

NEWS NOTES

June 6, 2021

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Senior Pastor Seth Jersild (217)-255-2118 ~ sjersild@stjohnsgc.org

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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: Jo Dimond

11:00am: Bonnie Swanson

Acolytes:

8:15am: Hunter Thompson

Colton Thompson

Thompson

11:00am: Merrick Wilson

Mackenzie Norman

Greeters:

Armand Arabian

Volunteers needed

Altar Guild

Dee Harlor

Linda Vozel

Sarah Schmitz

✠ PERSONAL NOTES ✠

HOSPITALIZED Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Rita Lang; Elma Haubrich.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO the families of Randy Hunt; Melody Kedel; and all those who grieve.

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION: In memory of Janet Hysell. Given by Denise Corkwell.

NOTES OF THANKS:

"Friends at St. John's, I've been looking through notes and cards that I have received and enjoying them all over again. Thank you for the gifts and phone calls, too. I miss attending church, but Betty Lewis brings me bulletins and communion so I keep up on the news and I read through the service. Again, Thank You. Sincerely," ~ Marian Breckenridge

"My family and I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, calls, cards and expressions of sympathy following the illness and recent loss of my father. Your support and love is a blessing to us now and always. Thank you so very much." ~ Jean Gusa

☞ 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.

GREETERS AND READERS of the scriptures are needed at all services. Please sign up on the sheets posted in the North Entrance.

Helen Link has moved in with family friends and is recuperating after a fall. If you wish to send her a card, her new address is 12300 Kahler Drive, Orient, OH 43146.

REVELATION CLASS studies Revelations in the Chapel 9:30am every Sunday. We will continue to follow mask recommendations as outlined by the church council.

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS TODAY: 1 CORINTHIANS

Pastor Seth is beginning an eight-week study of 1 Corinthians starting tonight, June 6th, in the Family Life Center from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the good discussion and fellowship!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet in-person Saturday, June 12th, at 9:00am in rooms 103-104. We would be happy to teach anyone interested to knit or crochet. Please join us! For more information call Glenda Allman at (614)-352-5955 or Diana Imbrock at (614) 271-5775.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES: Thank you to all who donated toward the upgraded lighting on the second floor of the Education Building. We have received donations to cover the entire cost of this project. Many thanks!

We continue to accept funds for new chairs for the FLC. So far, we have received enough in donations to cover the cost of **180 chairs**. Our goal is 200 chairs.

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 shower Doug generously with your expressions of appreciation with gifts and cards. If you send checks, it's best to make them out directly to Doug. You can place 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

PLEASE JOIN US TODAY AS WE HONOR DR. JOHN SCHUDER

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.

NEW "GOING DEEPER" SMALL GROUP PACKETS

A new discussion packet is available to all *Going Deeper* small groups! The topic is "Going Deeper in Praise and Worship with the Psalms." If you have any questions about our *Going Deeper* small group ministry, please call Pastor Seth (217) 255-2118.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – JUNE 15, 2021

With vacations, outdoor activities and school breaks, summer is a challenging time to collect enough blood donations to meet the needs of patients. Before you dive into your summer plans, will you give blood to help ensure the supply doesn't take a dip?

St. John's will be hosting the Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. To schedule an appointment call (800)733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org, sponsor code: StJohnsGC.



**Save time with Rapid Pass. Complete your pre-donation reading and health history at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or with the Blood Donor App before your appointment. Come to give blood between June 14th and 30th to get a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon. Restrictions apply. See additional information and details at RedCrossBlood.org/Together.

BOTTLES FOR LIFE: We invite St. John's Lutheran Church of Grove City to join PDHC's Family Empowerment for our Baby Bottle Campaign now through Father's Day. 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.

OWLS EVENT – JUNE 18, 2021: OK – do you know one of the co-authors of the history books “Images of America: Grove City” and “Images of Modern America: Grove City”, and author of a novel “The Austerlitz Bugle-Telegraph”. Here’s another clue – she is the author of three children’s books. If you haven’t guessed yet – here’s the last clue – she has had a 50-year career in the media, including nine years as editor of the Southwest Messenger Newspaper.



If you guessed Janet Shailer, you are 100% correct. Janet was born in Grove City and is widely respected for her literary pieces. She is a member of the board of trustees for Southwest Public Libraries and is head writer of the Grove City Writers’ Group. If you attend the OWLS June 18th meeting Janet will share details about her latest non-fiction book entitled “Trouble on the Scioto’s Waters: Soldiers, Frontiersmen, and Native Americans-1725-1815.” There will be copies of her books available for purchase after the meeting.

