

NEWS NOTES

May 25-26, 2024

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Brian Johnson, Saturday Guest Organist

Nick Grossman & David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Carol Penrod

11:00am: Bill and Linda Diehl

Ushers

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

11:00am: Dave Clark, Blake Lang, Tom
Lang, Larry Sutton

Acolytes

8:15am: Ben Previts

11:00am: Riley Millet, Wes Millet

Contemporary Communion Prep

Karen Jersild

Altar Guild

David and Lisa Stallard

Readers

4:00pm: Chris Jenkins

8:15am: Hunter Thompson

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Contemporary: Hope Katterhenrich,
Karen Jersild

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Mike Gibboney

8:15am: Sarah Schmitz, Pat Larick

11:00am: Christine Hank, Nannette Shea,
Linda Diehl

Contemporary: Karen Jersild, Beth
Katterhenrich, Gini Rogers

Lessons Today: Isaiah 6:1-8, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

PULPIT FLOWERS: In honor of Shirley Blake's birthday next Wednesday. Given by her Small Group friends.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In honor and memory of our veterans and active military members. Thank you for your service in preserving our American freedom. Given by Keith and Jane Stenerson.

BULLETINS: In honor of all the service men, women, and veterans. Given by Vi Davis.

✪ PERSONAL NEWS ✪

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 ✪

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

School is coming to St. John's **June 24th-27th from 9:00am to noon.** 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 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!!



THANK YOU, JAN MILLER, FOR 34 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE! At the end of May, after 34 years of service, Jan Miller retired 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!

Expressions of appreciation for Jan are welcomed and encouraged! You can mail cards and gifts for Jan to St. John's. Please bring them to the church office or give them to one of the pastors. Jan has requested that monetary gifts be directed to the Good Samaritan Fund.

CHOIR SUNDAY: On Sunday, June 2, at the 8:15 and 11:00am traditional worship services, we are having a "Choir Sunday." The choir has voted on their favorite anthems this year and will be singing three of them at those services. In addition, the Men's and Women's Chorales will each sing one of their anthems. This is the final Sunday that the Chancel Choir will sing before their summer break. Plan now to hear this offering of music to the congregation.

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.



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.

IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY, the office will be closed Monday, May 27th.



Graduation 2024

Advice gathered for our graduates from their church family May 5, 2024

DON'T BE AFRAID TO...

...love and give; try new things; be yourself; get out there and try it; fail big; try something different; take risks (pray about it!); love; pray often and always; try; ask for help when needed; praise and thank God daily; reach out for support if you need it; "storm the castle"; and dream.

BE PREPARED TO...

...help others in Christ's name; try new things; put in the work; work hard; receive contradictions and compliments; embrace life; **for** beauty, kindness, and grace that will surprise you! Change and adapt; not always succeed; be criticized; work hard and sacrifice for your goals; and "do or do not. There is no try."

ALWAYS KEEP...

...a smile; your head up; trying new things; God in your heart; trusting God; God first; learning and pursuing truth; friends that support you; promises; joy in your heart in all you do; strong in faith; God in your life; smiling; your eyes on the Lord; "courage, dear heart"; your faith and a firm grounding.

DON'T ALLOW YOURSELF TO...

...pity yourself; not to try new things; quit; be swayed in your convictions; lose faith or stop watching awesome movies; fall behind or get persuaded by others; become jaded by the world; give up; get discouraged; forget Christ; despair; be less than you want; follow the wrong crowd; think negative thoughts; or stray from His path.

HOPE YOU NEVER FORGET...

...to pray; God is with you always!; all the sacrifices your parents have made; how loved you are!; God and your friends.

BE OPEN TO...

...the love of others; trying new things; the opinion of others; suggestions and change; new suggestions; new experiences; surprises; the ideas of those who care for you; new adventures; change, new ideas, and the Holy Spirit; new ideas; new experiences to share God's love; "a nice MLT"; and change and new things.

HOPE YOU ALWAYS...

...keep your faith in Christ; try new things; stay true to yourself; be yourself; do well; succeed; remember that God loves you; know you are always loved by God; know you are loved; enjoy life; are blessed in your life; have common sense; have a great career; have loving thoughts for others; have a willingness to learn and grow; "choose wisely"; have hope and your faith.

HOPE YOU DON'T...

...ever lose that faith; not try new things; sell yourself short; lose sight of your goals; not do well; give up or fail; forget who you are; suffer too much; and "go against a Sicilian when death is on the line!"

HOPE YOU FOCUS ON...

...you; your life goals – you will get there; your long-term goals; the Lord's will for your life; the little things and the good times.

MY LAST PIECE OF ADVICE IS:

Love God and each other.	Try new things.	Get involved.
Keep shining.	Read your books!	Enjoy this phase of life.
When in doubt, go to the library.	Be you.	Enjoy yourself!
Enjoy – remember bad times don't last for long.		Good luck – you got this!
Never give advice if you aren't asked.		Remain faithful as God's chosen.
Enjoy all these experiences.	Take one day at a time – you've got this!	
	Keep a sense of wonder about God and His creation.	
	Remember that Jesus and your St. John's family love you!	

***Any quoted phrases above are movie quotes; we had a very creative family giving advice! 😊

Special advice from members of the 5th/6th grade Sunday School class:

Hope you keep learning.	Be open to God.	Hope you always have faith.
Hope you never forget your textbooks.		Don't allow yourself to lose hope.
Hope you focus on God.		Don't be afraid to try new things.

Our last piece of advice is: love and serve others.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: Crossroads United Methodist Church on the Westside – Do you like to help people? Do you want to do something that is rewarding? Do you know a high school student that needs community service hours? Crossroads United Methodist Church on the Westside is looking for volunteers for their food pantry. The pantry is open on Tuesdays 4-5pm and Wednesdays 11am-12pm. Any help would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested, please reach out to the Director, Christopher Scoby at scobyc@gmail.com.

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.



**FUN IN THE SON
CARNIVAL
IS BACK!!**

**THURSDAY
JUNE 27, 2024**

5:30-8:00pm

More details to come!!
If you would like to help with our carnival please mark the salmon sheet or contact Megan Grossman at mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org or (614) 905-2629.

YOUTH NEWS







If you requested a **SUMMER FAMILY FAITH BAG**, it will be available June 9—13 for pick-up or you can request delivery at another time. Connect with Laurie for delivery!

Nicole's 28th Chapter Fundraiser and Awareness Day is Saturday, June 1st 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. For more information, go to www.nicoles28thchapter.org.**

STEWARDSHIP

Attendance May 19 - **350**

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 – 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!

☪ CALENDAR ☪

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)
2:00pm Private Event (SH)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, MAY 27

MEMORIAL DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, MAY 28

9:30am Quilters (103-4)
2:00pm GriefShare (103-4)
6:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH [FLC])

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

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

THURSDAY, MAY 30

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
2:00pm Small Group (101)
5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)

FRIDAY, MAY 31

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
4:30pm Private Event (SH [FLC])
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (103-4)

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

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)
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DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA:

Website: www.stjohnsgc.org | Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsgrovecity/>

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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.