

NEWS NOTES

November 27-28, 2021

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: *Barbara Hill*

8:15am: *Paul Wittenberg*

11:00am: *Christine Hank*

Richard Werner

Altar Guild

David and Lisa Stallard

Lynn Ehrlich, Rhonda Maynard

Readers:

6:00pm: *Holly Starr*

8:15am: *Karen Grossman*

11:00am: *Christine Hank*

Acolytes:

8:15am: *Brooklyn Cress*

Corban Allman

11:00am: *Dylan Allman*

Greeters: 4:00pm: *Mary Campbell*

8:15am: *Volunteer Needed*

11:00am *N/D:*

11:00am *M/D:*

Lessons Today: *Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36.*

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In loving memory of my husband, Pat, on his birthday and in memory of my son, Glenn. Given by Rosemary McMillin.

☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

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

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Michael Esposito and family as they grieve for the loss of his uncle, Dick Hoskins, who died at home in the presence of his family the morning of November 24th, 2021. All who mourn are in our prayers.

NOTES OF THANKS: I would like to thank everyone at St. John's for the prayers and the generous gift of the Thanksgiving food box, especially with it being the holidays. This came at a time when it was much needed and is very much appreciated. Special thank you to Pastor Patti Morlock and to Kathryn Mullins for all the help and support they have provided. Thank you—*Judy Graessle*

Nancy Kinman wants to thank her thoughtful loving Church Family for all the love they have shown her and her family. The cards, calls, and all the prayers being sent our way, what a blessing you have been during our difficult times. The food we received, the beautiful funeral dinner where so many helped prepare and serve. The beautiful service Pastor Patti did for Carl. It's hard to put into words but our hearts overflow with the love we received. God bless each and every one of you. – *Nancy and Family*

Thank you to the Bereavement Committee for providing lunch following the funeral for Marilyn Rice. The food was delicious and the family appreciates the time and effort required to prepare the meal. – *Paige Cline*

ANDREW ALLMON has a new mailing address, just in time for his birthday December 3rd. Please update your records and you may mail cards to: 320 Grener Avenue, Apartment C1, Columbus, Ohio 43228.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

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.

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 a helmet. Give your gift by picking up an envelope at one of the church entrances and 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!



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!



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.

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

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.

SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE? Please email secretary@stjohnsgc.org, or drop off your article in the secure slot of the church office, by 9am the Wednesday before the weekend issue. Articles for next weekend are **due by December 1st**.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

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

CONNECT is on break through the month of December. We hope you can join us again in January! Questions? Contact Laurie Pecuch at 614-620-2669.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: November 21 – 272.

<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!**

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.

☞ CALENDAR ☞

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)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00am Small Group (Lib)
10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

10:00am Private Event (103-4, Kit)
10:30am Girl Scout Troop 6300 (FH)
2:00pm Puppet Recordings (103-4)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
4:30pm Boy Scouts Event (FH, Kit)
7:00pm GLOW (FLC, 103-4, 3rd Flr)
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

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)
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!