

# NEWS NOTES

April 13-14, 2024

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### ☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

#### **Greeters**

4:00pm: *Mary Campbell*

8:15am:

11:00am ND: *Keith and Jane Stenerson*

RD: *Lois Moore*

#### **Ushers**

8:15am: *Steve Marcum, Dave Sweeley,  
Hunter Thompson*

11:00am: *Rick Butsko, Bill Diehl, Dennis  
Imbrock, Larry Sutton*

#### **Readers**

4:00pm: *Ann Jones*

8:15am: *Karen Bentley*

11:00am: *Cindy Gonsowski*

Cont.: *Emma Grossman, Karen Jersild*

#### **Acolytes**

8:15am: *Ben Previts, Truman Allman*

11:00am: *Eva Counts, Leigh Counts*

#### **Altar Guild**

*Dave and Karen Grossman*

*Paul and Pam Wittenberg*

#### **Contemporary Communion Prep**

*Karen Jersild*

#### **Communion Assistants**

4:00pm: *Mike Gibboney*

8:15am: *Tim and Christina Allman*

11:00am: *Dave and Karen Grossman,  
Dwight Henricksen*

Contemporary: *Karen Jersild, Brad and  
Theresa Wahl*

### **DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In thankfulness of all God's blessings. Given by Linda Wagner.

**FLOWERS:** In honor of the 70th wedding anniversary of Howard and Nellie McCarley. Given by their son, Stan.

**FLOWERS:** In memory of my husband, Ronald Long, on his birthday. Given by Susie Long.

**BULLETINS:** In memory of June and Ernie Duffield. Given by Barbara Connors.

**BULLETINS:** Given by Ed and Glenda Sheets.

### **☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞**

**HOLY BAPTISM:** Congratulations and blessings to Ted Mackey, who was baptized at his bedside on Monday, April 8, 2024. Please keep Ted in your prayers as he begins his baptismal journey with the Lord.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of Mel Baker, who passed away on April 1, 2024. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

### **☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞**

**THE QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will follow the 4:00pm worship service on Saturday, April 27, 2024. Please plan to attend.

**ACCESSIBILITY FUNDING:** We have been very blessed with the completion of our accessibility project. This major project has been completed with no resulting debt, a miracle and blessing! Thank you for your support and generosity. Gifts given for this project exceeded the final cost. The unused funds will be used by giving 10% to another church for a project to be chosen by our church council, the remainder will be used to enhance our new space in the coming months. It should be noted that additional funds for the accessibility project are no longer required. Consequently, your gifts can be redirected to other church needs of your choosing. If you are automatically giving through your bank or other method to accessibility, please change those. Any future gifts to accessibility will be considered gifts to the general operating fund of the church. Thank you again for your generosity.

**MEXICO MISSION 2024:** Thank you for continuing to pray for and support Missions! We are planning a mission trip to be with our precious children this summer 2024! If you have a heart for the children of Mexico and sharing the Good News with our brothers and sisters in Christ, come join the 2024 Mexico Mission Family!

Mission dates are July 19th through July 29th, 2024.

Contact Diana Imbrock with questions or to sign up.

**LAST DAY TO HOLD YOUR SPOT ON THE MEXICO MISSION 2024 IS SUNDAY MAY 5<sup>th</sup>!**



**HYMNS FOR SUMMER:** The music ministry at St. John's is again giving worshippers the opportunity to suggest hymns for the traditional services during the summer. So, if you have a favorite hymn that you would like to sing during the summer, now is the time to make your suggestion.

There will be a hymn suggestion box located near the North Entrance of the Sanctuary. Just take one of the sheets on top of the box, write the name of the hymn on it, and drop it in the box.

The box will be there through the end of May. We will try to use as many of those suggestions as we can. Thank you, Mark Meuser, Music Director.

**OWLS EVENT - APRIL 19, 2024:** Deputy Laura Stahr of the Franklin County Sherriff's Office will be our guest speaker this month. While her primary duties involve teaching the D.A.R.E. program to fifth grade students in various elementary schools within Franklin County, she does provide safety talks on a variety of topics to all age groups. In 2008, she was one of four deputies who helped establish the Rape Aggression Defense Program at the Sheriff's Office. The R.A.D. Systems is an international program which is a women's only self-defense program.

Deputy Stahr will be presenting the Personal Safety Program. She will share risk reduction strategies for when you're at home, in your car or going through your daily routine. Three elements must be in place for any type of crime to occur. There is a victim, an assailant, and an opportunity. By learning these safety strategies, you will remove the opportunity for an assailant to make you their next victim. These basic tips and strategies can help reduce your odds of becoming a victim of a crime.

Deputy Stahr is not a stranger to St. John's. Laura and her two young daughters attended church here a few years ago. Mark your calendars to join us!

The OWLS will provide fried chicken for our potluck lunch but we ask you bring a covered dish and join your friends 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 can also call the office or Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. Hope to see you there!

