

NEWS NOTES

September 5, 2021

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry Karl Eiginger, Children's Choir Director
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Susan Abbott Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

6:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Jo Dimond

11:00am: Ron Nighbert, Dan Yeater,
Chad Whyte

Acolytes:

8:15am: Hunter Thompson

Colton Thompson

11:00am: Merrick Wilson
Mackenzie Norman

Altar Guild

Betty and Dellno Lewis

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

Greeters:

6:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Armand Arabian
Sarah Schmitz

11:00am Volunteer(s) Needed

Readers:

6:00pm: Charlie Brown

8:15am: Gary Smith

11:00am: Christine Hank

Lessons Today: Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 7:24-37.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Denver & Helen Corkwell. Given by Denise Corkwell.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In thanksgiving for friends & family. Given by Elaine Hamann.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In memory of my daughter, Rosemary Anderson. Given by her mother, Susie Long.

BULLETINS: to the Glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Paul Katterhenrich. Given by Beth Katterhenrich.

PERSONAL NOTES

HOSPITALIZED Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Nannette Shea; Alahni Overly; Carl Kinman; Rita Murray.

NOTES OF THANKS "It is with our sincerest gratitude that we thank you for allowing services to be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 for our mother, Janet Daley. Mom loved St. John's and was active there until retiring to Florida. The service was beautiful and went just as Mom requested. Peace be with you," ~ the family of Jan Daley.

PASTOR RAY ROSENTHAL is celebrating the 55th anniversary of his ordination. We will recognize him during worship on Sept. 19 to express our appreciation and congratulations for his years of ministry. Congratulatory cards and gifts may be sent to St. John's Lutheran Church, 3220 Columbus Street, Grove City, OH, 43123.

TODAY'S NEWS

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE FLOOD DRIVE

UPDATED
9/2021

FLOOD BUCKET

- ONE** 5 gallon bucket with lid
- TWO** large trash bags
- ONE** gallon of bleach
- Comet or souring cleanser
- PineSol or liquid floor cleanser
- Dust Mask, N-95 Required*
- Scrub brush
- Leather gloves
- Cotton gloves
- Heavy rubber gloves
- Brooms and mops
- Rakes, shovels, hoes - debris removal tools



*If no mask, mark the bucket & send

FLOOD BUCKETS NEEDED!

St. John's is collecting Flood Buckets for the NALC Disaster Response Team. We are requesting supplies to fill these buckets. All contributions, from full Flood Buckets to pocket change, will come together and help so many lives affected by the recent hurricanes.

Flood Buckets are five-gallon buckets with a lid, filled with cleaning supplies, safety gear, and debris removal tools. In addition to the buckets, we are also collecting push brooms and mops, and gift cards to Lowe's, Home Depot, and Walmart.

Don't have time to shop?

Purchase your gift card through our youth SCRIP program! Order forms are on the youth office door. Just drop off your order form and money to the youth ministry office by Tuesday, September 7th.

GIFTCARDS

Accepting gift cards to the following:

- Home Depot
- Lowe's
- Walmart



Don't have time to shop?

We can order SCRIP program gift cards for donations received by Tuesday, September 7th!

Donations will be collected at St. John's in room 101. We will **Stuff the Truck** with all donations on Sunday, October 17th. Thank you for your supporting those in need!

ARTS IN THE ALLEY: 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 looking forward to getting our church noticed and drawing people into our building on this busy weekend.



1.) First of all, WE REALLY need your help pulling weeds all around to get our church looking welcoming and inviting for Arts in the Alley. Weeding will take place on Saturday, **September 11th from 9–11am**, that way everyone can get home in time to watch the Buckeyes play! 😊 If you are able to join us even for an hour or two, mark the salmon sheet at church this weekend.

