

NEWS NOTES

December 4-5, 2021

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: Bill Woodgeard

8:15am: Jo Dimond

11:00am: Dan Yeater, Ike Stage

Altar Guild

Linda Vozel, Dee Harlor

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

Readers:

6:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Jo Dimond

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Acolytes:

8:15am: Colton Thompson

Hunter Thompson

11:00am: Mackenzie Norman

Merrick Wilson

Greeters:

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Armand Arabian,
Sarah Schmitz

11:00am N/D: Lynda Berry

11:00am M/D: Shirley Blake

Lessons Today: Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Jed. Given by the family, Jack and Sharon Koehler.

ALTAR FLOWERS: With thanksgiving for my beloved Saints at St. John's. Given by Elaine Hamann.

BULLETIN DEDICATION: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Gail Turnbull; Jody Thompson; Marjorie Marsh; Alice Sweeley; June Stimpfle; Charlie Brown.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of lifelong member Denise Corkwell, who died on November 26, 2021; to Cindy Schemrich and family as they grieve her brother, Tom Bartoe, who died November 28, 2021; and to the family and friends of Larry Krieger, who died on the morning of December 2, 2021. All who mourn are in our prayers, especially during the holidays.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BIRTH: Congratulations to Chris and Arlene Hamilton on the birth of their daughter. Veronica Ann Louise was born on November 22, 2021. Veronica is received by her sister Auroraday.

NOTES OF THANKS:

Charlie and Pam Brown would like to thank you for all your cards, calls, and prayers. "We are so Thankful for our St. John's church friends who are always there for us when we need them. Charlie had another surgery on December 2nd, so please keep us in your prayers." ~ Charlie and Pam Brown

"Just want to thank my church family and pastors for all the prayers and cards, it is really appreciated. Love each and every one of you. Love ya all and God Bless." ~ Ruth Emmelhainz

"I joined your church recently. I just love my prayer shawl. It is so thoughtful of you and so special, and it makes my day. I will wrap it around me when I pray. It gives me comfort." ~ Hanna McClary

"It is so wonderful to be remembered by so many St. John's friends." ~ Paula Ames would like to thank everyone for the cards they have sent her, particularly Elaine Rapp and the Card Ministry team, Cheryl Thompson, Beth Katterhenrich, Jim and Ann Jones, and Averil MacKenzie and family.

ANDREW ALLMON has a new address. Please update your records and send any belated birthday cards to 320 Grener Avenue, Apartment C1, Columbus, Ohio 43228.

BOB EESLEY is temporarily staying at The Laurels. Please direct any cards to: Bob Eesley, C/O The Laurels, 441 Norton Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☜

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.** Sunday, **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!



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 5th At the beginning of Sunday School (9:30am);
Basement Fellowship Hall
- December 5th At the beginning of Sunday School (9:30am); Chapel
- December 12th Following 8:15am Traditional Worship, Main
Sanctuary
- December 17th OWLS meeting, 11:30am; 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 in the **December Eagle**.

THE QUILTERS will meet to fill the **100 Christmas bags on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, in rooms 103-104 from 9am-1pm.** Your friendship and help in filling the bags for the children whose family need the LSS Champion Food Pantry will be gratefully appreciated. We hope the Christmas bags will give the children a bit of Christian love and happiness at Christmas time.



PIANO RECITALS – DECEMBER 10: *Music Makers Piano Studio* will present three mini-recitals on Friday, December 10th at 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Please join us to hear holiday music performed by students from St. Johns and the surrounding community.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meeting on **Saturday, December 11** at 9am in Rooms 103-4. Everyone is welcome. Anyone can learn to knit or crochet with our help! Bring your knitting/crochet materials and any completed shawls to be blessed with prayer. 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.

Starting January 11th, the Prayer Shawl Ministry will also meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 7 – 8:30pm in rooms 103-4. Please mark the salmon sheet if you are interested in meeting on Tuesday evenings.

