

NEWS NOTES

August 15, 2021

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Nick Grossman & David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Karl Eiginger, Children's Choir Director

SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

6:00pm: *Bill Woodgeard*

8:15am: *Barb Hill*

11:00am: *Wayne and Carla Beavers*
Caroline Koethke

Readers:

6:00pm: *Karen Colwell*

8:15am: *Gary Smith*

11:00am: *Ray Rosenthal*

Acolytes:

8:15am: *Hunter Thompson*
Colton Thompson

11:00am: *Merrick Wilson*
Mackenzie Norman

Greeters:

6:00pm: *Mary Campbell*

8:15am: *Volunteers Needed*

11:00am MD: *Volunteer Needed*

11:00am ND: *Mel and Carol Penrod*

Altar Guild

Mel and Carol Penrod

Lynne Ehrlich

Lessons Today: *Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58.*

HOSPITALIZED Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Tom Lang; Marjorie Marsh.

☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

NOTES OF THANKS:

"St. John's Family, It has been my pleasure to be a part of your community even for these few weeks." Kathie Houchens, Interim Sunday Organist.

"I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all who helped with Dumpster Day. We were able to fill a dumpster in 4 hours! What a huge difference this made. Thanks so much for the heavy lifting, sorting and many, many trips to the dumpster!" ~ Sincerely, Elaine Bennett.

"Thank you for the gift cards given to our family through the 'Adopt-a-Family' program this past holiday season. It was very much appreciated." ~ Kathy Rodgers and Family.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In loving memory of, our parents Roy & Barb Grossman. Given by Dave Grossman and family.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In memory of Dave Mauch, on his birthday. Given by Mary Lou Mauch & Amy Shaw.

BULLETINS: To the Glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Alice Katterhenrich. Given by Beth Katterhenrich.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

TODAY WE WELCOME MARK MEUSER into his new position as **Director of Music Ministry at St. John's**, with installation services at all our traditional services. We are excited to have Mark be part of our church staff! Mark will be accompanying all our traditional worship services each Saturday and Sunday and directing our voice choirs. We are thankful that God has brought us such a gifted musician to lead us and help us lift our praises to God. May God bless Mark with joy and peace as he begins his ministry with us!

PROMISE KEEPERS will not take place next Thursday, August 19th, and will resume Thursday, August 26th with a new meeting time of 8:00am.

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

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. We urge blood donors to make an appointment to ensure enough blood is on the shelves for hospital patients.

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

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

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 17 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!

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 repairable state. To remain an active unit, they need a shed to store their equipment. The troop leaders and parents found a shed kit they will assemble with the scouts. The troop has had two large donations towards this investment, but still have a long way to go before they can. Please help with any donation, as every penny counts.

HEY KIDS!! Please join us on Sunday, August 22 for a morning of fun and to see what the caterpillars and cocoons around the church all are about! We will meet in the overflow at 9:30am. Children can be picked up from the shelter house at 10:30am. All kinds of fun activities have been planned. This is a great time to meet your Sunday school teachers and reconnect with friends that you may not have seen in a long time. Hope to see you there!

SARAH CIRCLE 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!



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.

CHURCH PICNIC: Please read this important information regarding the upcoming Church Picnic on Sunday, August 29th.

Due to the climbing Covid numbers, we are going to provide a boxed lunch for the Church Picnic instead of having a potluck like we have always done in the past. You are encouraged to spread out in the shelter house for the meal or distance yourselves in the Family Life Center. Everything will be provided for the picnic; however, we will be collecting a 'free will offering' to help offset some of the cost. It would be greatly appreciated!

To ensure we have enough food, let us know you plan on attending by marking the salmon insert. We hope you will join us!

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

Our GLU program is continuing this year to serve all 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



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.

MINISTRY FAIR - SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 5th we will be having a Ministry Fair in the Family life Center from 9:30am – 10:30am. A light breakfast will be provided. There will be raffle prizes, fellowship, and all kinds of opportunities to learn about the many ministries offered at St. John’s. Please mark your calendar and join the festivities!

ARTS IN THE ALLEY PARADE We are pleased to announce that once again St. John's will be participating in the Arts in the Alley Parade that takes place on Saturday, September 18th at 9:30am. **We are in need of people to help decorate the float, walk with the float, and pass out candy. We are also in need of candy donations.** As you can imagine, it takes a lot of candy to make it through the parade! If you are interested in representing St. John's in this fun community event, please mark the salmon insert. Thanks!

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

NEXT SUNDAY 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.

CONFIRMATION BAPTISM ADVANCE - SATURDAY, AUGUST 21st First year students and parents meet at 10am. First year students continue to meet until 8pm while parents are excused at 11:15am. Second year students join us from 2:30 – 8pm. 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 ☞

Attendance: August 8 – 311.

<u>July 2021</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$52,168	\$420,565	\$ 72,184	\$397,976
Benevolence	\$ 4,542	\$ 44,361	\$ 8,029	\$ 37,296

**Total Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund during pandemic as of 7/31/2021: \$20,470.
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. Through your financial institution – they will send a check directly to the church on your behalf.
4. 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.

☞ CALENDAR ☞

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
7:00pm Council (103-4)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
12:30pm Small Group (102)
6:00pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (103-4)
7:00pm BSA 392 (SH)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

1:00pm Small Group (101)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

1:00pm Small Group (101)
6:00pm Small Group (102)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

7:00am Small Group (Lib)
9:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
1:00pm OWLS Meeting (FLC)
8:30pm AA Meeting (FH)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

10:00am Confirmation Baptism Advance
6:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am **Rally Day** (Sanc Overflow, SH)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
1:00pm Private Event (SH)
6:00pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FH)
6:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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