

NEWS NOTES

April 4, 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:

6:00pm: Chris Jenkins

8:15am: Gary Smith

9:30am: Ann Jones

11:00am: Dan Yeater

Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis, Sarah Schmitz,

Barb Grubb, David Sweeley, Donna Linder

✠ PERSONAL NOTES ✠

NOTES OF THANKS: "Neal and I would like to thank all of you who sent cards for our 60th wedding anniversary. Your thoughtfulness was truly appreciated." ~Neal and Sonja Detty

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of 12 blessed years of marriage created by the Lord. Given by Doug and Megin Cress.

BULLETINS: In memory of Wilma Marcum, Edward and Lillie Iftner, great-grandparents, and loved ones. Given by Steve Marcum, Sheryl Childress, Deanna Neal, and Debbie Mosley

✠ TODAY'S NEWS ✠

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

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.



DID YOU KNOW you can order SCRIP cards for **TEXAS ROADHOUSE** and use it for the mission fund raiser? Place your order with the youth staff by 4pm on Tuesday, April 6, and you will have your gift cards in hand in time to use for the mission fundraiser on Tuesday, April 13th. You can support the youth program and missions at the same time! Talk to Pam Wittenberg or Gary Pecuch for details.

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

RETIREMENT GIFTS AND CARDS FOR DR. JOHN SCHUDER

Dr. John Schuder, our Minister of Music, is retiring from his position at St. John's at the end of June. God has richly blessed our congregation with Dr. John's gifted leadership for more than a decade. As sad as we are that he is leaving us, we are also very excited for him as he looks forward to life in Maine. Please stay tuned for a special retirement event to be held soon for Dr. John. We encourage you to show your appreciation for him by showering him generously with gifts and cards! If you would like to send your cards to him at church, please address your envelopes as follows:

Dr. John Schuder
c/o St. John's Lutheran Church
3220 Columbus Street
Grove City, OH 43123

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 “The Empty Tomb”, Mark 16:1-8.
- **Grades 5 – 6** have Ten Commandment 7.
- Questions? Connect with Tim Allman at tim.allman110@gmail.com.

OLDER SUNDAY SCHOOL: Confirmation and High School Sunday School are not meeting virtually today. Happy Easter! We resume our virtual meetings next Sunday, 9:30 – 10:30am.

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 SIGN-UPS for...Family Faith Box, Family Connection Newsletter, AXIS parenting materials, His Word zoom meetings, and on-site sessions of His Story/Our Story and Serving Like Jesus for grades 5 – 6, 7 – 8, 9 – 12...are all happening now! **Kindly respond by Monday, May 3rd**. Questions? Talk to Laurie, Gary, or Diana. Thank you!

FRIENDLY REMINDER: SCRIP ORDERS ARE DUE ON TUESDAY! ☺ Talk to Pam Wittenberg about ordering on-line. You can also pick up an order form in a pocket on the youth office door. Order gift cards to use at retail and grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, and even for those home improvement spring projects (i.e. Lowes and Home Depot). Gift cards make nice graduation gifts, too! See Gary Pecuch for more details.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: Palm Sunday, 3/28/2021 – 257

<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, 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

MONDAY, APRIL 5

Church office closed today

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

Scrip Order Deadline

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

1:00pm Small Group (103-4)
6:45pm Energizers (virtual)
7:45pm Explorers (virtual)

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

9:00pm Prayer Shawl Min. (103-4)
11:00am Private Event (Sh)
2:00pm Cub Scout Crossover (Sh)
6:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (103-4)

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