

# NEWS NOTES

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Susan Abbott Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

Nick Grossman & David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Karl Eiginger, Children's Choir Director

## Readers:

6:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Marilyn Smith

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

## Altar Guild

Dellno & Betty Lewis, David & Lisa Stallard

Lynne Ehrlich, Rhonda Maynard

## ✠ PERSONAL NOTES ✠

**HOSPITALIZED** Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Alahni Overly; Marilyn Gibboney; Rita Lang, Connie Sonnen.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO** David Dye and family in the recent loss of his mother; the Shirley Barnes family, for her daughter Karen Leigh; and all those who grieve.

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of our dad, James Skinner, on his birthday. Given by Barbara Armentrout and Cindi Roberts.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of my husband, Jerry Keller. Given by JoAnne Keller.

**LECTERN FLOWERS:** In honor of my dad, Donald Klamforth on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Given by Cheryl & Dick Thompson

**BULLETINS:** Given by Ike & Shelah Stage

## ☞ 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 are available in person and online.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS:** Pastor Seth will be leading a class on Holy Communion for children on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at church from 12:00—3:00 p.m. The class will be geared towards 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students; however, younger children who have expressed a serious desire to receive the sacrament are welcome to participate (as are older youths who have not yet received this instruction). We ask that at least one adult be present at the class with each child. At the end of the class, parents and students will discuss whether the student is ready to receive the sacrament.

Please call Pastor Seth (217-255-2118) or the church office (614-875-2314) if you have any questions regarding your child's participation in the class.

**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.

We hope you will drop by and introduce yourself to Kathryn the 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!

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

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

**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 received donations to cover the purchase of 36 chairs. Our goal is 200 chairs. The cost of each one is approximately \$52.00.

**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

## ☯ YOUTH NEWS ☯

### YOUNGER SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Ages 3 – Grade 4** your lesson today from your take-home packet is “The Good Shepherd”, John 10:11 - 18.
- **Grades 5 – 6** have Ten Commandment 10.
- Questions? Connect with Tim Allman at [tim.allman110@gmail.com](mailto:tim.allman110@gmail.com).

**OLDER SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Confirmation and High School Sunday School are meeting virtually today.

**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 18– 267

<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 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)

## **MONDAY, APRIL 26**

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

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 27**

9:00am Quilters (103-4)  
11:00am Private Event (FLC)  
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 28**

12:00pm BSF Small Group (SH)  
1:00pm Small Group (103-4)  
6:45pm Energizers (virtual)  
7:45pm Explorers (virtual)

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 29**

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

## **FRIDAY, APRIL 30**

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

## **SATURDAY, MAY 1**

9:30am Private Event (SH/FH)  
6:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (103-4)

## **SUNDAY, MAY 2**

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

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