

NEWS NOTES

February 13, 2022

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

4:00pm Mike Gibboney

8:15am: Pat Larick

11:00am: Dave and Karen Grossman
Dwight Henricksen

Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman

Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

Readers:

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Gary Smith

11:00am: Warren Grody

Acolytes:

8:15am: Brooklyn Cress

Corban Allman

11:00am: Dylan Allman

Greeters:

4:00pm Mary Campbell

8:15am: Armand Arabian and
Sarah Schmitz

11:00am M/D: Keith and Jane
Stenerson

N/D: Lori Wobig

Lessons Today: Jeremiah 17:5-10; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In loving memory of Alfred Ehrlich, we miss you. Given by Lynne Ehrlich and Amanda, Karl & Joseph Eiginger.

✠ PERSONAL NOTES ✠

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Chuck Bent.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Ted and Carol Mackey on the passing of Ted's mother, Dorothy Jean Mackey, on January 26, 2022; to Beth Swanson and family on the passing of her father, Jim Clark, on February 3, 2022; and to Dave and Lisa Stallard on the passing of Dave's mother on February 6, 2022. All who grieve are in our prayers.

BAPTISMS: (Baptized Today) Congratulations to Gage and Mara Kinzie on the baptism of their son, Myles Matthew Kinzie, on Sunday, February 13, 2022, in the 11:00am traditional service.

NOTES OF THANKS:

"To my dear friends at St. John's, thank you for the many beautiful cards, flowers, and phone calls. The casseroles we received when I arrived home from the hospital were wonderful. Pastor Seth visited, gave Holy Communion, and offered prayer for my healing from knee replacement surgery. I am thankful for the prayers from all my friends. I'm sure that has helped with my great progress and coming recovery. I'm doing well and hope to see you in church soon. Yours in Christian love," ~ Carol Penrod.

"There are not enough words to express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy you have extended towards our family during the difficult time we have gone through after Annette's passing. We would like to thank our church family so much for your sympathy. We greatly appreciate all your kind words, food, cards, and visits. We realize how truly blessed we are to have such wonderful friends during times like these. Your expressions of sympathy will never be forgotten. Sincerely," ~ Elaine Bennett, Karen Bentley, and Families.

"We had to arrange a memorial service, and since we are not affiliated with any church, we were advised to contact St John's Lutheran Church on Columbus Street. They are remarkable. Pastor Seth conducted a beautiful service with all our requests, the ladies of the church provided the food for after the service, and we were permitted as much time as we needed to share our loss. We are thankful for their help in our time of need. If you attend, please let someone know they are appreciated." ~ Pat Stevens.

"Dear St. John's family, I just want to express my appreciation for your help with my brother's electric bill. I don't know why I worry because somehow – some way – God takes care of us. They are getting back on their feet and need a break. Thanks again," ~ Chris Jenkins.

✪ TODAY'S NEWS ✪

MISSION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER is posted on the bulletin board in the North Entrance, the board across from the pastors' offices, and available for the Contemporary Service. Please check it out for updates and happenings within our SE Ohio Mission District and the NALC.

SEE A MAINTENANCE CONCERN WITHIN OUR BUILDING? Please fill out a "Church Maintenance Request" form and return it to the church office. Forms are available throughout the building, in the church office, and on the door of the Business Manager's office, room #205.

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY STARTS MARCH 6TH! Pastor Seth will begin a six-week Sunday night discussion of the Book of Daniel on **Sunday, March 6th**. Class will meet each Sunday night in room 103-4 from **6:30-8:00pm** through Palm Sunday. No prior Bible Study experience is assumed. Snacks and drinks will be provided each week. Come and join the discussion and fellowship!

OWLS EVENT – FEBRUARY 18, 2022. The Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) are excited to invite you to come to our February meeting and meet Meredith Wickham, Grove City Library's new Director. The library is not merely books, but also hosts a variety of activities for all ages. Come for a chance to meet Meredith, and hear what the library has to offer you, personally.

