

NEWS NOTES

April 11, 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: Karen Colwell

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Dan Yeater

Altar Guild

David & Karen Grossman

Linda Wagner, Dee Harlor, Rhonda Maynard

PERSONAL NOTES

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In loving memory of my brother Ricky, and my daughter Andrea, for their birthday week. Given by Chris Jenkins.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In memory of my brother Mike Bletz, whose birthday was April 18. Given by Lisa Stallard.

BULLETINS: In honor of our children. Given by Pam and Charlie Brown

TODAY'S NEWS

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

QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETINGS will be held after each service on April 24/25. Information packets will be available the weekend of April 17/18 in person and online.

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.

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

OWLS MEETING—APRIL 16, 2021

2021 was a very challenging year. I can't think of one person who has not been affected in one way or another. And yet – we continue to receive the love and blessings of our God in many ways. He never fails us and we know we will get through this with His help. The OWLS offer you the opportunity to get out of the house and meet friends in a safe environment.

And at the same time, there are many others who feel they don't have much to be thankful for. Our speaker this month is Stacey Buttell, Career Facilitator at Goodwill Columbus – Workforce Development Department. Stacey has special ties to our group – she is the daughter of Mel and Carol Penrod. This department at Goodwill Columbus' primary focus is to help people learn, grow and advance in their careers. They offer a variety of services that include career counseling with resume development and improvement, interviewing and job-seeking skills, as well as offering many trainings that will help their clients upskill to find their first job, or your next best job. The trainings that they provide are in the areas of hospitality and lodging, informational technology, medical billing and coding, STNA and many more. And like many others you probably thought Goodwill was just another thrift store. You are in for a surprise. Hope you join us.

Our OWLS will meet at 1:00 pm for this program and future programs until further notice.

Unfortunately we will not be sharing lunch. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the salmon sheet insert or call Bonnie Swanson (614-562-8002).

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

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – APRIL 13, 2021

Blood is a perishable product than can only come from volunteer blood donors. With someone in the U.S. needing blood every two seconds, blood products must be constantly replenished according to the Red Cross.

"We urge community members to donate blood and help ensure that patients in local hospitals have a supply of blood ready and waiting before an emergency occurs. There's no better feeling than knowing that your blood donation may give someone a second chance at life"

According to the Red Cross, donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative.

St. John's will be hosting the Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 13th 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.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE fundraiser to support our Mission Trips Teams, April 13th from 3-10pm. See insert for details.

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.

OPERATION MEDICINE DROP - Dispose of expired or unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications to Operation Medicine Drop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 24, at the Jackson Township Fire Station, 3650 Hoover Road. The service is free and anonymous.

Medicines play an important role in treating many conditions and diseases, and when they are no longer needed it is important to dispose of them properly. Potential health hazards and safety issues due to disposing of drugs in toilets or landfills is avoided as medicines are disposed of in a safe and environmentally protective manner.

Prescription, over-the-counter and pet medications in pill, powder or patch form are accepted. All medications must be removed from packaging and placed in a clear, sealed bag. Needles, lancets, syringes, inhalers, aerosols, liquids, creams and pastes are not accepted.

The City of Grove City, United States Drug Enforcement Administration, Grove City Division of Police, Jackson Township Fire Department, Giant Eagle and Keep Grove City Beautiful sponsor Operation Medicine Drop. For additional information, call 614-277-3058

YOUTH NEWS

YOUNGER SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Ages 3 – Grade 4** your lesson today from your take-home packet is “Doubting Thomas”, John 20:19-31.
- **Grades 5 – 6** have Ten Commandment 8.
- 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.

AXIS FAMILY/PARENT RESOURCE (month four: Relationships) is being emailed to our rsvp list later this week. 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 youth our youth in today's world, contact Diana at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org.

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!

Happy Mother's Day



Mother's Day Bouquets!

Be sure to get the flowers you want for that special mom, aunt, grandma, or person in your faith web. There is a beautiful selection below that you can pre-order.

The sale will be on Mother's Day weekend, before and after all worship services, in the Link and North Entrance.

Please place your pre-order below and drop it off in the church office or place in offering plate. The deadline for pre-orders is Sunday, May 2nd. You can also email your order to dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org by noon on Sunday, May 2nd.

You can pick up your pre-ordered flowers at the shelter house on Mother's day weekend, before and after all worship services.

We will have single carnations Mother's Day weekend for \$1 each, as well as some wrapped spring bouquets (\$15 each). There will be a limited number of these flowers, so it's best to pre-order to ensure you get flowers for that special lady.

Need your flowers *BEFORE* Mother's Day weekend *OR* would like to order something special? For specialty orders or delivery, call Rita Bausch at 614-701-8902 and mention "St. John's Missions" when you order. Rita is a member of St. John's and owner of Prairie Flowers and Gifts. She is partnering with us on this sale. *Thank you Rita!*

PRE-ORDER MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS

Deadline: Sunday, May 2nd

Your Name: _____

Your phone number: _____

Please mark item(s) you would like to order.

_____ \$25 A colorful spring mix of fresh flowers, arranged in a basket.

_____ \$25 A colorful spring mix of fresh flowers, arranged in a vase.

_____ \$15 Wrapped assortment of colorful fresh flowers to put in your favorite vase.

_____ \$18 Blooming flowers (two) in a basket, with bow, to enjoy indoors or outdoors.

_____ \$40 Garden mixed pot, assorted blooming annuals come in a 10 inch pot, ready to set on your porch.

Checks made out to: "St. John's Lutheran"

For specialty orders and delivery within the Grove City area, call Rita Bausch at 614-701-8902 and be sure to mention "St. John's Missions". Thanks for supporting missions!

☯ STEWARDSHIP ☯

Attendance: Holy Week and Easter Sunday – 640

<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!

☯ CALENDAR ☯

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Small Group (Lib)
 9:30am Revelation Class (103-4)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Flc)
 12:00pm Drive-thru communion

MONDAY, APRIL 12

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
 6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (SH)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
 7:00pm Finance Team (Lib)

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser – 3-10pm

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
 12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC)
 2:00pm Small Group (102)
 6:00pm Cub Scouts (virtual)
 6:30pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FLC)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (virtual)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

9:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
 1:00pm OWLS Meeting (FLC)
 8:30pm AA Mtg (Fh)

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Small Group (Lib)
 9:30am Revelation Class (103-4)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Flc)
 12:00pm Drive-thru communion