

# NEWS NOTES

November 27, 2022

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### ☪ SERVING TODAY ☪

#### Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Dave Sweeley

8:15am: Judy Taylor

11:00am: Christine Hank,

#### Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis, Judy Graessle,

Lynne Ehrlich

#### Readers

4:00pm: Karen Colwell

8:15am: Marilyn Smith

11:00am: Christine Hank

#### Acolytes

8:15am: Brayden Gottshall

Corban Allman

11:00am: Lukas Althoff, Warren Althoff

#### Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Judy Graessle

11:00am MD: Shirley Blake

ND: Jeff Shaw

**Lessons Today: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44.**

### DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In loving memory of my husband, Pat, on his birthday and in memory of my son, Glen. Given by Rosemary McMillin.

**BULLETINS:** In honor of Max and Marilyn Gibboney. Given by Michael and Deborah Gibboney.

## ☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Lydia Starr, Barb Armentrout.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Cheryl Thompson on the passing of her father, Don Klamfoth, on November 18, 2022. We pray for all who grieve.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** Thank you for your generous gifts and prayers for the children in need around the world! We delivered **146** shoe boxes for **Operation Christmas Child!**

We ask that you continue to pray that God prepares the hearts of His children, that they respond to His love. You can join 27000+ Prayer Partners who pray for Operation Christmas Child year-round. If you would like to be a Prayer Partner for this ministry, please visit [www.samaritanspurse.org/praywithOCC](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/praywithOCC).

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

## ☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

**A SPECIAL SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE** will be held today, **Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now available in the Overflow (room 202). These are dated for 2023, and your box number may be different from last year, so please wait until Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> to begin using them. If you do not see a box with your name, please indicate that you would like a box on the notepad provided. We will have a box ready for you to pick up the next weekend.

**MITTEN TREES:** Next Sunday is your last chance to bless our neighbors via the Mitten Trees in the North Entrance and the Link! New mittens, gloves, warm hats, earmuffs, scarves, and socks for all ages can be left on the trees through December 5th. ***All items need to be new with tags or homemade.*** 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 jodimond@aol.com; or Dave & Karen Grossman at 614-579-8037.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF USHERS** for the Christmas Eve services and Christmas day. **Please mark the salmon sheet if you are able to serve.** We could use a few Greeters on Christmas Day, as well. We always have many visitors and full services so we need all the help we can get to welcome and serve. Thank you!

**ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM/DINNER THEATER** Please plan to join us Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> for a special Christmas Celebration. This year's program will feature **Sunday School Students, and more!** Dinner will be served at 5pm and **the program will begin immediately following dinner.** Please bring a dessert to share when the program ends. All are welcome, so please be sure to invite friends, family, and neighbors! Suggested dinner donations for adults is \$6.00 and \$5.00 for children. We can always use extra hands to set up and clean-up for this event. Please contact Elaine Bennett if you are interested in helping or mark the salmon sheet.

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY/ANGEL TREE** In the hopes of helping to make the holidays a little brighter for some of our fellow members who may be struggling financially, we will be accepting monetary donations during the month of December for our annual holiday Adopt-A-Family drive. Envelopes will be available throughout the church and in the church office. We will also be doing the Angel Tree again this year. The Angel Tree contains gift items for you to purchase, wrap and return to church by Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. These gifts are going to children in our congregation who otherwise would not have much of a Christmas. The Angel Trees are located in the North Entrance and the Link area. If you or anyone you know of within the congregation would like to be considered for Adopt-A-Family funds, please mark that on the salmon sheet. The names are kept completely confidential.

**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.



**THE BIKE PROJECT HAS BEEN EXTENDED!** We will be collecting funds for the Bike Project until December 18<sup>th</sup>. Questions: contact Dylan Allman at [dylanallman07@gmail.com](mailto:dylanallman07@gmail.com) or Diana Imbrock at [dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup>.** 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.



**THE CHRISTMAS QUILT SALE IS COMING!** It will be Saturday, December 17, 2022, from 9am to noon and December 18, 2022, in the Link after each Sunday church services. There will be hand-knotted or machined-stitched small quilts, lap throws and bed quilts for sale. The money raised goes to Adopt-a-Family, the Grove City and LSS and Methodist food pantries and other church related activities. The quilts will make a warm Christmas gift. The Christmas cookie sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, also. Thank you stopping by and visiting with the Quilters.

**GROVE CITY FOOD PANTRY** needs your help! With the holiday season now upon us, food supplies are decreasing while the demand is increasing. Items they desperately need include canned goods, cereal, peanut butter and jelly, Hamburger or Tuna Helper, Manwich, spaghetti sauce and noodles, paper towels and tissues, etc. All food donations may be dropped off in the LSS/Grove City Food Pantry cabinet in the Link.

**CHRISTMAS KINDNESS** on Sunday, December 18th, we will be delivering Adopt-a-Family gifts and spreading some Holiday Cheer to our older members and members who have had a rough year. This includes a poinsettia and a small gift bag to let them know that they are being thought of and prayed for. We plan to let them know ahead of time that someone will be delivering Christmas Kindness to them on the afternoon of December 18<sup>th</sup>. Everything will be provided and can be picked up from the back of the Family Life Center immediately following the late service on December 18<sup>th</sup>. If you would be willing to help deliver some holiday cheer, mark the salmon sheet. We hope to deliver to around 40 members/households, so any help is greatly appreciated!

**RESPECT LIFE – BABY 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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!

**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 are due by 9am on Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.

## ☪ 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 20: **300**

<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.

## The Peace of Jerusalem

Find the 37 **bold** words from Psalm 122:1–9 (ESV)

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

I was **glad** when they **said** to me, “Let us go to the **house** of the **LORD!**” Our **feet** have been **standing** within your **gates**, O Jerusalem! **Jerusalem**—**built** as a **city** that is **bound firmly together**, to which the **tribes** go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was **decreed** for **Israel**, to **give thanks** to the **name** of the LORD. There **thrones** for **judgment** were **set**, the thrones of the house of **David**. **Pray** for the **peace** of Jerusalem! “May they be **secure** who **love** you! Peace be within your **walls** and **security** within your **towers!**” For my **brothers** and **companions’** sake I will say, “Peace be within you!” For the sake of the house of the LORD our **God**, I will **seek your good**.

# ☪ CALENDAR ☪

## **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)

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

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

## **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

9:00am Quilters (103-4)  
5:45pm Girl Scouts (204)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (103-4)  
7:30pm Al-Anon (202)

## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

9:30am BSF (entire building)  
2:00pm Small Group (102)  
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)  
7:30pm Cancel Choir (Sanc)

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1**

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
1:00pm Small Group (101)  
6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)  
8:00pm Dartball (away)

## **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**

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

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**

12:00pm Private Event (103-4)  
2:00pm Bike Assembly (Flc)  
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**

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)  
12:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr Confirmation  
Advance (103-4)  
12:00pm Private Event (FLC)  
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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