

# NEWS NOTES

November 13-14, 2021

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## SERVING TODAY

### Communion Assistants:

6:00pm: Bill Woodgeard

8:15am: Judy Taylor

11:00am: Dave and Karen Grossman

Lisa Stallard

### Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman,

Linda Wagner, Dee Harlor,

Rhonda Maynard

### Readers:

6:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Gary Smith

11:00am: Dora Yates

### Acolytes:

8:15am: Corban Allman

11:00am: Dylan Allman

Greeters: **Volunteers Needed**  
\_for all services

**Lessons Today: Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8.**

### DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of my dad, Emerson. In memory of our mom, Mildred's birthday. Given by Jim Brasket and family.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of my mom, Jan Singleton. Given by Sky Singleton.

**LECTERN AND PULPIT FLOWERS:** In honor of our wedding on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Given by David Sweeley.

**BULLETINS:** Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

## PERSONAL NOTES

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Betty Lewis; Gail Turnbull; Sarah Miller.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to:

The Kinman family on the death of Carl Kinman on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Pauline Fritz on the death of her husband, Rev. Earl Fritz on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

All who mourn are in our prayers.

**BIRTHS** - Congratulations to Sarah Miller on the birth of her twin girls, Hadlee Rose and Dakota Luv, on November 5, 2021. Hadlee and Dakota are welcomed by brother Jaxon.

Congratulations to Lenny and Lyndsey Solomon on the birth of their baby boy, Levi Kade, on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Levi is welcomed by sisters Allie, Brielle, and Luna.

**WEDDINGS** – Congratulations to Dave Sweeley & Barb Grubb who were married here at St. John's on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. May God bless your new life together.

**BETTY PULLINS** has a new address. Please feel free to send her cards or letters to 11351 Lafayette-Plain City Rd., Plain City, Ohio 43064.

### **NOTES OF THANKS:**

"I want to thank you all for the beautiful birthday cards. I love them. I loved so much doing the nursery. It was such a blessing for me. I loved the children so much. I had so much fun with them. We did stories, games, coloring, singing Jesus Loves Me songs. I did nursery for 27 years. Thanks for my cards. I loved all those children. Love you all." ~ Della Welsh.

"I want to thank all of those who served lunch for the Veterans on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. It was such a nice day! They did such a nice job, both the youth and adults. Sincerely," ~ Air Force Veteran Carl Patzer.

"Kudos and thanksgiving to the gracious and dedicated individuals involved in planning and executing the 8th Annual St. John's Veterans' Luncheon on Sunday, November 7, 2021. The veterans and their families were treated with such kindness, courtesy, and respect at this event. Every aspect felt like a warm HUG, honoring the vets for their service and thanking them in a myriad of ways. We enjoyed a wonderful program; veteran photo display; delicious dinner served by attentive youth and adults; tangible patriotic gifts, including a handmade pocket prayer cloth; veterans group photo; and gun salute and taps by the American Legion #532. We can't say enough about how meaningful this luncheon was to us personally. We extend our gratitude to all those who worked this event for the bountiful blessings bestowed upon the veterans of St. John's and their families on that beautiful day. With love," ~ Air Force Veteran James Rorick and wife Carol.

"Thanks for prayers! Jake Hungler has returned stateside and is based in Oklahoma City." ~ Pastor Ray Rosenthal.

"Thank you for your generous gifts and prayers for the children in need around the world! Shoeboxes filled by our St. John's family have been delivered to a local church collection site where they will be shipped on to the children. We ask that you continue to pray that God prepares the hearts of these children, that they respond to His love. If you would like to join 27,000+ other Prayer Partners who pray for Operation Christmas Child year-round, please visit [www.SamaritansPurse.org/PraywithOCC](http://www.SamaritansPurse.org/PraywithOCC)." ~ Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child.

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Many Thanks:

"Our 8th Annual Veterans recognition luncheon was held on Sunday, November 7, 2021, approximately 86 Veterans and their family members attended. Pastor Seth Jersild emceed the program and did a wonderful job! Mayor Ike Stage presented the Golden Veteran Awards. We have 5 Golden Veterans: Carl Patzer, Michael Caleb Schwiebert, Bill Graul, Russell Miller, and Mel Baker. These special honored Veterans were given an Eagle plaque for their services!

"The Demorest Road American Legion Post 532 led the Pledge of Allegiance, taps and the gun salute. St. Johns teenagers served the Veterans their delicious roast beef lunch and St. John's member, David Shrum sang the Star-Spangled Banner! He did a great job!

