

NEWS NOTES

October 9, 2022

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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☪ SERVING TODAY ☪

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Sarah Schmitz

11:00am: Dave and Karen Grossman,
Dwight Henricksen

Acolytes

8:15am: Brooklyn Cress

Corban Allman

11:00am: Lukas Althoff
Warren Althoff

Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman,
Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell

8:15am: Judy Graessle

11:00am MD: Keith and Jane
Stenerson

ND: Lynda Berry

Readers

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Tom Phillips

11:00am: Rick Butsko

Lessons Today: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my mother, Hazel Meister, for her birthday on November 17th. Given by Margie Kennell.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of my wife Diane on her 70th birthday. Given by her husband, Don Carducci.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In honor of our daughter Lily's 7th birthday. Given by Morgan and Erica Von Lohr.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In honor of our mom's, Margie Kennell's, 87th birthday. Given by her children, Lynne, Keith, and Karen.

CONTEMPORARY FLOWERS: To the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Ada Anne, daughter of Matt and Kaleigh Shrum. Given by her Omie/Grandma, Beth Katterhenrich.

☞ PERSONAL NOTES ☞

BAPTISM: (Baptized Today) Congratulations to Matthew and Kaleigh Shrum on the baptism of their daughter, Ada Shrum, on Sunday, October 9, 2022, in the 11:00am contemporary service.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BIRTH: Congratulations to Brock and Grace Starr on the birth of their daughter! Lydia Rose was born on Tuesday, October 4, 2022. Lydia is welcomed by brother Jaxon and sister Alice.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

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!

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP: Our worship services each week are beautified with wonderful music, smiling faces, and flowers. Making a flower dedication 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.

QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS
will follow worship services on October 22 and 23.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH: Pastor Seth will be leading a class on Holy Communion for children on Sunday, October 30th at church from 12:15—1:45pm. The class will be geared towards 5th 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 6th**. 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.

THE FALL MISSIONS BAZAAR IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022, from 9am to 2pm. Please come and support our short-term mission trips while enjoying shopping, raffles, food, and fun!

Interested in donating to our bake sale? Please sign up on the salmon sheet. Donations can be dropped off either Friday, October 14 from 6pm to 8pm or October 15, the day of the sale, from 7am to 9am.

There are still spaces available for vendors! Please contact Diana Imbrock at gloriaadios06@gmail.com for more information.



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!

VETERAN'S LUNCHEON -SAVE THE DATE

Dear Veterans,

In honor of Veterans, your service, and your sacrifice for our country, you and a guest are invited to the Annual St Johns Veterans' luncheon this event will take place in the Family Life Center on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 12:15 pm in honor of Veterans Day.



If you are a Veteran planning to attend, please mark the salmon sheet in your bulletin or call the church at 614-875-2314 by October 15.

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!

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 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

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!

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.

THE NOVEMBER EAGLE ARTICLE DEADLINE is this Monday. Please submit your article by noon on **October 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, October 12th**.

☪ YOUTH NEWS ☪

Adventure Club (ages 4 through 4th grade) and Faith Trek (5th and 6th grade) meet on Thursday nights, 5:45—7:15pm. Greeter's Table opens at 5:30pm. It's a great night of a meal, games, songs, Bible activities, and faith webbing. Invite your friends! Suggested donation for meal is \$2.

Explorers (7th and 8th grade) and Energizers (9th—12th grade) meet on Wednesday nights, 7—8:30pm. Gym opens up at 6:45pm. No meal, but snacks are provided. It's an evening of games, relevant topics, small groups, encouragement, and fun.

High School IQA Bible meets weekly on Sundays, 1—2pm in the high school room. We are having great conversation on the book of Isaiah. See Diana for details.

Stop by the Confirmation Room on the third floor and check out the Service Project interest boards. Sign-up and we'll get you all the details! Service Projects are typically for grades 7—8 and grades 9—12, but we'll have an occasional interest sign-up for families!

STEWARDSHIP


Attendance October 2 - 271

<u>August 2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$49,012	\$463,852	\$56,414	\$484,860
Benevolence	\$ 3,304	\$ 32,512	\$ 3,122	\$ 33,670

Accessibility Project

Total Estimated Cost	\$1,300,000
Amount required to begin building	\$ 700,000
Amount pledged/given to Accessibility Project Fund	\$ 634,296
Total Expense through August 2022	\$ 20,890

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



EAT PIZZA RAISE DOUGH

PIZZA COTTAGE GROVE CITY
4065 MARLANE DRIVE

Eat at Pizza Cottage
Tuesday, October 11, 2022 | 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
and we'll get 10% of the proceeds.

Just show this post!

PIZZA COTTAGE
Same Great Taste Since 1972

☪ CALENDAR ☪

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

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)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
1:00pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
1:30pm Private Event (SH)
4:00pm Private Event (103-4)
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:30am BSF Leaders
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
6:00pm Small Group (Chapel)
6:30pm Puppets Rehearsal (FLC)
7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)
7:00pm Respect Life (101-2)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
12:30pm Small Group (101-2)
5:45pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)
6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (204)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (SH [103-4])
7:30pm Al-Anon (202)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

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 13

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
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 (FLC)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00am Missions Fall Craft Bazaar (FLC, Kit)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

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

****No Contemporary Worship Oct. 16 or 23.**

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

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.