

# NEWS NOTES

October 4, 2020

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Karl Eiginger, Children's Choir Director

## SERVING TODAY

### Greeters:

8:00am: Sarah Schmitz

11:00am: ND-Linda Diehl

MD-Shirley Blake

### Readers:

6:00pm: Ann Jones

8:00am: Pam Wittenberg

9:30am: Volunteer needed

11:00am: Ann Jones

### 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 ✠

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of Paul R. Bausch who died on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. *All who grieve are in our thoughts and prayers.*

**THANK YOU NOTES:** “Thank you for all your prayers and expressions of sympathy at the loss of my dear sister, Pat Niple. She was a blessing and I will miss her. – *Marilyn Weisenberger.*

**DEDICATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** With gratitude for God’s many blessings. Given by Larry and Becky Link.

**BULLETINS:** in celebration of our 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Given by Pam and Charlie Brown.

**BULLETINS:** Given by Rhonda Maynard.

**☞ TODAY’S NEWS ☞**



**DRIVE THROUGH COMMUNION**  
**IS HELD**  
**FROM 12:15 TO 12:45PM**  
**ON SUNDAY MORNINGS.**

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



**IT’S STARTING THIS WEEK!** Zoom or GoToMeetings for Adventure Club, Faith Trek, Explorers, Energizers, High School bible study, and High School Sunday School! Look inside the materials we gave you for meeting id numbers and passwords. Catechism Sunday School has been meeting since September 13. Today’s Family Faith Box theme is *Got Game? We want to know Jesus!* Have a question? Connect with one of the youth directors: Gary at [gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org) (614-620-2659) Laurie at [lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org) (614-620-2669) Diana at [dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org) (614-271-2772).

**ALSO STARTING THIS WEEK!** Individualized Sunday School lessons for younger ages! The Sunday School lesson for today is *Parable of the Vineyard, Matthew 21:33-46.* Grades 5 – 6 have Lesson One of the Lord’s Prayer. Have a question? Connect with Tim Allman at [tim.allman110@gmail.com](mailto:tim.allman110@gmail.com).

**THANKS BE TO GOD!** Youth who confirmed their faith last week were Ally Blankenship, Tyler Dent, Alli Ferguson, Jaylynn Jermann, Blake Lang, Ellen Previts, and Ethan Weaver. You can see their faith tri-folds on display in the north entrance and also in the Family Life Center throughout the month of October. We have been switching them half way through the month.

**SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: ROMANS** - Pastor Jersild is leading a seven week study on the book of Romans through **October 25**. We 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 will come and join the discussion and enjoy the fellowship!

**SCRIP GIFT CARDS:** We place orders for gift cards the first Tuesday of the month. Please use the form on the youth office door or just give Laurie or Gary a call at 614-875-2314. Within a week ordered gift cards are back to us and in your hands. Want to order on-line and/or put more monies on an existing SCRIP card? Please talk to Pam Wittenberg or Gary Pecuch. Anytime you order on-line, please let us know, as we need to release your order. You can email Gary at gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org. *Thanks for your support!*

**READER SIGN-UP SHEETS** for October, November, and December are posted in the North Entrance. Please volunteer to read the scriptures at a worship service this Fall.

**TEXAS ROAD HOUSE – OCT. 13, 2020 – FUNDRAISER FOR MISSION TRIPS** - see insert

## NALC DISASTER RESPONSE NEEDS

WE WILL BE  
COLLECTING QUILTS  
AND BLANKETS  
THROUGH THE END OF  
OCTOBER.

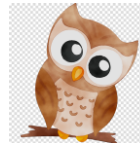


**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held at St. John's on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 12-6pm.** Register online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), sponsor code StJohnsGC or 1-800-733-2767.

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE** – we would like to thank you all at St. John's and the community for all the support you have given us regarding the cookie sale every year! The Kitchen Team has appreciated the proceeds to help with repairs and upkeep in the kitchens. We are sad to announce that due to Covid-19, we have decided not to have the cookie sale this year. We do not believe we can do the cookie sale safely. We truly hope we can resume the sale next year. Please look for the Cookie Sale in 2021!

**PLEASE BE AWARE** - the building is locked 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 OWLS (Older, Wiser, Lutheran Seniors) will meet on October 16.**



The Grove City Police Department has added a new position that can be a very important resource for the city’s older citizens – Elder Services Coordinator. And Teri Ruslander was hired for the job! Ms. Ruslander worked for the Grove City Division of Police for 33 years; 24 of those years were spent as a detective. She has worked violent crimes like homicides, rapes, and robberies. However, she said it was the exploitation cases targeting the elderly that were some of her most difficult cases to work. She retired from the police department in 2019. Now she will serve in this civilian role on a part-time basis. She will help senior citizens and their families connect to resources they may not know are available to them. She will work to educate seniors and those working on behalf of seniors, including clergy and assisted living employees.

We will meet at 1pm, and we will not be sharing lunch until further notice; face coverings and social distancing will be observed. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the salmon insert or call Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. 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:** Sept. 27 – 259

| <b><u>August 2020</u></b> | <b><u>Income</u></b> | <b><u>YTD</u></b> | <b><u>Expense</u></b> | <b><u>YTD</u></b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Operating                 | \$56,447             | \$477,012         | \$53,247              | \$451,354         |
| Benevolence               | \$ 3,608             | \$ 47,969         | \$ 4,522              | \$ 41,816         |
| Debt Reduction            | \$ 3,599             | \$ 23,109         | \$ 2,918              | \$ 30,844         |

**Loan Balance as of 9/22/2020** \$16,776.23

**Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund as of 9/30/2020: \$14,404! 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](http://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.