The OWLS (Older Wiser LutheranS) welcome the regular attendees and would like to extend a special invitation to anyone interested but haven’t attended before (or not for a while). Our meetings are geared to the interests of those of a mature age and we offer friendship, companionship and support for each other as an added benefit. Come and be a part of this amazing group! Invite a friend or bring a friend.

The OWLS will meet at 1:00 pm for this program and future programs until further notice. Masks are required (available at meeting) and we will follow safe social distancing guidelines and hand sanitizer will be available.

Unfortunately, we will not be sharing lunch. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the salmon insert or call Bonnie Swanson at (614) 562-8002. Hope to see you there!

TODAY WE RECOGNIZE ALL OUR SCHOOL PERSONNEL who have mentored, guided, driven, fed, cleaned up after, and cared for our children this year. Please take time to thank them for all they do as they partner with us in raising our most precious God-given gifts! It takes a church!





GRADUATION 2021: CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES!

Maryann Gibboney – daughter of Mike and Deb Gibboney
from Franklin University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice Administration

Nick LeVally – son of John and Tammy LeVally
from Columbus State with an Associate’s Degree in Computer Science

Nathan Patterson – son of Paul and Jennifer Patterson
from the University of Akron with a B.A. in Fine Arts

Dan Rutan – son of Scott and Jackie Rutan
from Oakland University with a B.S. in Marketing

Michaela Stenerson – daughter of Jeff and Tammy Stenerson
from Taylor University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Sustainable Development and a
minor in Spanish

Joe Sutton – son of Larry and Sue Sutton
from the University of Notre Dame with a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering

Ben Swanson – son of Martin and Beth Swanson
from Southern New Hampshire University with a degree in International Business

Eli Wanner – son of Nate and Amy Wanner
from the Ohio University Honors Tutorial College with a B.A. in History

Congratulations also to our graduating seniors who have worked diligently and have successfully made it through this challenging year! Come TODAY, June 6th as we honor them at the 11:00am service and at a reception in the shelter house (fellowship hall in event of rain) from 10 to 11:00am. Join in the celebration and send them off with prayers, blessings, and good wishes!!!

Annaleise Butsko
Isaiah Keller

Jamie Dent
Isaac Overly
Haley Turner

Joe Eiginger
Kayla Rutan
Matthew Weaver

Lilli Ferguson
Charlie Sexton

☯ YOUTH NEWS ☯

TABLE TREATS! Text Diana (614)271-5775 or Laurie (614)620-2669 and set up a time to stop by the picnic table on the front porch of the church. We have a special treat for you and would love to catch up with students, families, adult leaders, and especially you!!!

FAMILY FAITH CONNECTION is a newsletter for families with children. It's full of QR codes that make learning about Jesus fun and meaningful. It can also be used for a family devotion time. Copies can be found at the church entrances. We'd also be happy to mail you one!

GOD'S WORD is a virtual study on methods the youth staff have found helpful in studying and connecting with God's Word. Zoom with us on June 6, June 13, June 27, and July 11, 6:30 – 7:45pm. Text Laurie at (614)620-2669 or Diana at (614)271-5775 for id # and passcode.

FAMILY/PARENT RESOURCE! We email their materials to you. Topics we've covered so far are: Social Media, Evangelism, Relationships, Mental Health, and Technology. Printed parent guides are located on the wall outside of the youth office. If you're not on our AXIS email list but would like to be, talk to Laurie, Gary, or Diana.

What is AXIS? An axis is a fixed reference point around which other things revolve. For example the earth revolves around its axis every 24 hours. This fixed point is really important. The AXIS that we've been using since January is a ministry resource to help families do just that! Their mission is to "To build lifelong faith by helping parents and caring adults talk with their kids about what they otherwise wouldn't one conversation at a time."

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: May 30 – 246

<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, JUNE 6

Scout Troop Camp Out – All Day

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Adult Sunday School (FH)
- 9:30am Revelation Class (Chapel)
- 10:00am Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)
- 10:00am Graduate Reception (SH)
- 11:00am Combined Worship (Sanc)**
- 12:00pm Drive-thru communion
- 12:00pm Farewell Luncheon*
- 6:30pm 1 Corinth. Bible Study (FLC)

MONDAY, JUNE 7

- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
- 6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (101-2)
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

- 9:00am Quilters (103-4)
- 2:00pm Small Group (102)
- 6:00pm GC Community Club (SH/103-4)
- 6:30pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FLC)
- 7:00pm Historical Society (FH)
- 7:30pm BSA 392 (TBD)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

- 1:00pm Small Group (103-4)

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

- 7:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 9:00am EAGLE DEADLINE**
- 1:00pm Small Group (101)
- 7:00pm Cont. Worship Reh. (FLC)

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

- 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
- 2:30pm Private Event (SH)
- 6:30pm 1 Corinth. Bible Study (FLC)

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