

NEWS NOTES

May 22, 2022

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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SERVING TODAY

Communion Assistants:

4:00pm: *Charlie Brown*

8:15am: *Barb Hill*

11:00am: *Christine Hank, Richard Werner*

Acolytes:

8:15am: *Brayden Gottshall*

11:00am: *Brooklyn Cress*

Corban Allman

Altar Guild

Lynne Ehrlich, Chris Snashall

Greeters:

4:00pm: *M/D: Mary Campbell*

N/D: Pat Walters

8:15am: *Mel and Carol Penrod*

11:00am: *M/D: Bonnie Swanson*

N/D: Ginny Bent

Readers

4:00pm: *Ann Jones*

8:15am: *Tom Phillips*

11:00am: *Glenda Allman*

Lessons Today: Acts 16:9-15; Revelation 21:10, 21:22--22:5; John 5:1-9.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Addison 7th birthday. Given by Mom, Aunt Stephanie, Mimi, and Lucy.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In celebration of our daughter Kelly's birthday. Given by the Schmitz family.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In memory of Jim Rich, loving husband, father, and papa. Given by his family.

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

NOTES OF THANKS:

"Small acts of kindness are so powerful, and our church family does it so well! I would like to thank Pastor Seth and Pastor Patti for their prayers and support; and for all of you that took the time to check on me weekly in my classroom before surgery, prayed for me, sent me cards, called me; and for the children in my Sunday School class and CONNECT class for their wonderfully unique 'Get Well' cards they created! All of these wonderful acts of kindness lifted me as I traveled on my journey to surgery during the continued Covid restrictions. I appreciate all of you, and now I am set to go with a bionic leg with the new hip added to the already replaced knee! In Christian love," ~ Debbie Abbitt.

"Many thanks for all the cards and visits to Howard Linder at Meadow Grove. It's wonderful to have such a caring and thoughtful support from the congregation. Thank you to Pastor Seth Jersild and Pastor Patti Morlock for the visits and communion." ~ Howard and Donna Linder.

"A BIG THANK YOU! The gifts, cards, calls, and best of all the prayers, they have helped me going. And the shut-in visits with church news and communion are blessings that I need. Again, thanks. Sincerely," ~ Marian Breckenridge.

"THANK YOU TO OUR CONFIRMATION 2022 CLASS SMALL GROUP LEADERS... Pam Caste, Dwight Henricksen, and Nate Wanner!" ~ St. John's Youth Leaders.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

SECURITY TEAM: We would like to add an additional person to the nightly security team. The job involves tasks of securing the church for the night, coming in around 10pm each night for two-weeks in a rotating schedule. This is a paid position, and a background check is required. Interested in this opportunity? Please contact Mike Esposito at 614-875-2314, or mesposito@stjohnsgc.org.

DO MIRACLES HAPPEN TO REGULAR PEOPLE?

It did for Lazarus and his family!
Come see "Evening with The Puppets, 2022"
in person again **today, Sunday, May 22, at 7pm.**

Come celebrate miracles and the end of year with the Puppet Team. Chocolate and laughs will fly, and we will all learn and laugh a little as two regular kids learn Lazarus was NOT a zombie.

Any offering collected will go to *Operation Christmas Child* to share more miracles with more regular people. Cookies and lemonade to follow.

HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN? A parishioner has made a proposal that worshippers be given the opportunity to suggest hymns for the traditional services during the summer. So, if you have a favorite hymn that you would like to sing during the summer, now is the time to make your suggestion!

There will be a hymn suggestion box located near the north entrance of the sanctuary. Just take one of the sheets on top of the box, write the name of the hymn on it, and drop it in the box. The box will be there through the end of May. We will try to use as many of those suggestions as we can.

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.

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, May 25.

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

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

FAITH CELEBRATION and CONFIRMATION! Join us from 9:30am to 10:15am in the Family Life Center as students share their faith trifold. Everyone is welcome! Students will then confirm their faith at the 11am traditional worship service. It's a beautiful morning of witnessing and celebrating! Confirming their faith are Dylan Allman, Bella Castle, Eva Harris, Matthew Johnston-Kline, Matthew Little, James McFarland, & Grace Nixon. ***Thanks be to God!***

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 ☞

<u>April 2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$64,460	\$235,725	\$65,000	\$242,452
Benevolence	\$ 4,140	\$ 17,451	\$ 6,962	\$ 20,251

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.

