

# NEWS NOTES

May 2, 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: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Bonnie Swanson

### Altar Guild

Dee Harlor & Linda Vozel

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

## PERSONAL NOTES

**HOSPITALIZED** Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Alahni Overly; Rita Lang, Connie Sonnen; and Merrill Wright, the father of Jean Gusa.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO** Laurie Pecuch and her family in the loss of her uncle David Meyer; the family of Marilyn Gibboney who passed the morning of April 28<sup>th</sup>; and all those who grieve.

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of our loved ones and in honor of our families. Given by Larry & Marilyn Peterson.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of my Dad. Given by Linda Vozel.

## TODAY'S NEWS

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

**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.

**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.

**PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW** During the month of May, Gary will be posting in the St. John's Private 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. First up. Karl Eiginger. Part 1 on Tuesday and part 2 on Wednesday.

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

**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.



**PLEASE JOIN US!**

It is with great sadness that we are announcing the retirement of Dr. John Schuder. Dr. John has been a faithful member of our staff for the last 12 years where he has served as Minister of Music. His last Sunday with us will be the end of June.

You are cordially invited to join us for a time of celebration and thanks for Dr. John's ministry on Sunday, June 6th immediately following the 11:00 am service. We will gather in the Family Life Center for a light lunch and a brief program.

**Please mark the back of the salmon insert to let us know that you will be joining us.** We hope to see you there!

### **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

**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).

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.

**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 57 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 “Philip and the Ethiopian”, Acts 8:26-40
- **Grades 5 – 6** have The Sacraments, part 1.
- 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.

**Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> Graders:** It's time to start thinking about confirmation for your son or daughter. Confirmation begins in August of a student's 7th grade year. If you plan on your son or daughter joining the catechism program, please get your email address to Gary Pecuch. He has some “save-the-date” information for you. His email is [gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org).

**Applications for the Lutheran College Tuition Grant for fall semester should be filed by May 15th with the church office.** If you're a member of St. John's and attending a Lutheran affiliated school then your school likely offers a matching grant up to \$500. Get your application from the church office.

**DEADLINE May 3<sup>rd</sup>, that's tomorrow!** 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! Questions? Talk to Laurie, Gary, or Diana. *Thank you!*

**SCRIP ORDERS ARE DUE TUESDAY BY 4pm. Talk to Pam Wittenberg or Gary Pecuch!** Order forms are on also on the youth office door! Thanks for your support!

**☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞**

**Attendance:** April 25– 250

<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, MAY 2**

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am Small Group (Lib)  
9:30am Revelation Class (103-4)  
10:00am Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
12:00pm Drive-thru communion

## **MONDAY, MAY 3**

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

## **TUESDAY, MAY 4**

### **SCRIP DEADLINE**

9:00am Quilters (103-4)  
11:30am OWLS Planning (102)  
2:00pm Small Group (102)  
6:00pm Cub Scouts (virtual)  
6:00pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (103-4)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (virtual)

## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 5**

12:00pm BSF Small Group (SH)  
1:00pm Small Group (103-4)  
6:30pm Energizers & Explorers  
(SH, Drive Through)

## **THURSDAY, MAY 6**

7:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
7:00am Small Group (Lib)  
1:00pm Small Group (101)  
4:00pm Boy Scout Leaders (SH)  
6:00pm Small Group (101)  
7:00pm Contem. Worship Reh.

## **FRIDAY, MAY 7**

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

## **SATURDAY, MAY 8**

9:00am Prayer Shaw Ministry (103-4)  
6:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (103-4)

## **SUNDAY, MAY 9**

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!