

NEWS NOTES

March 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: Judy Taylor

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Altar Guild

Lynda Berry, Averil MacKenzie, Gloria

Biggs, Paul & Pam Wittenberg

✠ PERSONAL NOTES ✠

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

THANK YOU: Phil Pennington thanks Pastor Seth for checking on him daily and praying with him while he was in the hospital; and thanks to the members of St. John's for their cards, calls, and prayers.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebrations of our 32nd wedding anniversary. Married at St. John's on March 18, 1989. Given by Dwight and Cindy Henricksen.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Richard Davis. Given by Vi Davis and family.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In memory of the Rev. Virgil Wittenberg. Given by the Wittenberg family.

✠ TODAY'S NEWS ✠

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

“THE CRY OF THE WHOLE CONGREGATION” Lenten drama will be held at the traditional services next week on Palm Sunday, March 28th. Please join us at 8:15am or 11am for this moving account of the passion story of Jesus. There will be no contemporary service on this day.

REVELATION CLASS RESUMES: On Sunday April 11 we will resume our study of the Book of Revelation during the Sunday School hour (9:30am) in rooms 103-104. We will begin with a quick review of the 14 chapters covered before the pandemic and then a more detailed look at the remaining chapters. Since most of the class are eligible for the vaccination and with continued practice of wearing masks and social distancing in the classroom, we believe it is safe to return. Watch the bulletin for any updates.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS can be designated for St. John’s ministries and many other charitable groups – one of which is “Carrying Tender Angels”. CTA ministers through local hospitals to families who have had stillborn babies or lost babies shortly after birth. CTA was founded and is operated by our own Tim and Jill Althoff. Choice Dollar designations must be received by Thrivent by March 31st. You can call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 or go to www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

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

EASTER LILIES will beautify our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Order forms are available at the church entrances, in the Eagle, and on our website. Please order on or before March 29th.

OUTDOOR FAMILY EASTER EVENT - Please join us on Saturday, March 27th at 10:00 am near the shelter house for an Easter Egg-Stravaganza, Weather Permitting! We are SO excited to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus together! Seriously, you DO NOT want to miss this incredible experience. Join us for games, an egg hunt, and the greatest story ever told. **IF YOU’RE NOT COMFORTABLE GATHERING AT CHURCH**, we’re super bummed– and we know you are, too but we totally understand! You can create the same event in the safety of your own home for your family. ***Please let us know either way by marking the salmon insert if you would like to join us live for this event or if you would like a link to the resources to do this on your own at home.***



EASTER CANDY DONATIONS AND “STUFFERS” NEEDED TODAY! Donations of individually wrapped candies to fill plastic Easter eggs are needed by 12noon today, March 21st. If you would like to help fill the Easter eggs, please join us today at noon in the Family Life Center. A light lunch will be provided. Thank you so much for your support!

FAITH MISSION is in need of personal care kits for men. Kits should include shampoo, body wash, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste and toothbrush. Please assemble into a one-gallon zipper seal plastic bag. We will collect these items in the Link through March 28th.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES: New lighting was installed this past week on the second floor of the Education Building. It is so much lighter and brighter! And the new lights are very economical to operate. We are still accepting donations to cover the cost of this project.

Thanks to all who have donated funds to purchase new chairs for the Family Life Center. We have a good start toward 200 chairs. The cost of each one is approximately \$52.00.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

YOUNGER SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Ages 3 – Grade 4** your lesson today from your take-home packet is “Serve and Follow”, John 12:20-33.
- **Grades 5 – 6** have Ten Commandment 5.
- 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 APRIL AND MAY YOUTH MINISTRY MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP in room 102 through Sunday, March 28th. This includes Sunday School, Adventure Club, Faith Trek, Explorers, Energizers, Family Faith Boxes, and IQA bible study. Requested deliveries will take place between now and next Sunday, as well. Check your email for details. .

YOUTH GROUPS (Adventure Club, Faith Trek, Explorers, Energizers) will not meet March 31st and April 1st. It’s spring break for South-Western City Schools. We will resume the following week.

THE SUMMER YOUTH MINISTRY BROCHURE IS AVAILABLE for pick up on youth office door, north entrance, and the link area. Be sure to pick yours up today.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: Lenten Worship – 63 3/14/2021 – 223

<u>February 2021</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$60,937	\$116,006	\$55,209	\$115,072
Benevolence	\$ 4,934	\$ 9,501	\$ 278	\$ 1,278

Total Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund during pandemic as of 2/28/2021: \$18,280.

Thank you!

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIVING
TO ST. JOHN’S MINISTRIES!**

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.

A SECURE DROP SLOT is located under the staff mailboxes in the hallway near the secretary's office. If you are dropping off a monetary gift or papers with confidential information, please put it through the slot to help ensure security.

☞ CALENDAR ☞

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (Flc)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
12:00pm Drive-thru Communion
12:00pm "Egg stuffing" (Flc)
12:00pm Rehearsal/Palm Sunday (Sanc)
6:00pm Saddles n Such 4H (Flc)

MONDAY, MARCH 22

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (204)

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
2:00pm Small Group (102)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (virtual)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (virtual)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

9:30am Eagle Mailing (204)
12:00pm Lenten Service (Sanc)
1:00pm Small Group (103-4)
6:15pm Lenten Service (Sanc)
6:45pm Explorers (virtual)
7:45pm Energizers (virtual)

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

7:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
1:00pm Small Group (101)
5:45pm Adventure Club (virtual)
6:45pm Faith Trek (virtual)
7:00pm Contem. Worship Reh.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

9:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
8:30pm AA Mtg (Fh)

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

10:00am Family Easter Fun Event (Sh)
6:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (103-4)

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
12:00pm Drive-thru communion

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



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



We'll be celebrating Holy Week and Easter
at St. John's with the following services:

Palm Sunday Services, March 27-28

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Traditional Passion Service (Sanctuary)

Sunday 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.:

"The Cry of the Whole Congregation" Passion service (Sanctuary)

No contemporary service.

Maundy Thursday, April 1

7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Good Friday, April 2

7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Easter Saturday, April 3

1:00 p.m. "Sit Down" service for those with mobility issues. (Sanctuary).

The pastor will distribute communion to attendees as they remain seated in the
pews.

6:00 p.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:15 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)

9:30 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m. Contemporary (Family Life Center)

Please note that there will be an extra traditional worship service at 9:30 a.m. on
Easter Sunday. You might want to consider coming to this one if you'd like more
space.

Starting with Holy Week, ALL THE PEWS IN THE SANCTUARY will be available for
seating. The tape will be removed. However, we do still encourage people to wear
face coverings in consideration of all who have not been able to receive vaccinations
yet. We will also continue to use the pre-packaged communion kits for worship for the
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