

# NEWS NOTES

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Karl Eiginger, Children's Choir Director

## SERVING TODAY

### Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: Holly Starr  
8:15am: Gloria Isaacson, Linda Wagner  
11:00am Dave & Karen Grossman  
Denise Reynard  
Contemporary: Tim Althoff  
Dwight & Cindy Henricksen

### Readers:

4:00pm: Nanciann Bowles  
8:15am: Susannah Mitchell  
11:00am: Averil MacKenzie  
Contemporary: Kellye Schroeder

### Acolytes:

4:00pm: Volunteer needed  
8:15am: Hunter Thompson  
Merrick Wilson  
11:00am Dylan Allman

### Greeters:

4:00pm: Volunteer needed  
8:15am: Barry & Nancy Fisher  
11:00am: MD: Joyce Coleman  
ND: Lori Wobig  
Contemporary: Althoff Family

### Altar Guild:

Traditional: Linda Vozel, Dee Harlor,  
Rhonda Maynard  
Contemporary: Beth Katterhenrich.  
Laurie Pecuch



# 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.

**THANK YOU:** “Thank you for your gifts to the Lord for our ministry support with Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF) this year, for being our sending church and supporting us over all these years and for the wife that grew up in your congregation” - *Tim and Carol Imbrock*

“Jim and I would like to thank Pastor Patti for visits, and our St. John’s family and friends for prayers and cards, during this health issue that Jim is facing. You bring us much comfort.” – *Jim and Carol Rich*

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In appreciation of our pastors and staff members and their families.

**BULLETINS:** Given by Rhonda Maynard.

## ✪ TODAY’S NEWS ✪

**THANKS TO ALL WHO FILLED OUT A COMMITMENT CARD LAST WEEKEND.** Your commitments indicate an increase in giving of 5.7%. Those who indicated a dollar amount rather than a percentage amount reflect an increase of over \$5000.00 per year. If you didn’t have the time to fill out your commitment there are cards available at the entrances and in the Link. Turn one in so that we can include your commitment also.

**FUNDRAISER AT RAISING CANES!** Please support our mission trip teams by dining at Raising Canes on Stringtown Road on Tuesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Flyers will be in the bulletins and at the church entrances.

**COAT AND BLANKET DRIVE** 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

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING IS TODAY STARTING AT 2PM.**

We 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! Talk to Laurie or Diana if you have a question about caroling. ☺



**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!

**CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP DINNER FOR SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIPPERS: DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**

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 14<sup>th</sup> (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!





**WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will hold its next meeting on Saturday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am in Rooms 101-2. Everyone is welcome. Bring your knitting/crochet materials and any completed shawls to be blessed with prayer. We will teach anyone to knit or crochet. For more info call Glenda at 614-352-5955 or Diana at 614-271-5775. If you know of someone who might appreciate receiving a shawl, call Nancy at 614-875-8155.

**THE BEACONS WILL MEET** Tuesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am in Rooms 103-4. Bring a sack lunch and join us as we sort clothes, trim canceled postage stamps, cut fabric squares, assemble quilt tops, and knot & hem quilts. We are finished by early to mid-afternoon, so gather with us to serve and praise God.

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE!** On Saturday, December 14, from 9 a.m. – Noon in rooms 103-104, we will be holding our annual Christmas Cookie, Fudge, Buckeyes, and Peanut Brittle Sale. We are asking for **homemade items only**. Again this year, you will be able to choose your cookies for your plates or we will have prepackaged plates if you prefer. Baked goods can be dropped off by 8:30 a.m. on Friday, December 13 in the Family Life Center Kitchen. If you are available either Friday or Saturday to help, please mark the salmon insert in the bulletin or you can call Sue Sutton, 614-539-9544 or Suzie Brace, 614-871-3201. **Proceeds from our sale will go to the Kitchen Fund.**



**DON'T FORGET THE BEACONS AND QUILTERS QUILT SALE** this coming weekend. Most are in the price range of \$15-\$40. The quilts are fashioned from your donated fabric. The quilts are hand knotted and are in different sizes. There are hand-made throw pillows for sale, also. The proceeds go to church related activities. The unsold quilts are given to Franklin County Children's Services and St. John's Bed Brigade. Thank you for your interest in the Beacons and Quilters.

**READERS ARE NEEDED FOR JANUARY THROUGH JUNE OF 2020** for all services. Please sign-up on the sheets posted on the bulletin board in the North Entrance. Thank you!

