

NEWS NOTES

May 23, 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: Ann Jones

8:15am: Ann Jones

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Altar Guild

Dellno & Betty Lewis

Lynne Ehrlich, Rhonda Maynard

✠ PERSONAL NOTES ✠

HOSPITALIZED: Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Rita Lang; Ernest Schreiber; June Underwood; Helen Link; Paul Eyerman; Larry Kreiger; Rianne Dotson.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Addison for her 6th birthday. Given by Mom (Sara Hartley), Aunt Stephanie & Mimi.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In loving memory of my husband Jim Rich. Given by Carol Rich & Family.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In celebration of our daughter Kelly on her birthday. Given by Sarah Schmitz & family.

BULLETIN: Ike & Shelah Stage.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING FACE COVERINGS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ST. JOHN'S

The St. John's Church Council announces that effective immediately (May 17th), our congregation will follow CDC and Ohio Guidelines for masks which state that vaccinated individuals do not need to wear masks or socially distance. In line with CDC guidelines, it is recommended that unvaccinated individuals continue to wear masks and socially distance at their own discretion.

GIFTS AND CARDS FOR OUR CUSTODIAN, DOUG JONES

Doug Jones, our church custodian, will be ending his service for St. John's after June 18th. We are so thankful for Doug's faithful fifteen years of work, his friendship, and his willingness to help with so many varied tasks around the church building on a weekly basis.

We encourage you to show your thanks and appreciation for Doug with gifts and cards. If you send checks, it's best to make them out directly to Doug. You can put designated envelopes marked "Doug Jones" in the offering basket, or if you would like to mail your cards directly to Doug at church, please address your envelopes as follows:

Doug Jones
c/o St. John's Lutheran Church
3220 Columbus Street
Grove City, OH 43123

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
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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!

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

Stacy Goebbel this coming Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

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. 😊

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.

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 9:30 in the Chapel. We will continue to follow the church council's recommendations regarding masks.

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 today, 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!

NEW "GOING DEEPER" SMALL GROUP PACKETS

A new discussion packet will be available to all *Going Deeper* small groups next **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.

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!

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!

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.



☪ YOUTH NEWS ☪

YOUNGER SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Ages 3 – Grade 4** your lesson today from your take-home packet is “The Holy Spirit”, Acts 2:1-21
- **Grades 5 – 6** have The Sacraments, part 4.
- Questions? Connect with Tim Allman at tim.allman110@gmail.com.

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

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 16– 276

<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. 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.
4. 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 23

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Adult Sunday School (FH)
 9:30am Revelation Class (Chapel)
 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)

MONDAY, MAY 24

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

TUESDAY, MAY 25

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

9:30am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
 1:00pm Small Group (103-4)

THURSDAY, MAY 27

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

FRIDAY, MAY 28

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

SATURDAY, MAY 29

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

SUNDAY, MAY 30

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Adult Sunday School (FH)
 9:30am Revelation Class (Chapel)
 10:00am Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)
 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!