

# NEWS NOTES

February 20, 2022

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## SERVING TODAY

### Communion Assistants:

4:00pm *Bill Woodgeard*  
8:15am: *Teresa Orahoad*  
11:00am: *Wayne and Carla Beavers*  
*Caroline Koethke*

### Acolytes:

8:15am: *Hunter Thompson*  
*Colton Thompson*  
11:00am: *Mackenzie Norman*  
*Merrick Wilson*

### Altar Guild

*Lynda Berry, Linda Vozel,*  
*Sarah Schmitz,*  
*Paul and Pam Wittenberg*

### Greeters:

4:00pm *Mary Campbell*  
8:15am: *Armand Arabian and*  
*Sarah Schmitz*  
11:00am M/D: *Dave and Lisa*  
*Stallard*  
N/D: *Lynda Berry*

### Readers:

4:00pm: *Chris Jenkins*  
8:15am: *Pam Wittenberg*  
11:00am: *Lisa Stallard*

**Lessons Today: Genesis 45:3-11, 15; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38.**

### DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In honor of my son, Thomas's birthday. Given by Sarah Schmitz and the Schmitz family.

## ☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

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

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of Anita Cramer who passed away on February 6, 2022; to the family and friends of Connie Taylor who passed away on Friday, February 11, 2022. All who grieve are in our prayers.

### **NOTES OF THANKS:**

"Dear brothers and sisters at St. John's: Thank you for the cards, calls, prayers, and thoughts at the passing of my mother (Anita Cramer). You are all so thoughtful and kind. It means so much to know our church family is always there for us." ~ David and Lisa Stallard.

"Thank you for once again opening up the church to host my studio's holiday piano recital. All of my students and their families were so excited to be back this year after having to cancel the 2020 recital. The church's hospitality is always greatly appreciated!" ~ Andrea Keil.

"Dear St. John's members: Thank you for your generous gifts at Christmas to our grandchildren. Blessings to you!!" ~ Christine and Bill Snashall.

## ☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

**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 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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!



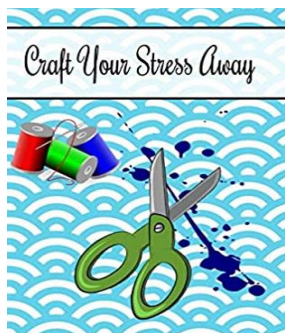
**ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOU!** The Altar Guild Team is looking for members to assist following the Saturday evening service, as well as after late service on the 3rd and 5th Sundays each month. This can be a couple or several people working together. You can volunteer for one night a month or more. An Altar 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.



**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.

**FLOWER CHART, 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.



**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 sheet. Tell your friends!

\*Proceeds benefit Mexico and Alaska short-term missions. Register early as space is limited. Social distancing honored; masks recommended.

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



**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 SUPPERS COMING THIS LENTEN SEASON!** Please plan to join us on Wednesday evenings, **starting March 9<sup>th</sup>** 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 sheet and we will follow up with you to schedule a date. Thanks!



**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 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

## ☪ YOUTH NEWS ☪

**AMAZONSMILE:** You can link your amazon orders to St. John's. The church 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/>. Search for "St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church" then scroll down to "Grove City, Ohio". Contact Gary if you need help setting it up.



**SCRIP GIFT CARDS!** Buy gift cards from your favorite places to use or to give to others. It's easy and convenient. We place orders the first Tuesday of the month (March 1st). Please use the form on the youth office door. Within a week, ordered cards are back to us and in your hands. Want to order on-line and/or put more monies on an existing SCRIP card? Please talk to Pam Wittenberg on how that works. Anytime you place an order on-line, please let us know, as we need to release your order. You can email Gary at [gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org). *Thanks for your support!*



**A NEW CONNECT GROUP FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH HAS STARTED.** They meet Thursdays, 7:30 – 8:30pm. Stop by the high school room on the third floor for a weekly time to connect with each and have meaningful conversations about life and faith.



# STEWARDSHIP

**Attendance:** February 13 – 303

<b><u>January 2022</u></b>	<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>Expense</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
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 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](http://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, FEBRUARY 20**

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

## **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

9:30am BSF Leaders (virtual)  
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)  
6:00pm Puppet Rehearsal (FLC)  
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

9:00am Quilters (103-4)  
7:00pm BSA Troop 392 (103-4)

## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

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

## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
9:00am Eagle Mailing (204)  
1:00pm Small Group (101)  
2:30pm HS Acting Class (FLC)  
6:00pm CONNECT  
6:15pm Celebration Ringers Reh. (Sanc)  
8:00pm Dartball (FLC)

## **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

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

## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

### ***MEXICO MISSIONS CRAFT DAY***

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

## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am Sunday School  
9:30am Parenting Hour (103-4)  
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 Thrivent Luncheon (FLC, Kit)  
3:00pm Prayers and Pins (off-site)  
6:00pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FLC)

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.

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

### 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](http://www.milestonesministry.org)