

NEWS NOTES

March 13, 2022

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SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: Dave Sweeley

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Dave and Karen
Grossman

Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman

Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

Readers:

4:00pm: Karen Colwell

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Jill Althoff

Acolytes:

8:15am: Corban Allman

Brooklyn Cress

11:00am: Dylan Allman

Greeters:

4:00pm Mary Campbell

8:15am: Jo Dimond

11:00am M/D: Averil MacKenzie

N/D: Lori Wobel

Lessons Today: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17--4:1; Luke 13:31-35.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my husband Paul. Given by Doris Leibrock & family.

BULLETINS: In honor of God's Mercy. Given by Charlie and Pam Brown.

☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

HOSPITALIZED Please pray for the following members who are or were in the hospital this week: Ruth Sappington; Pat Marie, Pastor Ray Rosenthal.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Alice Loomis, who passed away on March 9th, 2022. All who grieve are in our prayers.

NOTES OF THANKS: "I cannot express the thankfulness in my heart for all you wonderful people at St. Johns during the illness and death of my husband. Both pastors have been wonderful to me consoling and praying with me. The kitchen workers did a fabulous job on the bereavement dinner. All the food brought to my home was so helpful to me and my out of town guests, the many sympathy cards, phone calls and prayers were very uplifting. Don't know what I would have done without you! You're a wonderful bunch of Christians. Thanks to you with all my heart!" ~ Ginny Bent.

GAIL TURNBULL MEMORIAL SERVICE: Please join the family of Gail Turnbull for his Celebration of Life service at St. John's next **Saturday, March 19th at 11am**. You are invited to a luncheon following the service in the Family Life Center.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

CLEAN THE CLOSETS: HELPERS NEEDED 10AM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23. To make room for technology equipment, we'll be cleaning out some closets at 10am on **Wednesday, March 23rd**. Please let Pastor Seth know if you will be able to be there for any amount of time that day: sjersild@stjohnsgc.org. He will appreciate the help!

CHURCH LIBRARY SPRING CLEANING: It's finally March and time for spring cleaning! We are sorting through books that are being stored in a closet, see above article. Books cannot be appreciated while locked away in a closet. Unfortunately, the church library is not large enough to 'house' all the items we currently have. So, we have started to go through the books in the library and remove those that are duplicates, out of date, etc.

We filled a rolling cart in the Link with books and DVDs that are free to anyone. **Help yourself to FREE books!** A variety of subjects are included (mostly personal Christianity) and almost all are brand new. Perhaps you will find one or two books that are interest you. You might see some that you would like to give to a friend, maybe someone special who is going through a rough time and needs some Christian encouragement.

OWLS EVENT – MARCH 18, 2022: The Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) are inviting you to their March 18th meeting. Janet Shailer, well known and respected author from Grove City, will be the featured speaker. “Trouble on the Scioto’s Waters: Soldiers, Frontiersmen, and Native Americans–1725-1815” is Janet’s latest book and her program is certain to keep you interested. If you’re thinking to yourself “Hmmm, I think I remember her and this program for the OWLS once before” you are absolutely correct!! Unfortunately, at that meeting in June of last year there were a few technical difficulties (not Janet’s fault) and we were not able to enjoy her full presentation. Janet has shared this story with many groups and is always a favorite.

For those of you who don’t know Janet: She has had a 50-year career in the media, including nine years as editor of the Southwest Messenger newspaper. She is the author of three children’s books, co-author of two history books (Grove City) and one novel. She is a member of the board of trustees for Southwest Public Libraries, a commissioner for the Grove City Historical and Arts Commission and is head writer of the Grove City Writers’ Group.

Come and be a part of the OWLS! We offer friendship, companionship, and support for each other. And of course, we love our potluck! OWLS will provide fried chicken, but you will have to join us to see if meat loaf is on the menu! Bring a covered dish and join your friends for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. We ask you to arrive around 11:15am so we can open the meeting at 11:30am. Use the salmon sheet in Sunday’s bulletin to make your reservation so the group can plan accordingly. You can also call the office or Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. Hope to see you there!

EASTER CANDY DONATIONS AND “STUFFERS” NEEDED! We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candies to fill plastic Easter eggs. There is a marked bin in the link area and for candy donations. If you would like to help fill the Easter eggs or prepare crafts, please mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 3rd from noon – 2pm.** We will meet in The Family Life Center. A light lunch and all supplies will be provided. Please mark the salmon sheet if you plan to attend. Thank you so much for your support!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR EASTER FAMILY FUN /VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Please join us for a fun-filled morning including a scavenger hunt, craft making, Easter egg hunts for children of all ages and more! Our Church family and the community are invited. The event takes place on **Saturday, April 9th at 10am.** We plan to meet outside, weather permitting. If it is not a nice day to be outside, we will meet in the Family Life Center. Be sure to bring your friends! Please mark the salmon sheet if you are able to help out with the event.

ALTAR FLOWERS We have Pulpit Flower dedication opportunities for March 20 and 27. Reserve yours on the Altar Flower chart or call Lesa Corbin at (614) 530-4984.

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST. Please join us on Easter Sunday for a time of fellowship and good food. We will be serving breakfast on **Easter Sunday, April 17th from 7 – 10am** in the Family Life Center. A free will offering will be taken. Volunteers are needed to take shifts serving breakfast. If you are interested, please contact Elaine Bennett at 614-446-0148 or at ebennett@stjohnsgc.org. You can also mark the salmon sheet and we will contact you to schedule a shift.

