

NEWS NOTES

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Karl Eiginger, Children's Choir Director

SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: Bill Woodgeard
8:15am: Barb Hill
Paul Wittenberg
11:00am Gloria Biggs, Linda Diehl,
Lynda Berry
Contemporary: Megin Cress,
Justin and Beth Gottshall

Readers:

4:00pm: Sheila Boneske
8:15am: Corban Allman
11:00am: Alice Sweeley
Contemporary: Brooklyn Cress

Acolytes:

4:00pm: Rosalie Daniels,
Sarah Mitchell
8:15am: Ellen Previts,
Jaylynn Jermann
11:00am: Abigail Brubaker

Greeters:

4:00pm: Volunteer needed
8:15am: Barry & Nancy Fisher
11:00am: MD: Lori Wobig
ND: Dan & Amie Allman
Contemporary: Cress Family

Altar Guild:

Traditional: Jeff Dardinger, Nanciann
Bowles, David & Karen Grossman, Dee
Harlor, Linda Wagner, Rhonda Maynard
Contemporary: Beth Katterhenrich,
Elaine Bennett



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:
Bill Woodgeard

DEDICATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my brother Gene. Given by Sandy Hayes.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my husband Paul, on his birthday and our anniversary.
Given by Doris Leibrock.

✪ 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:

Ben Previts, 3rd grade: "My favorite story of the bible is Jesus' Birth. This story is about Jesus being born from Mary in a stable in Jerusalem. I like this story because it tells about our Savior being born. I think everyone should read this story because you can get hope that Jesus can help you and proof that He is real. Please give a donation to the Lenten Bible Project so people who don't have bibles can know the Word of God because you donated to help this project."

Brooklyn Cress, 5th grade: "My favorite bible verse is 1 Peter 2:9-10. It says, 'But you are chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who have called you into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.' This helps me know that no matter what, we were chosen by God. Nothing can separate us from God because he chose us. It helps me know that God sees the good in me. When kids at school tell me that I am not good enough, this verse helps me know that I am good enough. That I am chosen by God."

Supporting the Lenten bible project will help give bibles to others, so they can see that they are chosen by God as well.”

The Lenten Bible Project is a service project of the 3rd – 6th 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 12th. Thank you.

THE BEACONS WILL MEET Tuesday, March 17th, 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.

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, March 17th, 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.

EASTER CANDY DONATIONS AND “EGG 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 29th 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 2nd 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.

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.

THE ENNEAGRAM JOURNEY with Jesse & Kellye Schroeder continues on Sunday evenings, 6:00-7:30pm. Class will meet on March 15 in rooms 103-4. Child care provided.

CHURCH HISTORY TEAM STARTING – Did you know we have a whole room of pictures and documents that tell the story of St. John’s all the way back to 1849? We would like to get these items organized so that they are cataloged and stored appropriately and are available for viewing and sharing. We need a team of church members to become “experts” on the history of St. John’s! Please contact the church office (614-875-2314) or mark the salmon sheet to indicate your interest in this project.

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. Everything was appreciated by those who received the items. Thank you all so much! *-Bruce and Karen Whyte*



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.

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.



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

☞ UPCOMING EVENTS ☞

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 22ND

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 22nd. 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 26th. 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.

CHRISTIAN COMEDY SHOW – The Vineyard Church on Holt Road is hosting Christian comedian Shawn Reynolds at 7pm on April 24th. Opening for Shawn will be Rhonda Cory, winner of the Clean Comedy Challenge. Tickets are \$10 and can be obtained by calling 614.277-2700, or in person Tues-Fri from 9am-4pm at the Vineyard, 3005 Holt Rd.

☞ 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 3rd Floor / Sunday School Office is in Room 205 / Nursery through Kindergarten are in the basement.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: Lenten Services: 102 March 8: 352

<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

Loan Balance as of 2/29/2020 \$36,498

How to give to St. John’s:

1. Offering plate at worship services
2. Through your financial institution – they will send a check directly to the church on your behalf.
3. St. John’s website – www.stjohnsgc.org – online giving is available through Vanco Services, and we have partnered with them for more than 20 years. It is secure and safe.
4. Through the GivePlus app available from Apple or Google – again a partnership between the church and Vanco Services. Set up a profile one time, and set up a recurring gift, or give when you want to. Once your profile is set up, giving is a one-touch process.

We thank you for your faithful and generous giving to St. John’s ministries!

☧ 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 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

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.

☞ CALENDAR ☞

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)

MONDAY, MARCH 16

9:00am BSF Leaders (103-4)
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
 6:00pm Set-up/Board of Elect. (Flc)
 7:00pm Church 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, MARCH 17

6:30am Voting –all day (Flc)
 9:00am Beacons/Quilters (103-4)
 9:30am Refit Exercise (Fh)
 10:00am Small Group (204)
 2:00pm Small Group (102)
 6:00pm Cub Scouts (101-2, 3rd)
 6:00pm Daisy Troop (Fh-SS rm)
 6:30pm Mom2Mom (Fh, nurs)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (103-4)
 7:30pm Healing Words Al-Anon (Ovf, 204)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

8:30am Small Group (Lib)
 9:00am BSF (entire facility)
 12:00pm Lenten Service (Sanc)
 12:00pm Private Event (103-4)
 5:45pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
 6:15pm Lenten Service (Sanc)
 7:00pm Small Group (101-2)
 7:00pm Explorers/Energizers)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 cont.

7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

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 (Sanc)
 6:16pm Small Group (Lib)
 7:00pm Contem. Worship Reh.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

7:00am Small Group (Lib)
 9:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
 11:30am OWLS Potluck (Flc)
 5:00pm Set-up for Event (Flc)
 8:30pm AA Mtg (Fh)

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

9:00am Rev+Flo Exercise (Flc)
 2:00pm Private Event (Flc)
 3:00pm Private Event (101-2)
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (103-4)

SUNDAY, MARCH 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)
 12:30pm HS Bible Study (Lib)
 12:30pm GS Troop 1826 (Fh)
 2:00pm Private Event (103-4)
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (Flc)
 5:30pm Saddles 'n Such 4H (Fh)
 6:00pm "Enneagram" Adult Study (101-2)
 6:30pm Adult Bible Study (103-4)