

NEWS NOTES

October 10, 2021

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

6:00pm: Mike Gibboney

8:15am: Joel Baughman

11:00am: Dave and Karen Grossman

Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman

Linda Wagner, Dee Harlor, Rhonda Maynard

Readers:

6:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Warren Grody

Acolytes:

8:15am: Corban Allman

11:00am: Dylan Allman

Greeters:

6:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Jo Dimond

11:00am ND: Lori Wobig

11:00am MD: Keith and Jane Stenerson

Lessons Today: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Hebrew 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: With thanks for the gift of music. Given by Alice Sweeley.

PULPIT AND LECTERN FLOWERS: In celebration on our 57th wedding anniversary and for the glory of God and all. Given by Charlie and Pam Brown.

BULLETIN DEDICATION: In honor of the Altar Guild. Given by Vi Davis.

☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

NOTES OF THANKS “Members and Friends of St. John’s: Your recognition and celebration of fifty-five years of ministry was overwhelming! You have a special way of showing your support of the pastoral staff who serve you! Thank you for the cards, notes, and gifts. Serving the congregation as a Visitation Pastor was a God-given joy and a privilege. Jan and I again, Thank you.” ~ Pastor Ray Rosenthal.

DELLA WELSH - longtime congregation member and former Nursery Attendant of over 30 years, will celebrate her **98th birthday** on Oct. 24th. Please shower her with cards and good wishes at her new address: 3563 Brookside Blvd., Columbus, Ohio 43204.

☞ TODAY’S NEWS ☞

QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETINGS will be held after each service on October 23/24. Information packets will be available on October 16th both in person and online.

SWING BY THE OVERFLOW TODAY and read the Faith Trifolds of our confirmation students! We are blessed by their faith witness!

HELP NEEDED: RECORDING WORSHIP SERVICES. St. John’s needs volunteers who are willing to record worship services, both traditional and contemporary. This could be as simple as signing up for dates to record a 12-minute sermon with your iPhone. Our homebound members deeply appreciate being able to connect with our worship services through our website. If you are interested or have questions about helping with this important ministry, please call Pastor Seth at (217) 255-2118. Thank you for your consideration!

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.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Ephesians, Pastor Seth Jersild, Rm 001 / Ephesians, Steve Johnson, Chapel / Jonah, Jenny Brockman and Jennifer Czaplicki, Rms 103 and 104.

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.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS OCTOBER 10th. Ladies, are you looking for a place to study the Bible and find fellowship with friends? You're invited to join Jenny Brockman and Jennifer Czaplicki in rooms 103-4 during the 9:30am Sunday School hour. Our first study will cover the book of Jonah. Come join us! Gathering at 9:30am, and study begins at 9:45am.

SARAH CIRCLE WILL MEET MONDAY, OCTOBER 25TH at 7:00pm in rooms 103-4. Please bring items for the Health Kits and we will put together that evening. Any questions, please feel free to call Vi Davis at (614-875-2605). Here is what you need to get for your Health Kit:

One large dark colored bath towel	One wash cloth	Two bars of soap, wrapped
Full size deodorant	Toothbrush	Full size toothpaste
Dental floss	Sturdy comb	(check expiration)

We welcome any newcomers! Looking forward to seeing all of you, and God bless you all.

OWLS EVENT – OCTOBER 15, 2021. The Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) are planning a very special meeting for October and hope you take a minute to add it to your calendar. Our speaker is Ed Reeves, a Grove City resident with a very interesting and heartfelt story to tell. "My Search for my Vietnam Scout Dog, Prince" is the title of a book he wrote in 2016 The following was copied from Amazon's website where his book is for sale.

"After training for five months at Fort Benning, Prince and Ed Reeves worked as a point team on patrols in the jungles of Vietnam. They ate together, slept together, sloshed through rice paddies together, walked up and down mountain trails in the heat and monsoon rain together, and flew in choppers together.

"When Ed's tour was up and he got to go home, the hardest part was saying goodbye to Prince. He had to stay. Ed thought about him all the time, wondering what happened to him. When the troops were pulled out in 1973, Ed gave Prince up for dead. He just wondered how. How did he die? Was it fast in the heat of a battle, or was he euthanized because he was considered excess equipment? Or the worst fate--was he turned over to the South Vietnamese Army? For 36 years Ed had those questions. In 2007, he found out what happened!" *And on October 17th, so can you!!*

We are planning to resume our potluck lunches this month unless the church policies change due to Covid 19. Please arrive around 11:15 am so we can prepare for lunch and start the meeting promptly at 11:30 am. Bring a covered dish to share – fried chicken, meat loaf and drinks will be provided. Please use the salmon insert to sign up or call Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. Reservations are always important. This meeting is our first lunch in a long time, and we'd like to be prepared. Remind your friends – Invite a friend – Come join us for a great speaker and a wonderful lunch. Hope to see you there!

FLOOD BUCKETS NEEDED! St. John's is collecting Flood Buckets for the NALC Disaster Response Team. We are requesting supplies to fill these buckets. Donations are being collected in room 101. **We will Stuff the Truck with all donations next Sunday, October 17th**. Thank you for your supporting those in need!

ATTENTION YOUNG SINGERS! I would like to invite interested high school and middle school students to join the St. John's Chancel Choir. We are looking for singers of every voice range. You may think it unusual to be asking students to join an adult choir. However, students singing with adults in church choirs has a long history, especially on the east coast and in Europe. This tradition is now starting to grow even in the Midwest. It is an opportunity to serve God and to add to the beauty of traditional worship. Making music can be an important part of your faith journey.

We rehearse Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the sanctuary. The Chancel Choir usually sings at either the 8:15am or 11:00am service on Sunday. Rehearsals are easy, and you would be warmly welcomed by everyone there. If you or your parents have questions about joining the choir, please e-mail me at mmeuser@stjohnsgc.org. Sincerely, Mark Meuser, St. John's Music Director.

JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION. 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 (thenalcoholio.org) or pick up a brochure at one of entrances and mail in your registration. Hope to see you there!



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19th will be held from **noon until 6:00pm in the Family Life Center.** Donors with blood types O, B negative, or A negative are encouraged to make a Power Red donation, providing a maximized impact. Do you know someone who has never donated before? Please encourage them to schedule their appointment with you by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visiting RedCrossBlood.org with sponsor code StJohnsGC.

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

TRUNK OR TREAT! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH FROM 4PM – 6PM. We will be hosting Trunk or Treat in our parking lot. There will be games, food, trick or treating, and more! Please save the date and bring the kids to this fun-filled afternoon. We also need people to decorate their trunks and pass out candy. Please watch upcoming bulletins for additional information.

CLOTHING DONATIONS NO LONGER COLLECTED THROUGH ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES:



Lutheran Social Services (LSS), Faith Missions, Quilters, and the Grove City Food Pantry no longer collect, sort, or donate used clothing. Instead, please donate clothing to such organizations 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.**

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!

CALLING ALL GARDENERS - Saturday, October 30th and Saturday, November 6th we will be having another landscape workday. This time around we plan to do fall planting. If you have just a few hours to spare, we would greatly appreciate it. We will begin working each Saturday at 9:00 am. Please mark the salmon insert if you can help.



ST. JOHN'S RECOMMITMENT CELEBRATION! Please join us on **Sunday, October 31 immediately following the 11:00 am worship services** in the Family Life Center for a Recommitment Celebration! Lunch will be provided. We would like to gather together to celebrate the recommitment we asked all of you to make during the month of September. If you have not filled out your commitment card, it is not too late! We really want all of our members to complete the card and turn it. We realize some of you have been filling them out for years and "we know what you do." This may be the case, but it would really help us update our records. We appreciate all that you do and want to celebrate YOU on October 31st. Please mark the salmon insert and let us know that you are attending so that we can be sure to have enough food for everyone. Hope to see you there!

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.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - St. John's has partnered with Samaritan's Purse to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through gift-filled shoe boxes! They are taking the Gospel to half a million children in the Pacific Islands over the next few years as part of their commitment to "proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 6:15).



Here's how you can participate:

1. **Pick up a shoe box** at the church entrance or Link or go to St. John's website and click on the Operation Christmas Child link to build a shoe box online for \$25.
2. **Fill your shoe box** with a "Wow" item (*a toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, stuffed animal*) and other gifts: Hygiene items (*no toothpaste or liquids*), school supplies, other fun toys.
3. **Pray!** Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.
4. **Include \$9 donation** to cover the shipping costs.
5. **Drop off your filled shoe box in the Link by November 7.**

If you are unable to pack a full box, there is a bin in the link for individual item donations. Monetary donations are also accepted! Please contact Jeremy Butsko with any questions 614.871.6295.

"Declare His Glory among the nations, his wonders among all peoples" ~ Psalm 96:3

YOUTH NEWS

CONNECT and meets weekly on Thursday, 6pm – 7:15pm. Children, ages 4 through grade 6 are invited to join us. This evening is free! The greeter's table will open at 5:40pm. Everyone will be masking. **We have lots of fun, faith-filled things planned for each age-group!**

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.

Please come into the building when dropping off and picking up your child. Otherwise, please make arrangements with Laurie Pecuch if you'd like us to escort your child through the parking lot to your car. Contact Laurie with any questions at (614) 620-2669.

☞ 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 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)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:30am BSF Leaders (virtual)
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
6:00pm Puppet Rehearsal (FLC)
6:00pm Small Group (102)
7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
12:30pm Small Group (102)
6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00pm BSA Troop 392 (SH)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

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 (FLC)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:00am Small Group (Lib)
9:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
11:30am OWLS (FLC)
8:30pm AA Meeting (FH)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

JOINING JESUS MISSION CONFERENCE

Details in News Notes

12:00pm Private Event (SH)
6:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

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)

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