Did you know Southwest Public Libraries is the second largest library system in Franklin County? Did you know it serves 127 square miles in Franklin County, more than 23% of the county's total land area, plus part of Pickaway County? Over the past decade, their services have grown, now exceeding a population 130,000.

Their Outreach Department assembles reading collections according to individual interests of the elderly, handicapped, or disabled. Each month they pick up and deliver the collections to those who otherwise cannot access these materials.

The potluck is back!! 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. OWLS will provide fried chicken and meat loaf. Use the salmon sheet in today's bulletin, call the office, or contact Bonnie Swanson, 614-562-8002, to reserve your seat!

ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOU! The Altar Guild Team is looking for members to assist following the Saturday evening service. Help is also needed for the 3rd & 5th Sundays each month. This can be a couple or several people working together, and you can volunteer for one night a month or more. An Altar Guild member will guide you through the first several weeks. Communion Team members do not have to attend any meetings. Please contact Betty Lewis, 614-272-6696, or Karen Grossman, 614-578-3198, for more information.

MISSIONS CRAFT-AWAY!!!

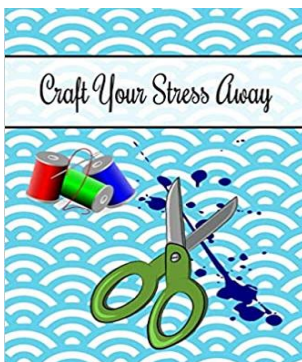
Come to the first annual Missions Craft-Away!
Saturday, February 26, 9:00am-5:00pm in the FLC.

Enjoy food, fellowship, and to finally finish those pesky UFOs!
For just \$25.00, you can rent an 8' table and join us for lunch!
Please register on the salmon insert. Tell your friends!

*Proceeds benefit Mexico and Alaska short-term missions.

*Register early as space is limited.

*Social distancing honored; masks recommended.



FLOWER CHART FOR 2022: Altar flowers beautify our worship service each week and are a wonderful way to remember or honor loved ones. We presently have openings for February and March. Reserve your dedication date on the Altar flowers chart in the North Entrance. Please contact Lesa Corbin at (614) 530-4984 for more information.

ATTENTION ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS! If you are a Thrivent member or have signed up for any Thrivent products since 2014, please let us know. Thrivent members are able to apply for action grants to benefit the ministries of St. John's.

A Thrivent action grant is a **\$250 grant given to fulfill a need within our congregational community.** From the time of application, we have 120 days to lead a fundraiser, service project or education activity within our church or community. Any Thrivent member can apply for two \$250 grants each calendar year. Think of all the ministry we could carry out without tapping into our own funds! Please mark the salmon sheet and let us know if you are a Thrivent member.

SOUP DINNERS COMING THIS LENTEN SEASON! Please plan to join us on Wednesday evenings, starting March 9th for a soup and bread dinner prior to the Lenten Worship Services. We will begin serving at 5:45pm in the Family Life Center. The worship services will begin at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. This is a great opportunity for fellowship, food, and reflection. If you or your group (Circles, Choirs, Sunday School Class, Small Group, etc.) would like to provide soup and bread one week, please mark the salmon insert and we will follow up with you to schedule a date. Thanks!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held on **Tuesday, February 15th** in the Family Life Center from 12pm to 6pm. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2776) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: StJohnsGC.

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE - We are requesting donations of coats, blankets, outerwear, sleeping bags, and socks. These items will be given to people in the southern Columbus area who need help staying warm this winter, including the homeless. Please leave your donations in the labeled box in the church library. Please call Bruce and Karen Whyte at (614) 878-9392 with any questions.

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 February 16th**.

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.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

HIGH SCHOOL EVENT, Sunday Feb. 20, 6 – 10pm. There is no school on that Monday. Hope you can join us! Tacos, pizza, 9-square-in-the-air, meaningful prayer stations, and hide-n-seek!

Join a new parent group in 103-104 during the Sunday School hour, 9:30 – 10:30 am. Video and good discussion on Andy Stanley’s “Parenting in the 21st Century”. Questions? See group facilitator Amy Wanner.

