

NEWS NOTES

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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PERSONAL NOTES

HOSPITALIZED: Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week:
Mel Penrod

TODAY'S NEWS

LENTEN BIBLE PROJECT:

Matthew Little, 5th grade: "My favorite story of the Bible is David and Goliath. This story is about a soldier from the Philistines of enormous size that challenges Jerusalem (Goliath). A small shepherd boy (David) chooses to fight him off with merely five stones and a sling shot. He shoots between Goliath's eyes killing him and the army is scared away. I like this story because it is quite action packed, and it shows that anyone of any size can stand if they have God with them. I think everyone should read this story because it empowers anyone of any size or heritage. 'Little people can do big things!' Please give to the Lenten Bible Project so the world can learn about the love of God."

Layla Greer, 4th grade: "My favorite story of the Bible is about the friends who brought the paralyzed man to Jesus. The friends sawed a hole in the roof of the house so their friend could see Jesus. I like this story because it talks about a man who had no hope and suddenly he had all the hope in the world. I think everyone should read this story because

it's good. Please give a donation to the Lenten Bible Project so we can give more Bibles to the Bed Brigade for people who need beds and Bibles.”

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.

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST – IF WE ARE ABLE TO WORSHIP ON EASTER SUNDAY, please join us 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. *(As of this printing we are hopeful to be worshipping together as a congregation on Easter Sunday.)*

THE ENNEAGRAM JOURNEY with Jesse & Kellye Schroeder will continue to meet using online resources. Jesse & Kellye will contact group members with information about how to stay connected.

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.



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.

☞ UPCOMING EVENTS ☜

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 WILL RESUME WHEN WE ARE SAFELY ABLE TO BEGIN MEETING AGAIN

☞ LENT AND EASTER ☜



- Mar. 18-April 1 Wednesday Lenten Service 6:15pm- [view on Facebook](#)
"A New and Right Spirit"
- April 2 ~~Easter Family Fun Night at 5:45pm - cancelled~~
- April 5 ~~Palm Sunday "The Cry of the Whole Congregation" In house service cancelled but you can view this on St. John's Facebook page or www.stjohnsgc.org~~
- April 8 Maundy Thursday Service TBD
- April 9 Good Friday Service at TBD
- April 11 Sit-down Communion Service TBD
Easter Service TBD
- April 12 Easter Services - TBD
Easter Breakfast – TBD

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE LENTEN SCHEDULE:

There will be no breakfast services on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday morning

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: over 400 views on our Facebook feed for the sermon on March 15th!

<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. Mail your offering to the church – 3220 Columbus St., Grove City, Ohio 43123
3. Through your financial institution – they will send a check directly to the church on your behalf.
4. 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.
5. 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!

☞ CALENDAR ☞

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

No Events in the building today

MONDAY, MARCH 23

No Events in the building today

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

No Events in the building today

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

6:15pm Holden Evening Prayer on Facebook

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

NO Events in the building today

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

No Events in the building today

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

No Events in the building today

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Worship Service on Facebook