

NEWS NOTES

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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:

4:00pm: Volunteer needed

8:15am Volunteer needed

11:00am Volunteer needed

Readers:

4:00pm: Volunteer needed

8:15am: Judy Taylor

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Altar Guild:

Dellno and Betty Lewis, Paul and Pam

Wittenberg

⌘ PERSONAL NOTES ⌘

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Karl Moe who died on January 15. Please keep Ravanna and family in your prayers.

NOTES OF THANKS "I just want to thank St. John's for the wonderful gift and flower, it is so nice to know you are thought of. I really appreciate it and hope everyone has a blessed Christmas." ~ Ruth Emmelhainz.

"I want to thank my St. John's family for so many good wishes, phone call, and cards I received for my 90th birthday. God has blessed me so much and I am truly grateful. May our Loving God watch over each one. Again, thank you." ~Carl Kinman.

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 memory of my husband, Richard Davis, and our 67th wedding anniversary on the 29th of January. Given by Vi Davis.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Truman's 8th birthday. Given by Tim, Christina, and Corban Allman.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In loving memory of Emerson Braskett on his birthday. Given by the family.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In loving memory of Joyful Judy Hayes. Given by Tammy and Jeff Stenerson and family.

☞ 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 in-person on **January 30 and 31**. See the insert for details.

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!

“**LISTENING FOR THE PROMISE**” is a weekly devotional published by SOLA, which is the publishing arm of the NALC. This week's devotion has again 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 ☪

YOUNGER SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Ages 3 – Grade 4** your lesson today from your take-home packet is “God calls Samuel”, 1 Samuel 1:1 – 20.
- **Grades 5 – 6** have Lesson Six 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.

PRE-ORDERED FEBRUARY AND MARCH YOUTH MINISTRY MATERIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP next weekend. This includes Sunday School, Adventure Club, Faith Trek, Explorers, Energizers, Family Faith Boxes, and IQA bible study. Check your email for details.

In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: **“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”**

Since then, more than \$160 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need.

We will be collecting monies (cash and checks) for Souper Bowl of Caring on Feb. 6th and 7th at all the worship services. There will also be a special collection at drive-through communion on Sunday, Feb. 7th, from noon to 12:15pm.

At a future date, St. John’s youth will take your cash donations and purchase food that they will deliver to the Grove City Food Pantry. Checks made out to “St. John’s Lutheran” will be deposited and one check will be sent to the LSS Food Pantry. Please note in the check memo: *Souper Bowl of Caring*

Please consider giving to the hungry individuals and families in our community! Thank you!
Blake Lang

ST. JOHN’S IS COLLECTING GIFT CARDS FOR THE NALC DISASTER RESPONSE NEEDS. Did you know that you could buy a gift card to Home Depot, Lowes, Walmart, or Target through the SCRIP program at St. John’s? Place your order by February 2nd and when the cards comes in the youth staff will make sure they are passed along with the other items collected. SCRIP order forms can be found in the link, on the youth office door, or just give us a call! *Questions on how SCRIP works? Contact Gary Pecuch or Pam Wittenberg. Thank you!*

STEWARDSHIP

Attendance: 1/10/2021 - 189

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 12/31/2020: \$16,600. **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.

**DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE
AND FACEBOOK PAGES.
BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT!**

