

NEWS NOTES

August 1, 2021

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Minister of Music

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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: *Ann Jones*

8:15am: *Jo Dimond*

11:00am: *Averil MacKenzie*

Acolytes:

8:15am: *Hunter Thompson*

Colton Thompson

11:00am: *Merrick Wilson*

Mackenzie Norman

Greeters:

6:00pm: *Mary Campbell*

8:15am: *Volunteer(s) Needed*

11:00am MD: *Carl Patzer*

11:00am ND: *James and Eva Counts*

Altar Guild

Lisa and David Stallard

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

Lessons Today: *Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35*

✪ PERSONAL NOTES ✪

HOSPITALIZED: Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Charles Bent.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO Carol Schreiber and family in the loss of her husband, Ernest Schreiber, III, on July 26th; the family of Janet "Jan" Daley who passed July 26th at home in the presence of her family; and to all those who grieve.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

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.

GREETERS NEEDED for 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 contact Bonnie Swanson directly at (614)562-8002.

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.

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

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.



ST. JOHN'S BOY SCOUT TROOP 392 needs a new shed. Their current shed is over 22 years old and is no longer in a state that can be repaired. We want to keep our scout unit active, and they need a shed to store all their equipment. The troop has had two large donations towards this investment, but still need \$1600.00 to purchase the new shed kit that the troop leaders and parents will put together. Please help with any donation, as every penny counts.

HEY KIDS!! Have you noticed caterpillars hiding around the church? See how many you can find and check on them every Sunday to see what they are up to. Mark your calendar to join us on August 22 to find out what it's all about. Watch the news notes in the coming weeks for additional information. In the meantime, you can join us for Sunday School in the basement each week from 9:30-10:30am.

CHILDRENS CHURCH will be held only twice this month on August 8th and 22nd. On the Sundays where children's church is not being held, a special activities packet will be available at the greeter's table.

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.

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 "baseball" 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.



AT SERVING LIKE JESUS CAMP, July 12-15th, our young people touched the lives of 652 people through their service. Three \$250.00 grants from Thrivent made the purchase of materials possible. 300 bears were prepared for the Althoff's Carrying Tender Angels (CTA) ministry. 80 bags of dog food were prepared, and 47 dog and 91 cat toys were made from t-shirt strips for LifeCare Alliance's PetCare ministry. 100 Blessing Bags for the homeless were decorated, filled with necessities, and delivered to Mt. Carmel's Street Medicine Program. \$300.00 worth of food was purchased and delivered to the Grove City Food Pantry under the guidance of Blake Lang. Six blankets were tied, and 28 bed frame foot boards were decorated and delivered to the Bed Brigade.

Thank you to our special speakers:

Jill Althoff from the Carrying Tender Angels (CTA) Ministry
 Laura Imbrock from Mt. Carmel Street Medicine
 Candice LaFramboise from LifeCare Alliance
 Christina Allman and Dean Hoover from the Bed Brigade

Special thank you to St. John's wonderful servants who inspired and encouraged us through their loving witnesses and by showing us what it means to serve our Savior all life long!

Mike Esposito	Mel Penrod	Carol Penrod	Margie Kennell
JoAnne Keller	Connie Sonnen	Ginny Bent	Rosie Turnbull
Gayle Woodgeard	Mary Lou Mauch	Barb Hill	Susie Long
Jane Stenerson	Wilma Phillips	Karen Whyte	Shirley Blake
Susan Koehler	Carol Mackey	Debbie Abbitt	Karen Grossman
Linda Wagner	Gloria Bullert	Teresa Orahood	Glenda Allman
Judy Taylor	Cynthia Hutson		

Our young servant leaders who enthusiastically served were:

Dylan Allman	Abby Brubaker	Bella Castle	Tony Dye
Cora Grimm	Matthew Little	James McFarland	Olivia Straub
Erin Wahl	Eva Harris	Jenna White	RJ Castle
Matthew Castle	Jaylynn Jermann	Aidan McClure	Emma Weaver
Kyleigh Hannon	Tyler Dent	Corban Allman	Brooklyn Cress
Brayden Gottshall	Layla Greer	Hunter Thompson	Anna Larson
Caleb Ball	Stephanie Dent	Emily Larson	Blake Lang

Adult leaders and servants:

Pam Castle	Debbie Abbitt	Doug Cress	Beth Gottshall
Luci Evans	Kate Keil	Alex Cermak	Mahala Wanner
KC Cermak	Justin Gottshall		

All glory, honor, and praise be to God!

☯ YOUTH NEWS ☯

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!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22nd IS BACKPACK BLESSING!

Students, of all ages! Bring your backpack with you to church on Sunday, August 22nd and pastors will say a special blessing over you, your backpacks, and your school year during worship.

Blessing of the
Backpacks
and the
School Year



☯ STEWARDSHIP ☯

Attendance: July 25 – 258.

June 2021	Income	YTD	Expense	YTD
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, AUGUST 1

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
6:00pm Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
10:30am Sarah Circle Planning (Lib)
11:00am Memorial Service (Sanc)
12:30pm Small Group (102)
7:00pm BSA 392 (SH)
7:00pm SW Historical Society (SH)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

1:00pm Small Group (101)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

7:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
1:00pm Small Group (101)
6:00pm Small Group (102)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

7:00am Small Group (Lib)
9:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
8:30pm AA Meeting (FH)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

10:00am Private Event (SH)
6:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
6:00pm Basketball (FLC)



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Aug. 14 - Prayer Shawl Ministry
Aug. 17 - Red Cross Blood Drive
Aug. 20 - OWLS
Aug. 22 - RALLY DAY
Aug. 29 - Outdoor Worship, Church Picnic,
and Back-to-School Bash

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