

NEWS NOTES

April 10, 2022

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: *Mike Gibboney*

8:15am: *Teresa Orahood*

11:00am: *Dwight Henricksen*

Dave and Karen Grossman

Acolytes:

8:15am: *Brooklyn Cress*

Corban Allman

11:00am: *Dylan Allman*

Altar Guild

*Dellno & Betty Lewis, Lynda Berry,
Dave & Lisa Stallard, David & Karen
Grossman, Don & Diane Carducci,
Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson"*

Greeters:

4:00pm: *Mary Campbell*

8:15am: *Mel and Carol Penrod*

11:00am: *M/D: Bill and Linda Diehl*

N/D: Barb Armentrout

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of daughter's and granddaughter's birthdays. Happy birthday Heather, Madison, Lillie, and Kaylie. I love you the most! Given by Barb Hill.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In memory of my husband, Ronald Long, on his birthday. Given by Susie Long.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In memory of my loved ones' April birthdays. Given by Chris Jenkins.

BULLETINS: In honor of our children. Given by Charlie and Pam Brown.

☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Marian Walsh; Alahni Overly.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Catherine Baumgartner, who passed away on April 5, 2022; and to the friends and family of Russell Miller, who passed away the morning of Thursday, April 7, 2022, and to Carla Beavers and family as they grieve her sister, Susan Dylan. All who grieve are in our prayers.

NOTES OF THANKS:

"I would like to Thank all the ladies and gentlemen who are in St. Johns choir. The song "Just as I Am" was so beautiful and touching. I'd like to express my sincere gratitude for your many days and hours of dedicated practice at the leadership of Mark Meuser. Blessings to each of you," ~ Sally Weisenberger.

"St. John's would like to thank the Boy Scouts Troop 392 for picking up branches and debris on church property. Thank you for helping us prepare to mow." ~ St. John's Staff.

"Again, our members have stepped up and shown their loving and giving hearts by donating items for the Ukrainian people. Each Monday, with a filled back seat and trunk of our car, we take your donations to the Ukrainian church. They are always very appreciative and have big smiles when they see us walking in. Thank you to ALL who have given items for this relief effort. We will continue collecting and without a foreseeable end date." ~ Bruce and Karen Whyte.

PASTOR RAY ROSENTHAL wishes to inform the congregation that he has at last returned home from the rehabilitation center as his health continues to improve and recover. Welcome back and thanks be to God!

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR THE ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT. At the **April 24 Congregation Meeting**, St. John's will be voting on a proposed funding strategy for the accessibility project. If you'd like to learn more about the project or have questions about the proposed funding strategy, we'll be having two informational meetings:

Saturday, April 23rd at 4:45 p.m. (after the Saturday service)

Sunday, April 24th at 9:30 a.m. (during the Sunday School hour)

Everyone is encouraged to come with questions. Please pray for St. John's as we move forward with this exciting project!

FOUND! The music library step stool has been found! Thank you for keeping a look out!

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.

WOMEN'S RETREAT UPDATE: Unfortunately, the Women's Retreat taking place in Lancaster Pennsylvania in October that we have been publicizing has **sold out**. We will not be able to make this road trip after all, but we are working on a Plan B. We will keep you posted.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS - IMPORTANT INFORMATION! Due to a nationwide Easter lily shortage, we have been unable to find a vendor who could provide us with the quantity of lily's needed for Easter Sunday. This year we will be filling our plant stands with potted spring flowers instead. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. We invite and encourage you to take a plant home with you following the 11am worship services on Easter Sunday. Take one to a homebound member or someone who could use a little bit of spring in their life. Thanks!

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.

CALLING ALL COOKS! This year we are offering a silent auction of pre-made meal packages that families can enjoy in the luxury of their own home. We are looking for people in our congregation who like to cook and would be willing to participate.

Here's how you can help. We need people to take a menu card off the refrigerator and bulletin boards in the Link and the North Entrance, and commit to prepare a meal for May 7th (Mother's Day) that can be auctioned. We will start the silent auction on Easter Sunday, April 17th, and it will run for 2 weeks.

