

NEWS NOTES

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: Jeff Dardinger
8:15am: Christina Allman, Pat Larick
11:00am Susan & Fred Previts
 Neva Warren
Contemporary: Elaine Bennett
 Justin & Beth Gottshall

Readers:

4:00pm: Brenda Dardinger
8:15am: Betty Lewis
11:00am: Bonnie Swanson
Contemporary: Brooklyn Cress

Acolytes:

4:00pm: Jeff Dardinger
8:15am: Blake Lang
11:00am Mahal Wanner

Greeters:

4:00pm: Volunteer needed
8:15am: Vi Davis
11:00am: MD: Marge Kennell
 ND: Lynda Berry
Contemporary: Cress Family

Altar Guild:

Traditional: Lynda Berry, Averil
MacKenzie, Gloria Biggs, Lynne Ehrlich,
Rhonda Maynard
Contemporary: Beth Katterhenrich;
 Megan Grossman



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 ✪

NEW BABY: Congratulations to Chris and Arlene (Beavers) Hamilton who welcomed a new baby girl, Aurora, on Nov. 13th. Proud grandparents are Wayne and Carla Beavers.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Jaylynn Jermann who is being baptized at the 8:15am service and celebrating her first communion today. Jaylynn is the daughter of Joseph and Julianne Jermann.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to:

- Chris Snashall and family on the passing of her mother, Roseanna Dell Scott Green who died on Nov. 17th.
- The family and friends of James "Doc" Haenszel who died on Nov. 14th.

All who mourn are in our prayers.

DEDICATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In loving memory of my husband, Pat, on his birthday; and in memory of my son, Glenn. Given by Rosemary McMillin.

LECTERN FLOWERS: with gratitude and in celebration of Thanksgiving. Given by Rhonda Maynard.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In honor of Armand Arabian's 92nd birthday. Given by daughter, Sarah Schmitz and family.

BULLETINS: Given by Abigail Brubaker.

☪ TODAY'S NEWS ☪



COME ONE! COME ALL! To the annual Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction is today, **November 24th**, right after the late service. We will be tasting chili and voting on the best St. John's recipe. Bid on some amazing desserts created by the incredible bakers right here in our midst. It's a perfect time to get those much needed Thanksgiving treats without all the work! All donations and auction monies will go to support short-term missions. If you would like to enter your award-winning chili in the contest or create a dessert for the auction, please sign-up on the salmon sheet or contact Diana at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org.

Come join us for a fun-filled, tummy-filled afternoon!

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. Please RSVP to the church office (614-875-2314) or sj@stjohnsgc.org.*

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - 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.

GREETERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE - Greeters are needed for all three (5pm, 7pm, 9pm) of the Christmas Eve Services at both doors. If you would be willing to greet, please sign the back of the salmon sheets or sign-up sheets posted at the North Door Entrance. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Fisher (614-539-8594). Thank you.

THE BEACONS NEED YOUR LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY to

add to the Christmas bags. The candy will help give a bit of joy to a child. Please place the candy in the Beacons-Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thank you for showing a child a piece of Christian love.



COLD WEATHER has arrived in Central Ohio. 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. Please leave your donations in the box in the church library. Questions? Call Bruce & Karen Whyte at 614-878-9392. This is a wonderful way to share your blessings.

ORDER YOUR SCRIP BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AND GIFT GIVING.

Scrip has gift cards for everything from iTunes, to gas cards, to the major stores, to all of the favorite restaurants. Obtain an order form from the youth office door (top slot) or on the brochure rack in the link area. Return scrip forms and payment to the church office or to Laurie. **Scrip orders are placed on the first TUESDAY of the month and orders arrive within a week.** *Talk to Pam Wittenberg how you can order online, enjoy special offers, and re-load your SCRIP cards! ☺*

SHOP FOR EVERYONE ON YOUR GIFT LIST this holiday at **smile.amazon.com** and Amazon donates to St Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church. Talk to Gary about how you can do this!



THE MITTEN TREES in the North Entrance and the Link are filled with many examples of Christian caring, but we're not done yet! Your donations of new mittens, gloves, warm hats, earmuffs, scarves and socks will be gratefully accepted by babies, children and adults. 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!



