

NEWS NOTES

March 28, 2021

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Dr. John Schuder, Minister of Music; Dirk Ahlgrim, Saturday Organist
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Nick Grossman & David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders
Karl Eiginger, Children's Choir Director

Serving Today

Readers:

6:00pm: Barb Hill

Altar Guild

Barb Grubb, David Sweeley, Dellno and
Betty Lewis, Lynne Ehrlich, Rhonda
Maynard

✠ PERSONAL NOTES ✠

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

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given in loving memory of our parents, Jim and Doris Utzinger. Given by Karen Bentley, Annette Utzinger, and Elaine Bennett.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In celebration of our 8th wedding anniversary. Given by Gary and Carolyn Throp.

BULLETINS: In memory of the Rev. Virgil Wittenberg. Given by Paul & Pam Wittenberg.

✠ TODAY'S NEWS ✠

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Drive-thru display will be held on Good Friday, all 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.

EASTER LILIES – FINAL CALL! Sponsor an Easter lily in honor or memory of a loved one! Order forms are available at the church entrances, in the Eagle, and on our website. Please order on or before Monday, March 29th.

LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS COMING SOON! As spring approaches we will be working to give the landscaping around St. John's a much needed update. The Gardening Angels have worked hard to keep the many areas that need care looking their best. It's a big job that has been done entirely by this group of devoted volunteers. We are hoping to cut down on the number of landscaped areas that need to be maintained. Many of the trees and bushes are overgrown or have large areas with dead branches.



***Would you please let one of us know if you have anything in any landscape area that was put there in memory or honor of a loved one?

***If you have planted any plants around the property and would like to have them back, would you also let us know what it is and where it's located?

We want to be as respectful of previous efforts as possible.

Landscaping Team Members: Shirley Blake, Beth Katterhenrich, Karen Bentley, Dennis Imbrock, Wayne Beavers, Nick Grossman

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 Monday, March 29th. They will be delivered to Faith Mission on Tuesday.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES: New lighting has been installed 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 “Holy Week”, Mark 11:1-11, 14:1-15:47
- **Grades 5 – 6** have Ten Commandment 6.
- 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. They will not have virtual Sunday School on Easter Sunday. They will resume the following week.

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.

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!*

April is the month to re-connect your KROGER card with the COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM. Go to <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>. Our organization number is EY530. Shop at Kroger and a percentage goes to St. John’s and helps to ease the cost of camps and youth programs. If you’ve never connected your card, now is a good time. Talk to Laurie or Gary about re-connecting or connecting for the first time.

SUMMER YOUTH MINISTRY BROCHURE IS AVAILABLE for pick up on youth office door, north entrance, and the link area. It was also in your youth ministry materials for April/May.

☪ STEWARDSHIP ☪

Attendance: Lenten Worship – 68

3/21/2021 – 253

<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!**

☪ CALENDAR ☪

SUNDAY, MARCH 28 – Palm Sunday

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

MONDAY, MARCH 29

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

9:00am Private Event (103-4)
 1:00pm Small Group (103-4)

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Maundy Thursday

7:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
 9:00am Private Event (103-4)
 1:00pm Small Group (101)

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, cont.

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship
 (Sanc)
 7:00pm Contem. Worship Reh.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2 – Good Friday

Stations of the Cross – outside all day

9:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
 12:00pm Good Friday Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm Good Friday Worship (Sanc)
 8:30pm AA Mtg (Fh)

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

1:00pm Sit-Down Worship (Sanc)
 6:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (103-4)

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 Easter Day

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