

NEWS NOTES

October 11, 2020

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Nick Grossman & David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Karl Eiginger, Children's Choir Director

SERVING TODAY

Greeters:

8:00am: Pam Wittenberg

11:00am: ND-Chuck Bent

MD-Ginny Bent

Readers:

6:00pm: Volunteer needed

8:00am: Gary Smith

9:30am: Volunteer needed

11:00am: Joan Werner

Altar Guild:

David and Karen Grossman; Linda Wagner;

Dee Harlor; Rhonda Maynard

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

BAPTISMS: Congratulations to Dave and Stephanie Allmon whose son, Tate Matthews Allmon was baptized at the 6pm service on Oct. 10.

Congratulations to the Severs/Long family as Fredrick Severs, Jr., Trinity Ann Maier, and

Jackson Leroy Eugene Maier were baptized on Oct. 9th, with Pastor Seth Jersild officiating.

BIRTH: Congratulations to Brianna Overly on the birth of her daughter, Alahni, on October 2. Deb Overly is the proud grandmother.

HOSPITALIZED: Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Alice Sweeney; Mary Ann McFarland; Rianne Dotson.

THANK YOU NOTES: "I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and calls during hospital and rehab stays. They all helped, and to quote: 'There's no place like home.'" – *Marian Breckenridge*

"Thank you to all my wonderful friends who telephoned, came to visit, furnished food, sent get well cards and birthday cards and prayers for me. That just helps make your day. My heart is back in rhythm now and I'm feeling good. The Lord has been with me every step. May God Bless each of you." *In Christian Love, Vi Davis*

DEDICATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In thanks for the gift of music. Given by Alice Sweeney.

BULLETINS: in honor of the Altar Guild. Given by Vi Davis.

TODAY'S NEWS

CLERGY APPRECIATION – Oct. 11 is designated as Clergy Appreciation Day. In addition to our wonderful current pastors, Seth and Patti, and recent past pastors, Don and Ray, we want to especially recognize pastors affiliated with our congregation who are celebrating ordination anniversaries this year. Retired Bishop Ron Warren is celebrating his 50th ordination anniversary; retired pastor Tom Phillips is celebrating his 45th ordination anniversary; and Chaplain Karen Jersild is celebrating her 25th ordination anniversary. We give thanks to the Lord for your ministry to God's people.

DRIVE THROUGH COMMUNION will be held from 12:15 to 12:45pm on Sunday mornings.

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!

THE NALC NEWSLETTER is posted on the bulletin board across from the pastors' offices or you can access it at <https://thenalc.org/newsletter/>. There is great information from all around the denomination – check it out!

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.

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



**PLEASE WEAR
YOUR MASK**

WE'RE INTO WEEK TWO! 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 *Creative Corner, God's grace makes a difference in our lives!* Have a question? Connect with one of the youth directors: Gary at gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org (614-620-2659) Laurie at lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org (614-620-2669) Diana at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org (614-271-5775).

ALSO INTO WEEK TWO! Individualized Sunday School lessons for younger ages! The Sunday School lesson for today is *The Wedding Banquet, Matthew 22:1-14*. Grades 5 – 6 have Lesson Two of the Lord's Prayer. Have a question? Connect with Tim Allman at tim.allman110@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION FAITH TRI-FOLDS ARE 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.

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.



ANY Size Quilt or Blanket including fabric printed with religious, patriotic, & military symbols.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held at St. John's on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 12-6pm. Register online at 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!

THE OWLS (Older, Wiser, Lutheran Seniors) will meet on October 16 at 1pm in the FLC.

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!

JORDAN'S CROSSING is an outreach to the homeless in the Hilltop area. They provide many resources, including hot meals, to those in need. They could especially use cold weather clothing and blankets. Drop off items (including food) at 342 N. Hague Ave, Columbus 43204. To learn more about their ministries, check them out on Facebook!

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.

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: Oct. 4 – 254

August 2020	Income	YTD	Expense	YTD
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 – 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.