

# NEWS NOTES

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## SERVING TODAY

### Communion Assistants:

6:00pm: Dave Sweeley

8:15am: Pat Larick

11:00am: Dave and Karen Grossman  
Denise Reynard

### Acolytes:

8:15am: Corban Allman

Brayden Gottshall

11:00am: Dylan Allman

### Altar Guild

Karen and David Grossman Linda Wagner,  
Dee Harlor, Rhonda Maynard

### Greeters:

6:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Volunteer(s) Needed

11:00am ND: Barbara Armentrout

11:00am MD: Carol Mackey

### Readers:

6:00pm: Gayle Woodgeard

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Ray Rosenthal

**Lessons Today: Isaiah 50:4-9a, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38.**

### DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

**BULLETINS AND ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of Suzi Hart. Given by her mother, Rhonda Maynard.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of my sister, Barbara A. Hyden. Given by Sandy Hayes & her children.

**LECTERN FLOWERS:** In memory of our beloved daughter, Elizabeth Ann, who passed into eternal life on September 13, 2021. Given by her parents, Joan and Richard Werner.

## ☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

**HOSPITALIZED** Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week:  
Nannette Shea.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO** the family and friends of Paul Eyermann, who died Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>; to Jim Carpenter and family as they grieve his daughter, Julie Waugh, who died Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**PASTOR RAY ROSENTHAL** is celebrating the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. We will recognize him during worship on Sept. 19 to express our appreciation and congratulations for his years of ministry. Please send cards or gifts to the church office:  
3220 Columbus Street  
Grove City, OH 43123

**DELLA WELSH** has a new address since the last member phone book was issued. Please send cards or letters to her at the updated address below:  
3563 Brookside Blvd  
Columbus, OH 43204

## ☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

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

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

**SARAH CIRCLE SEPTEMBER MEETING CANCELLED.** Due to the increase in COVID we feel it best if Sarah Circle will not meet on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Keep in touch, and for any questions, please feel free to contact Vi Davis (614)875-2605. God Bless Each of you.



**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 obtain it. Accepting any donation, as every penny counts.

**GOING DEEPER SMALL GROUPS—NEW STUDY GUIDE AVAILABLE!** A new small group study packet on *The Apostles' Creed* is available 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 are 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](http://www.stjohnsgc.org).

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

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

**Wooden Doors.** 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. We encourage anyone who has the knowledge and skill needed to prep and refinish wooden doors to contact us for this project.

**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 need volunteers who have the ability, time, and willingness to clear snow. 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.

- 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 any help. With Sincere Thanks, Mike Esposito.

**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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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!*)

## **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 9:30am on Saturday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>.** If you would like to join us in this program, mark the salmon insert or contact one of us below.

Gloria Biggs (614)305-3778 [gloria.biggs@gmail.com](mailto:gloria.biggs@gmail.com)

Suzie Brace (614)313-1364 [wsbrace@ameritech.net](mailto:wsbrace@ameritech.net)

Diana Imbrock (614)271-5775 [dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org)

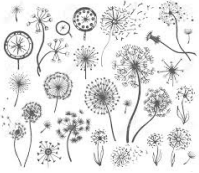
**OWLS EVENT – SEPTEMBER 17, 2021:** For the past couple of years, we have enjoyed wonderful lunches catching up with those we don't see often, and we did not plan a program so the agenda will stay the same! We are so pleased to be able to get together and enjoy our time together. God has blessed each of us by leading us to St. John's and offering us the Christian fellowship that is priceless.

If you would ask almost any OWL (Older Wiser LutheranS) to name one of their favorite meetings of the year, I am pretty sure most of them would say "Der Dutchman! Of course!". What's not to like about a restaurant located in a beautiful country setting and the bounty of a country kitchen? They serve generous portions of hearty, home-style Amish Kitchen Cooking. They might not be as good as our Lutheran cooks, but we think they're pretty good. Their bakery is full of pastries, cakes, cookies, breads, and their legendary pies that are baked every day. And if you have any money left over, their gift shop is very inviting.

Der Dutchman is back to a full menu! You will have two options for lunch, to order from the menu or go for the buffet. The buffet costs \$20.99 and includes a drink, tax, and tip.

We will meet at the church for a very brief meeting at 10:00am which will include setting up our carpool. We will depart for the restaurant no later than 10:30am. We have reserved a private room. If you are driving separately you should plan to arrive between 11:30am and 12:00pm. Please make your reservation using the salmon sheet – including if you can carpool, need a ride, or are meeting the group at the restaurant. If you are able and willing to drive, it would be greatly appreciated! Hope to see you at Der Dutchman!