BEREAVEMENT TEAM: The Bereavement Team is starting to have funeral luncheons once again for all families who request a luncheon. Food donations and workers are needed. If interested either in donating food, working the luncheons, or both, please fill out the back of the salmon sheet. Thank you.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION TEAM On the first Sunday of each month this team comes to receive a Holy Communion kit. The distribution of home communion is an extension of the Lord's Supper and is for those who are unable to be present at the celebration of the congregation. We bring to them the same bread of life and the same cup of blessing so that they may be strengthened through their participation in the body of Christ. Let us be mindful and grateful for this ministry.

FACE COVERINGS OPTIONAL: As of February 20th, The St. John's church council has instituted a "face coverings optional" policy for all church activities. In the weeks before Easter, we will also be returning to communion at the altar rail. Thank you, St. John's church family, for your continued patience and support of each other as we carefully transition back to our normal practices.

SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE? Please email secretary@stjohnsgc.org, or drop off your article in the secure slot of the church office. Articles for next weekend are **due by 9am on Wednesday, March 16th.**

YOUTH NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL GLOW meets next Sunday, March 20, 6:30 – 9pm. It's an art night – come be inspired with acrylics, photo transfer, and wood projects! Go home with some very cool artwork!

CONNECT meets weekly on Thursday nights! We have groups for ages 4/5/K, Grades 1 – 2, Grades 3 – 4, Grades 5 – 6. Grades 7 – 12 students are invited to be group leaders. We also have an amazing adult leadership team. Join us at Connect! Greeter's table opens at 5:40pm.

Shop on smile.amazon.com the same way you shop on Amazon. To ensure you are supporting “St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church” as our AmazonSmile charity, use the following link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-4421604>
Bookmark this link, so all eligible shopping will benefit St. John’s Youth Ministries!

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: March 6 – 289

<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!**

☞ LENT AND EASTER CALENDAR ☞

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES - MARCH 2—APRIL 6

Wednesdays at 12 noon and 6:30pm
Lenten Soup Supper, Wednesdays at 5:45pm

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES - APRIL 10—17

- April 9 — “*The Cry of the Whole Congregation*” Saturday Evening
- April 10 — **Palm Sunday** “*The Cry of the Whole Congregation*” at 8:15 & 11am
- April 14 — **Maundy Thursday** Worship at 7:00pm
with Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar
- April 15 — **Good Friday** Worship at 12pm and 7:00pm
- April 16/17 — **Easter** Traditional - Saturday Evening, Sunday at 8:15 & 11am
Contemporary - Sunday at 11am

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Colossians, Pastor Seth, FH Rm 101 / Mark, Steve Johnston, 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.

☞ CALENDAR ☞

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Men's Chorale Reh. (Choir Rm)
10:30am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
3:00pm Prayers and Pins (*off-site*)
6:30pm Bible Study (103-4)

MONDAY, MARCH 14

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
6:00pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FLC)
7:00pm BSA Troop 392 (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

9:30am BSF
12:00pm Lenten Noon Service (Sanc)
1:00pm Small Group (101)
5:45pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
5:45pm Lenten Soup Supper (FLC, Kit)
6:30pm Lenten Evening Service (Sanc)
7:15pm Chancel Choir Reh. (Sanc)

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

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, MARCH 18

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

11:00am Memorial Service (Sanc)
12:00pm Private Event (FLC)
4:00pm Traditional Service (Sanc)
7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

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11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
1:00pm Private Event (FLC, Kit)
3:00pm Prayers and Pins (*off-site*)
6:00pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FH)
6:30pm Bible Study (103-4)
6:30pm GLOW (FLC, 3rd Flr)

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

MARCH 13, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT



Stand firm in the Lord.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 13:31-35	Jesus' sorrow over Jerusalem
Monday	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	God's covenant with Abram
Tuesday	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Stand firm in the Lord
Wednesday	1 Peter 5:6-11	Helping Christian leaders
Thursday	Exodus 14:10-14	Crossing the Red Sea
Friday	Hebrews 10:19-29	A call to persevere
Saturday	Psalms 27	A song of trust
Sunday	Luke 13:1-9	Parable of the fig tree

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Philippians 4:1 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, you are my glory and salvation; whom shall I fear? Give us confidence in your care through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundant grace, for this food that strengthens us and feeds the soul, let us praise you today through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord be your strength and deliver you from every danger.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*I Want Jesus to
Walk with Me*



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:

- When have you doubted your ability to do something you wanted to do?
- How does life in the body of Christ help give you self-confidence?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Philippians 3:17-4:1.

Paul was encouraging those who follow the Lord Jesus Christ while addressing those who misunderstand what it means to follow Christ. It is possible to misuse one's freedom in Christ. It is also possible to follow the wrong examples and end up with a god that satisfies "the belly," one's own physical wants and appetites. Such a life leads to shame, not joy and gladness. How do we avoid the glitter and glamour around us? We imitate people like Paul, people who follow the cross of Christ into the world to share the love of others instead of feeding our own insatiable cravings. Paul reminds us that our citizenship, our loyalty, is in Christ alone. He commends a life that does not surrender to personal desires but stands firm in Christ and a life that brings joy.

Discuss: Who in your life is a role model as one who follows Jesus, and why?

Pray: **God of power and might, help us to see more clearly that we may gladly follow you into a life that brings hope and joy through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how might you set aside your own wants and desires this week to help someone else?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Lent is a time to focus on prayer. God created the heavens and the earth, the night and the day, the moon and the stars. Take time this week to go outside on a clear night and gaze at the sky. Pray for all of God's creation while watching the stars. While standing outside say: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world. The light no darkness can overcome.** Close with the Lord's Prayer.



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