

NEWS NOTES

April 5, 2020

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, Allen Schoch

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to

- Scott and Dee Harlor on the death of Scott's mother, Audrey on March 21st.
- The family and friends of Ruth Ranke who died on March 27th.

All who grieve are in our thoughts and prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lennie and Lyndsey Solomon on the birth of their new baby girl, Luna, who was born on March 20th. Luna is welcomed by siblings Allie and Brielle.

THANK YOU: "I want to thank Pastor Patti for her hospital visit and praying with me for my surgery and recover. I know that the COVID 19 restrictions at the hospital made it a problem for you getting in. Thank You! I was humbled by the out pouring of Christian Love from the Pastor and so many members of St John's after my hospital stay and surgery. Sooo many cards and get well wishes, to many to count—thanks to everyone one, God's grace was with me because of your prayers. Your friendship is very meaningful experience." *—Mel Penrod*

☪ TODAY'S NEWS ☪

DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION will continue on Sundays from 10:30-11:30am as long as we are having online services.



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:

Corban Allman, 4th grade: “My favorite story of the Bible is when Nicodemus meets with Jesus. This story is about Jesus telling Nicodemus about heavenly things and Nicodemus struggles with understanding. I like this story because Jesus gives the great news of everlasting life. I think everyone should read this story because of the great news delivered in John 3:16. ‘For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.’ Please give a donation to the Lenten Bible Project so people in need can enjoy a Bible.”

Hunter Thompson, 5th grade: “My favorite story of the bible is Jesus’ Death and Resurrection. This story is about when he dies and comes back to life. I like this story because Jesus dies for our sins. I think everyone should read this story because they should thank the person who died for our sins. Please give a donation to the Lenten Bible Project so people would know His word.”

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-PbJcst4fHxcnXOThUqoTk6CVQ8cuyRM>



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

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.

☞ HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ☞

YOU CAN VIEW THE SERVICES ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE OR
OUR WEBSITE: www.stjohnsgc.org

April 5 Palm Sunday-9am
"The Cry of the Whole Congregation"
April 8 Maundy Thursday Service 7pm
April 9 Good Friday Service 7pm
April 12 Easter Service 9am



☞ SUNDAY SCHOOL ☞

Go to our website at www.stjohnsgc.org

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: over 646 views on our Facebook feed for the sermon on March 29th!
Drive-through communion on March 29th was 205 + 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!