"Special thank you to Wilma Phillips for co-chairing and doing an excellent job! Thanks to Steve Marcum for organizing the American Legion and all his hard work! Thanks to Diana Imbrock, Laurie and Gary Pecuch, Elaine Bennett, Jane Stenerson, and all the wonderful kitchen helpers: Cindy Henricksen, Annette Utzinger, Christine Hank, Phil Pennington. Thanks also to Susan Koehler, Debbie Abbitt, Lynn Ehrlich, Charlotte Rausch, Amanda Baldree, Bonnie Swanson, and Karen Jersild for helping; and all the Elizabeth and Sarah Circle ladies for the delicious pies. Thank you, Aaron Clark, for running the sound system and slide presentation.

"Special thank you to our Veterans for the sacrifices they made for all of us and for their service to our country! This program is presented in their honor, this is the least we can do. God bless our Veterans!

"One more special thank you to the ladies who made the crocheted crosses for the Veterans; Karen Grossman, Sarah Schmitz, Cheryl Thompson, and Wilma Phillips." ~ Pam Castle, Veteran's Annual Dinner Coordinator.

## ☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

**STILL HAVE LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY? Think about donating it to the Quilters to add to the Christmas bags. Please place the candy in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thanks for all of you and your giving hearts.**

**WE WILL BE HONORING OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS, past and present, during all services with a special gift on November 20th and 21st. Please plan to attend!**

**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.

**FOOD DRIVE** - As we look ahead to the holiday season, we are mindful that there are those who are much less fortunate than we are. In keeping with that, we will again be holding a food drive during the month of November to benefit the Grove City Food Pantry and we invite you to participate. Please bring nonperishable, unopened food items, such as canned goods and place them on the donation table in the sanctuary. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**THE MITTEN TREES ARE HERE** and can be found in the North Entrance and the Link! Please help fill the trees with mittens, gloves, warm hats, earmuffs, scarves, and socks for all ages. **All items must be either new with tags or homemade.** After December 5th, the items will be taken to the LSS Champion Food Pantry, where they will be distributed to anyone in need. Please contact Ellen Previts at 614-345-8576 if you have any questions. Thank you for keeping our neighbors warm!

**ANNUAL COAT DRIVE** - We are requesting donations of coats, blankets, outerwear, sleeping bags, and socks to be donated. Our winter donations will be given to people in the Southern Columbus area, including homeless, who need help staying warm this winter. There is no cost to any recipient. Jesus instructed us to provide for others. 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.



**IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP OUR ONLINE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UP TO DATE,**

we are asking that if you have not submitted a photo for us to use, please do!

We would like to picture as many of our folks as possible.

The holidays are a great time to take family pictures.

If you have one you like, please email it to [elaine.bennett@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:elaine.bennett@stjohnsgc.org) or leave a hard copy in the church office.



Also, if you would like for us to take your picture, please mark the salmon sheet and we will arrange a time to do so.

**CHILI COOK-OFF AND DESSERT AUCTION!** It's Chili time again! Get your ladles ready for **next 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? Look for sign-up sheets in your Sunday School classes. All proceeds will benefit short term mission trips! Please direct questions to Marian Walsh (614)648-1751 or Tammy LeVally (614)562-2310.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd** 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 yours by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visiting RedCrossBlood.org with sponsor code **StJohnsGC**. This is a simple way to make a very meaningful gift this giving season.

**COOL RIDES FOR AREA CHILDREN** - This year we would like to invite you to take part in the annual St. John's Bike Project. In early December, we will be delivering 25 bikes and helmets to needy children in Central Ohio to make their Christmas great!

You may sponsor a quarter, half or full bike, or helmet. Checks made payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. Give your gift by picking up an envelope at one of the church entrances. Then fill it with the designated currency or check made out to St. John's. Finally drop the envelope in the offering plate or return to the youth office by **November 28**.



Questions: Contact Dylan Allman at [dylanallman07@gmail.com](mailto:dylanallman07@gmail.com) or Diana Imbrock at [dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org). Thank you for making an area child's Christmas a little brighter!

