

# NEWS NOTES

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## SERVING TODAY

### Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Teresa Orahood,  
Bill Woodgeard

11:00am David & Karen Grossman  
Aveil MacKenzie

Contemporary: Dwight & Cindy  
Henricksen, Elaine Bennett

### Readers:

4:00pm: Chris Jenkins

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Glenda Allman

Contemporary: Cindy Henricksen

### Acolytes:

4:00pm: Volunteer needed

8:15am: Hunter Thompson

11:00am: Dylan Allman

### Greeters:

4:00pm: Volunteer needed

8:15am: Barry & Nancy Fisher

11:00am: MD: Donna Linder  
ND: Lori Wobig

Contemporary: Althoff Family

### Altar Guild:

Traditional: Dee Harlor, Linda Vozel,  
Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

Contemporary: 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: Sarah Hartley

**BAPTISMS:** Congratulations to the following families whose children will be baptized today at the 11:00am traditional service: Mason Steven Stith, son of Evan and Kate Stith.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of Deborah Burger who died on February 26, 2020. *All who grieve are in our prayers.*

**DEDICATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of our grandmother with all our love. Given by Sandy Hayes and all her grandchildren.

### ✪ TODAY'S NEWS ✪

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE** continues to meet at 4pm through the month of March. On April 4, we will begin meeting at 6pm through September.

**LENTEN BIBLE PROJECT:**

**Jake Westerfeld, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade:** "My favorite story of the Bible is Jesus' birth. This story is about when Jesus was born. I like this story because it is soooo fun to read. I think everyone should read this story because it is important. If Jesus wasn't born we wouldn't all be alive."

**Dylan Allman, 6<sup>th</sup> grade:** "My favorite Bible story is the parting of the Red Sea. God sent Moses to free the Israelites. During their escape, God had Moses part the Red Sea so they could cross it. When the Egyptians came the sea returned to normal hurting them. I like this story because it shows how God can send anyone to do big things. Please give a donation to the Lenten Bible Project so others can read this story."

*The Lenten Bible Project is a service project of the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Monies raised will purchase Bibles for the Bed Brigade. Please make checks out to St. John's Lutheran and put your check in the designated envelopes at displays throughout the church. The last day to give is April 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.*

### **EASTER CANDY DONATIONS AND “STUFFERS” NEEDED!**

We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candies to fill plastic Easter eggs. There is a marked bin in the link area for candy donations. If you would like to help fill the Easter eggs or prepare crafts, please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from noon – 2:00 p.m. We will meet in The Old Fellowship Hall. A light lunch and all supplies will be provided. Please mark the salmon insert if you plan to attend. Thank you so much for your support!

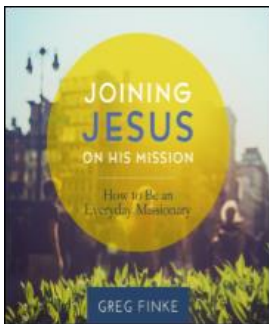
### **PLEASE JOIN US FOR EASTER FAMILY FUN NIGHT/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Please join us for a fun-filled evening including a light dinner, puppets, an interactive walk thru the Easter story, and Easter egg hunts for children of all ages. Our church family and the community are invited. The event takes place on **Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:45 P. M. – 7:15 P. M.** in the Family Life Center. Hope to see you there. Please mark the salmon insert if you are able to help out.

### **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE LENTEN SCHEDULE:**

There will be no breakfast services on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday morning. Please join us for worship later in the day.

**EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST** - Please join us on Easter Sunday for a time of fellowship and good food as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. We will be serving breakfast on Easter Sunday from 7:00 A. M. – 10:00 A. M. in the Family Life Center. Volunteers are needed to take shifts serving breakfast. If you are able to help, please contact Elaine Bennett at 446-0148 or mark the salmon insert.



