

NEWS NOTES

April 3, 2022

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry
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SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Ann Jones

11:00am: Dan Yeater, Ike Stage

Acolytes:

8:15am: Dylan Allman

11:00am: Mackenzie Norman

Merrick Wilson

Altar Guild

Mel and Carol Penrod,

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

Greeters:

4:00pm Mary Campbell

8:15am: Volunteer(s) Needed

11:00am M/D: Shirley Blake

N/D: Lois Moore

Readers:

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Ann Jones

Lessons Today: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of 13 blessed years of marriage created by the Lord. Given by Doug & Megan Cress.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Cindy Geyer, who passed away on March 26, 2022; and to the family and friends of Cherie Kimler, the niece of Ginny Bent. All who grieve are in our prayers.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

MISSING! The step stool with wheels has come up missing from the lower basement choir room. If you know where it is, or have it, please return it to the choir room.

A SINGLE QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETING will be held at noon on **Sunday, April 24th**. Information packets will be available both in person and online by Good Friday, April 15th.

SPECIAL GUEST TODAY: TIM IMBROCK FROM MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP. Tim Imbrock (Dennis' cousin) will be visiting St. John's today to thank St. John's and give us an update on his ministry with Mission Aviation Fellowship. Tim is speaking at our Saturday, 8:15am, and Contemporary worship services, and also doing a presentation with Q and A time at the Chapel Sunday School class on the 3rd at 9:30am. All are encouraged to come and hear about how we can support the gospel mission of M.A.F.!

EASTER EGG STUFFING TODAY! This Sunday, March 27th, immediately following the 11:00 am worship services we will be meeting in the Family Life Center to stuff Easter eggs with candy. **This is for our Easter Family Fun morning that will be taking place on Saturday, April 9th at 10am.** At this point, we still need a great deal of candy to be donated before Sunday. We could still use egg stuffers and people to help staff and oversee our Family Fun morning. Everything will be provided for both events. All we need is you and candy! Lunch will be provided this Sunday, so if you are able to help, please be sure to tell Elaine Bennett. If you can give an hour of your time on April 9th, simply mark your salmon sheet or email ebennett@stjohnsgc.org. We are looking forward to welcoming the community into our church this Easter season. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Also, we have 1 Lenten soup and bread supper left. If you have not joined us for soup and bread prior to our Wednesday evening worship services, you are missing out on some delicious soup and a nice time of fellowship. **Please join us this Wednesday, April 6th at 5:45 pm.**

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! The event takes place next **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. This event is open to the community. Be sure to bring your friends! Please mark the salmon sheet if you can help with the event.

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 may also mark the salmon sheet for us to contact you and schedule a shift.

EASTER LILY ORDERS DUE MONDAY, APRIL 11. Only one week left to submit orders for Easter Lilys! Please complete your order and place it with your offering today!

GOOD NEWS! We now have nursery staffing available every Sunday from 9:15am - noon. If you are in need of childcare on Sunday mornings during that timeframe, please be sure to bring your children to the nursery. Meet Heather and participate in both Sunday school and worship service knowing that your children are in great hands!

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, April 9th at 9am** in Rooms 103-4 and on **Tuesday, April 12th at 7pm.** Everyone is welcome. Bring your knitting/crochet materials and any completed shawls to be blessed with prayer. Anyone can learn to knit or crochet with our help! 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.

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.

SCRIP ORDER DEADLINE is this coming **Tuesday.** Please submit your article by the morning of **April 5th.**

EAGLE DEADLINE is next **Sunday.** Please submit your article by **April 10th.**

OWLS EVENT – APRIL 22, 2022. The Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) are inviting you to their **April 22nd** meeting. We are excited to host a guest speaker from Franklin County Department on Aging. She will be sharing very important information about Senior Options. The department helps residents of Franklin County, age 60 and older maintain their independence. It also supports family members with the often overwhelming task of caring for a frail older parent, family member, or friend with limited abilities.

What services? Here are care a few: Home-delivered meals, homemaker services, personal care, respite care, adult day care, emergency response systems and minor home repairs.

Over 7,000 older adults receive Senior Options services monthly, 73 percent of the participants are female, 68 percent are over 70 years of age and 65 percent live alone. Over 4,000 callers per month contact Senior Options for information and referral or access to services. Senior Options is funded by the Senior Services Levy which has been passed by Franklin County voters every five years since 1992.

Come and hear more about this amazing program. Guests are always welcome so if you know anyone who might benefit from these resources, invite them!!! 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 11:15 am so we can open the meeting at 11:30 am. 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!

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 North Entrance and in the second-floor hallway just outside of the library.

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.