**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](http://www.stjohnsgc.org), or the GivePlus app on your mobile phone.

**THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE EAGLE NEWSLETTER** is available on our website. Go to [www.stjohnsgc.org](http://www.stjohnsgc.org).

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL** - The North American Lutheran Church presents, *Blessed Is He Who Comes*, an Advent devotional booklet for 2019. For details on how to access *Blessed Is He Who Comes*, visit [thenalc.org/advent](http://thenalc.org/advent).

*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 ☞

**OWLS EVENT – DECEMBER 20, 2019** - The Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) invite you to join them and enjoy the fellowship of your friends. You are guaranteed to laugh a lot, make new friends and catch up with your wiser friends!! No age requirement!

St. John's members, Sally and Tom Weisenberger, will be entertaining us for our Christmas meeting which promises to be a lot of fun. Come and find out what they mean by "Pay It Forward"!! HMMMM. The planning committee has planned a few surprises too and we hope you join us.

Please arrive around 11:15 am so we can start our meeting promptly at 11:30 am. Bring a covered dish to share – fried chicken and meatloaf and drinks will be provided

Reservations are a must for this meeting. 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



**MORE THAN “PRAYER PARTNERS” FOR WOMEN** – Join us in this “all new adventure!” In our 1-hour fellowship we will have 3 segments. First we will learn the importance of spending time in praise and in prayer. Secondly, we will have a time of group sharing, and sharing with our small group (3) prayer partners. Lastly, we will go to God with our praises and prayer requests.

Starting on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> and going thru March 26<sup>th</sup>, we will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month at 10am using rooms 103-4. There is really no better place to be than connected with our Lord in His presence. Lives will change. Questions: call Sally Weisenberger (614) 871-2463.

## ☞ 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor / Sunday School Office is in Room 205 / Nursery through Kindergarten are in the basement.

## ☞ FINANCIAL NEWS ☞

*“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’” Matthew 25:21*

	OFFERINGS 12/1/2019	NEEDED EACH WEEK
Current Fund (Exp & Salaries)	\$10,898.99	\$11,380.90
Mission Support Fund	2,326.50	757.52
Building & Maintenance Fund	2,958.00	2,366.82
Renovations Debt Payment	1,010.50	700.00
Balance on debt is \$52,251.57		
Worship Attendance:	506	





***St. John's  
Advent and Christmas Events***

*Christmas Caroling  
December 8 at 2pm*

*Christmas Program Dinner Theater  
December 15 at 5pm*

*Sit-Down Communion Service  
December 21 at 1pm*

*Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion  
Services  
December 24 at 5pm, 7pm, & 9pm*

*Christmas Day Service  
December 25 at 10am*

*Please join us! All are welcome!*

# ☞ CALENDAR ☞

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

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 Private Event (Flc)  
2:00pm Christmas Caroling  
5:00pm Adult Basketball (Flc)

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

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

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

### *Eagle Newsletter Deadline*

9:00am Refit Exercise Group (Flc)  
9:00am Beacons/Quilters (103-4)  
10:00am Cookie Baking (Flc Kit)  
10:00am Small Group (204)  
2:00pm Small Group (102)  
5:00pm Fat Qtrrs Quilt Guild (Fh)  
6:00pm Cub Scouts (102, 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
6:00pm Daisy Troop (Fh SS)  
7:00pm BSA 392 (103-4)  
7:30pm Al-Anon (Ovf, 204)

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

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

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**

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 Faith Mission (Flc Kit)  
5:00pm Children's Choir (Sanc)  
6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Chr)  
7:00pm Dartball (Flc)  
7:00pm Cont. Worship Reh.

## **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13**

7:00am Small Group (Lib)  
9:00am Cookie Sale set-up (103-4)  
9:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)  
5:00pm Piano Recital (Sanc)  
5:00pm Recital Reception (Flc, Kit)  
8:30pm AA Mtg (Fh)

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

8:00am Cookie and Quilt Sale (103-4, Link)  
9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (101-2)  
12:00pm Program set-up (Flc)  
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)\  
5:00pm Sat. Service dinner (Overflow)  
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (103-4)

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

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 (Flc SS)  
5:00pm Christmas Program & Dinner (Flc)  
5:00pm Adult Basketball (off-site)  
8:00 pm Young Adult Event (Flc, 103-4)