

EASTER NEWS NOTES

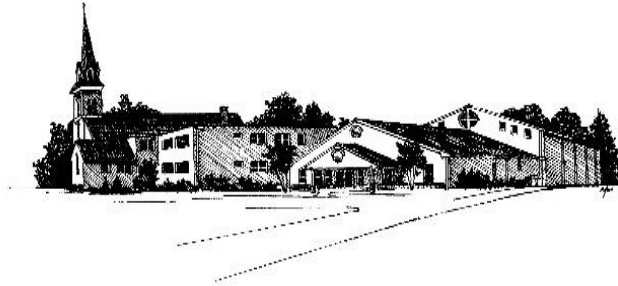
April 17, 2022

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Paul Wittenberg

11:00am: Wayne and Carla Beavers,
Lisa Stallard

Acolytes:

8:15am: Hunter Thompson

Colton Thompson

11:00am: Mackenzie Norman
Merrick Wilson

Altar Guild

Dellno & Betty Lewis, David and Barb
Sweeley, Lynda Berry, Gloria Biggs

Greeters:

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Volunteers Needed

11:00am: M/D: Warren Althoff
N/D: Bonnie Swanson

Readers

4:00pm Chris Jenkins

8:15am Teresa Orahoad

11:00am Bonnie Swanson

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of Richard Rausch's birthday. Given by Charlotte Rausch.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my husband's birthday, Charles McCoppin. Given by Linda Wagner.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In appreciation for the Quilters and the Prayer Shawl Ministry for all the work they do. Given by Jim Braskett.

BULLETINS: The Easter bulletins are in memory of our mother Wilma Jean Marcum, grandparents Edward and Lillie Iftner, great-grandparents, and loved ones. Given by Steve Marcum, Sheryl Childress, Deanna Neal, and Debbie Mosley.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST. Please join us 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.

THE QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETING will be held at noon on **Sunday, April 24th**. Information packets are available online and in person at the main entrances.

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!

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 1 Thessalonians, Pastor Seth, FH Rm 001 / 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.



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 to 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

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Easter Sunday: Check with your child's Sunday School leader to see if classes are meeting in the classrooms, in the FLC for breakfast, or not at all. This would have been communicated with parents during drop off or pick up from Sunday School last week.

Memorial Day Weekend, May 30th: There will be no youth Sunday School due to the holiday.

July 3rd: There will be no youth Sunday School due to the holiday.

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!

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 11am services that day. What a great time to encourage those in our faith webs!



AID FOR UKRAINE: Our members have responded in a tremendous way to our request for items for the Ukrainian people. Our car has been filled every time we have dropped off your donations on Monday nights at the Ukrainian church. We are discontinuing this project as of Sunday, April 17th. If you have items that you want to donate, you can take them to the Grace Evangelical Church, where they are still accepting donations. The address is 3223 Norton Road (formerly Oakhurst Golf Course). Their collection times are 5-7pm Monday through Friday, and 10-2pm Saturday. For more information, you can visit their website: visitgec.org. Again, thank you to all who gave from your wonderful hearts. We were told on Monday that 4 semis have been filled and on their way to Ukraine. What a wonderful feeling to know that YOU were part of filling those trucks. God's Blessings and thank you for sharing! ~ Bruce and Karen Whyte.

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 20th.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☛

Our last Connect for this school year is this Thursday, 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 **May 3rd**. Talk to Gary Pecuch or Pam Wittenberg on the various ways you can buy SCRIP and support the youth ministries at St. John's!

HIGH SCHOOL GLOW meets Sunday, May 1st, 6:30 – 9pm! We will be having some outdoor fun (fire pit, smores, games), some May Day celebrating (painting and creating planters) and some celebrating of seniors (wa-hoo!) If it rains, we will move the party indoors!

Applications for the Lutheran College Tuition Grant for fall semester should be filed by May 15th with the church office. If you're a member of St. John's and attending a Lutheran affiliated school then your school likely offers a matching grant up to \$500. Get your application from the church office.

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.

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.

CATECHISM INTEREST LIST! Confirmation typically begins in August of a student's 7th grade year. If you plan on your son or daughter joining the catechism program, or would just like more information on it, please email Gary at gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org to get their name on our interest list.

☪ STEWARDSHIP ☪

Attendance: April 10 - 401

<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!**



Silent
Auction

Pre-Made Dinners for
MOTHER'S DAY

How can I help?

Donate a Meal

Stop by the board in the link or at the North entrance.
Pick a menu card for the meal you want to donate.
Make sure to provide your contact info so we know
which card you took. Meals can be cooked from
scratch or purchased.

Buy a Meal

Silent auction will begin in the FLC on April 24th.
Bids will continue to be accepted in the overflow
from April 25th- May 1st.

Or do both 😊

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.



☞ CALENDAR ☞

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)

MONDAY, APRIL 18

OFFICE CLOSED DUE TO HOLIDAY

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
10:30am Private Event (FLC)
6:00pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FLC)
7:00pm Al-Anon (202)
7:00pm BSA Troop 392 (SH [103 backup])

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

9:30am BSF (virtual)
10:00am Funeral Visitation (Sanc)
11:00am Funeral Service (Sanc)f
12:00pm Private Event (FLC, Kit)
1:00pm Small Group (101-2)
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
7:15pm Chancel Choir Reh. (Sanc)

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
1:00pm Small Group (102)
2:30pm HS Acting Class (FLC)
6:00pm CONNECT
6:15pm Celebration Ringers Reh. (Sanc)

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
11:30am OWLS (FLC)
4:00pm Memorial Service (Sanc)
4:45pm Private Event (FLC, Kit)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

10:00am Private Event (FLC)
11:30am Private Event (SH)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
4:45pm Accessibility Presentation (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Accessibility Presentation (FH)
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 QUARTERLY
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (FLC)**
12:45pm Ukraine Meal Packing (FLC)
12:45pm Mother's Day Silent Auction (FLC)

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