

# 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: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Ann Jones

**Altar Guild:**

Dave Sweeley, Barb Grubb, Lynne Ehrlich,  
Rhonda Maynard

## ✠ PERSONAL NOTES ✠

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

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

**NOTES OF THANKS:** "I wanted to take a moment to thank all those - staff and congregation -  
who took the time and made the effort to write and submit an Epiphany Star Reflection.  
Reading those was enjoyable and meaningful. Some reflections gave me the opportunity to get  
to know folks better and in other cases, made me feel like I had been blessed with much  
needed visits with dear friends. Thank you for your time, effort, and insights." Your sister in  
Christ, *Beth Katterhenrich*.

**DEDICATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of Jinny Koehler. Given by her family.

**LECTERN FLOWERS:** In memory of husband, father, and Papaw, Jim Wilkins, on his birthday. Given by Kathy Wilkins 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 following the 4pm service; on Jan 31 before the 11am Traditional service, and Jan. 31 after the 11am Contemporary Service.** Reports are available at the church entrances and on the church website at [www.stjohnsgc.org](http://www.stjohnsgc.org).

**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!

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

Blood is routinely transfused to patients with cancer and other diseases, premature babies, organ transplant recipients and trauma victims, according to the Red Cross.

Donors of all blood types are urged to give now to help the American Red Cross maintain the blood supply. Medical conditions and emergencies don't stop for a pandemic or winter weather. No matter your blood type, you're somebody's type. This is the perfect month to make a heartwarming gesture and donate blood.

Amazon is thanking donors Feb. 1-28 with a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. Restrictions apply. Additional information and details are available at [rcblood.org/together](http://rcblood.org/together).

St. John's will be hosting the Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, February 9th from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Family Life Center. You can register online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), using sponsor code StJohnsGC or call 1-800-RedCross (733-2767).

Save time with RapidPass. Complete your pre-donation reading and health history at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or with the Blood Donor App before your appointment.

Questions? Call Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002.



**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](mailto: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 “Jonah and the Big Fish”, Jonah 1 – 4.
- **Grades 5 – 6** have Lesson Seven of Apostles’ Creed.
- Questions? Connect with Tim Allman at [tim.allman110@gmail.com](mailto:tim.allman110@gmail.com).



**OLDER SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Confirmation “Trot through the Bible” and High School Sunday School meet virtually on Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am.

**PRE-ORDERED FEBRUARY AND MARCH YOUTH MINISTRY MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER.** This includes Sunday School, Adventure Club, Faith Trek, Explorers, Energizers, Family Faith Boxes, and IQA bible study. Deliveries are also coming! 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 come 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:** 1/17/2021 - 199

<u>December 2020</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$76,846	\$708,339	\$52,727	\$669,727
Benevolence	\$ 7,646	\$ 68,989	\$ 4,313	\$ 60,829
Debt Reduction	\$ 704	\$ 32,119	\$ 0	\$ 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](http://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!**

