

NEWS NOTES

November 20-21, 2021

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: Dave Sweeley

8:15am: Karen Bentley

11:00am: Gloria Biggs, Lynda Berry,
Linda Diehl

Altar Guild

Lynda Berry, Averil MacKenzie
Paul and Pam Wittenberg, Gloria Biggs

Readers:

6:00pm: Karen Colwell

8:15am: Judy Taylor

11:00am: Dora Yates

Acolytes:

8:15am: Colton & Hunter Thompson

11:00am: MacKenzie Norman &
Merrick Wilson

Greeters: 4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Volunteer Needed

11:00am ND Lynda Berry

11:00am MD Carl Patzer

Lessons Today: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Revelation 1:4b:8; John 18:33-37.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: in memory of the birthdays of our mothers, Kathryn Lyday and Beulah Hughes. Given by Richard and Evelyn Lyday.

ALTAR FLOWERS: in honor of Armand Arabian's 94th birthday. Given by the Schmitz family.

BULLETINS: In respect of Carl Kinman. Given by Carl and Nancy Patzer.

☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Gail Turnbull; Jody Thompson

NOTES OF THANKS: To My Church Family: I can't say "Thank You" enough for the prayers, phone calls, cards, visits, and meals that I have received following my recent surgery. Thank you to Pastor Karen Jersild for praying with me the evening following my surgery. Dellno & I are truly blessed by your love and support that you have shown to us. Once again, Thank you. - *Betty Lewis*

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞



CHILI COOK-OFF AND DESSERT AUCTION

TODAY

in the FLC at noon! Join us!



THANKSGIVING WORSHIP will be held on **Wednesday, Nov. 24th at 7pm.** We have moved this traditional service from Thanksgiving Day to the evening before Thanksgiving. Please join us in the Sanctuary on this evening.

A SPECIAL SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE will be held on **Sunday, November 28th 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. A fellowship hour with refreshments will follow the worship service in the Family Life Center.

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.





HOMEBOUND MINISTRY - Unfortunately, due to COVID 19, we are still unable to Christmas carol to our homebound members. Instead, on Sunday, December 19th, we would like to deliver a poinsettia and a small gift bag to each of our homebound members and friends that need a little Christmas cheer. We plan to let them know ahead of time that someone will be leaving some goodies outside their door for them. We will not enter their homes so that we do not put anyone at risk. Everything will be provided. If you would be willing to help deliver some holiday cheer, please mark the salmon insert. We would love to have you join us!

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!



SAVE THE DATE! CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE COMING! Do you love to bake? Do you have a favorite cookie recipe you'd love to share? Your talents are needed! After a year off due to Covid19, we will be having our Christmas Cookie and Goodies Sale on Saturday, December 18th. This sale will also be open to the community.

We will need dozens of cookies and other homemade items. We are asking for **homemade items ONLY**.

If you don't want to bake but want to help in another way, you can make a monetary donation to the Kitchen Fund.

Any questions, please call Sue Sutton, 614-539-9544 or Suzie Brace, 614-871-3201.

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 have pictures of 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 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.



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 willing to help, please mark the salmon sheet.



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 or Diana Imbrock at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org. Thank you for making an area child's Christmas a little brighter!



PRAYERS AND PINS bowling league starts January 9, on Sundays at 3pm. Cost is \$14 per person, and 50% of this will support our Summer Short-Term Mission teams. Contact Jo Dimond to sign up at 614-270-3291 or jodimond@aol.com; or Dave & Karen Grossman at 614-579-8037.

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

December 2nd During Men's Bible Study, 8:00 a.m., Room 103-4

December 4th Following Saturday 4:00 p.m. Worship in the Main Sanctuary

December 5th At the beginning of Sunday School (9:30 a.m.);
Basement Fellowship Hall

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Chapel

December 12th Following 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Main Sanctuary

December 17th OWLS meeting, 11:30 a.m.; Family Life Center

December 19th Following 11:00 Traditional Worship, Main Sanctuary

*Date following Contemporary Service yet to be scheduled.



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**.



ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM/DINNER THEATER!

Please plan to join us Sunday, December 12th for a special Christmas Celebration. This year's program will feature **Sunday School Students, and much more!** Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. and **the program will begin**

immediately following dinner. Please bring a dessert to share when the program ends. All are welcome, so please be sure to invite friends, family, and neighbors! Suggested dinner donations for adults is \$6.00 and \$5.00 for children. We can always use extra hands to set up and clean-up for this event. Please contact Elaine Bennett if you are interested in helping or mark the salmon insert.

ADOPT A FAMILY - In the hopes of helping to make the holidays a little brighter for some of our fellow members who may be struggling financially, we will be accepting monetary donations during the month of December for our annual holiday Adopt-a-Family drive. Envelopes will be available throughout the



church and in the church office. If you or anyone you know of within the congregation would like to be considered for Adopt-a-Family funds, please mark that on the salmon insert. The names are kept completely confidential. Also, if you are interested in delivering Adopt-a-Family goods, please note that on the salmon insert as well.

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.

☞ 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 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.

GLOW: Matthew 5:16 is for high school students! We meet **Saturday, December 4**, 6:30pm – 9:00pm. Friends are welcome to join us! Questions? Contact Laurie at 614-620-2669.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Philippians, Pastor Seth, FH Rm 101 / Ephesians, Steve Johnson, Chapel / Jonah, 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 22nd**.

☪ STEWARDSHIP ☪

Attendance: November 14 – 293.

<u>October 2021</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$61,490	\$599,177	\$60,503	\$607,630
Benevolence	\$ 4,817	\$ 47,784	\$ 4,896	\$ 44,115

Total Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund during pandemic as of **10/31/2021**:
\$21,586.

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



☞ CALENDAR ☞

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)
12:00pm Chili Cook-Off & Dessert Auction
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:30am BSF Leaders
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
6:00pm Puppet Rehearsal (FLC)
6:00pm Small Group (101-2)
7:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)
7:00pm Respect Life Team (101-2)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC)
12:30pm Small Group (102)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (204)
7:00pm BSA Troop 392 (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

1:00pm Small Group (101)
3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Sanc)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Thanksgiving Day
Church offices closed today

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Church offices closed today
8:30pm AA Meeting (FH)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:00am Christmas Decorating
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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 Serv of Comfort and
Remembrance (Sanc, FLC)
6:00pm Saddles n Such 4H (Fh & LL
classroom)

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