

NEWS NOTES

May 16, 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: Gary Smith

11:00am: Dan Yeater

Altar Guild

Lynda Berry, Averil MacKenzie, Gloria

Biggs

Paul & Pam Wittenberg

✠ PERSONAL NOTES ✠

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO the family of Park Lipp, Jr. who passed Sunday, May 9th; the family of Jan England Singleton who passed May 9th; the family of Jean Gusa in the loss of her father Merrill Wright on Tuesday, May 11th; and all those who grieve.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: For our anniversary, celebrating 62 wonderful years. Given by Darlene & Chuck Conkle.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In honor of Lukas on his 9th birthday and in celebration of our 17th wedding anniversary. Given by Tim & Jill Althoff.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In memory of Craig Sonnen, husband, father, grandfather. Given by his family.

BULLETIN: In honor of our first great-grandchild. Given by Pam & Charlie Brown.

THANK YOU NOTES “To our St. John’s Family: The Gibboney family would like to thank all our friends for their prayers, visits, and cards during our mother’s/ grandmother ‘Marilyn Gibboney’ illness. We are truly blessed to have such a loving and caring church family. A special thanks to Pastor Seth for prayers, guidance, and support. Yours in Christ’s family,” The Gibboneys: Deborah, John, Maryann and Michael

☞ TODAY’S NEWS ☞

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

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: Pastor Seth is leading a Holy Communion Class **today** at church from 12:30—2:30 p.m. The class is 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.

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.

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!

MOTHER'S DAY ♥ FAMILY PHOTOS Please pick up your Mother's Day photos on a table and at the north entrance. Thank you to everyone who participated! ~ Pam and Bella Castle

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.

BOTTLES FOR LIFE We invite St. John's Lutheran Church of Grove City to join PDHC's Family Empowerment for our Mother's Day through Father's Day Baby Bottle Campaign. In commemoration of PDHC's 40th Anniversary and the thousands of lives the Lord has saved through us, we have renamed this event "Bottles for Life." Donations help provide much needed individual and family support, providing gifts to those in need including ultrasounds, bottles, diapers, car seats, and more. Brochures regarding this program are available in the Link, and donation envelopes are located at all main entrances.



WELCOME ALL LADIES TO SUMMER SISTERS!



"SUMMER SISTERS" is a once-a-week ladies Bible study that is held each Wednesday morning starting on Wednesday, June 2nd and ending on Aug. 25th. Come join me on Zoom using personal meeting number 430-805-6806 and for the password type in kind5. (all lower case).

This year we will be studying "The Promises of God". Zoom will be opened up at 9:50 a.m. and we will begin with prayer at 10:00 am. Call Sally Weisenberger at (614) 871-2463 so I can get your email address to send you our first lesson questions; or I can print off the lessons and mail them to you.

Each week is a different study, so you can join any session throughout the 3 months. This is a good introduction to Women's Bible Study Fellowship that will begin in September. Check with Sally for details on BSF.

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. The cost of each chair is approximately \$52.00. We have received donations to cover the purchase of **132** chairs. Only 68 more chairs needed to reach our goal!

OWLS EVENT – 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 the 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 sign up on the salmon insert sheet or call Bonnie Swanson (614-562-8002). Hope to see you there!

Gary's next "People You Should Know" post on the St. John's Facebook Page:

Megan & Nick Grossman this coming Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday.

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 Tuesday. ☺

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

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, to be placed in the bulletins and Eagle.

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.



***Do 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

WAREHOUSE OPPORTUNITY Capstone Logistics is hiring Warehouse Order Selectors. Details are posted on the board in the north entrance.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

YOUNGER SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Ages 3 – Grade 4** your lesson today from your take-home packet is “Matthias the Apostle”, Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
- **Grades 5 – 6** have The Sacraments, part 3.
- 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 no later than Monday 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.

Children’s Church* meets 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 Children’s Church 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 9– 256

<u>April 2021</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$64,473	\$246,152	\$62,192	\$236,864
Benevolence	\$ 5,558	\$ 20,898	\$ 1,583	\$ 11,508

Total Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund during pandemic as of 4/30/2021: \$18,590. 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 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
12:30pm First Communion (FLC)

MONDAY, MAY 17

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
7:00pm Council (103-4)

TUESDAY, MAY 18

9:00am Beacons/Quilters (103-4)
2:00pm Small Group (102)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (virtual)
6:30pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (103-4)
7:00pm Boy Scouts 392 (virtual)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

9:00am Eagle Mailing (204)
1:00pm Alter Guild (Chapel)
1:00pm Small Group (103-4)

THURSDAY, MAY 20

7:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
1:00pm Small Group (101)
6:00pm OH Mission District (103-4)
6:00pm Small Group (101)
7:00pm Cont. Worship Reh. (FLC)

FRIDAY, MAY 21

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

SATURDAY, MAY 22

1:00pm Private Event (SH, FH back up)
6:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (103-4)

SUNDAY, MAY 23

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Adult Sunday School (FH)
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
6:00pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FLC)

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