SOUPER BOWL IS TODAY! We will be collecting monies (cash and checks) for Souper Bowl of Caring at the end of all the worship services. Your cash donations will be used to purchase and deliver food to the Grove City Food Pantry. Checks made out to “St. John’s Lutheran” will be deposited and one check sent to the LSS Food Pantry. Please note in the check memo “*Souper Bowl of Caring*”. Consider giving to the hungry individuals and families in our community. Thank you! *Blake Lang*

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: February 6 – 258

<u>January 2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$57,536	\$57,536	\$59,417	\$59,417
Benevolence	\$ 3,916	\$ 3,916	\$ 1,784	\$ 1,784

**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.
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 – a partnership between the church and Vanco Services. Once you set up a profile, giving is a one-touch process. Schedule a recurring gift, or give when you want to.

☞ CALENDAR ☜

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Parenting Hour (103-4)
- 9:30am Men's Chorale Reh. (Sanc)
- 10:00am Small Group (Lib)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 3:00pm Prayers and Pins (off-site)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 9:30am BSF Leaders
- 11:00am Private Event (FLC)
- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
- 6:00pm Puppet Rehearsal (FLC)
- 7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 9:00am Quilters (103-4)
- 12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC)
- 7:00pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FLC)
- 7:00pm BSA Troop 392 (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
- 11:30am OWLS (FLC)
- 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Parenting Hour (103-4)
- 9:30am Men's Chorale Reh. (Choir Room)
- 9:30am Confirmation Class (Sanc)
- 10:00am Small Group (Lib)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 3:00pm Prayers and Pins (off-site)
- 6:00pm High School Event
(FLC, 103-4, 3rd Flr.)

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

FEBRUARY 20, 2022
SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY



God's promise of an everlasting body.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 6:27-38	Love for enemies
Monday	Genesis 45:3-11, 15	Joseph reveals himself
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	The resurrection body
Wednesday	Romans 5:6-11	Results of justification
Thursday	Psalms 136:1-9	God's love never fails
Friday	John 10:11-18	Jesus the good shepherd
Saturday	Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40	Trust the Lord
Sunday	Luke 9:28-43a	Jesus is transfigured

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. 1 Corinthians 15:42 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, help us to trust in the power of the resurrection so that we may show your love, mercy, and forgiveness to others each day through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food that shows your care for us. May your kindness and generosity be seen in an abundance of food for all. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's love and mercy give you comfort and peace.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Soon and Very Soon



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What words can be used to comfort someone who has lost a loved one?
- What questions do you have about life after death?

DEVOTIONS

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50.

The first century world of Paul was without an advanced health care system for people. There were reasons not to see value in the human body: persistent diseases existed; death came early for many; others lived with constant hunger. Escape from human bodies was a common understanding of the afterlife. However, the Apostle Paul sees in resurrection a new body, not just the ongoing life of a soul floating free from a body. God created a physical world, and it is created good, although it has been tainted by sin. Paul affirms that in the resurrection of the dead we are given transformed bodies that he describes as "spiritual bodies." We don't know what that will look like. What we know is that God cares for what God creates, including our bodies. In the meantime, we wait for the resurrection of our bodies with confidence in God's creative powers and living each day valuing what God has created. Physical life matters, and therefore how we treat each other matters.

Discuss: How does trusting in the resurrection of the body help you show love, mercy, and forgiveness to others today?

Pray: **Eternal God, we thank you for creating us in love with a promise of a body that will be raised in glory through Christ Jesus. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, pray for someone you know who has experienced the loss of a loved one.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Luke 6 Jesus directs us to love our enemies and pray for them. Our relationships are important because it matters how we treat each other. When we experience conflict and feel mistreated by others it can make us feel hurt and distant from that person. Write a list of people who you feel have mistreated you. Then say the Lord's Prayer. Pause after you say: **Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.** Then read the names you have written and finish the prayer.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org