

NEWS NOTES

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Susan Abbott Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

Nick Grossman & David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Karl Eiginger, Children's Choir Director

SERVING TODAY

Readers:

6:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Marilyn Smith

11:00am: Joan Werner

Greeters:

6:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Volunteer(s) Needed

11:00am M/D: Lori Wobig

11:00am ND: Carl Patzer

Acolytes:

8:15am: Hunter and Colton Thompson

11:00am: Volunteer(s) Needed

Altar Guild

Mel and Carol Penrod

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Lessons Today: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

HOSPITALIZED Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Ernest Schreiber, Lynnsey Logan.

BAPTISM Today we congratulate Lenny and Lyndsey Solomon as we welcome their daughter Luna Mae into the family of God through Baptism during our 11am contemporary worship service. Please keep Luna in your prayers as she begins her baptismal journey with the Lord!

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of 7 years of bliss. Given by Stephen and Denise Linder.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Miles Pierre's 7th birthday. Given by Teresa Orahood.

BULLETINS: In honor of our 46th wedding anniversary. Given by Dave and Karen Grossman.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETINGS will be held after each service on July 24/25. Information packets will be available today in person and online.

DUMPSTER DAY SATURDAY, JULY 31ST 9AM – 12PM: While the church was closed for Covid-19, a great deal of progress was made painting, cleaning, and redecorating many of the spaces inside the church. We would like to keep that momentum going by continuing to declutter the church. We have rented a dumpster on Saturday, July 31 and we would like to fill it! We are looking for a team of volunteers to help sort through various rooms and closets and throw out any un-needed items. There are projects available for all ages and abilities. If you are able to spare a few hours of your time that morning, please let us know by marking the salmon insert. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated. Thanks!

ATTENTION SINGERS: The Chancel Choir is planning to resume singing at Sunday morning worship services beginning this fall. Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 1. The women's choir will rehearse at 6:30 pm, and the full choir will rehearse from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. The men's choir will rehearse Sunday, September 5, at 9:30 am. All rehearsals will take place in the choir room below the sanctuary.

I want to welcome all returning members, and also invite anyone who may be interested in singing in the choir to join us. After the long silence due to the pandemic, it will be wonderful to again raise our voices in worship. If you have thought about singing in the choir but just never thought it was the right time, you could hardly ask for a better time than right now!

As the new choir director, I look forward to meeting everyone and to working to continue St. John's strong tradition of praising God through music. Sincerely, Mark Meuser, Music Director, Minister of Music.

BEDS FOR KIDS – A BED BRIGADE PROJECT: Hello Church family! Thank you so much for donating to the Beds for Kids project! We raised over \$6,000 dollars! All the money we have raised will be given to the Bed Brigade to build more beds for children in need. With the money we raised, we will be able to build over 60 beds! Please continue to pray for these beds and all the kids in need of them. Thanks again for all you have done! Corban Allman

WELCOME INTERIM ORGANIST Kathleen Houchens! Kathie will brighten our service with her talents on the organ while we await the new Minister of Music. Please welcome Kathie as we thank her for joining us this Sunday.

BEACONS AND QUILTERS: Our small group lost three members in the last few months. We miss Helen Buck, Marilyn Gibboney and Joan Carl. They were dedicated members for helping others. We miss their friendship and group guidance.

We no longer have an active Beacons' membership. All of our members are Quilters now. The Quilters will continue to carry out the Beacons' activities and goals.

Please donate used clothing to the Grove City Methodist Church Purple Door Free Store or Volunteers of America. Both have easy drop-off procedures that should take about 5 minutes.

School supplies are on sale. We can always use your donation of Crayola crayons for the Christmas bags for needy children. A good sale price is \$.50 for a box of 24 Crayola crayons. Larger boxes of crayons do not fit in the bags. We can always use small plush toys such as Beanie Babies, ballpoint pens, glue sticks, and the ever-popular, leftover Halloween candy to add to the bags if you find a good deal on them. We already have enough pencils. We make and fill 100 Christmas bags. Thank you for thinking about Christmas giving in August.

In the fall, we will start to cut and sew the Christmas bags. We can use any children's Christmas material you have or see at the store and just can't resist buying for the children.

The Quilters meet every Tuesday from 9am to 2pm or thereabouts in rooms 103-104. Come and stay as you are able and desire. We don't punch a timecard. Bring a sack lunch. All materials are provided. Our monthly group meeting is the third Tuesday. At the monthly meeting, we have a short devotional reading, discuss projects, and take offerings for the food pantries and for our general fund.

"Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." - Galatians 6:2

SUMMER SISTERS is a weekly ladies Bible study held virtually each Wednesday now through August 25th. This is a great introduction to Women's Bible Study Fellowship that will begin in September. Call Sally Weisenberger at (614)871-2463 to join the group! Join on Zoom using personal meeting number (430)805-6806 and password: kind5. (all lower case). The Zoom virtual meeting room opens at 9:50 am and we begin with prayer at 10:00 am.



1 CORINTHIANS BIBLE STUDY will meet Sunday, July 18th, and Sunday, July 25th at 6:30pm in rooms 103-4.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL classes are available in the Chapel and rooms 103-4 every Sunday at 9:30am.

GREETERS NEEDED for Saturday evening and both Sunday morning traditional services. All volunteers are encouraged to sign up on the chart posted on the North Entrance bulletin board. We kindly request the 11:00am volunteers to also contact Bonnie Swanson at (614)562-8002.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to clean up the area behind the garage, to deal with the weeds and trash. Everything can go directly into the large dumpster. Please contact Mike Esposito at (614)875-2314 or sign up on the salmon sheet.

FLOWER DEDICATIONS CHART: Would you like to share your love for Christ by honoring or remembering a loved one with flowers? Altar flowers are a wonderful way to honor loved ones, and they beautify our worship service each week. We presently have flower dedication openings in the month of August. Sign up on the flower chart in the North Entrance, outside the Sanctuary. Questions? Feel free to contact Lesa Corbin at (614)530-4984 for assistance placing your dedications.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES: We have received enough in donations to cover the cost of all 200 chairs for the FLC! Thank you to all who have donated!

If you know of a church or non-profit organization that could use our current chairs, please let us know as soon as possible. The new chairs will be arriving at the end of July, and we will need to donate and remove the old chairs shortly thereafter.

ST. JAMES 37TH ANNUAL BRATS FESTIVAL AUG. 6-8: St. James Lutheran Church, located at 5660 Trabue Rd., Columbus, Ohio, will host its 37th annual Brats and Crafts Festival August 6-8. Hours are 4-9pm Friday, 11:30am-9pm Saturday, and 11:30am-4pm Sunday.

The event will include authentic German food and beer, as well as live German polka music and dancing featuring Ken and Mary Turbo Accordions Express. An 1860s-era "base ball" game will be played Saturday at 3pm featuring the Ohio Village Muffins and the St. James Lutheran Strikers. The weekend concludes with a mime/juggling Sunday school program, the Columbus Maennerchor and the traditional German Worship Service on Sunday afternoon.

For more information, call Steve Dodson at 614-777-7792, St. James church office at 614-878-5158, or visit the website: www.stjameslutheran.us.

☪ YOUTH NEWS ☪

FAMILY FAITH CONNECTION: Issue Four, Jesus is our Hope! is now available. The newsletter is 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. To receive all six summer issues by mail, talk to Laurie or Diana.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS: We will be placing the August SCRIP card order on August 10th. Please note the date change for August. In September, we will go back to the 1st Tuesday of the month. Questions for August? Contact Gary at 614-620-2659. Thanks!

☪ STEWARDSHIP ☪

Attendance: July 11 – 298

<u>June 2021</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$58,623	\$375,512	\$ 72,999	\$361,369
Benevolence	\$ 4,542	\$ 30,903	\$ 11,014	\$ 22,522

**Total Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund during pandemic as of 6/30/2021: \$20,185.
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, JULY 18

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
12:00pm Drive-thru communion
6:00pm Basketball (FLC)
6:30pm 1 Corinthians Bible Study (103-4)

MONDAY, JULY 19

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

TUESDAY, JULY 20

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

***PARKING LOTS UNAVAILABLE ALL DAY
DUE TO REPAIR AND RESURFACE***

9:30am EAGLE Mailing (204)

THURSDAY, JULY 22

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FRIDAY, JULY 23

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

SATURDAY, JULY 24

DUMPSTER DAY

12:00pm Private Event
6:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)

QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER SERVICE

7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, JULY 25

QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER EACH SERVICE

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
12:00pm Drive-thru communion
6:00pm Basketball (FLC)
6:30pm 1 Corinthians Bible Study (103-4)

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