One of the best books I have read in the past few years is an immanently practical work entitled, Joining Jesus On His Mission: How to Be an Everyday Missionary, by Greg Finke. When I finished I thought, *“This is the kind of down-to-earth, practical ‘how-to’ manual I’ve been waiting for, and that our congregations need.”* Author and Lutheran Church Missouri Synod pastor, Finke is the founder of Dwelling 1:14, [www.dwelling114.org](http://www.dwelling114.org), an organization based on John 1:14 to help Jesus-followers connect in their neighborhoods, workplaces and schools for discipling and missional living. **A “Joining Jesus On His Mission” workshop led by Greg Finke will be held on Saturday, March 21 at First**

**English Lutheran Church, 53 Park Ave. W., Mansfield, OH 44902.** I encourage you,

your leaders, and as many congregation members as possible to register for this opportunity for breakthrough in your understanding and practice of practical discipleship and missional living. -*Jeff Morlock, Dean, Southeast Ohio Mission District, [www.ualc.org](http://www.ualc.org)*

**MISSION TRIPS FUNDRAISER** – our next fundraiser will be on March 10, 2020 at the **City BBQ** on Stringtown Road. Flyers are in the bulletin. Please dine out to support our mission teams to Mexico and Alaska!

**THE ENNEAGRAM JOURNEY** with Jesse & Kellye Schroeder continues on Sunday evenings, 6:00-7:30pm. Class will meet on Feb. 23 in rooms 103-4. Child care provided.

**WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will meet on Saturday, March 14 at 10am in rms 103-4. Bring your knitting/crochet materials and any completed shawls to be blessed with prayer. Contact Glenda at 614-352-5955 or Diana at 614-271-5775 for more information.

**MORE THAN “PRAYER PARTNERS”** will meet on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am in rms 103-4. Contact Sally Weisenberger for information or to arrange child care at 614-871-2463.

**We have a family in our church who is looking to pay a mature teen or adult to babysit for two elementary-aged children, on a weekly basis, on Fridays, 4:30 – 7:30pm.** If you would be interested, please contact Chris Snashall at 614-218-6668 or Laurie Pecuch at 614-620-2669.

**COAT DRIVE** – Thank you for all the wonderful donations of coats, hats, gloves, and blankets for the mission in Franklinton. What a great feeling it gives us when we know we are helping to keep warm those who otherwise would have been cold during the past winter and early spring. Everything was appreciated by those who received the items. Thank you all so much! -*Bruce and Karen Whyte*

**FLOWER CHART FOR 2020 IN THE NORTH ENTRANCE** - Altar flowers beautify our worship service each week and are a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one(s). We presently have openings in the months of March and April. At the North Entrance of the Sanctuary is a "Sign Up" sheet for the Altar flowers. Contact Lesa Corbin (614) 530-4984, and I will be more than happy to assist you in placing your request.



**WITH WARM WEATHER JUST AROUND THE CORNER**, and daffodils already peeking through the soil, you might be thinking about gardening. St. John's has members who volunteer to take care of the gardens around our church. Each has a small area to maintain. It is up to the member to decide what to plant, from ferns to flowers, and perennials and annuals. Mulch is provided. What a beautiful sight it is to see the variety of flowers

around our church in the summer time. We have a few open spaces, and if this sounds like something you would like to do, please contact Elaine Bennett (614-446-0148) or Karen Whyte (614-878-9392); or sign up on the salmon sheet. No experience is necessary. There are many members, who are very knowledgeable about flowers and are ready to answer any questions you may have. What a wonderful opportunity to make memories with your children or grandchildren spending time beautifying God's house.

**ARE YOU FREE THIS SATURDAY?** Looking for a judgment-free workout that's actually fun? You found it! 🎯 Join me in the FLC on Saturdays from 9-10am for REV+FLOW! This total body workout is low impact and truly designed for all fitness levels! It's easy on our joints, while challenging our muscles, balance & flexibility 😊 Please bring a mat if you have one. For more info call Theresa Wahl #614-353-8009 or check out "REFIT with Theresa" on Facebook.



**BOTTLE CAP COLLECTION** – Great Expectations 4-H Club is collecting certain types of bottle caps and lids to be recycled into new benches for the new Franklin County 4-H Extension office. We are collecting caps and lids with numbers 2, 4, and 5, such as milk jug caps, hairspray caps, and water bottle caps. Examples of lids are ice cream bucket lids under 8", peanut butter jar lids, and butter container lids. Please drop of the caps and lids in the box that is in rms. 103&104, or give them to Brooklyn Cress.

*Members may pick up their Altar Flowers in the North Entrance unless other arrangements have been made with the Altar Guild.*

## 🌀 UPCOMING EVENTS 🌀

**BIRTHDAY PARTY** - Join Ginny and Chuck Bent in celebrating Chuck's 80th birthday. You're invited to a party on March 14 from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Family Life Center. No gifts, please.

**OWLS EVENT MARCH 20** - Grove City anxiously awaited the opening of our new Mount Carmel Hospital and today it is a very busy hospital. If you have visited the hospital, you have seen men and women wearing red smocks volunteering their time. More than 1,000 individuals provide service annually to the patient families and staff to create an environment of care and support by greeting and escorting patients and visitors, delivering meals to patients, supporting families in waiting areas and performing hours of comfort rounds to patients.

How many hours do they ask you to work? Do I have the qualifications? Want to know

more? Come to our March meeting and you can ask Leslie Aronoff, Regional Director, Mount Carmel Volunteer Service, your questions.

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, 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). Invite a friend!

### **NEW SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>**

Mark your calendars: Pastor Jersild will begin a new five-session Sunday night Bible study on the books of **1 and 2 Peter** on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Class begins at 6:30 and meets in rooms 103-4. Light snacks will be provided. Class will not meet on Easter Sunday (April 12th), so we'll finish on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Come join the class and enjoy the fellowship and good discussion!

**FAITH MISSION APRIL 9** - Would you be willing to help serve a meal to the homeless at Faith Mission? Our next date is Thursday, April 9, and we leave the church at 5pm. Adult volunteers are needed for this important ministry. Please contact Mike Esposito at 614-875-2314 or [mesposito@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:mesposito@stjohnsgc.org).

## **☞ 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 / **1 Peter** 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.

## ☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

**Attendance:** Ash Wednesday: 222    March 1: 403

<u>February 2020</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$56,414	\$106,503	\$62,755	\$122,695
Benevolence	\$ 6,899	\$ 12,299	\$ 5,107	\$ 10,133
Debt Reduction	\$ 3,408	\$ 5,767	\$ 2,917	\$ 13,127
<b>Loan Balance as of 2/29/2020</b>		<b>\$36,498</b>		

## ☞ LENT AND EASTER ☞



**Mar. 4-April 1 Wednesday Lenten Services  
at 12 noon and 6:15pm  
“A New and Right Spirit”**

- April 2            Easter Family Fun Night at 5:45pm
- April 5            Palm Sunday *“The Cry of the Whole Congregation”*  
6pm Saturday, and 8:15 and 11am on Sunday
- April 8            Holy Week Breakfast 7am  
Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm
- April 9            Good Friday Service at 12 noon and 7pm
- April 11           Sit-down Communion Service at 1pm  
Easter Service at 6pm
- April 12           Easter Services - Traditional at 8:15 and 11am  
   Contemporary at 11am  
Easter Breakfast – 7am-10am

# ☪ CALENDAR ☪

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Catechism Advance (off-site)  
 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)  
 2:45pm Funeral luncheon (Flc)  
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (Flc)  
 6:00pm "Enneagram" Adult Study (103-4)

## **MONDAY, MARCH 9**

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

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 10**

*CITY BBQ FUNDRAISER*

*EAGLE DEADLINE*

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>)  
 6:00pm Blue Ribbon 4H (Flc)  
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (103-4)  
 7:00pm Fat Qtrs Quilting Group (Fh)  
 7:30pm Healing Words Al-Anon (Ovf, 204)

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**

8:30am Small Group (Lib)  
 9:00am BSF (entire facility)  
 12:00pm Lenten Service (Sanc)  
 5:45pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)  
 6:15pm Lenten Service (Sanc)

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, cont.**

7:00pm Small Group (101-2)  
 7:00pm Explorers/Energizers  
 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

## **THURSDAY, MARCH 12**

7:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
 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 (Sanc)  
 7:00pm Contem. Worship Reh.

## **FRIDAY, MARCH 13**

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

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 14**

9:00am Prayer Shawl Min. (103-4)  
 9:00am Rev+Flo Exercise (Flc)  
 2:00pm Private Event (Flc)  
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (103-4)

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 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 HS Bible Study (Lib)  
 12:30pm GS Troop 1826 (Fh)  
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (Flc)  
 6:00pm "Enneagram" Adult Study (103-4)