

NEWS NOTES

November 13, 2022

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Bill Woodgeard

8:15am: Paul Wittenberg

11:00am: Dave and Karen Grossman,
Lisa Stallard

Altar Guild

David and Karen Grossman,
Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

Readers

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Gary Smith

11:00am: Rick Butsko

Acolytes

8:15am: Corban Allman

11:00am: Lukas Althoff, Warren Althoff

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Doris Leibrock

11:00am MD: Keith and Jane Stenerson
ND: Sheryl Fraley

Lessons Today: Malachi 4:1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-23; Luke 21:5-19.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my dad, Emerson. Given by Jim Braskett and family.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of our mom Mildred's birthday. Given by the Braskett family.

BULLETINS: Given by Joanne Keller.

PERSONAL NEWS

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Charlie Sheldon; Pastor Ray Rosenthal; Nancy Kinman; Lydia Starr.

NOTES OF THANKS:

"Howard McCarley and family would like to thank all those who worked the Veterans Salute luncheon on Sunday. Special thanks to Pam Castle, Wilma Phillips, and Mayor Ike Stage. Howard was pleased and surprised to be honored." ~ Stan McCarley.

10TH ANNUAL VETERANS' LUNCHEON – RECAP AND THANKS. Our 10th Annual Veterans' Recognition Luncheon was held on Sunday, November 6, 2022. Approximately 78 Veterans and family members attended. Pastor Seth Jersild emceed our program, and he did a wonderful job!



(Above, St. John's veteran members in attendance of the Veterans' Luncheon, 2022)

Mayor Ike Stage presented the Golden Veterans' Awards along with a very special certificate from the mayor's office to three of St. John's members. The Golden Veterans honored were each given a beautiful eagle plaque for their services.

We honored three St. John's Golden Veterans this year:

Larry Link served from 1960 to 1964 in the navy. He was stationed in Hawaii, Okinawa,

Japan, and other southern point places. He traveled with the Admiral and after finishing his time with the Navy he joined the Reserves.

Howard McCarley served in Fuji, Japan in 1951 in the infantry division of the Army. He also served during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953.

Armand Arabian joined the Navy in 1945. He served in Jacksonville, Florida.

A special award was also presented to **Elijah Butsko**, a young member of St. John's who graduated from Grove City High School in 2019. Elijah is currently serving on active duty in the US Navy as a Petty Officer Third Class. We were very honored to have Elijah join us at our luncheon!

Special thanks to the Demorest Road American Legion Post 532. They presented the flag, led the Pledge of Allegiance, played Taps, and performed the gun salute. St. John's teenagers alongside Grove City ROTC served the delicious meal. St. John's member Matthew Little played the Star-Spangled Banner on the keyboard, and all did an awesome job!

Special thank you to Wilma Phillips for co-chairing the event and doing an excellent job! Thanks to Steve Marcum for organizing the American Legion and so many others. Thank you to Diana Imbrock for organizing our teen servers. A very special thank you to Laurie Pecuch for stepping up and taking care of our slide presentation, and she did an excellent job. Many thanks to Elaine Bennett and Jane Stenerson who did a wonderful job!! Thanks to the kitchen helpers, Cindy Henriksen, Christine Hank, Phil Pennington, and Tony Bennett. Special thank you to Susan Koehler, Lynne Ehrlich, Charlotte Rausch, and Linda Chenault. Thank you both Elizabeth and Sarah Circles for baking the delicious pies, and to Mary Young for making a beautiful quilt which was presented as a door prize to the winner, Veteran Ron Nighbert! Congratulations!!

But most of all, a very heartfelt **thank you** to our veterans for the sacrifices they have made for all of us, and for their service to our country! This program was presented in honor of all our veterans!! God bless our veterans!

☪ TODAY'S NEWS ☪

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.

A MEMBERSHIP CLASS will be held at **12:15pm today, 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 11am 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.

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!

BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS: We will be decorating the church for **Christmas on Friday, November 25th starting at 9am.** You can do your Black Friday shopping at 4am, then joins us to continue getting in the holiday spirit, and still be home on Saturday for the big game! It is a great time of fellowship and doesn't take very long. We also need a few more people to help put up Christmas trees on Wednesday, November 23rd at 9am. Please mark the salmon sheet and let us know if you are able to help on either or both days.

