

NEWS NOTES

ALL SAINTS DAY

November 6, 2022

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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☪ SERVING TODAY ☪

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Charlie Brown

8:15am: Jo Dimond

11:00am: Jeff Shaw

Altar Guild

Mel and Carol Penrod,

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

Readers

4:00pm: Charlie Brown

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Sheryl Fraley

Acolytes

8:15am: Hunter Thompson

Colton Thompson

11:00am: Merrick Wilson

Mackenzie Norman

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Mel and Carol Penrod

11:00am MD: Bill and Linda Diehl

ND: Barbara Armentrout

Lessons Today: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:17-31.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of all veterans. Given by Warren Grody and Linda Vozel.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In loving memory of Carl Kinman. Given by his loving wife Nancy and family.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Chuck Conkle; Pat Larick; Pastor Ray Rosenthal.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Donald Wheeler**, grandfather of Christina Allman, who passed away on October 26, 2022. All who grieve are in our thoughts and prayers.

NOTES OF THANKS:

“The family of Randy Ross expresses their thanks and gratitude to the Pastors, the Bereavement Team, and especially Randy’s Promise Keepers group, for their loving support during Randy’s illness and passing.” ~ Lisa Ross and family.

“To the ladies who prepared the lunch for Randy Ross’ funeral. Thank you so much for the wonderful meal you provided. The food was delicious and the tables looked nice. Blessings,” ~ Shirley Woods, Randy’s sister.

“Many ‘thank you’s to the members and friends of St. John’s for the love and support given to us in the sudden passing of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Richard Werner.” ~ Joan Werner and family.

“Thank you, Dennis Imbrock, for helping to load, transfer, and unload the bed, furniture, and dishes to my son John and his roommates. You are greatly appreciated.” ~ Judy Graessle.

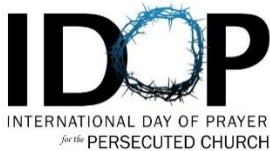
Mission Fall Bazaar: another success!!! Thanks to all who provided baked goods, stopped by to support our craft vendors, and ate hot dogs, shredded chicken sandwiches, etc. at our concessions. Our vendors felt welcomed and appreciated the kindness extended to all. Thank you for continuing to support missions. Almost \$1,000 were raised!



☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☜

MEMBERSHIP CLASS and NEW MEMBERS' RECEPTION NEXT SUNDAY: A Membership Class will be held at 12:15 pm on Sunday, November 13th. 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 20th**. 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.



Please join the world today in prayer for the many **persecuted Christians**. Pick up a prayer guide at the entrances or visit VOM.ORG/IDOP for free digital resources. See Diana to check out the video of a personal account: "Rebecca, Nigeria."

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover these." ~ Habakkuk 2:14

A SPECIAL SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE will be held on **November 27th, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, at 2pm**. This is a special worship service set aside for family or friends who have had loved ones pass away in the last year.

COME ONE! COME ALL! To the annual **Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction on Sunday, November 20th, right after the late service**. We will be tasting chili and voting on the best St. John's recipe. Bid on some amazing desserts created by the incredible bakers right here in our midst. It's a perfect time to get those much needed Thanksgiving treats without all the work! All donations and auction monies will go to support short-term missions. If you would like to enter your award-winning chili in the contest or create a dessert for the auction, please include details on the salmon sheet or contact Diana at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org.



Come join us for a fun-filled, tummy-filled afternoon!

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.

CALLING ALL SINGERS! The Chancel Choir is looking for singers for the Advent/Christmas season. For anyone who enjoys singing but may not be able to commit to weekly choir practices all year, **this is a great opportunity to add your voice to the Christmas celebration!** Interested parishioners would need only to practice with the choir in late November and December in order to sing with the choir during Advent and Christmas. We rehearse on **Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9pm** in the Sanctuary. Please see Music Director Mark Meuser or any choir member if you think you may be interested. You would be warmly welcomed.



Thank you for continuing to pray for and support Missions!
We are planning a mission trip to be with our precious children
this summer 2023! If you have a heart for the children of Mexico
and sharing the Good News with our brothers and sisters in Christ,
come join the 2023 Mexico Mission Family!

Mission dates are July 21st through July 31st, 2023.
Contact Diana Imbrock with questions or to sign up.

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS - Dear friends at St. John's Lutheran Church: we wanted to write to say how much we appreciate your partnership in our ministry helping to bring God's Word to the Bungu people. We are amazed at the way God continues to provide for us as we enter over 12 years of serving with Wycliffe. Your faithful support enables this ministry to continue, and we are so grateful for what you provide to us personally as well as how you're providing for the Bungu people.

