

NEWS NOTES

October 18, 2020

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Karl Eiginger, Children's Choir Director

SERVING TODAY

Greeters:

8:00am: Joel Baughman & Erin Kelly

11:00am: ND-Barb Armentrout
MD-Carol Rich

Readers:

6:00pm: Toni Wilson

8:00am: Tom Phillips

9:30am: Volunteer needed

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Altar Guild:

Lynda Berry; Gloria Biggs; Averil

MacKenzie; Paul and Pam Wittenberg

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 ✠

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Matthew and Kaleigh (Westerfeld) Shrum, whose daughter, Elora Grace, is baptized on October 18th.

HOSPITALIZED: Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Rianne Dotson; Sandy Hayes; Nerissa (Turner) Hoy.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Mary Fail who died on October 12th.

THANK YOU NOTES: “Thank you for all the meals, gift cards, phone calls, pastor's visits, and prayers. All is greatly appreciated. We are half way thru Ronnie's chemo treatments and things are going extremely well. God has truly blessed us abundantly with such an amazing church family. Love and blessings to all. ~ *Sherry Nighbert*.

“Thank you for the beautiful framed certificate, cards, gifts, and kind words that you shared with us in celebration of our 45th anniversary of ordination on October 11th. Your kindness and generosity are overwhelming and greatly appreciated. Jeanne and I are blessed that we were called to serve in the ordained ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are blessed also to call St. John's our church home. We have met so many interesting and spiritual filled people during these last 45 years, and praise and thank God for His gracious guidance to serve as a shepherd of His people. May God continue to bless all the members of St. John's as we all serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thanks again.” ~ *Blessings and love, Pastor Tom and Jeanne*.

“Thank you to the Chapel Class and so many wonderful friends who sent flowers, cards and prayers at the loss of my sister Pat Niple. She was very special to me and my grandchildren!! Blessings!” ~ *Pam Castle*

DEDICATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of our daughter, Megin Cress on her birthday. Given with love by Becky and Larry Link.

PULPIT FLOWERS: in honor of the baptism of Elora Grace Shrum. Given by her grandmother, Beth Katterhenrich.

BULLETINS: in loving memory of John MacKenzie. Given by Averil MacKenzie.

☪ TODAY'S NEWS ☪

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**

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

**QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT WEEKEND, OCTOBER 24 & 25
after each worship service.**

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!

PROMISE KEEPERS THURSDAY MEETINGS RESUME, NOVEMBER 5

Pastor Seth will resume meeting with our Promise Keepers group on Thursday mornings, beginning on **November 5th**. We will meet in Rooms 103-4 at 7:00 a.m. for scripture discussion and fellowship. All St. John's men and their guests are always welcome to attend!

TRUNK OR TREAT (SOCIALY DISTANCED) is scheduled to take place on Sunday, October 25th from 4-6 PM! We are in need of donations, volunteers to help staff games, serve food and people to decorate their trunk and pass out candy. There is a flyer included in the bulletin with complete details. Please share it with your family, friends and neighbors. If you are able to help out, please mark the salmon insert. Please note that if the weather is bad, we will cancel the event as we do not feel comfortable holding it indoors. Thank you in advance for your support!



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!

Assisting Opportunities



**IN
WORSHIP**

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.

YOUTH UPDATES:

WE'RE INTO WEEK THREE! 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 *God's Word and Science: God does great things through people*. 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 THREE! Individualized Sunday School lessons for younger ages! The Sunday School lesson for today is *Paying Taxes, Matthew 22:15-22*. Grades 5 – 6 have Lesson Three of the Lord's Prayer. Have a question? Connect with Tim Allman at tim.allman110@gmail.com.