**CHURCH ACCESSIBILITY PROPOSAL: INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS:** We have scheduled informational meetings for the following dates/times regarding a proposed accessibility plan for St. John's:

- November 21<sup>st</sup> Following 11:00 Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> During Men's Bible Study, 8:00 a.m., Room 103-4
- December 4<sup>th</sup> Following Saturday 4:00 p.m. Worship in the Main Sanctuary
- December 5<sup>th</sup> At the beginning of Sunday School (9:30 a.m.); Basement Fellowship Hall
- December 5<sup>th</sup> At the beginning of Sunday School (9:30 a.m.); Chapel
- December 12<sup>th</sup> Following 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Main Sanctuary
- December 17<sup>th</sup> OWLS meeting, 11:30 a.m.; Family Life Center
- December 19<sup>th</sup> Following 11:00 Traditional Worship, Main Sanctuary

We hope all our members will attend one or more of these meetings to learn about the proposal and ask questions. More information will be coming in the **December Eagle**.

**CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS DECORATORS!** We will be decorating the church for Christmas on **Saturday, November 27th starting at 9:00 am**. Eat your turkey on Thursday, do your Black Friday shopping then spend the morning with us on Saturday! We have wreaths to hang, trees to decorate, a nativity scene to set up and more. This is a nice way to kick off the Christmas season. If you are able to help, please mark the salmon sheet.

**OWLS EVENT – NOVEMBER 19, 2021.** The OWLS will not be asking for members to donate as we usually do to help defray our costs but will be asking for donations to help a needy family from St. John's at Thanksgiving. Thank you for caring!

Thanksgiving. What does that mean to you? A day off from work? Lots of food? Football? Parades? Or do you make this holiday a day to think about your many blessings and thank God for another wonderful year? Some past years were very good, some were not. But we always felt God's love and had faith everything would be better. Our society, unfortunately, has many men, women, and children with little to be thankful for – just another day. They don't have a home or shelter, a bed, a job, health care, or even food. But they do have organizations with people who care and programs to help them.

Mount Carmel Street Medicine is one of the programs available. For more than 30 years, this Street Medicine program has been providing free urgent medical care to central Ohioans who are uninsured or underinsured. The Street Medicine team serves refugees, immigrants, victims of human trafficking, individuals experiencing homelessness, and anyone who has barriers accessing medical care. The Street Medicine mobile medical coach visits several regular central Ohio sites on a rotating basis and offers urgent medical care, common medications, limited vaccinations, employment screenings, case management, and referrals to primary care, spiritual care, and many other community resources, such as housing, food, and addiction treatment resources. In addition, small care teams round regularly on people living on the streets to provide direct medical and social care, and follow people from homeless to housed, ensuring the best transition possible. **St. John's very own Laura Imbrock** will share more details and information about Street Medicine and her experiences.

The potluck is back!! OWLS will provide fried chicken and meat loaf. Bring a covered dish and join your friends for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. We ask you to arrive around 11:15 am so we can open the meeting at 11:30 am. Use the salmon sheet in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation so the group can plan accordingly. You can also call the office or Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. Hope to see you there!

**RESPECT LIFE RETURNS** - Please join St. John's Respect Life Team on **Monday, November 22 at 7pm in rooms 101-2.** We've taken some time off during the pandemic, and this would be a perfect time for you to join us as we restart. We'll be thinking about the year ahead and discerning what God may have planned, as we discuss critical issues around supporting women facing unplanned pregnancy, coordinating with area pro-life groups, end-of-life issues and more. We hope to see you there! Questions, contact Lois Moore at 937-768-5409 or lmoore2701@yahoo.com.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Philippians, Pastor Seth, FH Rm 101 / Ephesians, Steve Johnson, Chapel / Jonah, Jenny Brockman and Jennifer Czaplicki, Rms 103-4 / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, Rms 301, 303. **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.

**SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE?** Please email secretary@stjohnsgc.org, or drop off your article in the secure slot of the church office, by the Monday prior to the weekend issue. Articles for next weekend are due **Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞**

**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 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 9:30am. We will meet in the gym. The sessions are designed for ages 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**GLOW: Matthew 5:16 is for high school students!** We meet **Saturday, December 4**, 7pm – 9:30pm. Friends are welcome to join us! Questions? Contact Laurie at 614-620-2669.

**☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞**

**Attendance:** November 7 – 313.

<u>September 2021</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$52,401	\$537,687	\$52,906	\$547,127
Benevolence	\$ 4,115	\$ 42,967	\$ 3,557	\$ 39,219

Total Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund during pandemic as of **9/30/2021: \$21,156.**

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

## ☞ CALENDAR ☞

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc, FLC)  
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)  
2:00pm Private Event (FLC, Kit)  
3:00pm Private Event (103-4)  
4:00pm Private Event (FLC)

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

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

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

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

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

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

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

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

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc, FLC)  
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)  
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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