If you aren't into cooking, we are looking for donations of restaurant gift cards to auction off as well. Your support would be greatly appreciated!

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meeting 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.

CAR WASH FUNDRAISER – APRIL 16! St. John’s Boy Scout Troop 392 is having a car wash on **April 16th, from 8am to 4pm at Fazoli’s (2096 Stringtown Rd)**. Help the troop raise money for summer camp and other troop adventures this year. All donations are welcome. Please support our troop!

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!



PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

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.

Prayer Bags are available for pick up at each worship service entrance.
~ 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.

GRADUATION 2022

- *****The Graduation season is rapidly approaching**, and we like to recognize those in our congregation who may be finishing their degrees. If you would like to recognize your post-high graduate, please send the following information: student's name, name of school, degree and major to Diana Imbrock at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org to be placed in the bulletins and Eagle.
- *****YOU** are invited to the **GRADUATION BLESSING RECEPTION**, Sunday, May 1st from 9:30 to 10:30 in the FLC. Visit with our graduating seniors to see where they will be going next. Students will be available for prayers, good wishes and hugs!!! Come and bless our graduates and share a light celebratory breakfast with us. We will also be recognizing our students in each of the 11 am services that day. What a great time to encourage those in our faith webs!



EAGLE DEADLINE is today, April 10th. Please submit your article by the end of day.

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 13th.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 1 Thessalonians, 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.

St. John's invites you to join in a
Meal Packing Event
Sunday, April 24 from 1:30 to 3pm
in the Family Life Center.

Help us meet our goal to pack and send **10,000 meals** in support of our sisters and brothers in Ukraine. Ages 1-100 are welcome to attend this family-friendly event.



Please RSVP on the salmon sheet in your bulletin. Lunch will be provided. Financial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran with "Meals for Ukraine" on the envelope or memo line.

For more information, please contact Karen Jersild at 217-469-2037.



☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

There is no CONNECT this Thursday, as we are observing Maundy Thursday. Our last Connect for this school year will be Thursday, April 21st. We will be celebrating with a picnic and games. If it rains, our picnic will be moved indoors. ☺

DO YOU SHOP AT KROGER? When you connect your Kroger plus card with their Community Rewards Program, St. John's receives a donation from Kroger – every time you shop. It costs you nothing. To join (or re-connect your card), go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards. Our organization code is **EY530**. Not sure if you're connected? Look at the bottom of your receipt the next time you shop at Kroger.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance: April 3 – 330 April 6 – 85

<u>March 2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$56,691	\$171,265	\$55,703	\$177,452
Benevolence	\$ 3,883	\$ 13,311	\$ 107	\$ 13,289

**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

☞ HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CALENDAR ☞

- 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 Sunday** Breakfast 7am
Traditional Services - Saturday at 4pm, Sunday at 8:15 & 11am
Contemporary Service - Sunday at 11am

☪ CALENDAR ☪

PALM 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)

MONDAY, APRIL 11

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

- 9:00am Quilters (103-4)
9:00am Private Event (FLC)
11:30am OWLS Planning (101-2)
1:00pm Organ Maintenance (Sanc)
6:15pm Fat Quarters Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00pm Al-Anon (202)
7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
7:00pm BSA Troop 392 (SH [FLC backup])

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

- 9:30am BSF and Leader Seminar
12:00pm Private Event (103-4)
1:00pm Small Group (101-2)
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
7:15pm Chancel Choir Reh. (Sanc)

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
2:30pm HS Acting Class (FLC)
6:15pm Celebration Ringers Reh. (Sanc)
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship (Sanc)

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

- 10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
12:00pm Good Friday Noon Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm Good Friday Eve. Worship (Sanc)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

- 1:30pm Private Event
(FLC, Kit, SH, 103-4)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

- 7:00am Easter Breakfast (FLC, Kit)
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)

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