

# NEWS NOTES

October 16, 2022

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### ☪ SERVING TODAY ☪

#### Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Dave Sweeley

8:15am: Pat Larick

11:00am: Wayne and Carla Beavers,  
Caroline Koethke

#### Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis, Judy Graessle,  
Paul and Pam Wittenberg

#### Readers

4:00pm: Nannette Shea

8:15am: Marilyn Smith

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

#### Acolytes

8:15am: Cordelia Wanner

Jaylynn Jermann

11:00am: Mackenzie Norman  
Merrick Wilson

#### Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Judy Graessle

11:00am MD: Shirley Blake  
ND: Carol Rich

**Lessons Today: Genesis 32:22-31; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8.**

**DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In honor of our daughter, Megin Cress, on her birthday. Given with love by Mom and Dad, Becky and Larry Link.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of my sister, Suzi Hart, and in honor of breast cancer awareness month. Given by Rhonda Maynard.

**LECTERN FLOWERS:** In memory of my parents, June and Ernie Duffield. Given by Barbara Conners.

**BULLETINS:** Given by Rhonda Maynard.

**☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞**

**QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS** follow worship on Oct. 22 and 23.

**NO CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICES, OCTOBER 16 AND 23:** There will be no Contemporary worship services on the Sundays of October 16 and 23. Contemporary worshipers are invited/encouraged to come to our Saturday/Sunday Traditional services on those dates. A reminder also that we will be having our Accessibility Commitment Celebration Dinner on the 16th at Noon in the Family Life Center. We hope that everyone will be able to attend!

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS and NEW MEMBERS' RECEPTION IN NOVEMBER:**

A Membership Class will be held at **12:15 pm on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**. We'll start with lunch together in room 103-4. All visitors to our congregation, our newest members, and all potential members are invited to come! The classes will cover Christian mission at St. John's, and we'll be able to answer any questions you have about our congregation and our Lutheran Christian heritage. We will formally receive new members into our congregation during the **11:00 am traditional worship service on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. We hope you can come!

Are you looking for a church home, or do you have questions about our congregation? Call Pastor Seth (217-255-2118) any time.

**NEW LOOK FOR THE ALTAR:** The Altar Guild has ordered (with Council approval) red paraments for the Altar, Pulpit, and Lectern for the sanctuary and two pastoral stoles. These are replacing paraments that are over 25 years old. The total cost is \$1,730.



Members who would like to give a memorial for a loved one towards these paraments can contact Mike Esposito, Business Manager, or Jan Miller, Records Clerk.

## ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT - COMMITMENT SUNDAY: OCTOBER 16.



We are excited to be nearing our first major funding milestone for the Accessibility Project! With advance gifts, we have about \$630,000 in hand. Once we have \$700,000, we will secure a construction loan and begin building. Thank you so much to all of you who have given advance gifts. Your generosity has been amazing!

We are now asking all our members to pray about making long-term commitments to fund the project through to completion. Commitment cards are available in the church pews and church office.

**October 16 will be Commitment Sunday**, when we will celebrate the financial commitments that we've received so far. Please come to a special lunch that day in the Family Life Center, after the late worship services. We will also be giving thanks to God in worship that day for the generosity our congregation has shown in response to this special project.

Commitment cards can be returned to the church office or placed in the offering during worship. Working together, we can easily carry the burden of this project, as we make our beautiful church building more accessible to all who come to worship Christ at St. John's!

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**: Pastor Seth will be leading a class on Holy Communion for children on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at church from 12:15—1:45pm. The class will be geared towards 5<sup>th</sup> grade students; however, younger children who have expressed a serious desire to receive the sacrament are welcome to participate (as are older youths who have not yet received this instruction). We ask that at least one adult be present at the class with each child. We'll meet in the confirmation classroom on the third floor of the education wing. At the end of the class, parents and students will discuss whether the student is ready to receive the sacrament. Those who are ready will participate in their first communion at the **11am worship service on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please call Pastor Seth (217-255-2118) or the church office (614-875-2314) if you have any questions regarding your child's participation in the class.

**OWLS EVENT – OCTOBER 21, 2022:** Edward Jones is a very popular and respected name in the financial world and works with clients to help them understand their financial priorities and why you're investing. Our speaker for the October meeting is Mr. Christopher Gourley who has an Edward Jones office in Grove City.

Maybe you have your finances taken care of and maybe you haven't but it's never too late to find out a little more. What is a Transfer on Death Agreement (TOD)? Will your estate be responsible to pay inheritance and/or estate taxes? What's a living trust? Living will? Power of attorney? Durable power of attorney? Who are the beneficiaries of your estate? These are only a few of the questions we should be asking and searching for the answers that suit our needs best. Come to our meeting – ask questions – listen to what others are asking and take home excellent information.

The OWLS will provide fried chicken for our potluck lunch. Please bring a covered dish and join your friends for a delicious meal 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!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR TRUNK OR TREAT on Saturday, October 29th at 10am for a morning of fun!** We will have all new games, crafts, puppets, food and more. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. This event will be held rain or shine. Donations are needed for this community event. If you are able to help, please take a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch bulletin board located in the North Entrance and the Link and return your donation to the cupboard in the Link by Thursday, October 27th. We also need volunteers to help run this event and to decorate your trunk and pass out candy. Please mark the salmon sheet if you are able to give a little of your time the morning of October 29th. Thank you for your support!

**CHAPEL ORGANS:** The two organs in the chapel have both died because of their age and use. They no longer make parts for either one of them. St. John's can no longer hold onto these. *Can anyone use the wood for craft projects?* Otherwise, they will have to be taken apart and tossed. If you want them, you are welcome to remove them, feel free. Just let Mike Esposito know beforehand.

