

# NEWS NOTES

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## SERVING TODAY

### Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Paul Wittenberg, Tom Lang

11:00am Gloria Biggs, Lynda Berry,  
Linda Diehl

Contemporary: Beth Gottshall  
Brad & Theresa Wahl

### Greeters:

4:00pm: Volunteer needed

8:15am: Sarah Schmitz

11:00am: MD: Lori Wobel  
ND: Christine Hank

Contemporary: Dwight & Cindy  
Henricksen

### Readers:

4:00pm: Jeff Dardinger

8:15am: Corban Allman

11:00am: Bonnie Swanson

Contemporary: Donna Westerfeld

### Altar Guild:

Traditional: Jeff Dardinger, Nanciann  
Bowles, Barb Grubb, Betty Lewis, Paul  
& Pam Wittenberg, Amy Wanner

Contemporary: Mistie Clark, Beth  
Katterhenrich

### Acolytes:

4:00pm: Volunteer needed

8:15am: Ellen Previts,  
Jaylynn Jermann

11:00am Abigail Brubaker

## 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: Mary Smith, Becky Link.

**BAPTISMS:** Congratulations to the Beavers family on the baptism of three little ones on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, at the 11am traditional service: Auroraday Hamilton, daughter of Christopher and Arlene (Beavers) Hamilton; Callie Jo Branham, daughter of David and Olivia (Beavers) Branham; and Beau Riley Larue Beavers, son of Clinton and Shelby Beavers.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to:

- Cyndi Champlin and Kristin Champlin and family on the passing of husband and father, Arthur “Ed” Champlin on Jan. 8, 2020.
- The family and friends of Avalee Ray Jones who died on Jan. 10, 2020.
- Linda Fishburn and family of the death of her husband, Ronald, on Jan. 7, 2020.
- Michel Seitz and family on the death of her father, Richard Scott, on Jan. 5, 2020.

*All who mourn are in our prayers.*

### **THANK YOU NOTES:**

From LSS Food Pantries: “Your church’s donation of 450 pounds of food and/or various personal items to the LSS Food Pantries were received in September – December 2019. These items were distributed to our clients based on their family needs. With more hardworking families and seniors than ever struggling to feed their families, Your generous support is helping ease some of their burdens. You’ve made sure parents won’t have to send their children to bed hungry, and that seniors won’t have to choose between food and medications. More importantly, you have given them reason to hope! Thank you for your generosity.”

Gretchen and Doug Jones would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers at the passing of Gretchen's father, Jerry Slater on Dec. 31, 2019.

**DEDICATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of my husband, Richard Davis, and our 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January. Given by Vi Davis.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In honor of Truman's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday. Given by parents Tim and Christina Allman, and brother Corban.

**PULPIT FLOWERS:** In loving memory of Emerson Braskett on his birthday. Given by Mildred & Jim Braskett.

**LECTERN FLOWERS:** In loving memory of joyful Judy Hayes. Given by Tammy & Jeff Stenerson & Family.

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

## ☪ TODAY'S NEWS ☪

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING and luncheon will be held today, January 19<sup>th</sup>, following the late services in the Flc.**

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!

**SOUPER BOWL** - Snacks, friends, and TV can make for a great time, especially during the Super Bowl. The millions of people watching it last year thought so. However, some people don't have the ability to spend their time snacking, relaxing, and watching TV without worry. They may not even have enough food for their

families' everyday meals. Help love and care for those who are struggling to provide for themselves by supporting the ***Souper Bowl of Caring***. We are accepting cash and check donations after all services on **February 1st and 2nd**. Cash will help buy foods for the Grove City Food Pantry. Checks support the LSS Food Pantries in our area. Checks should be made out to "St. John's Lutheran". We will send one check directly to LSS. Please drop donations in the soup pots on the way out of worship, and give those in need your love and prayers.

***Submitted by Mahala Wanner, a senior in high school. Mahala is our leader for the Souper Bowl project. The Souper Bowl project is a nationwide, student-led project, helping feed countless of people and families in the states.***

**FAITH MISSION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Adult volunteers to serve a meal at Faith Mission on Feb. 13 are needed. If you would like to participate, please contact Mike Esposito at 614-875-2314, or sign up on the salmon insert.

