

NEWS NOTES

January 10, 2021

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Dr. John Schuder, Minister of Music; Dirk Ahlgrim, Saturday Organist

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Nick Grossman & David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Karl Eiginger, Children's Choir Director

Greeters:

4:00pm: Volunteer needed

8:15am Jo Dimond

11:00am Volunteer needed

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: Karl Moe; Margie Kennell.

NOTES OF THANKS – I would like to extend my sincere thank you for the poinsettia plant and delightful gift bag which were delivered to me on December 13 following my surgery in November. I became emotional and overwhelmed when I received the gift card and adorable ornaments, along with phone calls and cards, and cannot find enough words to express my appreciation. I also want to thank Betty and Dellno Lewis for providing me with communion and bulletins each month, which is always enlightening. I apologize for being a little behind in sending this note of thanks, but being almost 85, I am really slow at everything, so I hope you'll forgive me. My two older daughters have provided excellent, around the clock care of me the first 5 weeks and said now I have graduated a bit where they can leave me on my own more, and I feel so blessed to have had them as my caretakers. Thanks again for everything and I

hope to be back again when this covid thing is under control. God bless all at St. John's, be safe, and Happy New Year.♥ ~ Love, Jan Evans.

"Thank you for the lovely poinsettia I received and I wish you all a Merry Christmas." ~ Beulah Leonard.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for David Mauch has been moved to Feb. 6 at 11am here at St. John's.

DEDICATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In thanksgiving for the many blessings HE has bestowed on all of us this past year.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In memory of our loving mother, Barbara Grossman's birthday. Given by the family.

BULLETINS: In memory of Pat Gusa's birthday. Given by Frank and Jean Gusa.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Our annual congregational meeting will be held on **January 31**. Details will be coming soon!

READERS of the scriptures are needed at all services. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the North Entrance.

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: JANUARY 24—FEBRUARY 21 - Pastor Seth will be leading a 5-session Bible discussion on **1 John**, starting on Sunday, January 24th. Class will meet in the Family Life Center at 6:30 on Sunday nights. We'll be wearing face coverings and practicing social distancing. All are welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship and good discussion!



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" is a weekly devotional published by SOLA, which is the publishing arm of the NALC. This week's devotion has been written by our own Pastor Patti Morlock. Watch for more from Pastor Patti in the coming weeks. This devotional is listed in our bulletin almost every week, and we will be sure to always publish Pastor Patti's reflection.

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND – due to your faithful giving to this fund, we have been able to provide material and monetary assistance to many within our congregation and our community since the start of the pandemic last spring. This week, we were able to assist a mother with 3 young children who recently lost everything in a house fire. We are so grateful for your generosity that allows St. John’s to be the hands and feet of Jesus.



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.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

WEEKLY YOUTH GROUPS have started! 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 “Jesus Baptism”, Mark 1:4 – 11.
- **Grades 5 – 6** have Lesson Five 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: 1/3/2021 - 130

November 2020	Income	YTD	Expense	YTD
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.

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AND FACEBOOK PAGES.
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