

# NEWS NOTES

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## SERVING TODAY

### Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: John Boneske  
8:15am: Pat Larick, Christina Allman  
11:00am Dave & Karen Grossman  
Averil MacKenzie  
Contemporary: Kellye Schroeder  
Dwight & Cindy Henricksen

### Readers:

4:00pm: Connie Schemrich  
8:15am: Teresa Orahoad  
11:00am: Christine Hank  
Contemporary: Kellye Schroeder

### Acolytes:

4:00pm: Rosalie Daniels,  
Sarah Mitchell  
8:15am: Hunter Thompson,  
Merrick Wilson  
11:00am Dylan Allman

### Greeters:

4:00pm: Volunteer needed  
8:15am: Richard Rush  
11:00am: MD: Tom & Sally  
Weisenberger  
ND: The Previts Family  
Contemporary: The SchroederFamily

### Altar Guild:

Traditional: John & Sheila Boneske,  
Karen & David Grossman, Dee Harlor,  
Linda Wagner, Rhonda Maynard  
Contemporary: Megan Grossman, 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 ✪

**THANK YOU:** “During my recent illness I was blessed with hospital visits from the pastors, many expression of love and concern, and get-well cards. My heartfelt thanks to all of you. Thank you too, Mary Lou Mauch for home communion, what a blessing! I can’t wait to once again fill a pew spot, but my recovery is going to be a bit on the slow side. May our loving God bless you in this new year.” *Carl Kinman*

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Given in celebration of Donna Linder’s birthday. Given by her loving husband Howard and her family.

**PULPIT FLOWERS:** Given in loving memory of our mother Barbara Grossman’s birthday. Given by the family.

**LECTERN FLOWERS:** Given in loving memory of husband, father, and PaPa, Jim Wilkins, on his birthday. Given by Kathy Wilkins and family.

**BULLETINS:** Given by Ike & Shelah Stage.

## ✪ TODAY’S NEWS ✪

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING and luncheon will be held on January 19 following the late services in the Fic.** Please bring a dish to share. We will provide chicken and drinks. Mark your calendar and we will see you then!



**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 8<sup>th</sup>**. 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 19<sup>TH</sup>** - Pastor Seth will begin a new Sunday night Bible Study on the book of **Job** at 6:30 p.m. on January 19<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**USHERS (MEN AND WOMEN) NEEDED!** An usher is often the first person a newcomer, a friend, stranger or seeker meets when coming to worship on the weekend. We've learned that we cannot assume folks feel welcomed when they come to worship. USHERS are Welcomers: Hospitable, and Intentional. As an usher, you, along with greeters, are the most important person a worshiper first encounters. You invite people to worship with joy and a sense of belonging. Please consider volunteering as an usher by marking the salmon insert. You will enjoy your service as part of a wonderful group of fellow parishioners. It's a new year. Why not try a new ministry?

**SERVICE OF HEALING, WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 6:00 P.M.** - A service of healing with laying-on of hands and anointing will take place in the **Chapel** on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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)

**ALTAR GUILD WILL MEET** this coming Saturday, January 18th at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. New members are always welcome to help prepare the altar area for worship each week. You will receive training. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Lewis at 614-272-6696.

**GREETERS** are needed for the 8:15am service this year. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the North Entrance, the salmon sheet in the bulletin, or call Nancy Fisher (614-539-8594) if you would like to help with this ministry. We can always use volunteers for the Saturday night service and the 11am traditional service also. Please call the church office (614-875-2314) or e-mail the office at [sj@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:sj@stjohnsgc.org) if you would like to volunteer with this ministry.

**BED BRIGADE PRAYER TEAM** - Our next meet-up is Saturday, January 25 from 10 am-11am in the small chapel. Anyone interested can join us in prayer for the Bed Brigade ministry. For more info contact [Kendra1962@aol.com](mailto:Kendra1962@aol.com) or 614.886.9208.

**COAT AND BLANKET DRIVE** – Thank you for all the wonderful donations for the mission church. The response has been overwhelming. We have been blessed by a mild winter. We will continue to collect coats, blankets, etc. until the end of cold weather. Blessings, Bruce & Karen Whyte.

**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.

**THE OLDER WISER LUTHERANS** (OWLS) would like to thank Elaine Hamann for her suggestion to make the OWLS famous, delicious recipes available to all its members. Her idea of a cookbook was supported by individuals who submitted their recipes but she assumed the job of putting it all together, copied and distributed recently. She did a wonderful job and it is greatly appreciated. Several individuals helped her but Charlotte Rausch was a real trooper and was Elaine's right hand. Thanks to both of these ladies for a job well done!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020** are available now in the Overflow. 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.



**MORE THAN “PRAYER PARTNERS” FOR WOMEN** –began on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> and goes thru March 26<sup>th</sup>, meeting 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! 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!

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – JANUARY 28, 2020**

**St. John's will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.**



January is National Blood Donor Month, the perfect time to be a regular blood donor and help save lives. Extreme winter weather in some parts of the country and seasonal illnesses often make it difficult for the American Red Cross to maintain a sufficient blood supply at this time of year. Healthy individuals are urged to give now and be the lifeline patients need.

The Red Cross must collect nearly 13,000 blood donations every day for patients in need. Do you know someone who has never donated before? Please encourage them to make an appointment. Without more donors, patients will not have the blood they need.

You can register online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://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.

## **☞ 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, 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 (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
12:30pm HS Bible Study (Lib)  
5:00pm Adult Basketball (Flc)

## **MONDAY, JANUARY 13**

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

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 14**

9:00am Quilters (103-4)  
9:30am Refit Exercise (Flc)  
10:00am Small Group (204)  
5:00pm Fat Qtrs Quilt Gld (Fh)  
6:00pm Cub Scouts (101-2, 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
6:00pm Blue Ribbon 4H (Flc)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (103-4)  
7:30pm Healing Words Al-Anon (Ovf, 204)

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15**

8:30am Small Group (Lib)  
9:00am BSF (entire facility)  
6:15pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)  
6:30pm Small Group (101-2)  
7:00pm Explorers/Energizers  
7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 16**

7:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
9:30am Homeschool Enrichmt (Fh)  
10:00am Card Ministry (102)  
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)  
7:00pm Dartball (away)  
7:00pm Contem. Worship Reh.

## **FRIDAY, JANUARY 17**

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

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**

Boy Scout Camp-in (Flc – all wknd)  
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (103-4)

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

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 Annual Meeting & Potluck (Flc)  
12:45pm Lenten Project Mtg (103-4)  
12:30pm HS Bible Study (Lib)  
12:30pm GS Troop 1826 (Fh)  
5:00pm Adult Basketball (Flc)  
6:30pm Bible Study "Job" (103-4)