

# NEWS NOTES

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## SERVING TODAY

### Communion Assistants:

6:00pm: Volunteer(s) needed

8:15am: Karl Eiginger

11:00am: Christine Hank

Richard Werner

### Acolytes:

8:15am: Corban Allman

Brooklyn Cress

11:00am: Dylan Allman

### Altar Guild

Linda Vozel, Dee Harlor

Lynne Ehrlich, Rhonda Maynard

### Greeters:

6:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Volunteer(s) needed

11:00am MD: Terri Sennet-Brown

Bryanna Brown

11:00am ND: Warren Althoff

### Readers:

6:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Pam Wittenberg

11:00am: Ray Rosenthal

**Lessons Today: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50.**

### DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of our mother, Elsie Skinner, on her birthday. Given by Barb Armentrout and Cindy Roberts.

**LECTERN FLOWERS:** In honor of Nickolas on his 7th birthday and in memory of Collin on his 11th birthday. Given by their parents, Tim & Jill Althoff, and siblings, Lukas & Gabriella.

## ✪ PERSONAL NOTES ✪

**HOSPITALIZED** Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Nannette Shea; Larry Krieger; Marian Walsh; Megan Jenkins.

**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

### **NOTES OF THANKS:**

**ARTS IN THE ALLEY:** A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who helped out with the Arts in the Alley weekend. The landscape looks amazing! Thank so much to everyone who pulled weeds and worked so hard to clean-up our property. We received enough candy donations to last the entire parade route. Thanks to everyone who donated! The number of parade walkers we had represent St. John's was amazing and a great time was had by all. Thank you!

**SWEET TREATS FOR MISSIONS:** to everyone who helped support our event, Sweet Treats for Missions, thank you so much! It was good to see all of your friendly faces and having fellowship with one another, discussing the importance of the mission trips, loving the people of Alaska and Mexico and spreading God's love. We are abundantly blessed once again by our church family!

## ✪ TODAY'S NEWS ✪

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>:** A New Members Class will be held at 12:15pm on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at St. John's in rooms 103-4. All visitors to our congregation, our newest members, and all potential members are invited to come! The classes will cover Christian missions and ministry at St. John's, our Lutheran Christian heritage, and answer any questions participants might have about our congregation. We will formally receive new members into our congregation during the 11:00am traditional worship service on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

## **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.

**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.

To volunteer, please sign up on the salmon sheet or  
call Mike Esposito at (614)875-2314.

We appreciate any help.

**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.

### **GOING DEEPER SMALL GROUPS—NEW STUDY GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE!**

Hard-copy packets on *The Apostles' Creed* is now available in the Link, North Entrance, and Church Office. Pick one up and get involved in our Going Deeper small groups! If you have any questions about Going Deeper Ministry and would like to become involved in one of our small groups, please contact Pastor Seth at 217-255-2118. Electronic copies are available to download from our church website: [www.stjohnsgc.org](http://www.stjohnsgc.org).



**CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS:** We make 100 bags for the children at the LSS Food Pantries. It takes two tables full of candy to fill the Christmas bags. The bags hold crayons, pencils, ballpoint pens, sturdy combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, a booklet about Ohio wildlife, a stuffed toy, and most importantly: *CANDY*. Do you have leftover Halloween candy? Think about donating your leftover Halloween candy to the Quilters for the Christmas bags! If you don't have any leftover candy, you can usually get good bargains on candy the next day after Beggars' Night at the stores.

We still need sturdy comb and Beanie Babies-type stuffed animals. You have helped us meet our goal for pencils and of 100 boxes of crayons. Thank you! We will still accept erasers, glue sticks, small notepads, nail clippers. etc. You don't need to donate 100 items. We accept any number of items that will fit in our 10" X 10" bags.

With your donations for the Christmas bags and your caring, we can continue to help the children who need our compassion and understanding. Christmas bag donations can be placed in the Link cabinet designated for Quilters. To the many of you who have already given donations to the children, thank you for your care and generosity!



**CALLING ALL QUILTERS!** If you have an interest in learning or already know how to hand quilt, we have empty chairs at the quilting frame. All that is required are nimble fingers and willing spirit. If you don't want to do quilting, another activity is cutting canceled stamps for the veterans' hospitals' rehab activities.

The Quilters usually meet every Tuesday in rooms 103-104 from 9am to 2pm or thereabout as we come and go as we please. All materials are provided.



**CLOTHING DONATIONS:** Faith Mission does not want used clothing anymore. Therefore, we no longer collect, sort, or donate used clothing. Please, please give your used clothing to another charity, such as the Purple Church Free Store, Salvation Army, National Kidney Foundation, or Volunteers of America. The Volunteers of America Thrift Store is located just behind the Walgreens on Stringtown Rd., and has a drop off bin facing McDowell Rd.

**VETERAN'S LUNCHEON – SAVE THE DATE:** Dear Veterans, in honor of Veterans, your service, and your sacrifice for our country, you and a guest are invited to the annual St. John's Veteran's Luncheon. This event will take place in the Family Life Center on **Sunday, November 7th, 2021, at 12:15pm** in honor of Veterans Day. If you are a Veteran planning to attend, please mark the salmon sheet in your bulletin, or call the church at (614) 875-2314 prior to October 31st.



**INK JET RECYCLING** Just a reminder that the youth folks continue to recycle printer ink cartridges for fun and profit. It's part of our passive-income only approach to funding our ministry to young people beyond the church budget. This is a surprisingly helpful source of revenue for us. Drop off empty cartridges to any of the slots on the youth office door or place in a bag and wrap it around the doorknob. Thank you!

**“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!

**GREETERS NEEDED** for Saturday evening and both Sunday morning traditional services. Volunteers for 6pm and 8:15am services are encouraged to sign up on the Greeter's chart posted on the North Entrance bulletin board. We kindly request the 11:00am volunteers to also contact Bonnie Swanson at (614)562-8002.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 392** To remain an active scout unit, Boy Scout Troop 392 needs a new shed to store their equipment. The troop leaders and parents found a shed kit they will assemble with the scouts, which will greatly save on the expense of a premade shed. They still need help to reach their goal and to remain an active troop.

## ☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

**FAITH CELEBRATION and CONFIRMATION!** Join us from 9:30am to 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. ***Thanks be to God!***

**GLOW: Matthew 5:16 is for high school students!** We are meeting this Saturday, October 2, 7pm – 9:30pm. Pizza, serving, hide-n-seek! Hope to see you there!

**CONNECT training for adults and youth leaders (grades 7 – 12) is this Thursday, September 23, 6pm – 7:15pm in the basement.** Please eat before you come.

**CONNECT starts on Thursday, September 30th, and meets weekly 6pm – 7:15pm. Children, ages 4 through grade 6 are invited to join us.** Everyone will be masking. This evening is free! The greeter's table will open at 5:40pm. If you'd like us to escort your child through the parking lot to your car, please make arrangements with Laurie Pecuch. Otherwise, please come into the building when dropping off and picking up your child. If you have any questions, again you can talk to Laurie. Her number is 614-620-2669.

Due to rising Co-Vid numbers in children in our area, we will not be serving a meal at this time. Please eat dinner before coming. We will send a snack home with every child. **We have lots of fun, faith-filled things planned for each age-group!**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Ephesians, Pastor Seth, Rm 001 / Ephesians, Steve Johnson, Chapel. **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Ages 2-3, Rm 003 / Ages 4-5, Pre-K and Kindergarten, Rm 009 / Grades 1 and 2, Rm 204 / Grades 3 and 4, Rm 307 / Grades 5 and 6, Rm 306 / Grades 7 and 8, Rms 302 and 304 / Confirmation, Rm 202 / High School, Rm 311.

# STEWARDSHIP

**Attendance:** September 19 – 268

<u>August 2021</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$57,606	\$485,268	\$ 60,377	\$494,222
Benevolence	\$ 4,260	\$ 38,852	\$ 5,111	\$ 35,662

Total Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund during pandemic as of **8/31/2021**:  
**\$20,865.**

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](http://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.
5. Through the Vanco Mobile (formerly 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.

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIVING  
TO ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES!**

# CALENDAR

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

### **RITE OF CONFIRMATION RECOMMITMENT WEEKEND**

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Men's Choir Reh. (Choir Rm)
- 9:30am Faith Celebration (FLC)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 12:00pm Confirmation Photos (Sanc)
- 12:00pm Private Event (103-4)
- 6:00pm Basketball (FLC)

## **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

- 9:00am BSF Leaders (101-4, Nursery)
- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
- 6:00pm Puppet Rehearsal (FLC)
- 6:00pm Small Group (101-2)
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

## **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

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

## **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

- 9:30am BSF, Leader Seminar (Chapel)
- 1:00pm Small Group (101)
- 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 1:00pm Small Group (101)
- 2:30pm Home School Acting Class (FLC)
- 5:45pm CONNECT
- 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Choir Rm)
- 8:00pm Dartball (FLC)

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1**

- 7:00am Small Group (Lib)
- 9:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
- 10:00am Private Event (101-2)
- 8:30pm AA Meeting (FH)

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2**

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

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3**

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Men's Choir Reh. (Choir Rm)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 12:00pm Recommitment Celebration (FLC, Kit)
- 6:00pm Basketball (FLC)

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