

NEWS NOTES

October 25, 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:

8:00am: Jo Dimond

11:00am: ND-Warren Althoff

MD-Shirley Blake

Readers:

6:00pm: Charlie Brown

8:00am: Glenda Allman

9:30am: Volunteer needed

11:00am: Neva Warren

Altar Guild:

Dellno & Betty Lewis, Lynne Ehrlich, 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 ✠

HOSPITALIZED: Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Kathy Wilkins, Monica Locey, Sandy Hayes, Megan Walsh.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Jim Carpenter on the death of his wife, Faun, on Sunday, October 11th; and to the family and friends of Dr. Herman Rehder who died on Oct. 14th. All who grieve are in our prayers.

THANK YOU NOTES: “Thank you all for the many cards you sent my way for Pastor’s Appreciation Day. What a lovely surprise and wonderful affirmation of my call to serve the people of St. John’s. May you continue to be blessed in your faithfulness to our Lord! In gratitude and love”, *Pastor Patti*

DEDICATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of our 31st wedding anniversary. Given by Frank and Jean Gusa.

BULLETINS: in gratefulness for my many blessings. Given by Vi Davis.

☪ TODAY’S NEWS ☪

QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL TODAY, OCTOBER 24 & 25
after each worship service.

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**



TIME CHANGE – Ohio returns to Eastern Standard Time at 2am on Nov. 1st. Remember to “fall back” – set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

Saturday night worship time will change to 4pm
on Nov. 7th.

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!

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. 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!



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.

YOUTH UPDATES:

We're into week four! Zoom or GoToMeetings for Adventure Club, Faith Trek, Explorers, Energizers, Confirmation Sunday School, High School Sunday School, High School bible study, and High School Sunday School! Look inside the materials we gave you for meeting id numbers and passwords. Today's Family Faith Box theme is *Service: Christians form intimate communities of care*. 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 four! Individualized Sunday School lessons for younger ages! The Sunday School lesson for today is *The Greatest Commandment, Matthew 22:34-46*. Grades 5 – 6 have Lesson Four of the Lord's Prayer. Have a question? Connect with Tim Allman at tim.allman110@gmail.com.

Youth news: Fall youth ministry materials were given to those who requested them. If you did **NOT** receive youth ministry materials for **Sunday School ages 3 – grade 6, Adventure Club, Faith Trek, Explorers, Energizers, Catechism Sunday School, High School Sunday School, High School bible study, and/or 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. This gives us time to order the supplies that we need. If you received materials for October/November, you do not need to request materials again. You're automatically on our list! **December/January materials will be available again for pick-up or delivery starting Sunday, Nov. 22nd**.

Today is the last Sunday for confirmation faith tri-folds on display in the north entrance

and also in the Family Life Center. Stop by and read their faith stories!

Service project opportunities are available for students and families. Talk to Diana Imbrock at 614-875-2314 or dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org and she'll connect you with the leader of each project. **Service Projects for November and December include** Operation Christmas Child, the Bible Project, Drive-Through Communion, Reading a Lesson, Compassion Child, Thank-A-Veteran, Blankets of Love, and Christmas Cards to Homebound Members.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS. Place your order by the first Tuesday of the every month, Nov. 3rd and Dec.1st. Contact Gary Pecuch at gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org for details.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Pack a shoebox! Send Good News and Great Joy around the world! Did you know that you can **build a shoebox gift online**? With just a few clicks, you can select items to pack and then personalize your shoebox with a note and photo. Samaritan's Purse will do the rest! It's an easy way to participate in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to boys and girls around the world!



Visit the St. John's website and click on the Operation Christmas Child link. You will find the "Build a Shoebox" link here.

Remember: Deadline to drop off your filled shoebox is **November 8th**.

If you are unable to pack your own box, please consider donating items. A donation tub is located in the link. Monetary donations are also accepted! Please contact Annaleise or Jeremy Butsko with any questions 614.871.6295.

"There are still places around the world where the Name of Jesus has never been heard. That's why we're sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth through operation Christmas Child."
Franklin Graham, President of Samaritan's Purse

A SPECIAL SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE will be held on Sunday, November 29th at 2pm. This is a special worship service set aside for family or friends who have had loved ones pass away this past year. Watch the News Notes for more information in the coming weeks.

DISINFECTING WIPES NEEDED - we are running low on our supply of wipes. If you see some at the store and could pick up an extra for the church we would be grateful.

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

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!

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE NEEDS

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



☞ 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. 18 – 219

<u>September 2020</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
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 25

Quarterly Congregational Meeting after each worship service

- 8:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Adult Sunday School (103-4)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Flc)
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- 12:30pm 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)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 2:00pm Small Group (102)
- 6:00pm Cub Scouts (virtual)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts (virtual)
- 7:30pm Healing Words AI-Anon Sh)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 1:00pm Small Group (103-4)
- 5:45pm Adventure Club/Faith Trek (virtual)
- 6:00pm Small Group (101-2)
- 7:00pm Contem. Worship Reh. (Flc)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

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