

NEWS NOTES

January 5, 2020

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Nick Grossman & David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders
Karl Eiginger, Children's Choir Director

SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Sarah Schmitz, Barb Hill

11:00am Ron Nighbert, Dan Yeater,
Chad Whyte

Contemporary: Jill Althoff, Amy O'Day,
Elaine Bennett

Readers:

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Neva Warren

Contemporary: Marian Walsh

Acolytes:

4:00pm: Volunteer(s) needed

8:15am: Sarah Mitchell

11:00am Tom & Sally Weisenberger

Greeters:

4:00pm: Volunteer needed

8:15am: Barry & Nancy Fisher

11:00am: MD: James & Eva Counts
ND: Lois Moore

Contemporary: The Althoff Family

Altar Guild:

Traditional: Steve & Brenda Dardinger,
Linda Vozel, Dee Harlor, Sarah Schmitz,
Donna Linder

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: Barbara Rawson

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to:

- Tammy Stenerson and family on the recent death of her mother, Judy Hayes.
- Gretchen Jones and family on the recent death of her father, Jerry Slater.
- The family and friends of Martha Geyer who died on Jan. 1. Martha's funeral will be on Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 10:30am at the Spence-Miller Funeral Home on Columbus Street.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who mourn.

THANK YOU: Rita Murray would like to thank all those who were involved in making the beautiful new picture directory.

"I would like to sincerely and humbly say "thank-you" to the many, many people who came together and provided "Christmas" for all 17 of my grandchildren. The kids had a blast and it was the first time in seven years all five of my children were together for Christmas." –*Lorina Allmon*

DEDICATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

BULLETINS: Given in memory of Pat Gusa's birthday. Given by Frank & Jean Gusa.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

GOING DEEPER SMALL GROUPS: For all who are participating in our *Going Deeper* small groups: please note that an extra week has been added to our unit on Christian Caregiving. The next "Go Out from Shore" meeting will now take place at **5:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 8th**. A new small group packet will be available on that date. If you are interested in getting involved for the first time in a small group, or have any questions about *Going Deeper with Christ*, contact Pastor Seth at 217.255.2118.

NEW SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, JANUARY 19TH - Pastor Seth will begin a new Sunday night Bible Study on the book of **Job** at 6:30 p.m. on January 19th. We'll meet in rooms 103-4. No prior Bible Study experience is assumed; this will be a great study for first-timers and veterans alike. Come and enjoy the good fellowship and discussion of this deeply rewarding book!

SERVICE OF HEALING, WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22ND, 6:00 P.M. - A service of healing with laying-on of hands and anointing will take place in the **Chapel** on Wednesday, January 22nd, at 6:00 p.m. The service will include scripture readings and a brief informal message from the pastor. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION TEAM - On the first Sunday of each month this team comes to the altar after all have received the Lord's Supper to receive a Holy Communion kit. The distribution of home communion is an extension of the Lord's Supper and is for those who are unable to be present at the celebration of the congregation. We bring to them the same bread of life and the same cup of blessing so that they may be strengthened through their participation in the body of Christ. Let us be mindful and grateful for this ministry.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meeting on Saturday, Jan. 11th, at 9am in Rooms 103-4. 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.

SCRIP ORDERS are due on Tuesday, Jan. 7. Support the Youth Department by ordering gift cards for all your shopping needs. Forms available on the Youth Office door.

EAGLE NEWSLETTER – deadline for articles to the monthly newsletter is Friday, Jan. 10th. Please submit to secretary at sj@stjohnsgc.org.

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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY Our church directory is now available online! Go to 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 with any questions you may have.

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.



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. 9th and going thru March 26th, we will meet on the 2nd and 4th 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! Childcare will be available for participants of this class. Questions: call Sally Weisenberger (614) 871-2463.

☞ UPCOMING EVENTS ☞

OWLS EVENT – JANUARY 17, 2020 - 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! Bring a friend and come see what a bunch of OWLS look like in a friendly setting.

“YOUR FINAL STORY” - January’s program has a simple, yet profound, purpose - to claim and proclaim the living hope found in our hymns and Scriptures to tell your final story in conjunction with the story of God in your life. Pastor Patti Morlock and Dr. John Schuder will lead you through several activities to engage in The Word and music together in order to spark your own imagination about the story you want told for your final worship service. It goes deeper than picking favorite hymns or favorite Scriptures, in that it will help tell your personal faith story. We also hope that this will encourage you to either begin, or continue this conversation with your loved ones. Please bring your Bible with you.

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. Hope to see you there!!

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). Invite a friend! Hope to see you there!

☞ 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, JANUARY 5

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 Catechism Workshop (3rd)
12:00pm Blankets of Love (103-4)
12:30pm GS Troop 1826 (Fh)
12:30pm HS Bible Study (Lib)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (Flc)
5:00pm BSA 392 Leaders (101)
5:30pm Saddles 'n Such 4H (Fh)

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00am BSF Leaders (103-4, Nurs)
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
6:00pm Great Expect. 4H (103-4)
6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (101-2)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (204)
7:00pm Nar-Anon (Fh)
7:00pm Puppets (Flc)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

SCRIP ORDER DEADLINE
9:00am Quilters (103-4)
9:30am Refit Exercise (Flc)
10:00am Small Group (204)
12:30pm OWLS planning (Lib)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (101-2, 3rd)
7:00pm SW Historical Soc. (103-4)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (Flc)
7:30pm Healing Words Al-Anon (Ovf, 204)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00am BSF (entire facility)
11:30am Funeral Luncheon (Flc)
6:15pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
6:30pm Small Group (101-2)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, cont.

7:00pm Explorers/Energizers
7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
8:00am Small Group (Lib)
9:30am Homeschool Enrichmt (Fh)
10:00am Prayer Partners (103-4)
1:00pm 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)
6:45pm Small Group (Lib)
7:00pm Dartball (away)
7:00pm Contem. Worship Reh.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

EAGLE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
7:00am Small Group (Lib)
9:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
8:30pm AA Mtg (Fh)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00am Prayer Shawl Min. (103-4)
11:00am Memorial Service (Sanc)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (103-4)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

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 Catechism Workshop (3rd)
12:30pm HS Bible Study (Lib)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (Flc)