

NEWS NOTES

November 6-7, 2021

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

6:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Jo Dimond

11:00am: Ron Nighbert,
Caroline Koethke,
Chad Whyte

Altar Guild

Linda Vozel, Dee Harlor

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

Readers:

6:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Marilyn Smith

11:00am: Christine Hank

Acolytes:

8:15am: Hunter Thompson

Colton Thompson

11:00am: Merrick Wilson
Mackenzie Norman

Greeters:

6:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Armand Arabian,
Sarah Schmitz

11:00am N/D: George and Gloria Biggs

11:00am M/D: Shirley Blake

Lessons Today: Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: To All Veterans. Given by Warren Grody and Linda Vozel.

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Connie Taylor; Bob Eesley; Charlie Brown.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Jess Wheeler**, husband of Sandy Wheeler, who passed away October 31, 2021; and to the family and friends of **Marilyn Rice**, who passed away on November 2, 2021.

NOTES OF THANKS: **Margie Kennell** would like to thank everyone for the card and good wishes for her birthday on October 5th.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

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 today!

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.

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!

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.

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!

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION TEAM: On the first Sunday of each month this team comes 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

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 insert.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Today is officially the last day to turn in your Operation Christmas Child shoebox. However, if you forgot, we can still accept shoeboxes and/or monetary donations through Monday, November 8. The link to build a shoebox online can be found on St. John's Facebook page. It will remain open for building a shoebox online will be up through November 14. Please find the link on our Facebook page.



Thank you to all who filled a shoebox and donated money or items. Please continue to pray for:

- Boys and girls in need around the world
- Local churches who deliver shoebox gifts
- Children disciplined through the Greatest Journey
- Volunteers worldwide.

"The Lord is near to all who call upon Him." Psalm 145:18

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.

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.

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.

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 insert 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!

LOST AND FOUND – Please check the Lost & Found bin located in the South Hall between the Sanctuary and first stairwell if you have lost or found any items in the church. These items have been accumulating over some time. Please check it out to find if you have lost anything.

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
or leave a hard copy in the church office.



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

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meeting on **Saturday, November 13 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! For more info call Glenda at 614-352-5955 or Diana at 614-271-5775. If you know of someone who might appreciate a shawl, call Nancy at 614-875-8155.



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. **Please mark the salmon sheet if you are interested in also meeting on Tuesday evenings.** Thank you!

RESPECT LIFE RETURNS - Please join St. John's Respect Life Team on Monday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. 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.

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!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Philippians, Pastor Seth, FH Rm 101 / Ephesians, Steve Johnson, Chapel / Jonah, Jenny Brockman and Jennifer Czaplicki, Rms 103-4.

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.



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.

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.

SUBMITTING AN ARTICLE FOR NEWS NOTES? Please email secretary@stjohnsgc.org, or drop off your article in the secure slot of the church office, no later than the Monday prior to the weekend issue. Articles for next weekend are due **Monday, November 8th**.

EAGLE DEADLINE is this **Wednesday**. Please submit your article by noon, **November 10th**.

☞ 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.

CONNECT 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? Contact Laurie at 614-620-2669.

STEWARDSHIP

Attendance: October 31 – 328.

<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!**

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.

☞ CALENDAR ☞

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

FOOD DRIVE BEGINS

- 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 LUNCH (FLC, Kit)
- 6:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 9:00am Quilters (103-4)
- 11:30am OWLS Planning (102)
- 12:30pm Small Group (102)
- 6:00pm Cub Scouts (204)
- 6:15pm Fat Quarters Quilt Guild (FH)
- 7:00pm BSA Troop 392 (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

EAGLE DEADLINE

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 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 12

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 1:00pm Private Event (Sanc, FLC)
- 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)**
- 7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

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)
- 1:00pm Private Event (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!