**NEW SUNDAY NIGHT CLASS, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>** - **The Enneagram Journey** with Jesse & Kellye Schroeder will start Sunday evening, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00-7:30pm. This DVD-led class guides participants in understanding themselves and others through the Enneagram system. By deepening our knowledge of different personalities we learn to appreciate how God works through everyone. This class will include self-reflection and discussion about the "9 ways of seeing" (the Enneagram), and will focus on how God uses each person in unique ways for ministry and relationships. Come to build community, discover yourself, and appreciate others! Starting February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Child care provided.

**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?

**TODAY IS SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY**, when we take time to reflect on God's promise: "Before you were formed in the womb I knew you; before you were born I set you apart" (Jeremiah 1:5). Please take a moment today to pray for healing and guidance for the many families affected by abortion and for young women currently in crisis pregnancies, and also for our elected leaders as they make life-or-

death decisions about protecting the unborn. *Many thanks from your Respect Life team!*

**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)

**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.

**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, Jan. 21st, 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 MOPS St. John’s Lutheran Church.

**THE BEACONS WILL MEET** Tuesday, Jan. 21<sup>st</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.

**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!



**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.

### **ATTENTION GOOD NEIGHBORS, VETERANS, FIRST RESPONDERS**

Use your life-skills and talents to help others! If you are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, whether at the bedside or behind the scenes, please join us for a special panel discussion. A group of Mount Carmel Hospice volunteers will discuss their roles and contributions, then answer your questions. The information session can help you find out how you can support those who are at end-of-life. Please join us on February 12 from 1 pm to 2 pm or on February 19 from 6 pm to 7pm at the Mount Carmel Hospice and Palliative Care Center. Register by calling 234-LIFE (5433).

## **∞ UPCOMING EVENTS ∞**

### **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 (733-2767). Call Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002 if you have any questions.

**DON'T BE A STATISTIC:** a Rape Aggression Defense System seminar will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help from 6-9pm on Jan. 28 & 29, & Feb. 4 & 5. This free program for women is led by nationally certified instructors. To register online go to <http://sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov> Programs>Rape Aggression Defense System; or contact Deputy Laura Stahr at 614-525-4507, or [lstahr@franklincountyohio.gov](mailto:lstahr@franklincountyohio.gov).

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

## **MONDAY, JANUARY 20**

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)  
7:00pm Council (103-4)  
7:00pm Respect Life Team (101-2)  
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (204)  
7:00pm Nar-Anon (Fh)  
7:00pm Puppets (Flc)

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 21**

9:00am Quilters (103-4)  
9:30am Refit Exercise (Flc)  
10:00am Small Group (204)  
2:00pm Small Group (102)  
6:00pm Cub Scouts (101-2, 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
6:30pm Mom 2 Mom (Fh, Nursery)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (103-4)  
7:30pm Healing Words Al-Anon (Ovf, 204)

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22**

8:30am Small Group (Lib)  
9:00am BSF (entire facility)  
6:00pm BSA Ldrs-Simon Kenton (204)  
6:15pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)  
6:00pm Healing Service (Chapel)  
6:30pm Small Group (101-2)  
7:00pm Explorers/Energizers  
7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 23**

7:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
9:00am Prayer Partners (103-4)  
9:30am Homeschool Enrichmt (Fh)  
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)  
6:30pm SE Ohio Mission District Coun. (204)  
6:45pm Small Group (Lib)  
7:00pm Dartball (away)  
7:00pm Contem. Worship Reh.

## **FRIDAY, JANUARY 24**

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

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 25**

Cub Scout Pinewood Derby(Flc – all day)  
9:00am SS Leaders Mtg (Lib)  
10:00am Caregiving Class (103-4)  
10:00am Bed Brigade Prayer Group (Chapel)  
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (103-4)

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

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 HS Bible Study (Lib)  
5:00pm Adult Basketball (Flc)