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.

CANDY NEEDED:

The Quilters need candy to add to the Christmas bags.
The candy will help give a bit of joy to a child.
Please place the candy in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link.
Thank you for showing a child a piece of Christian love.

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!

MEXICO MISSIONS TRIP, 2023: 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 any questions or to sign up.

ANNUAL BIKE PROJECT:

We would like to invite you to take part in the annual Bike Project. In early December, we will be delivering 25 bikes and helmets to children in need in Central Ohio to make their Christmas great!

You may sponsor a fourth of a bike for **\$25**, a half of a bike for **\$50**, a full bike for **\$100**, or help purchase a helmet for **\$10**.

Give your gift by picking up an envelope at one of the church entrances.

Then, fill it with the designated amount of cash or check made out to St. John's. Finally, drop the envelope in the offering plate or return to the church office **by November 27.**

Questions: contact Dylan Allman at dylanallman07@gmail.com or Diana Imbrock at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org.

Thank you for making an area child's Christmas a little brighter!

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.

Give the gift
of warmth!

Accepting new
and gently used
coats, socks,
and blankets
children, youth,
and adult sizes



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.

HELP DECORATE THE MITTEN TREES in the North Entrance and the Link!

Cold hands, feet, and heads (of all ages) are in need of new mittens, gloves, warm hats, earmuffs, scarves, and socks. ***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!



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - NOVEMBER 22. Give thanks and give back in November!

Patients are counting on the generosity of volunteer blood donors to shake up their holiday traditions and give blood. Unfortunately, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially around Thanksgiving. Complete your pre-donation reading and health history while saving time with RapidPass® at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or with the Blood Donor App before your appointment. Use sponsor code: **StJohnsGC**.

SAVE THE DATE! CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE COMING! Do you love to bake? Do you have a favorite cookie recipe you would love to share? Your talents are needed! Our Christmas Cookie and Goodie Sale will be on Saturday, December 17th. This sale will also be open to the community. We will need dozens of cookies and other homemade items.



We are asking for **homemade items only**. If you don't want to bake but want to help in another way, please feel free to make a monetary donation to the Kitchen Fund.

Any questions, please call Suzie Brace, 614-313-1364 or Sue Sutton, 614-539-9544.

TODAY IS THE LAST CHANCE...

- to provide items for Operation Christmas Child or to drop off your filled Christmas Shoebox,
- to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win Pastor Patti's quilt,
- to notify the church by way of the salmon sheet of your participation in OWLS on November 18th,

- and to notify us of your Chili Cook-Off and Dessert Auction entries for next Sunday, November 20th.

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, November 16th**.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

The **2022 Advent Family Faith Boxes** will be passed out to families this Thursday at **Adventure Club/Faith Trek**. Enclosed in the box is a family-friendly Advent activity calendar, a handmade Advent wreath that children can “light”, and special cards that explain our Sundays in Advent. Advent starts on November 27. If you are unable to pick up your family box this Thursday, they will also be available in the link and north entrance. Questions? See Laurie or Diana.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance November 6 - **313**

| <u>October 2022</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>YTD</u> | <u>Expense</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| Operating | \$61,880 | \$575,721 | \$63,586 | \$616,008 |
| Benevolence | \$ 3,789 | \$ 39,406 | \$ 2,854 | \$ 39,751 |

Accessibility Project

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| Total Estimated Cost | \$1,300,000 |
| Amount required to begin building | \$ 700,000 |
| Amount pledged/given to Accessibility Project Fund | \$ 700,869 |
| Total Expense through October 2022 | \$ 45,395 |

**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: 2-3 years old, Rm 003 / 4-5 years old, 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 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)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:30am BSF Leaders
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
6:00pm Small Group (Chapel)
6:30pm Puppets Rehearsal (FLC)
7:00pm Respect Life Team (102)
7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
12:30pm Small Group (101-2)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (103-4)
7:15pm Girl Scouts (204)
7:30pm Al-Anon (202)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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 17

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
5:45pm Adventure Club and Faith Trek
6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

10:00am Bulletin Team (Lib)
11:15am OWLS (FLC)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:00am Private Event (FLC)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

CHILI COOK-OFF & DESSERT AUCTION, RAFFLE QUILT DRAWING

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)
1:00pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
5:30pm 4H (101-4)

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