

NEWS NOTES

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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SERVING TODAY

Dr. John Schuder, Minister of Music; Dirk Ahlgrim, Saturday Organist

Susan Abbott Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

Nick Grossman & David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: Steve Dardinger

8:15am: Judy Taylor

Joel Baughman

11:00am: Dave & Karen Grossman

Averil MacKenzie

Contemporary: Theresa Wahl,

Justin & Beth Gottshall

Readers:

4:00pm: Chris Jenkins

8:15am: Nancy Fisher

11:00am: Karen Grossman

Contemporary: Marian Walsh

Acolytes:

4:00pm: Rosalie Daniels

Sarah Mitchell

8:15am: Ellen Previts

Jaylynn Jermann

11:00am Dylan Allman

Greeters:

4:00pm: Volunteer needed

8:15am: Doris Leibrock

11:00am: MD: Denise Reynard

ND: Christine Hank

Contemporary: Gottshall Family

Altar Guild:

Traditional: John & Sheila Boneske,

Dave & Karen Grossman, Dee Harlor,

Linda Wagner, Rhonda Maynard

Contemporary: Elaine Bennett, Beth

Katterhenrich

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY. WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

Please take a minute to complete the salmon colored insert in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate, or hand it to an usher as you go up to receive communion. If you have any questions or wish to get involved in any of our many ministries, please note that on the insert and we will follow up with you in the coming week.

✪ PERSONAL NOTES ✪

HOSPITALIZED: Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Deborah Burger

THANK YOU NOTES: “Thank you all so much for all the prayers, cards, & concern for our husband & dad, Ernie Howard. Special thanks to Pastor Seth for his ministries to Ernie & to the family and to Pastor Patti for the beautiful Celebration of Life service. They meant so much! Our appreciation for the lovely lunch by the Bereavement Group! Thank you for sharing your lovingly made prayer shawls & for the hospital visits. We are all deeply touched by your faith, generosity, & support. – *Cathy Howard and family*

THANK YOU SO MUCH! *Sometimes a 'taste of home' is the biggest thank you that you can give a deployed soldier. The amount of homemade cookies, candies and fudge that was donated last weekend to send to our troops overseas was incredible! We can not thank you enough for your support. Our Sunday School children, (K-6th grade) spent last Sunday packing up these sweet treats, making Christmas cards, and hot chocolate and marshmallow gift bags that left on Tuesday to make it overseas by Christmas. It was a great morning of service. Thanks also to the Sunday School teachers and adult volunteers that worked with our kids to make this happen; to Dan Czaplicki for his wonderful video work; and to the Prayer Shawl team for the knitted prayer cloths that were included in the Christmas boxes. You are truly a kind, loving and generous congregation!*

DEDICATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of our dad, Emerson, and in celebration of our mom, Mildred's birthday. Given by the Braskett family.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In memory of Jack, loving husband and father. Given by Candy, Hannah, and Sarah Miller.

BULLETINS: Given by Mary Fail.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

FIRST COMMUNION TODAY The following four young people have received instruction in the meaning and practice of Holy Communion, and will partake in the Lord's Supper for the first time this weekend: **Brooklyn Cress, Tyler Hart, Aydin Shade, and Colton Thompson.** We rejoice and ask for God's blessings on them as they begin receiving the precious gift of Christ's body and blood.

OWLS EVENT – NOVEMBER 15, 2019- 11:30am

When you were a child did you like to go ice skating on the neighbor's pond? Or maybe a "real" ice rink? Does it bring back good memories of your childhood? Well, even if you were not fortunate enough to have enjoyed ice skating as a child, we hope you will join us at our November 15th meeting to hear Russ Herner share his stories about the history of ice skates. Over the years Russ has collected over 300 pair of skates! You might remember Russ from a previous visit to the OWLS before to share his book "Cathedrals of Europe" with us. Friends, members and guests are always welcome!!!

Please try to arrive around 11:15 am. Fried chicken, meat loaf, iced tea, coffee and lemonade will be provided but you are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Our meeting starts at 11:30 with announcements. The program will follow lunch. Reservations are required. Please use the salmon insert to make your reservation or call the church office. If you make a reservation and your plans change (even the morning of the event) please call either Bonnie Swanson (614-562-8002) or the church office (614-875-2314). Invite a friend! Hope to see you there!



FAMILY CARE - Are you interested in some "little one" time? *Our children are in need of care during the services so moms can participate in worship.* The commitment would only be once every other month depending on the number of loving adults that sign up. Please consider faith-webbing our families into the kingdom with your love and

care! Mark the salmon insert if you are interested. Thank you!

