

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:
Jeff Shaw

CONGRATULATIONS to Jim and Carol Rorick whose first grandchild, Ned Andrew Rorick, son of Mitch and Laura Rorick, was born on March 21st.

THANK YOU: I want to thank the Chapel Class, Promise Keepers and others for their prayers and well wishes during my health problems in November and December of last year. I also want to thank Pastor Patti for her precious visit on the morning of my surgery. What a blessing for me-a sinner! – *Jim Jones*

TODAY'S NEWS

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE: Virtual “go-to-meetings” are currently taking the place of our weekly Sunday School, Adventure Club, Faith Trek, Explorers, Energizers, and IQA bible study. Contact Laurie Pecuch at 614-620-2669 for your “go-to-meeting” id number. We are doing our best to contact parents and youth by either text messaging or email. Feel free to connect with us to give us your current email or cell number, if you are not hearing from us! For id numbers or to update your information, please text Laurie Pecuch at 614-620-2669. Thank you!

FOR UP-TO-DATE COMMUNICATIONS, please visit our church website at www.stjohnsgc.org or our St. John's Lutheran, Grove City Facebook pages. Please note that we have both a **public** Facebook page and a **private** (member's only) Facebook page. Worship services are posted on the public Facebook page and the church website.

LENTEN BIBLE PROJECT:

Ellen Previts, teen mentor: "My favorite story of the Bible is the story of Ruth. This story is about a young girl named Ruth who lived with her mother-in-law, Naomi, when her husband died. I like this story because Ruth showed lots of loyalty to her family when she didn't have to. I think everyone should read this story because it shows how you should be loyal to your family no matter what. Please give a donation to the Lenten Bible Project so families can read amazing bible stories together and marvel at God's wonderfulness."

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.

REQUEST FROM JACKSON TOWNSHIP - There is a growing need to provide face masks to hospitals. We are recruiting area churches to join the "Buckeye Bandits" (get it, they have masks).

DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING THE MASKS

<https://www.deaconess.com/SpecialPages/How-to-make-a-Face-Mask?fbclid=IwAR1H25JhviFlqeBjj-LEwCUCGNf-PbJcst4fHxcnXOTThUqoTk6CVQ8cuyRM>

WHERE TO DROP COMPLETED MASKS

Masks can be dropped at the County Emergency Management Agency or you can collect them at your church and call Ron McClure (Jackson Township Trustee, ron.mcclure@jacksontpw.org or (614) 902-0985), and he will pick them up from your church and deliver them where they are needed.

Here is another resource for making masks as posted on Facebook by our member Kirsten Lovell. Kirsten will pick up and deliver to the hospital if you give her a call: 513-616-5642, or you can drop them off here at the church.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9RWII2-5_4&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1ibnaSst2TCE8Uk5iRJRqZkyHn6Kmdq4dGus-AOpYIB1Tcp7Nk_FNIQKw

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 spring flowers already starting to bloom, you might be thinking about gardening, or just getting outside after being cooped up in the house! 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.

❧ 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

☞ UPCOMING EVENTS ☞

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 ☞

Go to our website at www.stjohnsgc.org

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: over 418 views on our Facebook feed for the sermon on March 22nd!
Drive-through communion on March 22 was 203 + children who received a blessing.

<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!
Many thanks to all who have signed up for online giving or mailed in their offerings!**