

NEWS NOTES

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Karl Eiginger, Children's Choir Director

SERVING TODAY

Greeters:

6:00pm: Volunteer needed

8:00am: Volunteer needed

9:30am: ND-Mell Penrod

MD-Carol Penrod

11:00am: ND-Christine Hank

MD-Ginny Bent

Readers:

6:00pm: Nanciann Bowles

8:00am: Betty Lewis

9:30am Volunteer needed

11:00am: Christine Hank

Altar Guild:

Bill & Linda Diehl; Sheila Boneske; Betty Lewis

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

HOSPITALIZED: Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Paul Offenburger; Tim Allman (home and recovering from surgery).

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Mildred Braskett who died on August 22. Her funeral service was held at St. John's on Thursday, August 27th.

THANK YOU – “I thank the congregation for their support and prayers during my hospital stay.” – *Laura Rush*

DEDICATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Pam, on her birthday, and in memory of the Reverend Virgil Wittenberg on the anniversary of his marriage to Janet. Given by the Wittenberg family.

TODAY'S NEWS



DRIVE THROUGH COMMUNION WILL NOW BE HELD FROM 12:15 TO 12:45PM ON SUNDAY MORNINGS. This is a change of times, and please note that the Eagle has the old times listed.

Help to slow the spread of the coronavirus.
Please wear a face covering at all times while in the church building.

If you are unable to tolerate a facial covering, we ask that you sit in the Overflow and maintain social distancing to protect others.

Thank you for respecting these requests.

Thank you for helping slow the spread



RSVP deadline for youth Sunday School, Family Faith Box, and youth groups is today!

There is a lot of prep work that needs to go into making the fall a great experience. Receiving those RSVPs would be so helpful. Thank you! Questions or need the Fall Youth Ministry Mailing? Contact Laurie at lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org, or Gary at gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org, or Diana at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION lead by Pastor Don Allman meets in rooms 103-4 at 9:30am on Sunday mornings. Face coverings and social distancing will be practiced during this time. Please join us for this exciting study.

G.L.U. (God's Love University) is starting its third year serving freshman college students from St. John's. We are in need of 13 individuals willing to stay in contact with one or two students each month for the student's freshman year, and also the remainder of their college journey. We would also like to have volunteers to make 2-4 washable, reusable face masks for this year's freshmen and the two prior years' students we have been serving. Our total number of students is currently at 38.

Please call Gloria Biggs (614-305-3778), Suzie Brace (614-871-3201), or Diana Imbrock (614-271-5775) for further information about this program or to volunteer as a student support individual. You can contact Gloria Biggs if you can provide face masks. Thank you!

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER: ROMANS

Pastor Jersild will lead a seven week study on the book of Romans from **September 13—October 25**. We will meet in the Family Life Center on Sunday nights from 6:30-8:00. Beverages will be provided (but no snacks this time). There will be plenty of space in the Family Life Center to observe social distancing. We hope you can come and join the discussion and enjoy the fellowship!

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE NEEDS

WE WILL BE COLLECTING HEALTH CARE ITEMS AND COMPLETED KITS THROUGH THE END OF SEPTEMBER.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: Thanks to all who have come forward to help with the worship services. If you would like to **usher, greet, or help clean/sanitize** please contact Elaine Bennett at elaine.bennett@stjohnsgc.org.

If you would like to be a **reader** at the 8am, 9:30am, or 11am traditional service, please call Jo Dimond at 614-270-3291, or email at jodimond@aol.com; for the 6pm service contact Sheila Boneske at 614-542-7246.

NEEDED: 15 to 20 gallons of top soil to fill in two holes in the island in the back parking lot. If you can provide this, please call Mike Esposito at 614-875-2314.

PLEASE BE AWARE - the building is locked and the alarm is set after office hours (8am-4pm, M-F), unless a meeting is on the church schedule. If you need access to the building, please make arrangements ahead of time.

THE NALC NEWSLETTER with updates from the 2020 Convocation is posted on the bulletin board across from the pastors' offices and on the bulletin board in the North Entrance. Feel free to take the newsletter, read it, and then return it to the bulletin board.

MISSION TRIPS FUNDRAISER will be held on Sept. 8 at the City Barbeque on Stringtown Rd. Flyers are needed and available in this issue, and in the Link.

OWLS MEETING SEPTEMBER 18 – 1:00PM - Has cabin fever hit you? Looking for a safe outing with others feeling the same way? The OWLS (Older, Wiser, Lutheran Seniors) are trying to get together in a safe environment and enjoy seeing one another – at a safe distance, of course. Masks are required and will be available if you don't have one. We will have hand sanitizer available, too.

Grove City anxiously awaited the opening of our new Mount Carmel Hospital. And it was well worth the wait. Today it is a very busy hospital with people buzzing around constantly. If you have visited the hospital either as a patient or a visitor, you have seen men and women wearing red smocks volunteering their time and wonder what they do and who they are. More than 1,000 individuals provide service annually to the patient families and staff to create an environment of care and support by greeting and escorting patients and visitors, delivering meals to patients, supporting families in waiting areas and performing hours of comfort rounds to patients.

What tasks could a volunteer perform? How many hours do they ask you to work? Do I have the qualifications? Want to know more? Come to our March meeting and you can ask Libby Ballentine, Operations Manager, Mount Carmel Volunteer Services, your questions.

We will not be sharing lunch at our meetings until further notice. The program begins at 1pm. Please make a reservation to attend using the salmon sheet, or calling the church office at 614-875-2314. Hope to see you there!

☞ SUNDAY SCHOOL ☞

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS: The Book of Revelation w/Pastor Don Allman in rooms 103-4. All other adult classes have been suspended for the time-being.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance August 22/23 - 220

<u>July 2020</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$46,486	\$420,565	\$61,308	\$398,107
Benevolence	\$ 3,246	\$ 44,361	\$ 6,131	\$ 37,294
Debt Reduction	\$ 2,252	\$ 19,510	\$ 2,918	\$ 27,926

Loan Balance as of 7/21/2020 \$22,459

Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund as of 7/31/2020: \$13,704! 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.