

NEWS NOTES

May 9, 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: Pam Wittenberg

11:00am: Joan Werner

Altar Guild

David & Karen Grossman

Linda Wagner, Dee Harlor, Rhonda Maynard

✠ PERSONAL NOTES ✠

HOSPITALIZED Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Alahni Overly; David Rawson; Jan Singleton.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO the family of Wally Lewellyn; and all those who grieve.

NOTES OF THANKS "Thank you to Pastor Seth and Chaplain Karen Jersild for staying with me before and after surgery. Thanks to all who sent cards and called on the phone. This has been a long journey and I am truly blessed to have you all in my life." *Doris Leibrock*

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my mother, Elesta Fraley Maynard, and all mothers. Given by Sandy Hayes

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my mother, Joann LaRoche, on her birthday. Given by Bill & Linda Diehl

PULPIT FLOWERS: In memory of my mom, Shirley Corbin, Jo Fleshman, and my grandmother Lillie Caito. Given by Tom & Lesa Corbin.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In memory of my daughter Rosemary Anderson on her birthday. Given by Susie Long & Family.

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

☞ 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 16th at church from 12:30—2:30 p.m. The class will be geared towards 5th-6th 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.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTION FOR ADULTS: MAY 23rd

Pastor Seth will resume leading Sunday morning classes at 9:30 a.m. in the Basement Fellowship Hall starting on May 23rd. We'll start with the book of Ephesians. Don't worry about falling behind; you can jump back into these Sunday discussions at any time!

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JUNE 6TH: 1 CORINTHIANS

Pastor Seth will begin an eight-week study of 1 Corinthians on June 6th. Class will meet in the Family Life Center from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the good discussion and fellowship!

NEW "GOING DEEPER" SMALL GROUP PACKETS

A new discussion packet will be available to all *Going Deeper* small groups on **Sunday, May 30th**. The topic will be "Going Deeper in Praise and Worship with the Psalms." Please call Pastor Seth (217-255-2118) if you have any questions about our *Going Deeper* small group ministry.

MOTHER'S DAY ♥ FAMILY PHOTOS will be taken immediately following each service today on Mother's Day! This is a Confirmation Service project by Bella Castle. She is the photographer and the photos are her gift to you, as you are all part of her journey. The place where the photos will be taken will be announced by our Pastor! The photos will be on display the following Sunday, May 16 for you to pick up! Happy Mother's Day! 🌸



Car Wash fundraiser - May 15th *Dirt removal with your approval!* The Boy Scouts of Troop 392 will be holding a car wash fundraiser on May 15th starting at 9 AM at the Fazoli's on Stringtown Road (2096 Stringtown Rd). Donations are encouraged with all proceeds going to help the scouts raise money to attend summer camp and go on other scouting adventures this year.

OWLS MEETING—MAY 21, 2021 St. John's has been blessed many times over and Pastor Seth and Pastor Patti are at the top of that list. We see them every week, we hear the word of God from the pulpit and we sing His praises in our sanctuary. And in our time of need, they are beside us and that includes comfort if we are in the hospital. But what about those who are not affiliated with a church?

A hospital chaplain's duties include praying with patients and hospital staff, as well as offering spiritual guidance. They are often present to serve and encourage grieving families as well as individuals who are experiencing a crisis. Want to hear more? Come to the OWLS May meeting! Our speaker for May's program is Pastor Karen Jersild. She is a chaplain for Mount Carmel Grove City Hospital. We hope you plan to attend – invite a friend.

The OWLS (Older Wiser LutheranS) are definitely another blessing. The friendship, companionship and support for each other is very comforting. Come and be a part of this amazing group.

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 call Bonnie Swanson (614-562-8002). Hope to see you there!

Gary's next "People You Should Know" St. John's Private Facebook posts are recorded zoom chats with siblings Ben (Tuesday) & Ellen (Wednesday). Both are young people you should know.

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 traditional service, 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, 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

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!

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.

Mother's Day Flower Pick-up!

Thank you for supporting Alaska and Mexico Missions!

**You can pick up your pre-ordered flowers at the shelter house today
from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm.**

Happy Mother's Day



We will have a few extra items for sale at the shelter house as well: single carnations for \$1 each, wrapped spring bouquets for \$15, flowering baskets for \$18, and planted pots for \$40. There will be a limited number of these flowers, so it's best to arrive early to ensure you get flowers for that special lady.

For any future flower needs, call Rita Bausch at 614-701-8902. Rita is a member of St. John's and owner of Prairie Flowers and Gifts. Rita does our altar flowers and does beautiful work.

Thank you, Rita for partnering with us on this sale!

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 “The Holy Spirit Comes Down”, Acts 10:44-48
- **Grades 5 – 6** have The Sacraments, part 2.
- Questions? Connect with Tim Allman at tim.allman110@gmail.com.

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

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.

Parents of 6th 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@stjohngc.org.

Children's Church* is starting back up, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month! It takes place during the 11am contemporary worship. Children from the traditional worship are welcome to join! A letter about the re-start can be found at the greeter's table. Parents are asked to complete the second page and hand it to the adult leader the first Sunday a child is able to attend Children's Church.

*Children's Church is designed for pre-school through 3rd grade. It is optional and takes place during the sermon time, allowing children to be with family during worship and communion. During Children's Church, children learn songs, scripture, and apply the Word of God.

☪ STEWARDSHIP ☪

Attendance: May 2– 242

<u>April 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 – 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 9

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 10

Eagle Deadline

10:00am Visitation (Sanc)
11:00am Funeral (Sanc)
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
7:00pm Finance Team (Lib)

TUESDAY, MAY 11

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
2:00pm Small Group (102)
2:00pm Webinar (3rd Flr)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (virtual)
6:30pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FLC)
7:00pm SW Historical Society (SH)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (virtual)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

12:00pm BSF Small Group (SH)
1:00pm Small Group (103-4)
7:00pm Accessibility Team (103-4)

THURSDAY, MAY 13

7:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
1:00pm Small Group (101)
7:00pm Cont. Worship Reh. (FLC)

FRIDAY, MAY 14

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

SATURDAY, MAY 15

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

SUNDAY, MAY 16

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
12:00pm First Communion Class (FLC)

DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AND
FACEBOOK PAGES.

BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT!