

# NEWS NOTES

May 18-19, 2024

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### ☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

#### **Greeters**

4:00pm: *Mary Campbell*

8:15am: *Carol Penrod*

11:00am MD: *Carol Rich*

ND: *Christine Hank*

#### **Ushers**

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

11:00am: *Dave Clark, Bill Diehl, George  
Gonsowski, Kyle Mawhorr*

#### **Acolytes**

8:15am: *Cordelia Wanner  
Jaylynn Jermann*

11:00am: *Brooklyn Cress*

#### **Contemporary Communion Prep**

*Kate Shrum*

#### **Altar Guild**

*Don and Diane Carducci*

*Paul and Pam Wittenberg*

#### **Readers**

4:00pm: *Holly Starr*

8:15am: *Marilyn Smith*

11:00am: *Karrie Clark*

Contemporary: *Layla Greer*

#### **Communion Assistants**

4:00pm: *David Sweeley*

8:15am: *Ann Jones, Betty Lewis*

11:00am: *Gloria Biggs, Lynda Berry,  
Linda Diehl*

Contemporary: *Kate Shrum, Jackie  
Rutan*

**Lessons Today: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27;16:4b-15.**

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In honor of Addison's 9th birthday. Given by Mom, Aunt Stephanie, Mimi, and Lucy.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Given by Carol Rich in memory of Jim.

**PULPIT FLOWERS:** In honor of Lukas on his 12th birthday and in celebration of our 20th wedding anniversary. Given by Tim and Jill Althoff.

**BULLETINS:** Given by Rhonda Maynard.

**☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞**

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of **(Wanda)** "**Mickey**" **Krieger**, who passed away on Saturday, May 11th, 2024. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

**GRADUATION 2024:** Thank you to all who made the graduation blessing and reception so very special for our youth. We are truly a family of the Most High and it shows in the way we love and encourage each other. As one graduate put it: ***"Thank you so much for all the support throughout the years, many people overlook their church family, but you guys are truly amazing."***



Special thanks to **Elizabeth Circle** for their incredible fruit bowl, to **Sarah Circle** for their delicious pastries, to **Christina Allman** for the scrumptious cake, to **Rita Bausch** for the beautiful flowers, to the **Prayer Shawl Ladies** who wrapped each graduate in a handmade shawl, to **Pastor Seth** and **Vicar Dale** for their loving blessing, to **Megan** and **Nick** and all others who helped set up and tear down, and, last but not least, to the many family members who nurtured and brought their graduate to this point in their lives. To God be the Glory! Amen.

**☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞**

**CONFIRMATION FAITH CELEBRATION: MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>!** Come share your support and encouragement with our confirmation students as they share their faith in Christ in a very special way between 9:30 and 10:30am in the Family Life Center on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Smoothies and cake will be provided!

**CONGRATULATIONS, CONFIRMANDS!** The following six St. John's confirmation students will publicly affirm their baptism at worship on May 19<sup>th</sup>:

**Corban Allman**

**Caleb Ball**

**Brayden Gottshall**

**Layla Greer**

**Mackenzie Norman**

**Addison White**

For the past two years these students have been engaged in a regular discipline of prayer, Bible study, classroom discussion and service activities.

We are 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.

**THANK YOU, JAN MILLER, FOR 34 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE!** At the end of May, after 34 years of service, Jan Miller will be retiring from her position as St. John's Church Recorder and Administrative Assistant. We have been blessed to have Jan with us all these years. Not only has she performed her duties efficiently, intelligently, and reliably, she has also been a model of Christian faithfulness and servanthood, always willing to give members of St. John's her loving attention. Thank you, Jan, for being so willing to step in and help wherever you are needed, for being a great co-worker, and for being such a wise and loving support for so many people at St. John's. We love you and will miss you!

Cards and gifts for Jan are welcomed and encouraged! You can mail cards and gifts for Jan to St. John's, place them in her mailbox next to the church office, or give them to one of the pastors. Please make monetary gifts to St. John's Lutheran Church with 'Good Samaritan Fund' in the memo line. Thank you!

