

NEWS NOTES

December 26, 2021

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry
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SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

8:15am: Barb Hill

11:00am: Christine Hank

Bonnie Swanson

Karen Jersild

Acolytes:

8:15am: Corban Allman

Brooklyn Cress

11:00am: Dylan Allman

Altar Guild

David and Karen Grossman

Hunter Thompson

David and Lisa Stallard

Greeters:

8:15am: Christine Hank

11:00am N/D: Bonnie Swanson

11:00am M/D: Dave and Lisa
Stallard

Readers:

8:15am: Gary Smith

11:00am: Christine Hank

Lessons Today: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of Robert & Bonnie Swanson's 14th wedding anniversary. Given by Robert and Bonnie Swanson.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In memory of Carl Kinman's 91st birthday. Given by his loving wife, Nancy, and family.

BULLETIN DEDICATION: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Adam Jenny, Phyllis Sonnen, Rosina Hartig, Joseph Brubaker.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Suzie Long and family for her brother, Curtis Dale Endter, who passed away the morning of December 23, 2021. All who mourn are in our prayers.

NOTES OF THANKS

"Dear St. John's family, Rob and I would like to extend our deepest gratitude for all the love and support we received during my illness and ongoing recovery. Your prayers and love are felt deeply, and we are so appreciative. May God continue to bless each and every one of you as He has blessed us. In Christ," ~ Rob and Nannette Shea.

"I would like to thank all who helped with the gift bag and poinsettia that was delivered to me December 19th. With sincere appreciation," ~ Marilyn Wright.

"Thank you for the poinsettia and gifts. They are greatly appreciated." ~ Patricia L. Marie.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞



2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Overflow. If you do not see one with your name, and you would like a box, please indicate on the notepad provided. A box will be prepared and ready for you the next week.

OFFERINGS FOR 2021 must be received in the church office by Dec. 31 at noon, or if mailed, have a postmark no later than Dec. 31, 2021. Offerings received after Dec. 31 will be posted for 2022.

CHURCH ACCESSIBILITY PROPOSAL: INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS:

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

January 9th Preceding 11:00am Contemporary Worship, FLC

We hope all our members will attend one or more of these meetings to learn about the proposal and ask questions. More information to follow.



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.

READERS NEEDED for all traditional services. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up on the volunteer charts posted on the North Entrance bulletin board. Thank you for your participation!

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.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Philippians, Pastor Seth, FH Rm 101 / Ephesians, Steve Johnson, Chapel / 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 9am the Wednesday before the weekend issue. Articles for next weekend are **due by December 29th**.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

CONNECT starts again on January 6th! We hope you can join us! CONNECT is a place for all ages to faith web, connecting with each other and God! We have a special CONNECT group for ages 4/5/K, Grades 1 – 2, Grades 3 – 4, and Grades 5 – 6. Added to these great CONNECT groups are some awesome teen and adult leaders! Questions? Contact Laurie Pecuch at 614-620-2669.

GLOW: Matthew 5:16 is for high school students! We are meeting **Saturday, January 8,** 6:30 – 9pm. Friends are welcome to join us! Questions? Contact Laurie at 614-620-2669.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: December 19 – 186

<u>November 2021</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$55,691	\$654,868	\$49,679	\$657,309
Benevolence	\$ 4,305	\$ 52,089	\$ 5,761	\$ 49,876

Total Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund during pandemic as of 11/30/2021: \$21,871.

**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.

☞ CALENDAR ☞

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc, FLC)
9:30am Sunday School
10:00am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Traditional Worship /
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
6:00pm Small Group (103-4)
6:00pm Sarah Circle (101-2)
6:00pm Girl Scouts (FH)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

1:00pm Small Group (101)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)

1:00pm Small Group (101)
2:30pm HS Acting Class (FLC)
6:15pm Celebration Ringers Reh. (Sanc)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc, FLC)
9:30am Sunday School
10:00am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Traditional Worship /
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)