

NEWS NOTES

July 5, 2020

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Dr. John Schuder, Minister of Music; Dirk Ahlgrim, Saturday Organist
Susan Abbott Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers
Nick Grossman & David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders
Karl Eiginger, Children's Choir Director

SERVING TODAY

Greeters:

6:00pm: Volunteer needed

8:00am: Sarah Schmitz,
Armand Arabian

9:30am: ND-Ginny Bent
MD-Chuck Bent

11:00am: ND-Bill Diehl
MD-Linda Diehl

Readers:

6:00pm: Volunteer needed

8:00am: Gary Smith

9:30am John Will

11:00am: Christine Hank

Altar Guild:

Linda Vozel, Dee Harlor, Sarah Schmitz,
Amy Wanner, Donna Linder

**THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY.
WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!**

Please take a minute to complete the salmon colored insert (with your own pen or pencil) and place it in the basket 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 ☞

DEDICATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: in memory of my parents, Anna and George Iftner. Given by Marilyn Gibboney.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike & Shelah Stage.



A NOTE OF THANKS: Rita Murray wants everyone to know how much she appreciates and loves the special notes and pictures she has received from you all. She wants you to know that God loves you and that He's got this! She is lonely and missing everyone, but is very busy making more crosses and hearts for when we get back together again.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

WE ARE HAPPY TO BE WORSHIPPING TOGETHER AGAIN. Your safety is our top priority. That being said, we are in **need of a few volunteers each week to help with the services.** We are in need of greeters, ushers, lay readers, and cleaners for the 6:00 PM Saturday service and the 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM traditional services. If you are able to help with any of these ministries for one week or for a few weeks, PLEASE email Elaine Bennett at elaine.bennett@stjohnsgc.org or sign up on the salmon sheet. We ask that people serving in these capacities wear a mask and gloves. We are happy to provide those if need be. Thanks so much!

SANITIZING SUPPLY DONATIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. *We could use Lysol Aerosol Spray, Lysol Wipes, Clorox Disinfecting Wipes, hand sanitizer (8oz. or larger), paper towels, and nitrile gloves in size large. Thank you!*

59 FAMILY FAITH BOXES were delivered this past week to families who requested the box. Of those 59 boxes, 13 are being delivered to families who requested a box to share with their neighbor. The devotional activity in the box starts today! If you would like more information on these boxes, please touch base with Laurie Pecuch at lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org or Diana Imbrock at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org.

CONNEX will not be having their weekly Zoom meeting this week. We will start again next week! Text Gary for the CONNEX time and Zoom ID Number for middle school. His number is 614-620-2659. Text Laurie for the CONNEX time and Zoom ID Number for high school.

SUMMER YOUTH MINISTRY PROJECT:

Identifying the “Wall People”. Each year the group picture of the confirmation students is enlarged, laminated and placed on a wall in the confirmation room. We are looking for folks to help document who are in the pictures.

The task would be to look at a picture and/or meet with Gary (online or in-person at a distance) and write down the names of the students and then type them into a word document in order (1st row left to right...2nd row left to right, etc...). We have pictures from 1981 through 2019.

If you are willing to take on the task for a picture or two contact Gary or Laurie. Thanks!



VIRTUAL BOLT VBS IS HERE!! VBS is coming to St. John’s families in your home this week on **July 7th-9th**. All children ages 3 through 6th grade are welcome. **Online registration is now OPEN!** Please register online, if you can, or you can register at material pick up with minimal contact. An email will be sent out July 6th to all registered emails with needed information and links to participate for our three days together, apart!! Be sure to capture pictures to share with your church family to see the fun!

Once registered, we will have your VBS box of materials ready for pick up at the shelter house. Pick up dates are Sunday, July 5th at 8:45 to 9:15am and 11:45 to 1:00pm. Feel free to drive your car out to the shelter house after service or pick up during drive through communion and we will bring to your car while masked and maintaining social distance. We will also offer an evening pick up on Monday, July 6th from 5:30 to 7:00pm in the gazebo. Please contact Christina Allman at 614-801-2568 or at christina.allman04@gmail.com if you have any questions.

PAPER RECYCLING – we have removed the bin for paper recycling from the back parking lot, but we encourage you to continue to recycle through your curbside trash collection or SWACO.

GOTTA TRACTOR? We are in need of a volunteer to brush hog down the tall grass and weeds along the North side of our property. Just one cutting for the summer will be enough. Contact Mike Esposito (614-875-2314) if you are willing to take on this task at the church.

CHURCH HISTORY TEAM STARTING – Well! Aren’t we experiencing some events that should be recorded for history?! 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.

OWLS EVENT – JULY 17, 2020 - St. John’s Older Wiser Lutherans (OWLS) are looking forward to coming back together at their July 17th meeting. It has been a long time and we hope to see our friends there. However, as Pastor Seth said in his letter to the congregation “We trust that you will exercise good judgment as to whether you personally should be coming back to corporate worship right away. If you have health conditions which render you vulnerable to illness, you should stay safe at home and not expose yourself or anyone else to the risks involved with large public gatherings at this time.” Everyone is welcome but we know there are some people who are not comfortable in joining us now but certainly hope they will later. We will miss them.

WE WILL NOT BE SHARING A MEAL. We will host Mayor Ike Stage as our speaker at 1:00 PM. Please note time change. He will give us an update on the latest news for Grove City.

We will be following the safety precautions as outlined in Pastor Seth’s letter including everyone must wear a mask. We will maintain the 6’ social distancing with chairs – no tables. **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)

☞ SUNDAY SCHOOL ☞

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS: “Acts” will resume on July 5 w/Steve Johnston in the Chapel. All other adult classes have been suspended for the time-being.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN: not meeting in the building at this time.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance June 27/28: 239

<u>May 2020</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$72,652	\$318,823	\$55,954	\$288,059
Benevolence	\$36,171	\$ 65,102	\$ 4,596	\$ 26,838
Debt Reduction	\$ 3,344	\$ 14,508	\$ 2,918	\$ 22,089

Loan Balance as of 6/16/2020 \$25,274

Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund as of 5/31/2020: \$11,654! Thank you!

**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!

How to give to St. John's:

1. During worship services or drive-thru communion.
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.

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