



NEWS NOTES

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☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

HOSPITALIZED: Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Megan Jenkins.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Pastor Larry and Sandy Kudart on the death of their son, John, on April 14th. All who grieve are in our thoughts and prayers.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

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



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.

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, 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd, Columbus, OH 43230

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



MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE IS STILL ON. Support Missions and enjoy some beautiful flowers! See insert for order form and details. Note the information highlighted in yellow, if we are still under quarantine. Questions, contact Laurie Pecuch at 614-620-2669.

YOUTH GROUPS are meeting weekly through a virtual meeting app call **GoToMeeting**. Text Laurie at 614-620-2669 to get your GoToMeeting id # for Children's Connection, Explorers, Energizers, Confirmation Sunday School, High School Sunday School, and High School IQA! *We hope you can join us! ☺ It's always great to see you!*
Diana, Laurie, and Gary

THE GRAD SUNDAY CELEBRATION for upcoming high school seniors is going to be moved to a later date when we can all come to church and celebrate and pray over our high school seniors! We are so proud of the class of 2020! Looking forward to blessing them as soon as we can!

If you would like to recognize your **post-high graduate**, from a school of higher learning, in an upcoming news note (bulletin, Eagle), please send the following information to Diana Imbrock at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org: student's name, name of school, degree and major.

PARENTS OF 6TH GRADERS: It's time to start thinking about confirmation for your son or daughter. Confirmation begins in August of a student's 7th grade year. If you plan on your son or daughter joining the catechism program, please get your email address to Gary Pecuch. He has some "save-the-date" information for you. His email is gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE LUTHERAN COLLEGE TUITION GRANT for fall semester should be filed by **May 15th** with the church office. If you're a member of St. John's and attending a Lutheran affiliated school then your school likely offers a matching grant up to \$500. Get your application from the church office.

EVERY APRIL, we are asked to **RECONNECT TO THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM**. You can also join today! Once connected, every time you shop at Kroger and show your Kroger Plus card for discounts, Kroger gives back to the community! It costs you nothing and your St. John's youth program benefits. You can reconnect your card to St. John's (or join the program) at <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>. **St. John's code number for the Kroger Rewards Program is EY530.**

SCRIP GIFT CARD UPDATE: During our at-home-stay, we will **not** be ordering physical cards from SCRIP. **But you can order SCRIP on-line!** *Talk to Pam Wittenberg or Gary Pecuch on how to order on-line and/or put more monies on an existing SCRIP card.* The first Tuesday of the month that we're not on a stay-at-home order, we will be back on for ordering physical SCRIP CARDS. In the meantime, consider ordering SCRIP on-line!

USE AMAZONSMILE and they will give back .05% of your order to St. John's! AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. When you use AmazonSmile, the church will receive .05% of what you order on selected

Amazon items. Start shopping at **smile.amazon.com** and link up to St. John's. On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you will be prompted to select a charitable organization from a list of eligible organizations. We are listed as: **St Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church**. Contact Gary at gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org if you need assistance in linking your Amazon orders to St. John's. *Thank you!*

☞ SUNDAY SCHOOL ☞

Go to our website at www.stjohnsgc.org

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: over 625 views on our Facebook feed for the service on Easter Sunday! Drive-through communion on April 12th was 341 + children who received a blessing.

<u>March 2020</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$71,279	\$177,782	\$54,508	\$177,203
Benevolence	\$ 3,800	\$ 16,099	\$ 7,432	\$ 17,564
Debt Reduction	\$ 2,928	\$ 5,767	\$ 2,918	\$ 13,127
Loan Balance as of 3/31/2020		\$33,698.85		

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!