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

Graduation 2022

Advice gathered for our graduates from our church community May 1, 2022

MY LAST PIECE OF ADVICE IS:

Love one another.

Enjoy life.

Be bold!

Stay positive; mindset is everything.

Keep up the good work; always try to be positive. Jesus loves you and we do, too!

It's OK to say no; you don't need to please everybody.

Don't be afraid to dream, fail, and try again.

Always, always, listen to your Heavenly Father!

The Lord is always with you.

Never forget who you are.

Be the light.

Be yourself. Nobody else can be you.

Start a Roth IRA now.

Make time for yourself.

Never stop being YOU!!



MAY 22, 2022
SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER



God leads, we follow.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 14:23-29	The sending of the counselor
Monday	Acts 16:9-15	Paul travels to Macedonia
Tuesday	Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5	River of life
Wednesday	Proverbs 3:5-6	Trust God
Thursday	Acts 1:1-11	The ascension of Jesus
Friday	Numbers 6:22-27	Blessing for the people
Saturday	Psalm 67	Tell the nations to praise God
Sunday	John 17:20-26	Jesus prays for his disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“When she [Lydia] and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us. Acts 16:15 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to understand how you lead us each day to care for others for the sake of Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Thank you, God, for giving us food; for the food that we eat and the friends that we meet. Thank you, God, for all that you do. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord be gracious to you and bless you and make God’s face to shine upon you. (Psalm 67:1)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Down to the River to Pray



taking 
faith
home

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:

- Do you make your own decisions or rely on others to help you make decisions? Explain.
- When is a time you felt God was leading you in your life and/or relationships?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Acts 16:9-15.

Congregations are urged to establish vision and mission statements and make plans accordingly. In the midst of such important planning, it is important to remember who is in charge, who is doing the actual leading. We may take aim at ministry objectives, but when we arrive at the goal or destination, hopefully, we recognize that God was there awaiting our arrival. In Acts 16, Paul and his fellow missionary friends believe they are led by a vision of a man from Macedonia to go there. When they arrive, it is not a man, but a group of women whose hearts are opened, and it is Lydia who opens her home to them. Whether it is Paul in his day or we in our day, it is good to remember that it is not we ourselves who bring God to people.

Discuss: How have you shared your faith with others as Lydia did?

Pray: God, just as you led Paul to Macedonia, lead us each day that we may bring joy and the good news of Christ to waiting hearts. Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, where do you sense God is leading you to serve others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Psalm 67 is a prayer reminding us that God blesses us and continues to bless us. Think or talk about ways you and those you know have been blessed by God. Pray the Psalm by inserting your name or that of another and say: **God, our God, has blessed _____. May God continue to bless _____; let all the ends of the earth worship our God. Amen.**



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

☪ CALENDAR ☪

SUNDAY, MAY 22

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Faith Celebration (FLC)
9:30am Men's Chorale Reh. (Choir Rm)
10:00am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Traditional Worship
and Confirmation (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
6:00pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FH)
7:00pm Evening with The Puppets,
2022 (FLC)

MONDAY, MAY 23

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
6:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)
7:00pm Respect Life (101-2)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, MAY 24

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
12:30pm Small Group (102)
7:00pm BSA Troop 392 (SH)
7:30pm Al-Anon (202)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

1:00pm Small Group (101)
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
7:15pm Chancel Choir Reh. (Sanc)

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

THURSDAY, MAY 26

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
1:00pm Small Group (102)
6:00pm Private Event (FLC, Kit)
6:00pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)

FRIDAY, MAY 27

10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
5:00pm Private Event (SH)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, MAY 28

4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, MAY 29

*NO SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMORIAL
DAY WEEKEND*

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Men's Chorale Reh. (Choir Rm)
10:00am Small Group (Lib)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)

MONDAY, MAY 30 - OFFICE CLOSED

*Check with group leaders to see if your
Monday group will still be meeting!*

REMINDER:
There will not be Sunday School
Next Sunday, May 29th
or Sunday, July 3rd
in observance of Memorial Day
and Independence Day