

# NEWS NOTES

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## SERVING TODAY

### Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: Jim Schemrich  
8:15am: Judy Taylor, Karen Bentley  
11:00am Wayne & Carla Beavers  
Caroline Koethke

### Greeters:

4:00pm: Volunteer needed  
8:15am: Sarah Schmitz, Armand Arabian  
11:00am: MD: Donna Linder  
ND: Carol Mackey

### Readers:

4:00pm: Charlie Brown  
8:15am: Pam Wittenberg  
11:00am: Joan Werner

### Altar Guild:

Traditional: Steve & Brenda Dardinger,  
David & Karen Grossman, Linda  
Wagner, Dee Harlor, Rhonda Maynard

### Acolytes:

4:00pm: Volunteer needed  
8:15am: Rosalie Daniels  
Sarah Mitchell  
11:00am Ellen Previts  
Jaylynn Jermann

# 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: Jim Jones.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of Norman Imbrock, father of Tim Imbrock and uncle of Dennis Imbrock, who died on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> in Napoleon, Ohio. A memorial service will be held on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> in Defiance, Ohio. Memorials may be given in memory of Norman Imbrock to; MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship P.O. Box 47 Nampa, ID 83653) or to Bethlehem Lutheran Church (02499 Adam's Ridge Rd. Defiance, OH).

If you chose to send a card or letter send it to: Imbrock Family, 16021 US HWY 6, Napoleon OH 43545.

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of my grandfather, Jesse Fraley. Given by Sandy Hayes.

**LECTERN FLOWERS:** In celebration of Paul & Andrea Offenburger's 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**BULLETINS:** In celebration of the birth of our Lord and in memory of Richard Davis' birthday.

## ✪ TODAY'S NEWS ✪

**CHRISTMAS DINNER THEATER** is tonight at 5pm! Invite all your friends and relatives for this evening of fellowship as we anticipate the birth of our Savior this Advent season! Please bring a dessert to share. Suggested dinner donation is \$6 for adults and \$5 for children.



**POINSETTIA ORDERS** are due in the church office by tomorrow, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are located at the church entrances and in the Link. Let's glorify God by filling the Sanctuary with these beautiful plants for Christmas Eve services!

**THANKS TO ALL WHO FILLED OUT A COMMITMENT CARD.** Your commitments indicate an increase in giving of 6.7%. 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.

**THANKS TO THE JOYOUS SOULS** who were able to Christmas Carol with us last Sunday! Sixty-four people, of all ages, came to carol! We sang to 45 sweet people. All were blessed! *Thanks again!*

**COOL RIDES FOR AREA CHILDREN!** Thanks to Arica Dougherty and Julia Patterson, high school seniors, who led the Annual Bike Project yet again this year. Under their leadership, 33 bikes were assembled and delivered to foster children in Franklin County, providing a merrier Christmas! Not only are these bikes much appreciated gifts, but they also provide a form of therapy to troubled youth. Thanks to all who sponsored, assembled, and prayed over the bikes, and for their future owners.

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS** are needed for the 11am service. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please sign up on the salmon sheet or contact the church office (614-875-2314).

**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!



**HEY YOUNG ADULTS!** Tonight, from 8 – 9:30pm, join the young adults of St. John's as they gather to worship, fellowship, and get re-connected! The group will meet in 103-104. Can't make it tonight, but interested in the next fellowship time? Contact Chelsea Smith, Karl Eiginger, or Michaela Stenerson.

**NIGHTLY SECURITY CHECKS** – one or two persons are needed during January and February to make sure the church is locked and secure each night between 9-10pm. The security team rotates every two weeks. Please contact Mike Esposito (614-875-2314) if you are interested in helping, or sign-up on the salmon sheet.

**PRAYERS AND PINS** bowling league starts January 3, on Friday nights at 6pm. Cost is \$14 per person, and 50% of this will support our Summer Short-Term Mission teams. Contact Jo Dimond to sign up at 614-270-3291 or [joimond@aol.com](mailto:joimond@aol.com); or Dave & Karen Grossman at 614-579-8037.



**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

**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 BEACONS AND QUILTERS** wish to thank all the generous hearts who supported our Christmas bag ministry for children at the LSS Champion Food Pantry with donations of candy, crayons, and toys and your concern and Christian love for the children. Also, we thank those who bought our quilts at the quilt sale. We hope they help warm your body and soul. You make our ministries and projects possible. Thank you.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** Our church directory is now available online! Go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](http://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com) and follow the prompts under “sign in” to “create a login now”. A limited number of printed directories will be available in the church office, and we are suggesting a donation of \$10 to help offset the cost of printing. Contact Elaine Bennett at [elaine.bennett@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:elaine.bennett@stjohnsgc.org) with any questions you may have.

**MOMS – LOOKING FOR A GROUP** of other moms who you can relate to the joy, love, stress, and laughter kids bring to your life? We meet this Tuesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:00pm. Childcare is provided. Come join us as we embrace the journey of motherhood together!!! Find more info on Facebook at Mom2Mom at St. John’s Lutheran Church.

**2019 OFFERINGS** must be received in the church office by Dec. 31, or if mailed, have a postmark no later than Dec. 31. Offerings received after that date will be counted as donations for 2020.

**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).

# ❧ 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!



OWLS  
Older, Wiser,  
LutheranS

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.

# CALENDAR

## **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)

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)  
6:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)  
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (204)  
7:00pm Respect Life Team(102)  
7:00pm Nar-Anon (Fh)  
7:00pm Puppets (Flc)

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

10:00am Small Group (204)  
2:00pm Small Group (102)  
6:00pm Cub Scouts (102, 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
6:00pm Daisy Troop (Fh SS)  
6:30pm Mom2Mom (Fh, Nurs)  
7:00pm BSA 392 (103-4)  
7:30pm AI-Anon (Ovf, 204)

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

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

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**

7:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
8:00am Small Group (Lib)  
10:00am Card Ministry (102)  
10:00am Homeschoolers (Fh)  
12:30pm Homeschool Drama (Flc)  
1:00pm Small Group (102)  
6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Chr)  
6:45pm Small Group (Lib)  
7:00pm Dartball (Flc)  
7:00pm Cont. Worship Reh.

## **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**

7:00am Small Group (Lib)  
9:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)  
11:30am OWLS (Flc, Kit)  
8:30pm AA Mtg (Fh)

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**

12:00pm Private Event (Flc)  
12:00pm Private Event (103-4)  
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)\  
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (103-4)

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

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)  
5:00pm Adult Basketball (off-site)