If you didn't receive youth ministry materials (Sunday School ages 3 – grade 12, Adventure Club, Faith Trek, Explorers, Energizers, Catechism, High School bible study, and Family Faith Boxes) but would like to be on our list for December—January, talk to Laurie Pecuch at 614-875-2314 or lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org by Tuesday, November 3rd. Materials will be available again starting Sunday, Nov. 22nd. Laurie will email you a reminder if you prefer pick-up, delivery, or drive through pick-up. Although we are always happy to deliver! Youth groups do not meet in December but will start again in January via virtual meetings or on-site. **If you received materials for October/November, you do not need to request materials again. You're automatically on our list! 😊**

CONFIRMATION FAITH TRI-FOLDS ON DISPLAY in the north entrance and also in the Family Life Center throughout the month of October. Stop by and read their faith stories!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

"Let the little children come to me...for of such is the Kingdom of God". Luke 18:16

This November, Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts will be collected at thousands of locations across the USA and shipped to more than 100 countries around the world where church partners will hand them out to hurting children. Please consider packing a shoebox and praying for the child who will open it. Gift ideas include:

1. A "WOW" gift such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, backpack or stuffed animal.
2. Hygiene items: Soap, toothbrush and holder, washcloth, colorful band-aids, combs, stick deodorant.
3. Clothing: Shirt, pants, loose-fitting sundress, hair bows and ribbons, sunglasses, purses.
4. Crafts and Activities: pencils, sharpeners, crayons, coloring books, stickers, jump ropes, sewing kit.
5. Other toys: Marbles, balls, plastic dinosaurs, finger puppets, slinky



Please no war-related items, gum, candy, liquids or lotions.

Include a \$9 donation to cover the shipping costs and drop off your filled shoebox in the Link before **November 8**.

Not able to shop for gifts? There is a NEW opportunity to "**Build a Shoe Box Online**". Visit the St. John's website and click on the Operation Christmas Child link to see how you can build your box online for just \$25.

We also have a donation tub in the Link and monetary donations are accepted! Please contact Annaleise or Jeremy Butsko with any questions 614.871.6295.

"Pack your shoe box with love, send it with prayer and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a hurting child. That's the power of a simple gift." Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse

HIRING – Taco Bell is building a new restaurant at 3340 Broadway. To apply for a job, go to workattacobell.com.

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.

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!

☪ 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. 11 – 242

September 2020	Income	YTD	Expense	YTD
Operating	\$48,686	\$525,698	\$60,444	\$511,798
Benevolence	\$ 3,336	\$ 51,306	\$ 4,766	\$ 46,582
Debt Reduction	\$ 3,859	\$ 26,968	\$ 2,918	\$ 33,762

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.

☞ CALENDAR ☞

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 8:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Adult Sunday School (103-4)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Flc)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 12:00pm Catechism Learning Event (Flc)
- 12:15pm Drive-through Communion
- 12:30pm Private Event (Sh)
- 6:30pm "Romans" Adult Study (Flc)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (Sh)
- 7:00pm Council (Flc)
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (Sh)
- 7:00pm Nar-Anon (Sh)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 9:00am Beacons/Quilters (103-4)
- 2:00pm Small Group (102)
- 6:00pm Cub Scouts (virtual)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts (virtual)
- 7:30pm Healing Words Al-Anon Sh)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 6:30pm Small Group (103-4)
- 7:00pm Explorers/Energizers (virtual)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 1:00pm Small Group (103-4)
- 5:45pm Adventure Club/Faith Trek (virtual)
- 7:00pm Contem. Worship Reh. (Flc)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 9:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
- 12:00pm Private Event (Sh)
- 8:30pm AA Mtg (Sh)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 6:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
Congregational meeting
- 7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (Sh)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

- Quarterly Congregational Meeting after each worship service
- 8:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:00am Boy Scouts Popcorn (Sh)
- 9:30am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Adult Sunday School (103-4)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Flc)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 12:00pm Catechism Learning Event (Flc)
- 12:15pm Drive-through Communion
- 12:30pm Private Event (Sh)
- 4:00pm Trunk or Treat (parking lot, Sh)
- 6:30pm "Romans" Adult Study (Flc)