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.



THE RED CROSS hopes you and your families had a lovely Thanksgiving. During the last blood drive, the Red Cross team was able to collect 33 units of blood. Those 33 units have the potential to save 99 lives! We hope to have an even greater turn out for our next blood drive, which will be held the week of Christmas on **Tuesday, December 21st**.



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!

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.



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 5pm 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 are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. We can always use extra hands to both set up and clean up for this event. Please contact Elaine Bennett if you are interested in helping or mark the salmon insert.

OWLS EVENT – DECEMBER 17, 2021: The Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) are very happy and excited to be together this year to celebrate the Christmas Season with our friends. Giving to those in need with gifts of money to ease their burden, praying for the sick and their families, lending a helping hand to others who are unable to perform simple tasks and offering a true friendship are what we do as a group. We hope you consider attending our meeting and see for yourself. You might not be too interested in a certain month's program, but you will always enjoy the friendship and Christian love shared among us.

Normally we put a basket on the buffet table for those who wish to help pay for the chicken. The money collected this month will instead be donated to a needy family of St. John's. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

For our December meeting we will be entertained by thirty children from Our Lady of Perpetual Help singing some of their favorite Christmas songs, and we will join them to sing a few of ours! Kim Nocero does a wonderful job with the music program at OLPH, and she is looking forward to entertaining our group.

We will also welcome Dan Yeater before the children's singing to give us an update on the most recent project at St. John's – updating the accessibility for St. John's members. It is a much-needed undertaking, and we hope you come and hear what's being planned.

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 let us know by calling the church office or Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. Hope to see you there!



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.

KEEP OUR ONLINE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UP TO DATE

We are asking everyone congregation to submit an individual or family photo for use in our Pictorial Directory.

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.



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



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 8th**.

EAGLE DEADLINE is this Friday. Please submit your article by noon on **December 10th**.

GREETERS NEEDED for traditional services, especially Sundays at 8:15am. 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 11:00am volunteers to contact Bonnie Swanson at (614)562-8002.

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 second-floor hallway just outside of the library.

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.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

AMAZONSMILE: You can link your Amazon orders to St. John's and the youth program will receive .05% of what you order on selected Amazon items. You can do this directly through your Amazon account or set up an AmazonSmile account using your Amazon password and log-in at <https://smile.amazon.com/>.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS: Place your order by the first Tuesday of the month and within the week receive gift cards that you can use at hundreds of retail stores and restaurants. Contact Gary Pecuch at 614-620-2659. Be sure to talk to Pam Wittenberg about other ways you can receive SCRIP.

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Attendance: November 28 – 337.

October 2021	Income	YTD	Expense YTD	
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!**

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 ☞

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

BLESS THE BIKES

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc, FLC)
- 9:30am Accessibility Presentation
(Chapel, FH)
- 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)
- 1:00pm Private Event (FH, Kit)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 9:30am *BSF Leaders (Virtual)*
- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
- 12:00pm Private Event (FLC/Kit)
- 2:00pm Private Event (103-4)
- 6:00pm Puppet Rehearsal (FLC)
- 6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (103-4)
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

SCRIP ORDER DEADLINE

- 9:00am Quilters Christmas Bags (103-4)
- 11:30am OWLS Planning (102)
- 12:30pm Small Group (102)
- 6:00pm Cub Scouts (204)
- 7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)
- 7:00pm BSA Troop 392 (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 1:00pm Small Group (101)
- 6:15pm Celebration Ringers Reh. (Sanc)
- 8:00pm *Dartball (away)*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

EAGLE ARTICLE DEADLINE

- 7:00am Small Group (Lib)
- 10:00am Memorial Service (Sanc)
- 10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
- 6:00pm Piano Recital (Sanc)
- 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
- 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc, FLC)
- 9:00am Accessibility Presentation (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)
- 5:00pm Christmas Program/Dinner
Theater (FLC, Kit)

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