

NEWS NOTES

February 21, 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

Readers:

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Jo Dimond

11:00am: Joan Werner

Altar Guild

Lynda Berry; Averil MacKenzie; Gloria

Biggs; Paul and Pam Wittenberg

PERSONAL NOTES

HOSPITALIZED: Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Phil Pennington; Bill Schmitz.

THANK YOU NOTES: Dear Friends of St. John's – The Buck family would like to thank all our friends for their prayers and many cards during our mother's latest problem and eventual passing. She was truly blessed to have so many friends in such a short period of time. A special thanks to Dr. John Schuder for the music that she truly loved and Steve Marcum for assisting with the service. Yours in Christ's family, *The Bucks, Karl, Eric and Mary, and Fritz.*

Thank you to all who have donated winter coats, hats, gloves, and blankets for the mission church in Franklinton. Your generosity is overwhelming! We will continue to collect items through March. ~Bruce and Karen Whyte

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Thomas' birthday. Given by the Schmitz family.

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☜



LENTEN WORSHIP - We will hold in-person services at 12noon and 6:15pm on all Wednesdays through March 24 during the season of Lent.

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

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

ALTAR FLOWERS are an ideal way to beautify our worship center and honor a loved one. We presently have openings in the months of February and April. It is very easy to sponsor the flowers. At the north entrance of the Sanctuary is a "Sign Up" sheet for the Altar flowers. The cost is \$20.00 per vase. Please contact Lesa Corbin (614) 530-4984 for assistance in placing your request.

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: FEBRUARY 21 - Pastor Seth has been leading a 5-session Bible discussion on **1 John**. Class will conclude tonight in the Family Life Center at 6:30pm. We'll be wearing face coverings and practicing social distancing. Come and enjoy the fellowship and good discussion!

NEW "GOING DEEPER" SMALL GROUP PACKETS AVAILABLE, FEBRUARY 21ST

New study packets for our small groups will become available on February 21st. You can pick up hard copies in the link at church, or download the packet from our church website (www.stjohnsgc.org).

For this session (Feb. 21st—May 30th), we will be "Going Deeper in the Way, the Truth, and the Life," focusing on the New Testament books of 1, 2, and 3 John.

Everyone is encouraged to get involved in small groups when possible! If you have any questions about our "Going Deeper" small group ministry at St. Johns, call Pastor Seth at 217-255-2118. We can get you connected with a group.

Pastor Seth would appreciate it if someone in each group could let him know the names of their fellow participants by email or phone (siersild@stjohnsgc.org or 217-255-2118).

Please pray for all who are involved in our "Going Deeper" small group journey!

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE "STUFF THE TRUCK" EVENT IS COMING SOON!

On Sunday, February 28, Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response Coordinator, will bring her inspiring message and an empty truck to St. John's. It's not too late to join us in donating to this important mission.

Flood Bucket Items Still Needed!

These items are still needed to meet our goal of 20 completed Flood Buckets:

Heavy Duty Trash Bags

Bleach

Comet cleanser

Pine Sol liquid

N-95 Masks

Scrub brushes

Gloves-leather, cotton, and heavy duty rubber gloves



Please bring your donations to Room 102 as soon as possible. Thank you for your contributions!

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 two: social media) 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.

YOUNGER SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Ages 3 – Grade 4** your lesson today from your take-home packet is “Noah’s Ark”, Genesis 6 – 9.
- **Grades 5 – 6** have Ten Commandment 1.
- 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.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS! Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to use for your daily purchases or to gift to others! It’s easy. It’s convenient! We place orders for gift cards the first Tuesday of the month. Please use the form on the youth office door or just give Laurie or Gary a call at 614-875-2314. Within a week ordered gift cards are back to us and in your hands. Want to order on-line and/or put more monies on an existing SCRIP card? Please talk to Pam Wittenberg or Gary Pecuch. Anytime you order on-line, please let us know, as we need to release your order. You can email Gary at gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org. *Thanks for your support!*

STEWARDSHIP

Attendance: 2/14/2021 – 228

<u>January 2021</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$55,069	\$55,069	\$55,209	\$55,209
Benevolence	\$ 4,566	\$ 4,566	\$ 278	\$ 278

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.