Some recent highlights from our work include: *The book of Acts* in the Bungu language was printed this year! We also recently heard about Mwanansoga, a church leader in the town of Maleza, who is leading church services entirely in Bungu using the translated Scriptures. May God bless you greatly! Sincerely, Stephen, Rachel, Hope, and Scott.



CANDY NEEDED:

You know you shouldn't eat that leftover Halloween candy, don't you?

Please donate it to the Quilters for the Christmas bags!
Simply place it in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link.
Thank you for your generosity!

OWLS EVENT – NOVEMBER 18, 2022. The Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) would love to see you at our November 18th meeting. It's the time of year we all share what we are thankful for and we have so much. Our program this month is about some very important people in our lives. Their work is to keep us safe, put out fires, rescue humans and sometimes a family pet. They rush us to the hospital when needed or they tend to our needs in our home.

Our First Responders are vital to our daily lives. They give so much to our community and sometimes comes at a high price to them.



Our speaker, Mick Yinger, is the Executive Director of First Responders' Bridge. This group provides a free, confidential three-day retreat to first responders that experience a single traumatic event or the one that has built up years of stress and their spouses to help heal first responders and their families. Their team includes first responders, clinicians, and more. We are extending an invitation to Chief of Police, Rick Fambro, and Fire Chief, Randy Little, and hope they will be able to join us.

You are invited to come join us for lunch before the program. OWLS will provide fried chicken. Bring a covered dish and join your friends for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. We ask you to arrive around 11:15am 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!

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, November 12th at 9am and on Tuesday, November 22nd at 7pm in Rooms 103-4.** 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.

ANNUAL COAT AND BLANKET DRIVE: We are requesting donations of coats, blankets, outerwear, and socks. We have a great connection with a pastor in Franklinton, who will give our winter donations to people in need around that area. Those being helped are the homeless and any who need a little help in keeping warm this winter. Jesus instructed us to provide for others. Each year our loving and generous members give so many items. We take them down each Sunday night to the church before their evening service. They give the items away; there is no cost for any recipient.

Please leave your donations in the box in the church library. Please call Bruce and Karen Whyte at 614-878-9392 with any questions. This is a wonderful way to share your blessings.



give the gift of warmth!
new and gently used coats
children, youth and adult sizes

THE MITTEN TREES have returned to the North Entrance and the Link! Please help fill the trees with mittens, gloves, warm hats, earmuffs, scarves, and socks for all ages. ***All items need to be new with tags or homemade.*** The trees will be up until December 5th, after which the items will be taken to the Grove City Food Pantry, where they will be distributed to anyone in need in our local community. Please contact Ellen Previts at 614-345-8576 or Jaylynn Jermann at 614-971-1106 if you have any questions. Thank you for helping our neighbors stay warm!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Last chance to fill those shoeboxes! We have an opportunity to share God's love with children all over the world and everyone can help! Here's how:

1. **Fill a box** with toys, school supplies, personal care items, and the \$10 for shipping.
2. **Bring in one or two items to go toward filling a box.** Just place these items in the donation table and in the Link.
3. **Build a shoebox online** by visiting the St. John's Facebook page and click on Operation Christmas Child, where you will find the "Build a shoebox" link.



We pray for the children and their families to grow in God's love as they respond to the Gospel that is presented at the shoebox events around the world. Please contact Justin, Beth, Brayden, or Addy Gottshall with any questions at 740-360-2752. **The final shoebox and item collection is next Sunday, November 13th.**

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.

EAGLE DEADLINE is this Thursday. Please submit your article by noon **Nov. 10th**.

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, November 9th**.

∞ STEWARDSHIP ∞

Attendance October 30 - **283**

<u>September 2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
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.

☪ CALENDAR ☪

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
12:15pm Veterans' Luncheon
1:00pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 **ELECTION DAY –**

VOTING IN THE FLC

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
12:30pm Small Group (101-2)
6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (103-4)
7:30pm Al-Anon (202)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:30am BSF
1:00pm Small Group (102)
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
7:00pm Explorer's and Energizers
7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

DECEMBER EAGLE DEADLINE

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
3:00pm Homeschool Acting Class (FLC)
5:45pm Adventure Club and Faith Trek
6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
8:00pm Dartball (FLC)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

10:00am Bulletin Team (Lib)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
9:30am Girl Scouts (FH)
10:00am Private Event (101-2)
1:00pm Private Event (103-4)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

FINAL COLLECTION -

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

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)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
12:15pm New Member Class
1:00pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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