COOL RIDES FOR AREA CHILDREN - This year we would like to invite you to take part in the annual St. John's Bike Project. In early December, we will be delivering 30 bikes and helmets to needy children in Central Ohio to make their Christmas great! Give your gift by picking up an envelope at one of the church entrances. Then, fill it with the designated amount in cash or check made out to St. John's. Finally, drop the envelope at the offering plate or return it to the youth office by December 7th. You may sponsor a quarter, half, or full bike, or a helmet. Questions: Contact Arica Dougherty, Julia Patterson, or Diana Imbrock.

Thank you for making an area child's Christmas a little brighter!

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.



OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020 are available now in the Overflow. Since the envelopes are dated, please wait until January to begin using them. If you do not see a box with your name, please sign on the sheet provided and a box will be prepared for you to pick up the following week.

Prefer to give electronically? You can do this through our website: www.stjohnsgc.org, or the GivePlus app on your mobile phone.



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.

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 ❧



CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS in the local area will be **Sunday, Dec. 8th, starting at 2pm.** We will meet at church, pick a route, car-pool, go spread joy, and come back for hot chocolate and treats! It's that easy. Being able to carry a tune is not a pre-requisite. ☺ We also need people who can drive, smile, hug, and spread Christmas cheer! All ages are invited! **If you can drive or have a place you'd like us to carol to, please talk to Laurie Pecuch or email her at lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org.**

CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP DINNER FOR SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIPERS: DECEMBER

14TH - All members and visitors who regularly attend the Saturday worship service are invited to enjoy a Christmas Fellowship Dinner in the Overflow Room immediately following worship on Saturday, December 14th (at about 5:00 p.m.). Pastor Seth will be cooking the main courses, and drinks will be provided, but if you could bring a side dish or a dessert, that would be great! Please indicate on the salmon bulletin insert whether you will be attending the dinner, or call the church office and let us know (614) 875-2314. Come and enjoy the fellowship and good food as we prepare to celebrate Christmas!



SAVE THE DATE! CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE COMING! Do you love to bake? Do you have a favorite cookie recipe you'd love to share? Your talents are needed! Once again we will be having our Christmas Cookie, Fudge, and Peanut Brittle Sale on Saturday, December 14th. This sale will also be open to the community.

We will need dozens of cookies and other homemade items. We are asking for **homemade items ONLY**.

If you don't want to bake but want to help in other ways, you can donate 10 ¼" green & red plastic plates or make a monetary donation to the Kitchen Fund. Any questions, please call Sue Sutton 614-539-9544 or Suzie Brace 614-871-3201.



☞ FINANCIAL NEWS ☞

“That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.” 2 Timothy 1:12

	OFFERINGS <u>11/17/2019</u>	NEEDED <u>EACH WEEK</u>
Current Fund (Exp & Salaries)	\$12,721.75	\$11,380.90
Mission Support Fund	804.94	757.52
Building & Maintenance Fund	2,203.00	2,366.82
Renovations Debt Payment	474.50	700.00
Balance on debt is \$54,945.62		
Worship Attendance:	360	



☞ 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 24

- 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)
- 12:00pm Chili Cook-off & Silent Auc. (Flc)
- 12:30pm HS Bible Study (Lib)
- 5:00pm Adult Basketball (Flc)
- 5:00pm Saddles 'n Such 4H (Fh)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 9:00am BSF Leaders (103-4)
- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
- 7:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (204)
- 7:00pm Nar-Anon (Fh)
- 7:00pm Puppets (Flc)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 9:00am BSF (entire facility)
- 10:00am Small Group (204)
- 11:00am Red Cross Blood Drive (Flc)
- 2:00pm Small Group (102)
- 6:00pm Cub Scouts (102, 3rd)
- 7:00pm BSA 392 (Flc)
- 7:30pm Al-Anon (Ovf, 204)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 6:15pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
- 6:30pm Small Group (101-2)
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- 10:00am Worship (Sanc)
- Offices closed today

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- Church offices closed today
- 7:00am Small Group (Lib)
- 9:00am Christmas decorating
- 8:30pm AA Mtg (Fh)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)\
- 7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (103-4)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 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)
- 12:30pm GS Troop 1826 (Fh)
- 2:00pm Service of Comfort and Remembrance (Sanc)
- 5:00pm Adult Basketball (Flc)
- 5:00pm BSA 392 Leaders (101)

