

NEWS NOTES

August 8, 2021

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Karl Eiginger, Children's Choir Director

SERVING TODAY

Readers:

6:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Bonnie Swanson

Acolytes:

8:15am: Corban Allman

Brayden Gottshall

11:00am: Volunteer(s) Needed

Greeters:

6:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Volunteer(s) Needed

11:00am MD: Averil MacKenzie

11:00am ND: Chris Hank

Altar Guild

Karen and David Grossman

Linda Wagner, Dee Harlor, Rhonda

Maynard

Lessons Today: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:25--5:2; John 6:35, 41-51.

☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

HOSPITALIZED: Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Pastor Seth Jersild; Charles Bent; Jim Rorick.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my mother, Lucille Cauchi's birthday. Given by the Orahood family.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my mom, Jan Singleton for her birthday. Given by her daughter, Sky Singleton.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

NOTES OF THANKS:

“Thank you for your continued financial support of Lutheran Social Services! Together we live out our faith to create a better world by serving people in need.” ~ Lutheran Social Services

“THANK YOU, my beloved St. John’s Church Family, for the generous outpouring of cards, prayers, concern, and encouragement during my unexpected stay in the hospital last week. Your prayers have been a powerful source of comfort and support. I am healing very well and the doctors have been encouraging as I follow up with them. Also, I want to say a special thank you to Pastor Tom Phillips for standing in for me at church on such short notice! Again, thank you ALL so much for your love and support!” ~ Pastor Seth

☞ 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.

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

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 months of August and September. 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.

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!



The Zoom virtual meeting room opens at 9:50am and we begin with prayer at 10:00am. Join on Zoom using personal meeting number (430)805-6806 and password: kind5. (all lower case).

CHILDRENS CHURCH this month will only be held August 8th and 22nd. On the Sundays without children's church, a special activities packet can be found at the greeter's table.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AUGUST 17th will be held in the FLC from noon until 6:00pm. The American Red Cross is asking healthy individuals to make it a summer full of life by donating blood. As we head into late summer, as vacations wrap up and students prepare to head back to class, we find there aren't enough people donating blood to help those in need. We urge blood donors to make an appointment to ensure enough blood is on the shelves for hospital patients.

All individuals at Red Cross blood drives must wear a face mask regardless of vaccination status, effective Aug 9. Safety is our priority. We understand that the resumption of mask wearing is frustrating and disappointing for many, and we appreciate your cooperation during this uncertain time.

As the nation actively responds and navigates this evolving pandemic, we are all having to make difficult decisions to ensure our health and safety. The Red Cross recognizes that the current CDC guidance states that only areas of high or substantial transmission need to resume mask wearing. Transmission rates at the county level are constantly changing and our goal is to implement a single, organization-wide policy that is safe and consistent for our staff and members of the public who engage with our mission.

Do you know someone who has never donated before? Please encourage them to make an appointment with you. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org, use sponsor code StJohnsGC.

OWLS EVENT - AUGUST 20th Now that our lives have returned to normal (somewhat) you hear people asking the question "So how did you survive the pandemic? And how did you do it?" You hear many stories from your friends, and all we really know is WE DID IT!!

And you all know two very special ladies at St. John's who did a magnificent job keeping our young people engaged and challenged for the past months. Laurie Pecuch and Diana Imbrock are rock stars in the eyes of many kids they see every week. There isn't enough space in this article to share their many duties (and secrets) but please come to our meeting and they will share their many activities during and since Covid. St. John's is very blessed with these two ladies who have shared their love of God with so many children.

The OWLS (Older Wiser LutheranS) meet the third Friday of every month at 1:00pm in the FLC. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the salmon insert or call Bonnie Swanson (614-562-8002). Though we will not be sharing lunch during the August event, OWLS will have lunch together for the first time in months for the September event at Der Dutchman.

October 15, 2021 we will start having lunch in the FLC at 11:30am followed by OWLS monthly meetings. Watch for more details coming in the next couple of months. Hope to see you there!

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.



Missions' Back to School Bash Silent Auction
Sunday, August 29th, 2021

Do you have a new or hand-made or collectible item you would like to donate to the Silent Auction? We would LOVE to take it off your hands!

Please contact Diana by Friday, August 27th!
(614)271-5775, dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org

Proceeds benefit Alaska and Mexico Missions 2022.

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 6:30pm, and the full choir will rehearse from 7:30--9:00pm. The men's choir will rehearse Sunday, September 5, at 9:30am. All rehearsals will take place in the choir room below the sanctuary.

I want to welcome all returning members, and to 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, Minister of Music.

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.

SARAH CIRCLE We will have a meeting on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 6:00pm in rooms 103-104. This will be a meeting to get reacquainted after a long vacation from seeing each other. Any questions please call Vi Davis (614)875-2605 or Mary Lou Mauch (614)871-5693. Looking forward to seeing you and catching up on our lives. We welcome new members!

GLU (GOD'S LOVE UNIVERSITY) - KEEPING OUR ST. JOHN'S FAMILY CONNECTED

Our GLU program is continuing this year to serve all of our undergrad college students by keeping them personally connected with their home church family. We are looking for volunteers to participate in this program, which involves sending a college freshman personally composed notes of encouragement and support each month, following the student throughout their college journey.

A meeting will be scheduled in September with all volunteers. If you are interested in participating in this program, please mark the salmon insert or contact one of us below. Thanks!

Gloria Biggs (614)305-3778 gloria.biggs@gmail.com
Suzie Brace (614)313-1364 wsbrace@ameritech.net
Diana Imbrock (614)271-5775 dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org



☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

SCRIP GIFT CARDS: We will be placing the August SCRIP card order this Tuesday, August 10th. In September, we will go back to the 1st Tuesday of the month. Questions? 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**



FAMILY FAITH NEWSLETTER: Issue Five, Jesus is our Savior!, 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.

CONFIRMATION BAPTISM ADVANCE is Saturday, August 21st. First year students and parents meet at 10am. Parents are excused at 11:15am. First year students continue to meet until 8:00pm. Second year students join us from 2:30 – 8:00pm. Questions? Contact Gary at gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION for first and second year students and their parent(s) will take place on Sunday, August 22nd, during the Sunday School hour, 9:30 – 10:30am.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

<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!**

☞ CALENDAR ☞

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)

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

SCRIP & EAGLE DEADLINES

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
12:30pm Small Group (102)
5:45pm Fat Quarters Quilt Guild (FH)
6:30pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FLC)
7:00pm BSA 392 (SH)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

1:00pm Small Group (101)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
12:00pm Private Event (SH)
6:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
12:00pm Private Event (SH)
12:00pm Sun. School Teachers (103-4)
6:00pm Basketball (FLC)

DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AND
FACEBOOK PAGES.

BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT!