

# NEWS NOTES

October 30-31, 2021

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## SERVING TODAY

### Communion Assistants:

6:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Karen Bentley

11:00am: Dan Yeater, Ike Stage,  
Alice Sweeley

### Altar Guild

Bill and Linda Diehl, Barb Grubb

### Readers:

6:00pm: Chris Jenkins

8:15am: Pam Wittenberg

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

### Acolytes:

8:15am: Brayden Gottshall

Corban Allman

11:00am: Volunteer(s) needed

### Greeters:

6:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Armand Arabian,  
Sarah Schmitz

11:00am N/D: Barbara Armentrout

11:00am M/D: Shirley Blake

**Lessons Today: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36.**

**DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In loving memory of our beloved brother, Jesse C. Maynard. Given by his sister Sandy Hayes.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In thankfulness for all the blessings from St. John's for my 92 years. Given by Bob Easley.

**PULPIT FLOWERS:** In celebration of Nancy and Carl Patzer's 65th wedding anniversary. Given by Carl and Nancy Patzer.

**LECTERN FLOWERS:** In honor of Colton Thompson's 11th birthday. Given by his grandparents, Terry and Teresa Orahoad.

**BULLETINS:** In honor of Howard Linder's Birthday Oct 31. Given by Donna Linder.

**☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞**

**WELCOME NEWEST MEMBERS!** We rejoice and give thanks to God for bringing our new members to us! If you have not met them already, please take a moment to introduce yourself and invite them warmly into our community. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey with Christ as members of St. John's.

**Connie Perry**

**Ellen Horton**

**Tim and Karen Stewart**

**Amy Shaw**

**Joe and Kirsten Lovell with their children Finley Michelle and Rowan Michael**

**Mary Campbell**

**Jim and Sheryl Fraley**

**Cheryl Thompson**

**Dustin and Danielle Flint with their son, Pheonix**

**Barbara Connors**

**June Stimpfle**

**Hanna McClary**



**☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞**

**ST. JOHN'S RECOMMITMENT CELEBRATION!** Please join us this **Sunday, October 31, immediately following the 11:00am worship services** in the Family Life Center for our Recommittment Celebration and Lunch!

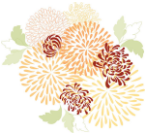


If you have not filled out your commitment card, it is not too late!  
Stop by the Link desk or North Entrance and complete your card today!



**VETERAN'S LUNCHEON** – **Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** we will be having our annual Veteran's recognition meal at 12:15 pm in the FLC. Please mark the salmon sheet if you will be able to attend.





**CALLING ALL GARDENERS – Next Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** we will have another landscape workday. This time we are fall planting. If you have just a few hours to spare, we would greatly appreciate it. We will begin at **9:00 am. Please mark the salmon sheet if you can help.**

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** - There's only one week left to get your shoeboxes filled! We have an opportunity to share God's love with children all over the world and everyone can help! Here's how:

1. Fill a shoebox with toys, school supplies, and personal care items (see the posters hanging around the church for ideas). Don't forget the \$9 to help with shipping.
2. Bring in one or two items to go toward filling a box. Just place these items in the donation tub in the link.
3. Build a shoebox online by visiting the St. John's website and click on the Operation Christmas Child link.



Don't forget to pray for the children and their families to experience and grow in God's love as they respond to the Gospel that is presented at the shoebox events around the world. Please contact Jeremy Butsko with any questions: 614.871.6295. Deadline to bring items is **next Sunday, November 7. Thank you!**

**HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS** are invited to join Chancel Choir! We are looking for singers of every voice range. Joining the choir is a fantastic opportunity to serve God while adding to the beauty of traditional worship. The Chancel Choir rehearse Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the sanctuary. Simply sign up on the salmon sheet or e-mail Mark Meuser at [mmeuser@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:mmeuser@stjohnsgc.org) today!

**ST. JOHN'S 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. Call the church office at (614)875-2314 or sign up on the salmon sheet to see how you can help!

**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!

**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.

**A SPECIAL SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE** will be held on **Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.** This is a special worship service set aside for family or friends who have had loved ones pass away in the last few years.

**CHILI COOK-OFF AND DESSERT AUCTION!** It's Chili time again! Get your ladles ready for Sunday November 21st after late service until the desserts are gone. Who can provide delectable desserts for the auction and help us crown the 2021 Chili Champ? Sign-up on the salmon sheet or through the volunteer sheet in your Sunday School class. All proceeds will benefit short term mission trips! Please direct questions to Marian Walsh (614)648-1751 or Tammy LeVally (614)562-2310.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 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.



**NOW THAT IT IS AUTUMN,** winter and cold weather aren't far away. We will begin our annual coat, other outer wear, and blanket collection for those less fortunate on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We are adding socks to be donated, as well. We have a great connection with a pastor in Franklinton, who will give our winter donations to people in the area. Those being helped are the homeless and any who need a little help in keeping warm this winter. Jesus instructed us to provide for others.



Each year, our loving and generous members give so many items. We take them down each Sunday night to the church before their evening service. They give the items away; there is no cost for any recipient.

Please leave your donations in the box in the church library. Any questions, please call Bruce and Karen Whyte at (614)878-9392. This is a wonderful way to share your blessings.

**WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** - Interested in joining but not free on Saturday mornings? Your wait is over! Starting January 11th, the Prayer Shawl Ministry will *also* meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00 – 8:30pm in rooms 103-4. Of course, you may come to the Saturday meeting, the Tuesday meeting, or both! Come to knit, crochet, learn, or just join in the fellowship! **Please mark the salmon sheet if you are interested in meeting Tuesday evenings.** Thank you!



**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.**

**☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞**

**CONNECT** and meets weekly on Thursday, 6pm – 7:15pm. Children, ages 4 through grade 6 are invited to join us. Everyone will be masking. The greeter's table will open at 5:40pm. If you have any questions, again you can talk to Laurie. Her number is 614-620-2669. **We have lots of fun, faith-filled things planned for each age-group!**

**GLOW: Matthew 5:16 is for high school students!** We are meeting this Saturday, November 6, 7pm – 9:30pm. Friends are welcome to join us! Questions? Call Laurie at 614-620-2669.

**FAITH AND PURPOSE:** Gary and Laurie will be leading four sessions on Faith & Purpose this school year during the Sunday School Hour. The first session is scheduled for Sunday November 21st, starting at 9:30am. We will meet in the gym. The sessions are designed for ages 7th grade through adulthood. They are also ideal for parents of children under age 12. Not necessary; however, you may RSVP to Gary at [gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org).

**☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞**

**Attendance:** October 24 – 279.

<b><u>August 2021</u></b>	<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>Expense</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
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.**

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

# ☪ CALENDAR ☪

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS – FALL BACK ON NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>.** Saturday evening service will be held at 4pm due to Daylight Savings ending the following Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31**

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am Sunday School  
9:30am Men's Chorale Reh. (Choir Rm)  
10:00am Small Group (Lib)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
12:00pm RECOMMITMENT CELEBRATION  
LUNCHEON (FLC, Kit)  
6:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

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

## **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

### **ELECTION DAY (FLC)**

### **SCRIP DEADLINE**

9:00am Quilters (103-4)  
12:30pm Small Group (102)  
6:00pm Cub Scouts (204)  
7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)  
7:00pm BSA Troop 392 (FLC)

## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

9:30am BSF  
11:30am BSF Seminar (Chapel)  
1:00pm Small Group (101)  
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)  
7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

## **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

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 (Sanc)  
8:00pm Dartball (FLC)

## **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

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

## **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

6:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm GLOW (FLC, 103-4, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)  
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am Sunday School  
9:30am Men's Chorale Reh. (Choir Rm)  
10:00am Small Group (Lib)  
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
12:00pm Veteran's Luncheon (FLC, Kit)  
6:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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