

# NEWS NOTES

April 18, 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: Holly Starr

8:15am: Judy Taylor

11:00am: Rick Butsko

### 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:  
Alahni Overly

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO** the family and friends of Linda McNabb Curnutte, who passed April 4<sup>th</sup> of this year.

**NOTES OF THANKS** "Dear loved St John's Friends, I thought you could use a little 'I'm thinking of you' today. Thanks so much for all the many birthday cards for my 3/14 birthday. Thanks to Averil's Bible study class, the Clark Family, Christine Hartung's ladies who send cards often, Ann & Jim Jones, Beth Katterhenrich, and others. Also Alice Sweeley and John Schuder's expressions of caring words." Love in Christ, Paula Ames.

### **DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In loving memory of my wife Virginia and my son Bobby. Given by Robert Monaghan & family.

**BULLETINS:** In memory of husband, John. Given by Susan Koehler.

## ☞ 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 April 17/18 in person and online.

**REVELATION CLASS** A study of the Book of Revelation is held on Sundays at 9:30am in rooms 103-104. 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.

**PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW** During the month of May, Gary will be posting in the St. John's Facebook Group Page. He will be posting recent zoom chat interviews with some of our church members called "**People You Should Know.**" Gary will be introducing you to people in the St. John's faith community.

Note that the St. John's Facebook Page is a "closed" group. Not in the group? Consider searching for "St. John's Lutheran Church" and request entry before May. 😊

**NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** We are very happy to welcome Kathryn Mullins, the newest member of our St. John's church staff! As Administrative Assistant, Kathryn's voice will most likely be the one you hear next time you call the church on a weekday. Among her many duties, Kathryn will be creating our bulletins each week, taking messages, producing the monthly Eagle, keeping us all coordinated and generally running the church office. She brings wonderful gifts and abilities to the job, and we are very happy Kathryn has joined our team. Kathryn's e-mail is [secretary@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org).

Jan Miller is stepping back to her role as Records Clerk, and will be in the office on Tuesdays and Fridays.

We hope you will drop by and introduce yourself to her next time you're at church on a weekday! Kathryn's regular office hours will be 8:00-4:00 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Welcome to St. John's, Kathryn!

Just a reminder – the church office hours are 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday. Articles for weekly News Notes should be submitted by 9am on Wednesdays; articles for the Eagle are due by the 10th of every month; prayer requests should be submitted to the office by 9am on Mondays.

### **CALLING ALL SCHOOL EMPLOYEES!**

Do you work within the educational system? We would like to applaud your extraordinary efforts during these challenging times. On June 6th, at the 11:00 contemporary and traditional services, we will ask you to stand to be recognized and receive a special gift. To help us update our list, please sign the salmon insert with your name, position, and school facility.





**POST SECONDARY DEGREES** The Graduation season is rapidly approaching and we like to recognize those in our congregation who may be finishing their degrees. If you would like to recognize your post-high graduate, please send the following information: student's name, name of school, degree and major, to Diana Imbrock at [dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org), to be placed in the bulletins and Eagle.

### **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 shower him generously with your expressions of appreciation for his ministry here over the last 12 years! 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

**BLOOD DRIVE** With your help, the Red Cross team was able to collect 28 units of blood, which has the potential to save 84 lives! A great thanks to all of those who participated and donated during the Blood Drive April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE!** The Landscape Improvement/Renovation Team has met several times over the past month. We have gathered input and advice from staff members. We are also in ongoing consultation with a Landscape Designer for guidance on implementing a phased approach to revitalizing the grounds around the church buildings. You can find the detailed plan we are following in the North Entrance and in the Link.



\*\*\*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?

If you would like to donate to this project please designate that when you make your contribution and Jan will see that it is added to the fund.

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

**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 “The Great Commission”, Luke 24:35 - 53.
- Grades 5 – 6 have Ten Commandment 9.
- Questions? Connect with Tim Allman at [tim.allman110@gmail.com](mailto:tim.allman110@gmail.com).

**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...the 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. Questions? Talk to Laurie, Gary, or Diana. Thank you!

# ☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

**Attendance:** April 11– 230

<u>March 2021</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$67,673	\$181,679	\$59,560	\$174,672
Benevolence	\$ 5,840	\$ 15,340	\$ 8,647	\$ 9,925

**Total Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund during pandemic as of 3/30/2021: \$18,280.**

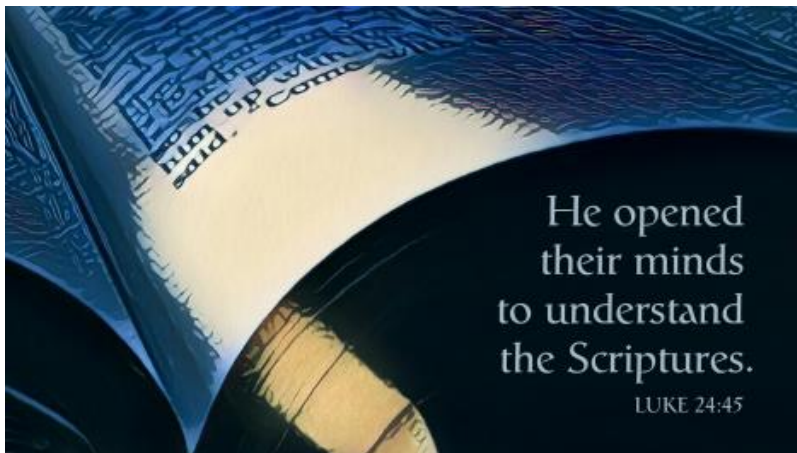
**Thank you!**

**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](http://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, 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

## **MONDAY, APRIL 19**

9:30am Private Event (103-4)  
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)  
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)  
 7:00pm Council (FLC)

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 20**

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

## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21**

9:30am Private Event (102)  
 12:00pm BSF Small Group (SH)  
 1:00pm Small Group (103-4)  
 6:45pm Energizers (virtual)  
 7:45pm Explorers (virtual)

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 22**

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.  
 7:00pm Accessibility Team (103-4)

## **FRIDAY, APRIL 23**

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

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 24**

12:30pm Service Project (SH, FH)  
 6:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (103-4)

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 25**

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  
 6:00pm Saddles n Such 4H (FLC)

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