EVENING OF THANKS AND GIVING – Join us for this special night of family fun! There will be crafts, games, puppets, dinner, cookie decorating, and more! Bring your friends along for the fun! Thursday, Nov. 14th at 5:45pm.





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Today is officially the last day to turn in your Operation Christmas Child shoebox. However, if you forgot, we can still accept shoeboxes and/or monetary donations through Wednesday, November 13.

Thank you to all who filled a shoebox and donated money or items. Please continue to pray that the Good News of Jesus Christ is shared through this ministry.

"Pack your shoe box with love, send it with prayer and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a hurting child. That's the power of a simple gift." Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED

to an open house in honor of Ron Warren's 75th birthday on November 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. at 2444 Martha's Wood. No gifts please.

Just come and have fun!



NOW THAT IT IS AUTUMN, winter and cold weather are approaching. Bruce and Karen Whyte have begun their annual coat & blanket collection. The items are taken to a church in Franklinton and given to those in need in that area. Each year our loving and generous members give so many items. Please

leave your donations in the box in the church library. Any questions, please call Bruce & Karen Whyte at 614-878-9392. This is a wonderful way to share your blessings.



DON'T BE TEMPTED to eat that leftover Halloween candy! Get it out of the house and donate it to the Beacons for the Christmas bags. Please place in the Beacons-Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thank you for buying too much.



ADOPT-A-FAMILY DRIVE - In the hopes of helping to make the holidays a little brighter for some of our fellow members who may be struggling financially, we will be accepting monetary donations during the month of December for our annual holiday Adopt-A-Family drive. Envelopes will be available throughout the church

and in the church office. If you or anyone you know of within the congregation would like to be considered for Adopt-A-Family funds, please note that on the salmon insert. The names are kept completely confidential.

THE MITTEN TREES have returned to the North Entrance and the Link! Please help fill the trees with new mittens, gloves, warm hats, earmuffs, scarves and socks for all ages. The trees will be up until December 8th, after which the items will be taken to the LSS Champion Food Pantry, where they will be distributed to anyone in need. Please contact Ellen Previts with any questions at 614-851-8665. Thank you for helping our neighbors stay warm!



CHRISTMAS DECORATORS NEEDED! This year we will be decorating the church for Christmas on Friday, November 29th (the day after Thanksgiving). We have artificial trees that need to be assembled and strung with lights, garland to put up, wreaths to hang, etc. We could use all of the help we can get! If you would be able to give even an hour of your time to help beautify our church and set the mood as we prepare for the birth of our Savior, we would greatly appreciate it. Please mark the salmon insert if you are able to help.

FAITH MISSION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on Thursday, Dec. 12th. If you are able to help with serving a meal to the homeless on Dec. 12th, please contact Mike Esposito at mesposito@stjohnsgc.org, or call 614-875-2314.

SECURITY PERSON NEEDED to cover the months of January and February. This involves walking the building inside and out around 10pm every evening, (2 weeks per month) making sure doors are locked, lights turned out, etc. Training will be provided. If interested, please call the church office (614-875-2314), or email at sj@stjohnsgc.org.

Members may pick up their altar flowers on the table outside the Sanctuary doors in the North Entrance unless other arrangements have been made with the Altar Guild.

❧ UPCOMING EVENTS ❧

GRIEF: “LIVING IN THE DIFFERENT” Seminar at St. John’s, Saturday November 16, 1:00 p.m.

Elaine J. Clinger Sturtz is an Elder in the United Methodist Church in the West Ohio Conference. She is also a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) in private practice. Through her counseling, pastoral care and hospice experience, Elaine has walked the journey of dying and grief with many families. Her own journey through the death of her beloved grandmother, her parents, dear friends, a grandson and her husband has given her a deeper understanding of the journey of grief both personally

and professionally. Elaine is the author of 3 devotional books, and her book Living in the Different explores the experience of grief and loss from a Christ-centered perspective. We are blessed to have Rev. Sturtz with us at **St. John's on Saturday, November 16, at 1:00 p.m.** If you or someone you love is dealing with loss right now, or if you would like to go deeper in sharing the love and healing power of Christ with loved ones who are experiencing grief, we hope you can come and benefit from this seminar!

NEW MEMBERS' RECEPTION AND LUNCHEON, NOVEMBER 17th

We will be receiving new members into St. John's at the 11:00 traditional worship service on Sunday, November 17th. If you have recently joined St. John's, we encourage you to come! Also, please come to the special luncheon after worship that day at 12:15 in room 103-4. It'll be a great chance to meet other church members and learn more about our congregation and its ministries. Are you looking for a church home, or do you have questions about our congregation? Call Pastor Seth (217.255.2118) any time.