We are looking for the donation of a working electric Hammond Organ for the chapel. Hammond still makes parts for all of their smaller church and home organs. Please keep us informed of any available, working organs for the Chapel. Thanks, Mike Esposito.

**VETERANS' LUNCHEON:** This is the final weekend to submit an RSVP for the Veterans' Luncheon on **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please fill out and turn in your salmon sheet showing you plan to attend so we can appropriately prepare seating and meals.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** St. John's has partnered with Samaritan's Purse to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through gift-filled shoeboxes! They are taking the Gospel to half a million children in the Pacific Islands over the next few years as part of their commitment to **“proclaim the gospel to the whole creation”** (Mark 6:15).

Here's how you can participate:

1. **Pick up** a shoe box at the North Entrance or the Link, or go to St John's website [stjohnsgc.org](http://stjohnsgc.org) and click on the Operation Christmas Child Link to **build a shoe box online**.
2. **Fill** your shoebox with a **“Wow”** item (a toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, stuffed animal).
3. Other gifts: hygiene items on (no toothpaste or liquids), school supplies, other fun toys.
4. **Pray!** Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.
5. Include a \$10 donation to cover the shipping costs.
6. **Drop off** your filled shoe box in the link by **November 12th**.

If you are unable to add your own box, there is a **donation tub in the Link. Monetary donations are also accepted!** If you would like to **build a box online**, please go to this website - <https://www.samaritanspurse.org>. Please contact Justin, Beth, Brayden, or Addy Gottshall with any questions at 740-360-2752.

*“Declare His Glory among the Nations, His wonders among all peoples” - Psalm 96:3*

**FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP:** Our worship services each week are beautified with wonderful music, smiling faces, and flowers. Making a flower dedication is a wonderful way to remember or honor loved ones. We presently have openings for flower dedications throughout October and November. Reserve your date on the Altar Flowers Chart in the North Entrance. Please direct questions to Lesa Corbin at 614-530-4984.

**OFFICE HOURS** are **Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm**. Please keep in mind the building may be locked at any time outside of normal office hours. Please contact the church office if your group meets outside of office hours and may require a key.

**SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE?** Please send an email to 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, October 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞**

**Attendance**      October 9   -   283

<b><u>September 2022</u></b>	<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>Expense</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
Operating	\$49,989	\$513,841	\$67,561	\$552,422
Benevolence	\$ 3,104	\$ 35,616	\$ 3,227	\$ 36,897

**Accessibility Project**

Total Estimated Cost	\$1,300,000
Amount required to begin building	\$ 700,000
Amount pledged/given to Accessibility Project Fund	\$ 644,485
Total Expense through September 2022	\$ 38,496

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

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Adult Faith Discussion, FH Rm 001 / Hebrews, Steve Johnston, Chapel / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, Rms 301, 303.  
**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Ages 2-3, Rm 003 / Age 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.

# The Lord is Your Keeper

*Find the 36 bold words from Psalm 121:1–8 (ESV)*

M Y T P P S C N S Y N T D C M  
H H T I P J T E E I C F E O A  
H D T E M R Y R G V L I V M D  
P T E R T E Q H I Y A L O I E  
L K R H A B T L O K F E M N S  
Z O U O H E E U H O E U H G O  
D B R I F A R S R S L E E P R  
D N L D R T U E D H E L P N I  
Q L A S F L V N L Y S G Z O G  
S L I H I E T O O F A H B O H  
L I F E R H M T H P Q D A M T  
R E B M U L S K E E P E R D L  
Y N O G N I O G B L O Q O I E  
B R Y S T N U S E L P E V N Z  
E S E M O C A T V A C E X T P

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my **help** come?  
My help comes from the **LORD**, who made **heaven** and **earth**.  
He will **not** let your foot be moved; he who **keeps** you will not  
slumber. **Behold**, he who keeps Israel will neither **slumber** nor  
**sleep**. The **LORD** is your **keeper**; the **LORD** is your **shade** on  
your **right hand**. The sun shall not strike you by **day**, nor the  
**moon** by **night**. The **LORD** will **LORD** you from **all evil**; he will  
keep your **life**. The **LORD** will keep your **going** out and your  
**coming** in from this **time** forth and **forevermore**.

# ☞ CALENDAR ☞

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16**

### **COMMITMENT SUNDAY –**

#### **ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT**

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Men's Chorale (Choir Room)
- 10:30am Small Group (Lib)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 12:00pm Commitment Celebration (FLC, Kit)
- 1:00pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
- 5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

## **MONDAY, OCTOBER 17**

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

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18**

- 9:00am Quilters (103-4)
- 12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC)
- 12:30pm Small Group (101-2)
- 6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (204)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts (SH [103-4])
- 7:30pm Al-Anon (202)

## **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19**

- 9:30am BSF
- 2:00pm Small Group (102)
- 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
- 7:00pm Explorer's and Energizers
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20**

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
- 1:00pm Small Group (101-2)
- 3:00pm Homeschool Acting Class (FLC)
- 5:45pm Adventure Club and Faith Trek
- 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
- 8:00pm Dartball (Away)

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21**

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

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22**

### **QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP**

- 8:00am Organists Meeting (Sanc)
- 10:00am Private Event (FLC, Kit)
- 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**

### **QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS AFTER WORSHIP**

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Men's Chorale (Choir Room)
- 10:00am Small Group (Lib)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 1:00pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
- 5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

**\*\*No Contemporary Worship October 16 or 23.**

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