

NEWS NOTES

December 6, 2020

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

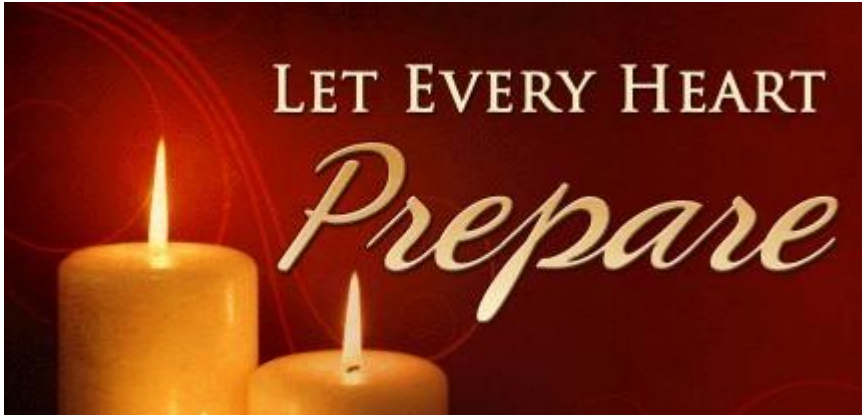
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✪ PERSONAL NOTES ✪

HOSPITALIZED: Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: David Mauch, Joyce Rawson.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Cheryl Mills who died on Nov. 26th. All who grieve are in our thoughts and prayers.

NOTES OF THANKS – “Rita and I would like to extend our sincere thank you for all the cards and words of sympathy at the passing of my father, Edward Lang. Even though dad wanted us to know he was ready to move on, we both were grieved knowing that our last parent had passed. He was always supportive of our relationship and goals. I will miss our long talks and his wisdom. Your kind words helped with our grieving and celebrating the passing of “dad”. Sincerely, Tom and Rita Lang.”

A special thank-you to Mel Penrod who built the Advent Wreath that is located on the front lawn. It is a beautiful, meaningful addition to our Christmas decorations and outreach to the community. Thanks Mel!

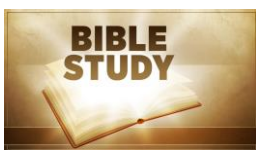
☪ TODAY'S NEWS ☪

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!



PROMISE KEEPERS CONTINUES AT CHURCH IN DECEMBER - For men of all ages who are comfortable attending in person, Promise Keepers will continue to meet at St. John's on Thursday mornings in December in the Family Life Center, at 7:00 a.m.



IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY AT CHURCH IN DECEMBER: 1 PETER -

Pastor Seth will be leading a five-week study of the book of 1 Peter at 6:30 p.m. at church (in person) each Wednesday in December. Class will meet in the Family Life Center, starting on December 2nd. We'll wear face-coverings and will have plenty of space in which to spread out and observe social distancing. We hope that all who feel safe to come will join us and enjoy the good discussion and fellowship!



ADOPT-A-FAMILY DRIVE - In the hope 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.

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!



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, and on our web page.

PORTALS OF PRAYER devotional booklets for January through March are now available. You can pick one up during the week, get one at drive-thru communion, or call the church office to reserve a copy (614-875-2314).



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@stjohngc.org. Online giving is also available.

OWLS WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER. Watch the News Notes and Eagle for information after the first of the year.

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE NEEDS

WE WILL BE COLLECTING FLOOD BUCKET ITEMS THROUGH THE END OF DECEMBER.



☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

YOUNGER SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Ages 3 – Grade 4**, your lesson today from your take-home packet is “John the Baptist Prepares the Way”, Mark 1:1 – 8.
- **Grades 5 – 6** have Lesson Ten of the Lord’s Prayer.

Questions? Connect with Tim Allman at tim.allman110@gmail.com



FAMILY/PARENT RESOURCE: We have discovered a Christian resource for families to help them navigate these challenging times. The resource is called AXIS. It includes parent guides, conversation kits, a culture translator, family reboots, and educational events (summits and 10-day teen talks).

If you're a parent, or grandparent, or an adult in a young person's faith web and you would like to know more about AXIS, please contact Diana, Laurie, or Gary.

We're purchasing an all-church access pass and then launching the program in January. We just need your e-mail address to get these worthwhile resources into your hands.

We will also be creating a Facebook page just for parents, grandparents, and caring adults to discuss the resources and to encourage each other in raising our youth in today's world.

There is also an opportunity to get personal access to all the resources that AXIS provides so you can dig into the topics that most interest you right now. Again, contact us! We look forward to hearing from you!

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: Nov.29 – 86 for Drive-Thru communion

<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

Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund as of 10/31/2020: \$14,704 with over \$11,000 distributed so far to those in need! **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.