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, April 6th.**

PRAYER REQUESTS should be turned in by Monday morning. Fill out the prayer request section on the salmon sheet or contact the church office at 614-875-2314. You may also email your prayer request to secretary@stjohnsgc.org. Requests are updated on a weekly basis.



The most we can do is pray... Pray for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and across the world. Please take a prayer bag for your family so that you can be reminded to pray daily for God's love, grace and peace to flood the world.

Be sure to keep your eyes out for Prayer Bags!
They will be at the entrances for each service. ~ St. John's Youth Ministries

AID FOR UKRAINE: St. John's is proud to join the Grace Evangelical Church on Norton Rd in collecting items to send to Ukraine. ***The donation item list is extensive, so we would like to focus on collecting the following items:*** personal hygiene products for men and women, first aid kits, antibacterial ointment, blankets and bedding, hats and gloves, plastic wrap or cling film, and candles. Please use the donation bin located in the St. John's Church Library. Exceptions are posted on the bulletin boards. Feel free to call Bruce and Karen Whyte with additional questions at (614) 878-9392.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

HIGH SCHOOL GLOW meets tonight, 6:30 – 9pm. We will be going off-site and building beds for the Bed Brigade. Meet at church at 6:30pm. We will leave at 6:45pm and have you back to church by 9pm. Come make a difference...build a bed!

CONNECT meets April 7th and April 21st, 6 – 7:15pm. Greeter's Table opens at 5:40pm. We will not meet on April 14th (Maundy Thursday). Our last Connect, for this school year, is on April 21st. We will be celebrating with a picnic and games. If it rains, our picnic will be moved indoors.

SCRIP ORDERS are placed the first Tuesday of the month. Our next order will be April 5th. Talk to Gary Pecuch or Pam Wittenberg on the various ways you can buy SCRIP and support the youth ministries at St. John's!

SUMMER 2022! We have a great summer of activities and service planned. Pick up your brochure from the youth office door or talk to Laurie Pecuch or Diana Imbrock! There is a RSVP form on the back of the brochure. Kindly RSVP by June 1st.

STEWARDSHIP

Attendance:

March 27 – 264

March 30 – 85

February 2022

| | <u>Income</u> | <u>YTD</u> | <u>Expense</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
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| Operating | \$54,038 | \$114,575 | \$62,333 | \$121,750 |
| Benevolence | \$ 5,512 | \$ 9,428 | \$11,398 | \$ 13,182 |

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIVING
TO ST. JOHN’S MINISTRIES!**

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 – 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.

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Colossians, Pastor Seth, FH Rm 101 / Ephesians, 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.

☞ LENT AND EASTER CALENDAR ☞

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

April 6 — Wednesday at 12 noon and 6:30pm

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES - APRIL 10—17

April 9 — Easter Family Fun Day at 10am
“*The Cry of the Whole Congregation*” at 4pm

April 10 — ***Palm Sunday*** “*The Cry of the Whole Congregation*” at 8:15 & 11am
No Contemporary Service on Palm Sunday

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 at 4pm, Sunday at 8:15 & 11am
Contemporary - Sunday at 11am

OTHER LENTEN AND EASTER EVENTS

April 3 — Palm Sunday Rehearsal 12pm
— Easter Egg Stuffing and More 12pm

April 6 — Lenten Soup Supper at 5:45pm

April 9 — Easter Family Fun Day 10am

April 17 — Easter Sunday Breakfast 7am

☞ CALENDAR ☜

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

- 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)
- 12:00pm Easter Egg Stuffing (FLC)
- 12:00pm Palm Sunday Rehearsal (Sanc)
- 6:30pm GLOW (FLC, 3rd Flr)
- 6:30pm Bible Study (103-4
[backup - Chapel])

MONDAY, APRIL 4

- 9:30am BSF Leaders (Nursery;
101-4 [202, Chapel])
- 9:00am Private Event (FLC)
- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
- 6:00pm Puppet Rehearsal (FLC)
- 6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (103-4
[Chapel, 202])
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

- 9:00am Quilters (103-4)
- 9:00am Private Event (FLC)
- 11:30am OWLS Planning (102)
- 7:00pm SW Historical Soc. (103-4 [FH])
- 7:00pm BSA Troop 392 (SH [FLC])

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

- 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)

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

- 9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
- 10:00am Family Fun Day (N Lot, Field
[FLC])
- 10:00am Private Event (101-2)
- 10:00am Girl Scouts (FH, FH Kit)
- 4:00pm Cry of the Whole Congregation
(Sanc)
- 7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

- 8:15am Cry of the Whole Congregation
(Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Men's Chorale Reh. (Choir Rm)
- 10:30am Small Group (Lib)
- 11:00am Cry of the Whole Congregation
(Sanc)
- 6:30pm Bible Study (103-4)

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP
will remain at 4pm moving forward.**

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