

NEWS NOTES

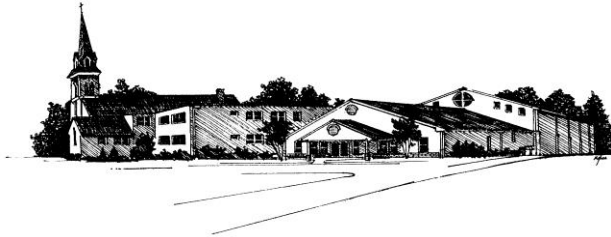
August 22, 2021

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Susan Abbott Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

Nick Grossman & David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Karl Eiginger, Children's Choir Director

SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

6:00pm: *Holly Starr*

8:15am: *Teresa Orahood*

11:00am: *Christine Hank*

Bonnie Swanson

Greeters:

6:00pm: *Mary Campbell*

8:15am: *Volunteers Needed*

11:00am MD: *Amie Allman, Don Allman*

11:00am ND: *Chris Hank*

Readers:

6:00pm: *Holly Starr*

8:15am: *Betty Lewis*

11:00am: *Lisa Stallard*

Altar Guild

Linda Vozel and Dee Harlor

Paul and Pam Whittenberg

Rhonda Maynard

Acolytes:

8:15am: *Corban Allman*

Brooklyn Cress

11:00am: *Dylan Allman*

Lessons Today: *Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69.*

☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

HOSPITALIZED Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Nannette Shea; Tom Lang; Randy Ross, Sandy Hayes.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Brooklyn Michelle Cress and Grandpa Larry on their birthdays. Given by grandparents, Becky and Larry Link.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Jack Lyday on his birthday. Given by Richard and Evelyn Lyday, Debbie and Chuck Manofsky.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In memory of Mildred Braskett. Given by the Braskett family.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In honor of Pam on her birthday and in memory of Reverend Virgil Wittenberg on the anniversary of his marriage to Janet. Given by Paul Wittenberg.

BULLETINS: In memory of the birthday of David L. Gusa. Given by Frank and Jean Gusa.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING FACE COVERINGS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ST.

JOHN'S: The St. John's Council met Monday, August 16th, and agreed on a stance regarding masks in response to the increase of COVID cases in Grove City, Franklin County, and Ohio.

We recommend all individuals to wear masks and socially distance, regardless of vaccination status. It is recommended all congregation members and visitors wear masks in all indoor group settings, such as meetings, classes, and worship services, though it is not presently a requirement.

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. 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! You are encouraged to spread out in the shelter house for the meal or distance yourselves in the Family Life Center.

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

WELCOME MARK MEUSER into his new position as Director of Music Ministry at St. John's! 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!

ORGAN PRELUDE “Let Us Break Bread Together” arranged by the American composer Charles Callahan begins with a soft counter-melody. You should recognize the familiar hymn tune, played on the organs trombone stop, when it finally enters and is woven into the counter-melody.

SARAH CIRCLE meeting on Monday, August 23, 2021, has been cancelled. Due to the increase of public illness, they will not be meeting in person at this time.

PROMISE KEEPERS will resume Thursday, August 26th with a new meeting time of 8:00am.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL classes are available in the Chapel and Fellowship Hall every Sunday from 9:30-10:30am. Chapel Class is studying the book of Ephesians, hosted by Steve Johnston. Pastor Seth’s discussions will continue in the Fellowship Hall.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: We are still looking for volunteers to assist with communion during services. If you are interested in helping with the traditional service communion, please call Charlie Brown at (614)875-9462 for 6pm or 8:15am services; contact Caroline Koethke (614)307-7609 for the 11am traditional service; or you may reach out to the church office (614)875-2314, or email secretary@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.



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.

HEY KIDS!! Today, all children are invited to join us in the overflow at 9:30am for a morning of fun! We will discover what the caterpillars and cocoons around the church all are about. 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. Children can be picked up from the Shelter House at 10:30am. Hope to see you there!

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!

CALLING ALL GARDENERS! Saturday September 11th starting at 9:00 am we will be working on cleaning up the church landscape. Arts in the Alley is the following weekend which always brings hundreds of visitors. Let's all work together to get our church looking great, welcoming, and inviting for this huge community event. **Many hands make light work so if you are able to join us for an hour or 2, we would greatly appreciate it! Please mark the salmon insert if you can join us.** Feel free to bring work gloves and gardening tools. We will provide landscape waste bags, water, and snacks.

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!

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



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.

☯ YOUTH NEWS ☯

TODAY IS BACKPACK BLESSING! If you're a student and you don't have your backpack with you today? No worries! Come on up for your blessing and special take-away! We want to bless you and your school year, with or without your backpack.



FAMILY FAITH NEWSLETTER: Issue Six, Jesus is our Peace! is now available. The newsletter is full of QR codes that make learning about Jesus both fun and meaningful. It can also be used for a family devotion time. Copies can be found at the church entrances. This is the last issue for this summer. We hope you've enjoyed this summer newsletter.

In September, watch your mailbox and bulletins for exciting news on in-person fall Youth Events. Training for adult and teen leaders will be Thursday, September 23rd. See next month's Eagle for details. If you're an adult member of St. John's and would like to talk to us about how you can get involved, please talk to Gary, Laurie, or Diana. We have upfront and behind the scenes ministry positions! Contact Laurie at lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org or 614-620-2669.

AXIS FAMILY/PARENT RESOURCE (on BULLYING) was recently emailed to our rsvp list. If you're a parent, or grandparent, or an adult in a young person's faith web and you're interested in parenting materials and resources in raising our youth in today's world, contact Diana at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org.

☯ STEWARDSHIP ☯

Attendance: August 15 – 265.

| <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.
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 22

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Adult 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)

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

1:00pm Small Group (101)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
1:00pm Small Group (101)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

6:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Confirmation 3rd Year (Sanc Overflow)
10:45am **Combined Worship** (SH)
12:00pm **Church Picnic**
Silent Auction
Back to School Bash
(SH, FLC, Kit, 103-4)
6:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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

BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT!