

NEWS NOTES

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

6:00pm: Bill Woodgeard

8:15am: Jo Dimond

11:00am: Dan Yeater

Altar Guild

Lynda Berry, Averil MacKenzie

Sarah Schmitz, Gloria Biggs

Readers:

6:00pm: Karen Colwell

8:15am: Gary Smith

11:00am: Joan Werner

Acolytes:

8:15am: Hunter Thompson

Colton Thompson

11:00am: Merrick Wilson

Mackenzie Norman

Greeters:

6:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Volunteer(s) needed

11:00am ND: Lynda Berry

11:00am MD: Carl Patzer

Lessons Today: Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of God's many blessings. Given by Larry and Becky Link.

PULPIT AND LECTERN FLOWERS: In memory of Roseanne "Dell" Scott Green's birthday, October 4th, and the Scott Family. Given by Chris Snashall.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In memory of Jerry Phillips. Given by Wilma Phillips and family.

BULLETIN DEDICATION: In honor of our 57th wedding anniversary, October 2nd. Given by Charles and Pam Brown.

☪ PERSONAL NOTES ☪

BAPTISM Congratulations to Makenzie Norman and her parents, Jerad Norman and Amber Webber, as she is baptized during the 11am traditional service on Sunday, October 3rd.

☪ TODAY'S NEWS ☪

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.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE WILL MEET MONDAY, OCTOBER 4TH: As everyone remains healthy in the Elizabeth Circle, we will still be meeting as scheduled at 6:30pm and can spread out in rooms 103-4. Please bring your Small Group packet, and if you have not yet picked one up, there are folders in the Sanctuary North entrance and in the Link.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meeting on **Saturday, October 9th** at 9am in Rooms 103-4. Everyone is welcome. Bring your knitting/crochet materials and any completed shawls to be blessed with prayer. Anyone can learn to knit or crochet with our help! If you know of someone who might appreciate a shawl, call Nancy at 614-875-8155.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: A New Members Class will be held at 12:15pm on **Sunday, October 10th** 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 17th.

CHRISTIAN PARENTING CLASSES: OCTOBER 24 AND 31 DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL. Pastor Seth will be leading a two-session class for parents (and all who are interested) during the Sunday School hour on October 24th and 31st. Our topic will be "Christian Identity." In our current culture, many forces are actively working to pull young people away from faith in Christ and from his Church. In these classes, we'll be helping each other identify some of those challenges more clearly and sharing ways to encourage our children to have a strong, healthy, and joyful sense of rootedness in Jesus. We'll be meeting from 9:30am to 10:30am in the basement Fellowship Hall. Parents, grandparents, guardians, and all interested folks are encouraged to attend!

THE RECOMMITMENT CELEBRATION has been postponed until October 31st. It takes a community to raise a church. Volunteering is a great way to serve in your community and has potential to break up the same tired day to day routine! Check out what St. John's ministries have to offer and find what drives you. Talk with one of our knowledgeable pastors, youth leaders, and staff to help you complete and submit your Ministry Commitment card today!

ST. JOHN'S NEEDS YOUR HELP for light duty tasks and a wood working project.

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.

Sanctuary Main 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.

Call Mike at (614)875-2314 or sign up on the salmon sheet to see how you can help!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19th will be held from noon until 6:00pm in the Family Life Center. Donating blood products is essential to community health and the need for blood products is constant. With the ongoing pandemic, the Red Cross needs the help of blood and platelet donors and blood drive hosts to meet the needs of cancer patients and others who rely on transfusions.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control to protect our partners, donors, and staff. All individuals at blood drives must wear a face mask regardless of vaccination status.

Eligible donors with types O, B negative, or A negative blood are encouraged to make a Power Red donation at this blood drive. Power Red donors give a higher concentration of red blood cells than normal donations, providing a maximized impact.

Donors who have received a COVID-19 vaccine must provide the vaccine type, including J&J, Moderna, and Pfizer. The Red Cross is testing all blood, platelet, and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. As part of that effort, plasma from whole blood donations that test positive for COVID-19 antibodies may now help current patients with the coronavirus in need of transfusions.

Patients are counting on the kindness and generosity of volunteer blood donors this fall. Do you know someone who has never donated before? Please encourage them to make an appointment with you. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org, use sponsor code StJohnsGC.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD KICK STARTS NEXT WEEKEND: OCTOBER 10th!
St. John's will be the light in hard-to-reach places by sharing God's love through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each shoebox is an opportunity to reach a child with the gospel. For many of these kids, this is the first gift they have ever received!

There are three ways to participate:

1. **Pick up a prepared shoebox from the church entrance or Link starting October 10th.**
The instructions for packing your box are included. Please include a \$9 donation to cover shipping.
2. **Build a virtual shoebox online for just \$25.** Go to St. John's website, locate the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Goal Page, and bless children around the world without needing to leave home!
3. **Donate monetarily or with gift items.** 100% of the donations will be allocated to the operation. Please submit donated funds with your worship offerings, in the church office drop box, or mail to St. John's, 3220 Columbus Street, Grove City, Ohio, 43123.

With only a couple of weeks to donate, **bring in your items or shoebox during the month of October!** Donation drop-off tubs for items and shoe boxes will be found in the church entrance and Link as of Oct. 8th. Please direct questions to:

Jeremy Butsko (614) 871-6295.

Please consider filling a shoe box with items such as school supplies, soap with a plastic covered soap dish, toothbrush with a holder, quality pens, flashlights with batteries, and new short-sleeved shirts without writing. *Avoid items like lotions, war related items, and items that can melt.*

*"That all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no other."
- 1 Kings 8:60*

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS: The Quilters 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 has a donation bin and is located just behind the Walgreens at Stringtown and McDowell Roads.



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.

“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. Information about Greg Finke's books [Joining Jesus on His Mission](#) and [Joining Jesus Show Me How](#), as well as many other resources, can be found on his website www.dwelling114.org.

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Ephesians, Pastor Seth Jersild, 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 / High School, Rm 311.

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!

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

GREETERS NEEDED for Saturday evening and 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS should be turned in by Monday morning. Fill out the prayer request section on the salmon insert or contact the church office at 614-875-2314. You may also email your prayer request to secretary@stjohnsgc.org. Requests are updated on a weekly basis.

USED EYEGLASSES are being collected for donation to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers located throughout the world. The used glasses are repaired and distributed to those in need in developing countries. You can donate your used eyeglasses in the drop boxes in the North Entrance and in the second-floor hallway just outside of the library.

YOUTH NEWS

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!**

10 COMMANDMENTS Learning Event for First Year Confirmation students is next Sunday, Oct. 10. See Gary's email for details.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: September 26 – 312.

<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.**

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.

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.
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.

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

☞ CALENDAR ☞

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)
6:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00am BSF Leaders (101-4, Nursery)
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
6:00pm Puppet Rehearsal (FLC)
6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (103-4)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (101-2)
10:00am Christian Caregiving Class (103-4)
2:00pm Private Event (SH)
6:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

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)
12:15pm New Member Class (103-4)
12:30pm 10 Commandments
Learning Event (FLC, 3rd Flr)
6:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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