

NEWS NOTES

January 3, 2021

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

Greeters:

8:15am: Volunteer needed

11:00am: ND-Ginny Bent

MD-Warren Althoff

Readers:

4:00pm: Volunteer needed

8:15am: Marilyn Smith

11:00am: Volunteer needed

Altar Guild:

Linda Vozel, Dee Harlor, Sarah Schmitz,

Donna Linder

✪ PERSONAL NOTES ✪

HOSPITALIZED: Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week:

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Cathy Howard and family on the passing of her son, Robert Howard, on Dec. 21, 2020.

NOTES OF THANKS – Rita Murray wishes to thank everyone for their prayers as she continues to recover from the Covid-19 virus.

“Dear Friends, thank you for the poinsettia and gift bag that was delivered to my home. Have a blessed Christmas.” *Marilyn Wright.*

DEDICATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: given on Dec. 27 by Robert and Bonnie Swanson in celebration of their 13th wedding anniversary.

BULLETINS: given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION will be held on Sundays from 12 noon to 12:15pm.



BLOOD DRIVE for Versiti Blood Center will be held here on January 11 in the FLC. Appointments are requested. Please refer to the insert for details.

“LISTENING FOR THE PROMISE” weekly devotional is located on the back of the blood drive insert today.

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@stjohmsgc.org, or drop off a copy at the church by Jan. 4th.



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.stjohmsgc.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!



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@stjohmsgc.org.

Online giving is also available. See the “Stewardship” section for details.

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE NEEDS

WE WILL BE
COLLECTING GIFT
CARDS AND BIBLES
THROUGH THE END OF
JANUARY.



☞ 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 Energizers 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 "Simeon and Anna", Luke 2:22 – 40.
- **Grades 5 – 6** have Lesson Four of Apostles' Creed.
- Questions? Connect with Tim Allman at tim.allman110@gmail.com.

OLDER SUNDAY SCHOOL: Confirmation "Trot through the Bible" and High School Sunday School meets virtually on Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am.

Catechism Learning Events are scheduled for **Jan. 10 (Holy Communion)** and **Jan. 17 (Lord's Prayer)**. Check your weekly email from Gary for details.



✧ STEWARDSHIP ✧

Attendance: Christmas Eve - 249; Christmas Day – 29; Dec. 26&27 – 116

<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.