2.) This year we were unable to obtain a tractor and flatbed to assemble a float. Instead, we have a **1930 historical pickup truck!** We would like to have as many participants as possible walk along the pickup truck and pass out candy. We have a St. John's banner that we will carry to help identify us. We hope to get St. John's t-shirts for parade participants if I still have enough turnaround time.



PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE ASAP IF YOU/YOUR FAMILY WILL WALK IN THE PARADE WITH US AND WHAT T-SHIRT SIZE YOU WEAR.

3.) We will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts to raise money for our mission teams. You “donut” want to miss this! It’s going to be a lot of fun, and it’s a great way to get the word out to the community about the amazing things God has done through us for the kids and people of Alaska and Mexico. This will take place outside of the south FLC doors on the porch. If you would like to help sell donuts and coffee, please click on this link: [Mexico and Alaska Short Term Missions: 2021 Arts in the Alley \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)



4.) On **Saturday, September 18th**, (the day of the parade) we will have several food trucks in our front church parking lot. Please be sure to stop by and enjoy some yummy food.



5.) We are in need of massive amounts of donated candy to be passed out during the parade. It takes a lot of candy to make it from start to finish. Candy donations are much needed and greatly appreciated.



If you are interested in participating, please mark the salmon insert. Please help represent St. John's in this fun community event!

SWEET TREATS FOR MISSIONS FUNDRAISER:

St. John's Alaska and Mexico Mission Teams will be selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Coffee, Bottled Water and Ice Cream Cups during Arts in the Alley (Saturday, September 18th and Sunday, September 19th). We will have table set up right here at church on the porch of the FLC (facing Columbus St).



Mission Team members will also be doing a Krispy Kreme Doughnut pre-sale now through Sunday, September 12th. To order your Krispy Kreme Doughnuts (sold by the dozen), please see a Mission Team Member. You may also contact Chad Whyte at 614-216-5332 or e-mail him. His email address is bcwhycla_98@yahoo.com. Pre-sale orders can be picked up during Arts in the Alley at church. Thank you for supporting short term mission trips to Alaska and Mexico!

ST. JOHN'S STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP for tasks and projects.

Light duty volunteers. Let us know if we can count on you for small occasional tasks. We need help with things such as minor repairs, replacing light bulbs, etc.

Wooden Doors. We encourage anyone who has the knowledge and skill needed to prep and refinish wooden doors to contact us for this project. The sanctuary wooden doors need to be refinished this fall. Both the main doors facing Columbus Street and side entrance door with handicapped ramp get the worst of the winter weather.

Secure the Church. We are looking for a couple of individuals who would be willing to be join our Security Team. Tasks involved include making sure exterior doors are locked, the lights and Link monitor are turned off, and the security alarm is set for the evening.

Winter is coming. We found a company that will clear and salt the snow from the parking areas, but volunteers are still needed for the walkways. Salt, shovels, and our snow blower will be provided for these tasks. We need volunteers who have the ability, time, and willingness to clear snow once winter is here.

- Saturdays and Sundays we need all entrances, ramps, and walkways cleared prior to services.
- Mondays and Wednesdays we need the North Entrance, ramp, and link entrances cleared by 8am.

During the week additional snow clearing of the entrances for staff and daily events would be a great help. If you can commit to one day a week, it would mean the world of difference, and will make our paths much safer.

We appreciate your help. With Sincere Thanks, Mike Esposito.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE will hold their first returning meeting at 6:30pm on Tuesday, September 13th. This off-site **meeting will take place at Sherry and Ron Nighbert's house.** Please call Sherry with any questions.

Elizabeth Circle
Contact Sherry Nighbert
614-581-1436
2601 Yates Avenue
Grove City, OH 43123

PEACE PUPPETS ARE BACK! Our first practice will be held on Monday nights from 6:30-8:00pm. We start up again the first Monday after Labor Day, September 13th. All members from youth to adult are welcome. **Do you love art? Do you love drama?** Come make props! Come hold up a puppet and tell stories about Jesus with laughter and love! We do skits at family events, and we've missed being in a group.

Covid may have changed things, but nothing stops us for long. We are evolving to continue to smile and be the light for God. (PS: *participation counts as service project, too!*)



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH MISSION SILENT AUCTION

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to all who contributed items; we appreciate you! Your generous support of our silent auction yielded **over \$1700.00!**

That's enough to send a **whole** individual to be the hands and feet of Jesus to one of St. John's short-term mission experiences!

Thank you for your continued love, prayers and donations as we prepare for next year's missions. 😊

GOING DEEPER SMALL GROUPS—NEW STUDY GUIDE AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 11TH

A new small group study packet on *The Apostles' Creed* will be available on Saturday, September 11th for all who are involved in our Going Deeper small group ministry. If you have any questions about Going Deeper and would like to become involved in one of our small groups, please contact Pastor Seth at 217-255-2118. Hard-copy packets will be available in the Link, the North Entrance, and in the Church Office. Electronic Copies will also be available to download from our church website: www.stjohnsgc.org.

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.



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.

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.



We will be meeting with all volunteers in the Chapel at **11am on Tuesday, September 21st**. If you would like to join us in this program, please mark the salmon insert or contact one of us below.

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

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION TEAM On the first Sunday of each month this team comes to the altar after all have received the Lord's Supper to receive a Holy Communion kit. The distribution of home communion is an extension of the Lord's Supper and is for those who are unable to be present at the celebration of the congregation. We bring to them the same bread of life and the same cup of blessing so that they may be strengthened through their participation in the body of Christ. Let us be mindful and grateful for this ministry.



☪ YOUTH NEWS ☪

Starting on Thursday, September 30th...drum roll, please...we're starting a new ministry called "CONNECT"! Connect will look and feel like our normal Thursday youth group night, so no worries there, but the new name opens the door to so many possibilities...of connecting with each other, all ages, in a fun and meaningful way. We will meet on Thursday nights, starting on September 30th, 5:45—7:15pm. Our greeter's table will open at 5:30pm. We will have Connect groups for ages 4 through 6th grade. We will have Connect Leaders (grades 7—12) and Connect Adult Leaders, too! Kinda sounds familiar? **Yes!** We hope you can come and connect with us, your friends, awesome teens, faithful adults, and most importantly with Jesus! What a great faith web that is!!!!

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. **Training for CONNECT teen and adult leaders is 9/23, starting at 5:45pm, in the basement fellowship hall.**

The APOSTLE'S CREED learning event, for 2nd year confirmation students is Sunday, September 12, starting at 12:30pm. Details have been emailed to parents. Please check your email weekly for the latest news from Gary.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

<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. 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, SEPTEMBER 5

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

LABOR DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
6:30pm Elizabeth Cir. (Off Site, See p.5)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

SCRIP ORDER DEADLINE

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
11:30am OWLS Planning (102)
12:30pm Small Group (102)
6:00pm Boy Scouts (SH)
7:00pm BSA 392 (SH)
7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00am BSF
9:00am BSF Leader Summit (103-4)
1:00pm Small Group (101)
5:00pm Lion's Club Meeting (SH/FLC)
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

EAGLE ARTICLE DEADLINE

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
11:00am Private Event (SH/FLC)
3:30pm Private Event (103-4)
6:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Men's Choir (Sanc)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
12:00pm Private Event (SH)
12:30pm Apostles Creed Learning Event
(3rd Floor, FLC, Chapel)
6:00pm Basketball (FLC)

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS: Ephesians, Pastor Seth, Basement 001 / Ephesians, Steve Johnson, Chapel.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN: Ages 2-3, Basement 003 / Ages 4-5, Pre-K and Kindergarten, Basement 009 / Grades 1 and 2, 2nd Floor 204 / Grades 3 and 4, 3rd Floor 307 / Grades 5 and 6, 306 / Grades 7 and 8, 302 and 304 / High School, 311.

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