**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 9:30am Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 AND YOUR FAMILY WILL WALK WITH US IN THE PARADE, AND WITH YOUR T-SHIRT SIZE(S)!**

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 still need massive amounts of candy to pass 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 both Saturday, September 18th and Sunday, September 19th. We will have table set up right here at church on the FLC porch facing Columbus St.

**This is the last day to preorder Krispy Kreme!** To order your Krispy Kreme Doughnuts (sold by the dozen), please see a Mission Team Member or contact Chad Whyte by phone at 614-216-5332 or e-mail [bcwhycla\\_98@yahoo.com](mailto: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!

**FAITH WEBBING:** It's after Labor Day...Gary & Laurie have started posting again, primarily on "<https://www.facebook.com/FaithWebbing>". The posts are mostly video clips on Faith Assets, Verses to Live By, and interviews with young people. And, as usual, pointing folks towards helpful resources. We are looking forward to another school year of networking and resource sharing.

**"JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION"** will alter the way you see your life as a follower of Jesus and take you beyond living your life *for* Jesus to living life *with* Jesus."

Greg Finke will share simple, powerful, and applicable insights that will show you how to be on mission and recognize where Jesus is already at work in your neighborhood, workplace, and school. Greg Finke has written two books-Joining Jesus on His Mission and Joining Jesus Show Me How. Information about these books, as well as many other resources, can be found on his website [www.dwelling114.org](http://www.dwelling114.org).

You are invited to join fellow believers from throughout our mission region at First English Lutheran Church in Mansfield, Ohio on Saturday, October 16 for an all-day conference to hear this exciting teaching. You can register on the Ohio Mission Region website ([thenalcohio.org](http://thenalcohio.org)) or pick up a brochure at one of entrances and mail in your registration. Hope to see you there!

## 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!!!!

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

If you're an adult member of St. John's and would like to talk to us about how you can get involved with the children and youth ministries at St. John's, please talk to Gary, Laurie, or Diana.

High School FAITH QUEST and Confirmation TROT THROUGH THE BIBLE meet on Sundays, 9:30am—10:30am in room 311.

The APOSTLE'S CREED learning event, for 2nd year confirmation students is today, starting at 12:30pm. Talk to Gary about details.

FAITH CELEBRATION AND CONFIRMATION are Sunday, September 26. Join us from 9:30am—10:15am in the Family Life Center as students share their faith trifolds. Everyone is welcome! Students will then confirm their faith at the 11am traditional worship service. It's a beautiful morning of witnessing and celebrating! Confirming their faith are Kaitlyn Ball, Abigail Brubaker, Morgan Cline, Cora Grimm, Olivia Straub, Erin Wahl, and Jenna White.

**☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞**

**Attendance:** September 5 – 224

<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!**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Ephesians, Pastor Seth, 001 / Ephesians, Steve Johnson, Chapel.  
**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Ages 2-3, 003 / Ages 4-5, Pre-K and Kindergarten, 009 / Grade 9, Confirmation, 103-4 / Grades 1 and 2, 204 / Grades 3 and 4, 307 / Grades 5 and 6, 306 / Grades 7 and 8, 302 and 304 / High School, 311.

# CALENDAR

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

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

## **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

- 9:30am BSF Leaders (101-4, Nursery)
- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
- 1:00pm Altar Guild (Chapel)
- 6:15pm Puppet Rehearsals (FLC)
- 6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (*OFF SITE*)
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
- 7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)

## **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

### **CITY BBQ FUNDRAISER – ALL DAY**

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

## **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

- 9:30am BSF
- 1:00pm Small Group (101)
- 6:00pm Quilt Show (103-4)
- 6:30pm Women's Chorale Rehearsal (Sanc)
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 9:00am Quilt Show Judging (103-4, FLC)
- 1:00pm Small Group (101)
- 2:15pm Home School Children's Acting (FLC)
- 6:15pm Celebration Ringers Reh. (Choir Rm)
- 8:00pm Dartball (FLC)

## **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

- 9:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
- 10:30am OWLS Meet Up (FLC)
- 11:00am Quilt Show (103-4, FLC)
- 11:30am OWLS (*OFF SITE*)  
@ Der Dutchman, Plain City
- 8:30pm AA Meeting (FH)

## **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

- 9:00am **ARTS IN THE ALLEY PARADE**
- 9:00am Missions Coffee & Donuts Fundraiser
- 10:00am Quilt Show (FLC)
- 6:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 12:30pm Quilt Show (FLC)
- 6:00pm Basketball (FLC)

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AND FACEBOOK PAGES. BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT!