

NEWS NOTES

December 27, 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:

8:15am: Volunteer needed

11:00am: ND-Volunteer needed

MD-Volunteer needed

Readers:

4:00pm: Volunteer needed

8:15am: Gary Smith

11:00am: Christine Hank

Altar Guild:

Lynda Berry, Gloria Biggs, Averil

MacKenzie, 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

NOTES OF THANKS – “Thank you to all who sent cards and well wishes to me. I have benign essential tremors and am unable to write. I would like to send you all a note but cannot. I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.” ~*Sandy Hayes*.

“Thank you so much for the plant and gift bag delivered to my home. So unexpected, and so well done – ...I am truly blessed.” ~ *Mary Smith*.

“I wish to thank the St. John’s folks who brought several festive items to my home on December 13. I also appreciate Pastor Patti’s well wishes by phone during my recovery from surgery.” ~ *Pat Walters*

“To our St. John’s Family: We want to thank you for the many times you have blessed us during the pandemic. God bless each and every one of you.” *Love in Christ, Carl and Nancy Kinman*.

“Thank you so much for the gift card for Veteran’s Day. We are in Florida now so I always miss the dinner. Again, being remembered on Veteran’s Day is very much appreciated.” ~ *Bob McClure*.

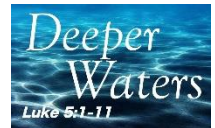
TODAY’S NEWS

Thank you for helping slow the spread



**PLEASE WEAR
YOUR MASK**

to help slow the spread of the coronavirus. Please wear a face covering at all times while in the church building. We encourage you to voluntarily practice social distancing to protect others. Thank you for respecting these requests.



**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!

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DAVID MAUCH will be held at St. John's on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 11am.

EPIPHANY STARS – Remember your Epiphany Star word? How did that word impact your life this past year? Reflections will be shared on Jan. 10. Please send your reflection to Pastor Patti at pmorlock@stjohnsgc.org, or drop off a copy at the church by Jan. 3rd.



OFFERINGS FOR 2020 must be received in the church office by Dec. 31st, or if mailed, be postmarked by Dec. 31st.



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.

READERS ARE NEEDED FOR 8:15 AND 11:00 SERVICES from January through June. Please sign up in the north entrance.

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE NEEDS

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



☪ YOUTH NEWS ☪

WEEKLY YOUTH GROUPS start up again Jan. 6 and Jan. 7! If you did not pre-register but are still interested in joining us for Adventure Club, Faith Trek, Explorers, or Energerziers connect with Laurie at lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org. We'll get the virtual meeting numbers to you, along with materials!

FAMILY/PARENT RESOURCE: If you're a parent, or grandparent, or an adult in a young person's faith web and you're interested in parenting materials and resources in raising youth our youth in today's world, contact Diana at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org.

YOUNGER SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Ages 3 – Grade 4** your lesson today from your take-home packet is “Jesus is Born”, Luke 2:1 – 20.
- **Grades 5 – 6** have Lesson Three of Apostles’ Creed.
- Questions? Connect with Tim Allman at tim.allman110@gmail.com.

WE SPENT THE FALL IDENTIFYING those in the confirmation group pictures since we arrived in 1982. Of the 950 people in the pictures we are down to five students yet to be identified. If you would be willing to look at the pictures taken in 1983, '85 and '86 please contact us. These would be the High School classes of 1987, '89 and '90. Thank you Gary & Laurie (gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org).

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: Dec.20 – 111 for Drive-Thru communion

| <u>November 2020</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>YTD</u> | <u>Expense</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Operating | \$52,619 | \$631,493 | \$42,821 | \$617,001 |
| Benevolence | \$ 6,076 | \$ 61,343 | \$ 5,062 | \$ 56,516 |
| Debt Reduction | \$ 2,097 | \$ 32,115 | \$ 13,990 | \$ 50,670 |

Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund as of 11/30/2020: \$16,019 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.