**PRAYER REQUESTS** should be turned in by Monday morning. Fill out the prayer request section on the salmon sheet or contact the church office at 614-875-2314. You may also email your prayer request to [secretary@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org). Requests are updated on a weekly basis.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will be held on **Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** in the Family Life Center from 12pm to 6pm. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2776) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: StJohnsGC.

**SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE?** **Articles are due by 9am each Wednesday.** Please send your article via email, [secretary@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org), or drop it in the church office secure slot.

## YOUTH NEWS

**OUR SUMMER ADVENTURE BROCHURE** for families, grades K – 12, and adults volunteers is now available! Kindly rsvp by **May 1<sup>st</sup>** so we can create a great experience for you! Brochures are available at the greeter's table at the north entrance. Questions? See Laurie Pecuch, Diana Imbrock, or Gini Rogers.

**Children's Church**, led by Jenn Czaplicki, meets during the sermon time at 11am Contemporary Worship. Children love learning Bible Verses, singing Bible songs, and hearing messages that help them grow in faith!

**The Selah Room (room 102) is open on Sunday mornings.** It's a quiet place with sensory items that can be checked out for church or engaged in the room. Children in the room should be accompanied by an adult. Selah is a word found in the Psalms. It means to pause, quietly reflect, and praise.

**Our St. John's Historical Seek and Find is available now!** Pick up your papers at the new entrance greeter's desk. You can do it all at one time, or over the course of several visits. All ages will enjoy learning more about our rich history. Questions? See Hunter Thompson!



# The Lego Club

Come enjoy the Lego Club!  
with Hope and Scott Katterhenrich

Eat lunch and play Lego. Read the Lego Bible and so much more. Come **after church on April 21st until 3pm, in the Family Life Center.**






Please RSVP by April 14th. Tell Rachel, Hope, or Laurie if you'd like to come. \*Pizza provided\*

## STEWARDSHIP

**Attendance**      April 7   -   333



### **How to give to St. John's:**

-  + Place your offering in the collection basket during worship services.
- + Mail your offering to the church – 3220 Columbus St., Grove City, OH 43123.
-  + St. John's website – [www.stjohnsgc.org](http://www.stjohnsgc.org) – online giving is available through Vanco Services, and we have partnered with them for more than 20 years. It is secure and safe.
-  + Through your financial institution – they will send a check directly to the church on your behalf.
-  + Through the Vanco Mobile app available from Apple or Google – again a partnership between the church and Vanco Services. Set up a profile one time, and set up a recurring gift, or give when you want to. Once your profile is set up, giving is a one-touch process.
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIVING TO ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES!**

**A SECURE DROP SLOT is located** under the staff mailboxes in the hallway near the church office. If you are dropping off a monetary gift, papers with confidential information, or your Eagle article, please put it through the slot to help ensure security.

# ☪ CALENDAR ☪

## SUNDAY, APRIL 14

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:00am Small Group (Lib)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
12:15pm New Member Class  
and Luncheon (103-4)  
1:00pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)  
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

## MONDAY, APRIL 15

- 9:30am BSF Leaders  
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)  
6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (103-4)  
6:30pm Small Group (102)  
7:00pm Finance Team (Lib)  
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

## TUESDAY, APRIL 16

- 9:30am Quilters (103-4)  
2:00pm GriefShare (103-4)  
6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 392 (103-4)

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

- 9:30am BSF  
1:30pm Small Group (102)  
6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (204)  
6:30pm Private Event (Chapel)  
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)  
7:00pm Explorers & Energizers  
7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

## THURSDAY, APRIL 18

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
9:30am Small Group (103-4)  
3:00pm Home School Acting (FLC)  
5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)  
5:45pm Adventure Club & Faith Trek  
6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)  
8:00pm Dartball (home)

## FRIDAY, APRIL 19

- 10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)  
2:00pm Private Event (Chapel)  
4:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)  
6:00pm Private Event (FLC)  
8:30pm AA (FH)

## SATURDAY, APRIL 20

- 9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)  
9:00am Private Event (101-2)  
10:00am Private Event (FLC)  
10:00am Girl Scouts #6300 (FH)  
11:00am Private Event (SH [103-4])  
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (103-4)

## SUNDAY, APRIL 21

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:00am Small Group (Lib)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
12:15pm New Member Class  
and Luncheon (103-4)  
1:00pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)  
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

### **DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA:**

Website: [www.stjohnsgc.org](http://www.stjohnsgc.org) | Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsgrovecity/>

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Adult Faith Discussion, FH Rm 001 / Matthew, Steve Johnston, Chapel / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, Rms 301, 303.

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 2-3 years old, Rm 003 / 4-5 years old, Pre-K and Kindergarten, Rm 009 / Grades 1 and 2, Rm 204 / Grades 3 and 4, Rm 307 / Grades 5 and 6, Rm 306 / Grades 7 and 8, Rms 302 and 304 / High School, Rm 311.

**SELAH ROOM:** Rm 101, a quiet place available every Sunday from 8:30am to 12:30pm.