

NEWS NOTES

February 7, 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:

4:00pm: *Volunteer needed*

8:15am *Volunteer needed*

11:00am *Volunteer needed*

Readers:

4:00pm: *Chris Jenkins*

8:15am: *Betty Lewis*

11:00am: *Dan Yeater*

Altar Guild:

Dee Harlor, Linda Vozel, Sarah Schmitz

✠ PERSONAL NOTES ✠

HOSPITALIZED: Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Doris Leibrock; Paula Ames.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Mabel Frazier who died on January 28, 2021.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Bill Castle, loving husband and father. Given by Pam, Billy, and Robby.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In loving memory of our dear mother, Elesta Maynard, on the anniversary of her birth. We miss you and we love you. Given by your daughter, Sandy Hayes and family.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

☪ 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 **February 6 following the 4pm service; on February 7 after the 8:15am service; 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.

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 is leading a 5-session Bible discussion on **1 John**. 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



**American
Red Cross**

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.

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, 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 or with the Blood Donor App before your appointment.

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

CHURCH UPDATING/REMODELING PROJECTS: With the buildings closed to outside use, it has been the perfect time to do a number of projects in the Education Building like new flooring, painting, and bathroom remodels and updating.

Next on the list of projects: new replacement ceiling light fixtures for the second floor of the Education Building have been ordered. The new ceiling lights are all LED, which means no burnt out bulbs or burnt out ballasts to change, and brighter, more constant lighting. Fluorescent bulbs for these old fixtures are getting harder to find and more expensive when

you do find them. This project is approximately \$3700.00. This includes 25 new lights and installation.

The next project in the Spring is putting leaf guard on the Link and Family Life Center gutters. This will stop leaf-clogged gutters and stop the ice dams that build up in the gutters during the winter. The gutters aren't draining completely because of the leaves. We will have 3 estimates soon.

The final project is the replacement of the Family Life Center chairs. The current chairs have been in constant use since 1996 and many of them are falling apart, stained, or just not in usable condition. The new chairs are approximately \$52.00 each and can come in vinyl or cloth seat covers. We hope to get individuals or families to sponsor the purchase of a chair(s). We would like to replace as many of the old chairs as we can; 200 will be the initial goal.

☪ YOUTH NEWS ☪

AXIS FAMILY/PARENT RESOURCE (month one: mental health) was emailed to our rsvp list. 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 our youth in today's world, contact Diana at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org. Month two: social media will be emailed on February 15th.

YOUNGER SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Ages 3 – Grade 4** your lesson today from your take-home packet is "Jesus Heals", Mark 1:29-39.
- **Grades 5 – 6** have Lesson Nine 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.



SOUPER BOWL THIS WEEKEND! We will be collecting monies (cash and checks) for Souper Bowl of Caring at all the worship services. There will also be a special collection at drive-through communion 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

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞



OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2021 are 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.

Attendance: 1/31/2021 – 103 – a very snowy morning!

<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

Total Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund as of 1/31/2021: \$17,245. 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!**