A SPECIAL SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE *will be held on Sunday, December 1st at 2pm. This is a special worship service set aside for family or friends who have had loved ones pass away this past year. Watch the News Notes for more information in the coming weeks.*

MAX AND ERMA'S – Join us at the Max and Erma's in Hilliard for our next fundraiser to support our Mission Trip teams to Mexico and Alaska. This event will be held on Monday, Nov. 18th. Flyers will be available in the coming weeks.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Nov. 26th - You might not realize how important certain letters are until they're gone. A, B and O are our main blood groups, and when not enough people donate blood, hospital shelves may be empty when a critical patient arrives. A few missing letters may not seem like a big deal, but for a hospital patient who needs type A, B or O blood, these letters mean life. St. John's will be hosting the Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, November 26th from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Family Life Center. You can register online at www.redcrossblood.org, using sponsor code StJohnsGC or call 1-800-RedCross (733-27677). Call Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002 if you have any questions.

⌘ FINANCIAL NEWS ⌘

“Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.” Luke 12:33

	OFFERINGS <u>11/3/2019</u>	NEEDED <u>EACH WEEK</u>
Current Fund (Exp & Salaries)	\$11,403.09	\$11,380.90
Mission Support Fund	1,024.85	757.52
Building & Maintenance Fund	2,840.71	2,366.82
Renovations Debt Payment	1,146.00	700.00
Balance on debt is \$54,945.62		
Worship Attendance:	360	

ONLINE GIVING to St. John’s is available through our website www.stjohnsgc.org and through the GivePlus+ app. Just download the app, select St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grove City, Ohio, and complete your giving profile.



⌘ SUNDAY SCHOOL ⌘

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS: Small Group Study w/Pastor Seth-Rm 001 / Small Group Study w/Pastor Patti-Library / “Acts” w/Steve Johnston-Chapel / “Wrecked and Redeemed” by Benji Kelly w/Karl Moe-Rm 102 / “Finding Lasting Joy in a World of Comparison, Disappointment, and Unmet Expectations” by Max Lucado - Sherry Nighbert’s class- Rm 103-4 / Book of Jude w/Rick Butsko-Rm 303 / Community in the Word w/Nick Grossman and Dave Shrum in Flc.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN: Grades 1 through 12 are held on the 3rd Floor / Sunday School Office is in Room 205 / Nursery through Kindergarten are in the basement.

∞ CALENDAR ∞

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Eagle Newsletter Deadline
8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
9:45am Men's Chorale (Chr)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (Flc)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:15am Children's Church (103-4)
12:15pm Veterans Luncheon (flc)
12:30pm HS Bible Study (Lib)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (Flc)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:00am BSF Leaders (103-4)
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
6:00pm Great Exp. 4H (103-4)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (204)
7:00pm Prayer/Bible Study (Lib)
7:00pm Nar-Anon (Fh)
7:00pm Puppets (Flc)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
9:30am Refit Exercise (Flc)
10:00am Small Group (204)
2:00pm Small Group (102)
5:00pm Fat Qtrs Quilt Gld (Fh)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (102, 3rd)
7:00pm BSA 392 (103-4)
7:30pm Al-Anon (Ovf, 204)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:30am BSF (entire facility)
11:30am BSF Seminar (Chp)
6:15pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
6:30pm Small Group (101-2)
7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)
7:00pm Explorer/Energizers

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
8:00am Small Group (Lib)
10:00am Homeschoolers (Fh)
12:30pm Homeschool Drama (Flc)
1:00pm Small Group (102)
5:00pm Children's Choir (Sanc)
5:45pm Adventure Club/Faith Trek
6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Chr)
7:00pm Dartball (away)
7:00pm Cont. Worship Reh.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:00am Small Group (Lib)
9:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
11:30am OWLS Potluck (Flc)
5:00pm Cub Scout Camp-In
8:30pm AA Mtg (Fh)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Cub Scout Camp-In until 12pm (Flc)
12:00pm Grief Seminar (Flc)
1:30pm Private Event (103-4)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)\
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (103-4)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
9:45am Men's Chorale (Chr)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (Flc)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:15am Children's Church (103-4)
12:15pm New Member Cls/Lunch(103-4)
12:30pm HS Bible Study (Lib)
12:30pm GS Troop 1826 (Fh)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (Flc)