**ACTUALIZACIÓN IMPORTANTE! MEXICO MISSION:** It's with a heavy heart that I have decided to postpone the Mexico Mission trip until next year. I came to this decision because of the following:

1. This was to be the year that I had said I would mentor someone to take on the leadership role of the trip and no one has stepped forward yet.
2. The optimal number for the Mexico family/team is around 12-15 and we did not have enough people sign up by the deadline. And last, but not least,
3. The doctors have said that it will take months for Dennis' recovery, and I would like to stay closer to home this summer.

God has guided my decision and made it clear to me that this is the right one at this time. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Mexico and support our Mexico Mission fellowship events. Thank you, Diana.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Mark your calendars!!!** Start the Party Vacation Bible



School is coming to St. John's **June 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to noon**. All children ages 3 (potty trained) through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. Please note that all children must be potty trained in order to attend. **Online registration will open soon!** Contact Christina Allman at 614-519-8092 or at christina.allman04@gmail.com if you want to volunteer or have any questions. Keep an eye out for the snack donation boards coming soon to the Family Life Center and the North Entrance!!

**HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN?** As we did last year, we are now taking hymn suggestions for the traditional summer worship services. If you have a favorite hymn, please place it in the suggestion box located in the Sanctuary near the currently blocked North Entrance. Just take one of the sheets on top of the box, write the name and number of the hymn on it, and drop it in the box. **We will take suggestions through today, Sunday, May 19.**

**GROVE CITY FOOD PANTRY** is in short supply of the following: jelly, boxed potatoes, hamburger and tuna helper, and tuna fish. There is a bin in the Link where you can donate. Thank you.

**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. Requests are updated on a weekly basis.

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

**☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞**

**Nicole's 28<sup>th</sup> Chapter Fundraiser and Awareness Day is Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at The Old Barns at Dry Run Farms, 20521 Pherson Pike, Williamsport, Ohio.** From 12pm to 4pm there will be fun family activities and games featuring Archi's inflatables, plus food trucks, auctions, and raffles. From 4pm to 8pm there will be live music featuring Grammy award winning artist Don and Andrew Rigsby along with the New Mountain Heritage Band. **It's a great venue and a wonderful way to support a family of St. John's.**







**Nicole's 28<sup>th</sup> Chapter was established on May 4, 2020, which would have been Nicole's 29<sup>th</sup> birthday.** Nicole died on June 5, 2019 from fentanyl poisoning. Since starting the chapter, her parents have opened a recovery home for women. These women live in a safe environment while undergoing an intensive outpatient rehabilitation program. Nicole's 28<sup>th</sup> Chapter is making a significant difference in the lives of those struggling with the disease of addiction and mental health issues.

## ☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

### Attendance

May 12 - 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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**A SECURE DROP SLOT is located** under the staff mailboxes in the hallway near the secretary's office. If you are dropping off a monetary gift or papers with confidential information, please put it through the slot to help ensure security.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIVING TO ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES!**

# ☪ CALENDAR ☪

## SUNDAY, MAY 19

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am Confirmation Faith  
Celebration (FLC)  
9:30am Men's Chorale (Choir Rm)  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:00am Small Group (Lib)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
12:00pm The Lego Club (FH, Chapel)  
12:30pm Private Event (FLC, Kit)  
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)  
5:30pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FH)

## MONDAY, MAY 20

- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)  
7:00pm Council (103-4)  
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

## TUESDAY, MAY 21

- 9:30am Quilters (103-4)  
2:00pm GriefShare (103-4)  
6:00pm Internship Team Mtg. (Lib)  
6:30pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FH)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH [103-4])

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

- 1:30pm Small Group (102)  
6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (204)  
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)  
7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

## THURSDAY, MAY 23

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
9:00am Eagle Mailing (204)  
9:30am Small Group (103-4)  
5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)  
6:30pm Private Event (FLC, Kit)  
7:00pm Private Event (103-4)

## FRIDAY, MAY 24

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

## SATURDAY, MAY 25

- Private Event (FLC, Kit)  
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (103-4)

## SUNDAY, MAY 26

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am Men's Chorale (Choir Rm)  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:00am Small Group (Lib)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

**IN OBSERVANCE OF  
MEMORIAL DAY,  
the office will be closed  
Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.**

### **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 / 1 John, 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.