

NEWS NOTES

November 15, 2020

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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: Joel Baughman & Erin Kelly

11:00am: ND-Ginny Bent

MD-Chuck Bent

Readers:

6:00pm: Volunteer needed

8:00am: Betty Lewis

9:30am: Volunteer needed

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Altar Guild:

David & 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 ✪

HOSPITALIZED: Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Barry Fisher, Ron Nighbert, Megan Jenkins

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Howard Linder, whose sister, Rahea Coll, died on Nov. 9th. All who grieve are in our prayers.

DEDICATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of our dad, Emerson Braskett; and in memory of our mother, Mildred's birthday. Given by the Braskett family.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

✪ 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



DRIVE THROUGH COMMUNION will be held from 12:15 to 12:30pm on Sunday mornings.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP will be held at 10am in the sanctuary.



A SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE will be held on Sunday, Nov. 29th at 2pm in the Sanctuary. This is a special worship service set aside for family and friends who have had loved ones pass away this past year.

THE BEACONS' CHRISTMAS BAGS DONATIONS - You know you shouldn't eat that leftover Halloween candy, don't you? Donate it to the Beacons for the Christmas bags. Please place it in the Beacons-Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thank you for your generosity.

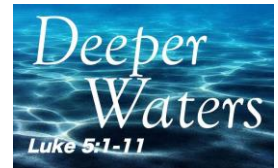


PROMISE KEEPERS MEET ON THURSDAY MORNINGS - Pastor Seth will be meeting with the Promise Keepers group on Thursday mornings. We will meet in Rooms 103-4 at 7:00 a.m. for scripture discussion and fellowship. All St. John's men and their guests are always welcome to attend!

DECEMBER WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: 1 PETER - Pastor Seth will lead a discussion on the book of 1 Peter on Wednesday nights through December. Class will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center, starting on December 2nd, and will continue for 5 weeks through December 30th. Even if you cannot attend all the sessions, we encourage you to jump in where you can! We're looking forward to the good discussion and fellowship.

GOING DEEPER SMALL GROUPS: NEW STUDY AVAILABLE

A new study packet: **“Going Deeper with the Ten Commandments,”** is now available for our *Going Deeper* small groups. Hard copy packets are available in the Link, and electronic copies can be downloaded from our church website (www.stjohnsgc.org). If you would like to know more about our *Going Deeper* small group ministry, or would like to join a small group, please contact Pastor Seth at 217.255.2118 any time. Several of our small groups are meeting online; others are meeting in the church building. If you would like to meet in the church building, please call Jan Miller at 614.875.2314 to reserve a regular room and time slot. We hope you can participate in our “Going Deeper” journey!



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

YOUTH NEWS:

YOUNGER SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Ages 3 – Grade 4** your lesson today from your take-home packet is “Parable of the Talents”, Matthew 25:14-30.
- **Grades 5 – 6** have Lesson Seven of the Lord’s Prayer.
- Questions? Connect with Tim Allman at tim.allman110@gmail.com.



SCRIP gift cards make great Christmas gifts. Place your order by the first Tuesday of the every month...which will be Dec.1st. Order forms are on the youth office door. Contact Gary Pecuch at gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org for details.

The youth department is researching a parent resource that will give “parents and mentors hope by being a guide through culture into conversation around Jesus.” We think we’ve found a great resource! We have a current list of parents and grandparents who’ve told us they’d be interested in such a resource. Not sure if you’re on our list or would like to be? Connect with Diana, Laurie, or Gary!

Shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday at smile.amazon.com and Amazon donates to St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church. Talk to Gary about how you can do this!



ADOPT-A-FAMILY DRIVE - In the hopes of helping to make the holidays a little brighter for some of our fellow members who may be struggling financially, we will be accepting monetary donations during the month of December for our annual holiday Adopt-A-Family drive. Envelopes will be available throughout the church and in the church office. If you or anyone you know of within the congregation would like to be considered for Adopt-A-Family funds, please note that on the salmon insert. The names are kept completely confidential.



THE MITTEN TREES - Please help decorate the Mitten Trees in the North Entrance and the Link! Cold hands, feet and heads (of all ages) are in need of new mittens, gloves, warm hats, earmuffs, scarves and socks. **All items need to be new with tags or homemade.** The trees will be up until December 6th, after which the items will be taken to the LSS Champion Food Pantry, where they will be distributed to anyone in need. Please contact Ellen Previts at 614-345-8576 or Jaylynn Jermann at 614-971-1106 if you have any questions. Thank you for helping our neighbors stay warm!



Cool Rides for Area Children - This year we would like to invite you to take part in the annual St. John’s Bike Project. In early December, we will be delivering 25 bikes and helmets to needy children in Central Ohio to make their Christmas great! Give your gift by picking up an envelope at one of the church entrances. Then fill it with the designated amount of cash or check made out to St. John’s. Finally drop the envelope in the offering plate or return to the youth office by November 29. You may sponsor a quarter, half or full bike or helmet. Questions: Contact Dylan Allman at dylanallman07@gmail.com or Diana Imbrock at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.com. Thank you for making an area child’s Christmas a little brighter!

CHRISTMAS DECORATORS NEEDED! This year we will be decorating the church for Christmas on Friday, November 27th (the day after Thanksgiving). We have artificial trees that need to be assembled ahead of time (Tuesday, November 24th), garland to put up, wreaths to hang, etc. We could use all of the help we can get! If you would be able to give even an hour of your time to help beautify our church and set the mood as we prepare for the birth of our Savior, we would greatly appreciate it. Please mark the salmon insert if you are able to help.



UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO COVID 19, WE ARE UNABLE TO CHRISTMAS CAROL to our homebound members this year. Instead, on Sunday, December 13th, we would like to deliver a poinsettia, a small gift and a homemade Christmas card to our homebound friends. We plan to let them know ahead of time that someone will be leaving some goodies outside their door for them. We will not enter their homes so that we do not put anyone at risk. We are unable to enter nursing homes at this time so we will just be delivering to those who live in a private residence. Everything will be provided. If you would be willing to help deliver some holiday cheer, please mark the salmon insert. We would love to have you join us!



SPEAKING OF POINSETTIAS – we will again be decorating our worship areas with this festive seasonal plant. An order form is included as an insert, is available at the entrances, or on our web page.

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. Thank you to everyone who has already donated!



OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2021 are now available in the Overflow. If you do not see a box with your name, please write it on the notepad provided, or contact the church office, and a box will be prepared for you. If you are unable to pick up your box and would like for us to deliver it to you, please contact the office at 614-875-2314 or sj@stjohnsgc.org. Online giving is also available. See the “Stewardship” section for details.

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE NEEDS

WE WILL BE
COLLECTING BABY
ITEMS THROUGH THE
END OF NOVEMBER.

BABY CARE KIT

- TWO** lightweight cotton t-shirts
- TWO** long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers
- TWO** receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- FOUR** cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ONE** jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- TWO** pairs of socks
- ONE** hand towel, any color
- TWO** or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz, any brand, in original wrap
- TWO** diaper pins or large safety pins



OWLS Nov. 20 - 2020 has been a very challenging year. I can't think of one person who has not been affected in one way or another. And yet – we continue to receive the love and blessings of our God in many ways. He never fails us and we know we will get through this with His help. The OWLS offer you the opportunity to get out of the house and meet friends in a safe environment.



OWLS
Older, Wiser,
LutheranS

Thanksgiving 2020 will be celebrated on the 26th but it probably will look a little different for most people. But we will celebrate and give thanks. However, there are others who feel they don't have much to be thankful for. Our speaker this month is Stacey Buttell, Career Facilitator at Goodwill Columbus – Workforce Development Department. Stacey has special ties to our group – she is the daughter of Mel and Carol Penrod. This department at Goodwill Columbus's primary focus is to help people learn, grow and advance in their careers. They offer a variety of services that include career counseling with resume development and improvement, interviewing and job-seeking skills, as well as offering many trainings that will help their clients upskill to find their first job, or your next best job. The trainings that they provide are in the areas of hospitality and lodging, informational technology, medical billing and coding, STNA and many more. And like many others you probably thought Goodwill was just another thrift store. You are in for a surprise. Hope you join us.

Our OWLS will meet at 1:00 pm for this program and future programs until further notice.

We will not be sharing lunch. If you plan to attend, please fill out the salmon sheet in the bulletin, or call Bonnie Swanson (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: Nov.8 – 230

<u>October 2020</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$45,373	\$571,071	\$51,070	\$562,868
Benevolence	\$ 3,961	\$ 55,267	\$ 4,872	\$ 51,454
Debt Reduction	\$ 3,050	\$ 30,018	\$ 2,918	\$ 36,680

Loan Balance as of 10/26/2020 \$13,912.95

Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund as of 10/31/2020: \$14,704! 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.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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)
12:15pm Drive-through Communion
12:30pm Nominating Team (204)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (Fh)
7:00pm Council (virtual)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (Fh)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

2:00pm Small Group (102)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (virtual)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (virtual)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
11:30am Faith Box assembling (Flc)
1:00pm Small Group (103-4)
5:45pm Adventure Club/Faith Trek
(virtual)
7:00pm Contem. Worship Reh. (Flc)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
12:00pm Private event (103-4)
1:00pm OWLS (Flc)
8:30pm AA Mtg (Fh)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00am Refit Exercise (Flc)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (Fh)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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)
12:15pm Drive-through Communion

