

NEWS NOTES

November 20, 2022

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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☞ SERVING TODAY ☜

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Mike Gibboney
8:15am: Karen Bentley
11:00am: Gloria Biggs, Lynda Berry,
Linda Diehl

Altar Guild

David and Lisa Stallard,
Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Readers

4:00pm: Holly Starr
8:15am: Pam Wittenberg
11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Acolytes

8:15am: Cordelia Wanner
Jaylynn Jermann
11:00am: Merrick Wilson
Mackenzie Norman

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell
8:15am: Mel and Carol Penrod
11:00am MD: David and Lisa Stallard
ND: Lynda Berry

Lessons Today: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of our mother's, Kathryn Lyday and Beulah Hughes, birthdays. Given by Richard & Evelyn Lyday.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In honor of what would have been Carl and Nancy Kinman's 70th wedding anniversary. Given with much love from their children.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In celebration of my father's birthday, Armand Arabian. Given by Sarah Schmitz and family.

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Lydia Starr, Fritz Buck; and David Grossman.

DEATH: Our Christian sympathy is extended to Cheryl Thompson on the passing of her father, Don Klamfoth. We pray for all who grieve.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BIRTH: Congratulations to Joshua Mills on the birth of his son! Joshua Charles Mills Jr. was born on Sunday, November 6, 2022. Joshua is welcomed by his grandmother, Lorina Allmon, sister Kylie, and brothers Jackson and Justice.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS: At Sunday's traditional worship services, we will formally welcome the following new members into our fellowship at St. John's:

David Clifton

Chris Fields

George and Cindy Gonsowski

Janice Gorsuch

Judy Graessle

Linda Ballou and Stephen Henry

Curtis, Amy, Will, and Ian Hughes

Chris Jenkins

Cory, Grace, and Lillian Lange

Jeff Morlock

Dorreen Zimmer

We rejoice and give thanks to God for bringing our new members to us! Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey with Christ as members of St. John's.

COME ONE! COME ALL! To the annual Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction this 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.



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

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: 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 set 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.

A SPECIAL SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE will be held next Sunday, November 27th 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 fellowship hour with refreshments will follow the worship service in the Family Life Center.



CANDY NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS BAGS:

Think about donating candy to the Quilters to add to the Christmas bags. Please place the candy in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link.

Thanks for all of you and your giving hearts.

Arrive between 9:30am and noon to help us to fill the Christmas bags on Tuesday, December 5th in rooms 103-4

THE MITTEN TREES in the North Entrance and the Link are filled with many examples of Christian caring, but we're not done yet! Your donations of new mittens, gloves, warm hats, earmuffs, scarves, and socks will be gratefully accepted by babies, children, and adults. 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!



PRAYERS AND PINS bowling league starts January 8th, 2023, on Sundays at 3pm. Cost is \$15 per person, and proceeds will support St. John's Missions. Contact Jo Dimond to sign up at 614-270-3291 or jodiamond@aol.com; or Dave & Karen Grossman at 614-579-8037.



RESPECT LIFE – BABY BOUTIQUE CLOTHING DRIVE. To our generous congregation, from the Pregnancy Decision Health Center (PDHC), a pro-life ministry in Columbus:

“With the increase in participation in our parenting classes, we are in great need of clothing and supplies to replenish our Baby Boutique. These items are provided free to moms and dads in our parenting classes. Clothing may be gently used or new. Needed items include winter clothing, sleepers, and onesies for both boys and girls, newborn to 12 months. Much-needed baby supplies include baby bottles, diapers, wipes, baby washcloths and towels. Please bring donations to our location at 665 E. Dublin-Granville Rd., Columbus 43229, Suite 120. Or you can order them from our Amazon Wish List!”

Between now and December 31st, Respect Life will collect donated baby items and deliver them to PDHC. Kindly drop off donations in the Link cabinet labeled "Respect Life." Please contact Lois Moore with any questions via email lmoore2701@yahoo.com or phone 937-768-5409. Thank you!

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 next Sunday, 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!

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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - NOVEMBER 22. Give thanks and give back in November! Sign up to save lives at St. John's Lutheran Church on November 22! ***All presenting donors will receive a \$10 e-gift card of choice!*** Sign up to give blood by visiting the website or call 1-800 RED CROSS. 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**.

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. **Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, articles for next weekend are due by 9am on Tuesday, November 22nd.**

OFFICE HOURS are Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm. The office will be closed on **November 24th and 25th in observance of Thanksgiving.** Please keep in mind the building may be locked at any time outside of normal office hours.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

Hey Families! The 2022 Advent Family Faith Boxes are available in the Link and North Entrance. 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 November 27. Feel free to pick a box up for your family or someone you know. Questions? See Laurie or Diana.

Raise Right (gift card) orders are placed the first Tuesday of the month (Dec. 6). Raise Right has gift cards to restaurants, retail stores, grocery stores, gas stations, Amazon and more! The youth program receives cash back for every card purchased, at no cost to you! Talk to Pam Wittenberg about how you can also re-load your gift cards online! For other Raise Right questions, see Laurie Pecuch. *Thanks for your support!*

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

Attendance November 13 - **283**

<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

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 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)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (103-4)
7:00pm Prayer Shawl Min. (103-4)
7:30pm Al-Anon (202)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

1:00pm Small Group (102)
7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Sanc)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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9:00am Christmas Decorating
(Sign up on the salmon sheet)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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)
2:00pm Service of Comfort and
Remembrance (Sanc, FLC)
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
5:30pm Saddles n Such 4H (101-4)

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