuary. We will take suggestions through Sunday, May 10.

Sincerely,

Mark Meuser, Music Director

Dear members of the congregation,

We are in need of singers and instrumentalists to play for the worship services. If you play an instrument, can sing a solo, or would like to be a part of a small vocal ensemble, please let me know. I would be happy to rehearse with you to prepare an instrumental or vocal anthem for at a service. As you know, the worshippers at our services are very supportive and appreciative of musicians who share their gifts.

Simply send me an email at mmeuser@stjohnsgc.org.

Sincerely, Mark Meuser, Director of Music

Thank you, Karrie Clark and Shirley Blake, for making the Welcome Desk area safer. I appreciate you!
Thank you, Megan Grossman and Christina Allman, for your love and dedication to all ages. You are appreciated.

Thank you Betty Lewis for the beautiful floral arrangement for my late husband, Mikey. You will be blessed.
Thank you to everyone at St. John's for always being kind, thoughtful, and acknowledging me. Peace be with you!

~ Shelia Holcomb.

Meditation Moment - May

***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 Mission! (Acts 1:8)

Meditation Verse: Colossians 1:6

"This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace."

Activity: On Mission

Supplies: paper/scissors/markers/your foot!

When we walk like Jesus, In His mission, we walk with dirty, dusty, servants' feet. But how beautiful are the feet washed by Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, and sent to be messengers of the Most High, bringing His Good News to all! (Isaiah 52:7) Trace your foot, cut it out, and write down ways that God is sending you on His mission to the world. Put it somewhere visible so you can be reminded and so you can add to it! J

Self-reflection/Discussion Questions:

Mission possibilities are unlimited. In what ways can you serve Him in your home?

Where can you serve Him in Grove City, Ohio, United States, and/or the world?

What is keeping you from stepping out and serving others?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

You have given each of us a unique part in Your mission. Open our hearts and eyes and empower us with Your Spirit to serve others like Jesus. **Amen.**

Thank you to Pastor Patti Morlock for the beautiful memorial service. Everything went smoothly and was done very well. Thank you to Wilma Phillips and the Bereavement Team for the wonderful dinner. They did a fantastic job. Thank you to Steve Marcum for helping to place the flower arrangements in the Sanctuary. We are grateful for you, and for all who were able to attend. Sincerely,

~ The Patzer Family.

To the members and staff of St. John's:

"Thank you so much to all the St. John's family – members and staff – who took part in my 90th birthday celebration. I was overwhelmed with your cards, gift cards, gifts and love. I am so blessed to be a part of my church family and appreciate each and everyone of you. God is good!"

~ Richard Rush.

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF APRIL 12TH, 2026

Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Carl Patzer** by Beth Katterhenrich; Richard and Shelah Stage; Erle and Judy Taylor; Wilma Phillips; and Cindy Pennington

Given in memory of **Constance Sonnen** by Beth Katterhenrich; Jennifer Lee; Frances Day; Eric and Marcia Dreiseider; Cindy Pennington; Dellno and Betty Lewis; and anonymous donor

Given in memory of **Karen Sheldon** by Cindy Pennington

Sunday School Fund

Given in memory of **Averil MacKenzie** by anonymous donor

Given in honor of **Richard Rush's 90th birthday** by Beth Katterhenrich

Youth Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Constance Sonnen** by Kevin and Holly Starr

Spiritual Orphans Network

Given in memory of **Norman Baldwin** by Beth Katterhenrich

Youth Fund: Adventure Club

Given in memory of **Jane Stenerson** by Charlotte Rausch

Good Samaritan Fund

Given in memory of **Carl Patzer** by Susan Koehler

Given in memory of **Constance Sonnen** by Steven and Carole Keil

Given in honor of **Richard Rush's 90th birthday** by Mary Hartman



To Whom It May Concern,

It is my unfortunate task to let you know that I will not be able to finish my internship with St. John's Lutheran Church, in Grove City, OH. I have some personal matters to which I need to attend and will need additional time for prayer and discernment.

It has been a pleasure to get to know the congregation at St. John's, and I have truly enjoyed preaching, teaching, and visiting with members of the congregation. I have learned a lot in my 9 months with you, and this experience has confirmed my call to ministry.

I am therefore writing to put in my notice of resignation. Please know that I will be praying for you all, and I know God will continue to guide you as He always has.

In Christ's Service,

Mrs. Billie Jo Fisch

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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Officers: Dr. Scott Hirth, Council President; David Clark, Vice President; Rachel Katterhenrich, Secretary; Teresa Orahoad, Treasurer.

Members-At-Large: Cindy Gonsowski, Dennis Imbrock, Abby Johnston, Doug Knisely, Susan Previts, David Stallard, Bonnie Swanson, Amy Wanner.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to

the family and friends of **Connie Sonnen**,
who passed away on March 20, 2026.

the family and friends of **Karl Barch**,
who passed away on March 25, 2026.

the family and friends of **Norman Baldwin**,
father of Laurie Pecuch,
who passed away on March 28, 2026.

the family and friends of **Ben Reeves**,
who passed away on April 14, 2026.

*All who grieve are I
n 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 JUNE
Eagle is MAY 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



“A mother is not a person to lean upon, but a person to make leaning unnecessary.” ~ Ann Taylor

Dear Disciples of Jesus,

During the month of May, we pause in reverence and gratitude to honor one of God's most precious and profound gifts to the world - **mothers**.

From the beginning of time, the heart of a mother has reflected the heart of God - nurturing, protective, selfless, and enduring. Whether biological, adoptive, spiritual, or maternal by influence, mothers shape our lives with grace and strength that often go unseen, but never unfelt.

To the mothers who have carried us in their womb and in their prayers...

To the mothers who have wiped away tears, bandaged skinned knees, and offered wisdom at just the right time...

To the single mothers who carry a double portion of responsibility with unmatched courage...

To the grandmothers who pour out legacy, love, and lessons over generations...

To the spiritual mothers who disciple, mentor, and love deeply in the family of God...

To those who long to be mothers and carry hope in their hearts ...and to those mothers who have lost a child to miscarriage or illness...we see you, we honor you, and we pray with you.

And finally, to those who have lost their mothers, and still miss them every day, share the stories you remember best, and pass them on to others.

The Bible reminds us in **Proverbs 31:28**, “Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.” This month, we rise to bless you. We rise to say thank you. We rise to celebrate your tireless love and faithful sacrifice.

Motherhood is not defined solely by biology, but by **love in action**. Every act of kindness, every prayer whispered in the night, every moment of patient teaching, every silent sacrifice- all of it matters deeply to God. You may wonder if anyone notices... but **He sees**. He rewards. He honors. To every mother who reads this, and to those we carry in our hearts—we say, **thank you**. You are treasured. You are irreplaceable. You are deeply loved.

May God strengthen you, refresh you, and surround you with joy today and always. Happy Mother's Day.

Looking forward in Faith,

Pastor Patti