

# NEWS NOTES

October 23, 2022

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### ☪ SERVING TODAY ☪

#### Communion Assistants

4:00pm: *Charlie Brown*  
8:15am: *Joel Baughman*  
11:00am: *Christine Hank,*  
*Karen Jersild*

#### Altar Guild

*Lynda Berry, Sarah Schmitz, Gloria Biggs,*  
*Lynne Ehrlich*

#### Readers

4:00pm: *Margie Kennell, Christine Hank*  
8:15am: *Pam Wittenberg*  
11:00am: *Karen Jersild, Warren Grody*

#### 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: Dave and Lisa Stallard*  
*ND: Linda Diehl*

**Lessons Today: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14.**

**DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In celebration of our 33<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary. Given by Frank and Jeanne Gusa.

**BULLETINS:** In gratefulness for my many blessings. Given by Vi Davis.

**☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞**

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Please pray for the members who are or were recently in the hospital: Charlie Sheldon, Martha Graul.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of **Mike Cunningham** who passed away on September 27, 2022. Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Barb Rawson**; and to the family and friends of **Randy Ross**; both of whom passed away on the evening of Friday, October 14, 2022. All who grieve are in our thoughts and prayers.

**☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞**

**QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS** follow all worship services this weekend, **October 22 and 23**. There will be no Contemporary worship services on **Sunday, October 23**. Contemporary worshipers are invited/encouraged to come to our Saturday or Sunday Traditional services.

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS and NEW MEMBERS' RECEPTION IN NOVEMBER:**

A Membership Class will be held at **12:15 pm on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**THE PRAYER ROOM**, on the third floor, has new prayer stations set up! It's a sweet place to experience prayer with your heavenly Father. Read the prompts and spend as much time as you like at one or more stations. A quiet space, for all ages.

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

**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!

**CANDY NEEDED:** Please donate your leftover Halloween candy to the Quilters. The candy will be placed in the Christmas bags for the children whose families use the food pantries. Each small bag will contain a pencil, Ohio Wild Life items, crayons, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, pen, small soft toy, any other small items you wish to donate and candy. Please place your candy in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thanks for filling the bags with love and sweetening power!

**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.

**CHAPEL ORGANS:** The two organs in the chapel have both died because of their age and use. They no longer make parts for either one of them. St. John's can no longer hold onto these. *Can anyone use the wood for craft projects?* Otherwise, they will have to be taken apart and tossed. If you want them, you are welcome to remove them, feel free. Just let Mike Esposito know beforehand.

We are looking for the donation of a working electric Hammond Organ for the chapel. Hammond still makes parts for all of their smaller church and home organs. Please keep us informed of any available, working organs for the Chapel. Thanks, Mike Esposito.

**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.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Pack a shoebox! Send Good News and Great Joy around the world! Did you know that you can **build a shoebox gift online**? With just a few clicks, you can select items to pack and then personalize your shoebox with a note and a photo. Samaritan's Purse will do the rest! It's an easy way to participate in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to boys and girls around the world!

Visit the St. John's Facebook page and click on the Operation Child link. You will find the "Build a Shoebox" link there. **Our goal is to build 25 online shoeboxes!**

***Remember: Deadline to drop off your filled shoe box is November 13th.*** If you are unable to pack your own box, please consider donating items. A donation table is located in the Link. Monetary donations are also accepted! Please contact Justin, Beth, Brayden, or Addy Gottshall with any questions 740-360-2752.

*"There are still places around the world where the Name of Jesus has never been heard. That's why we're sending the gospel to the ends of the Earth through Operation Christmas Child." ~ Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse.*

**FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP:** Our worship services each week are beautified with wonderful music, smiling faces, and flowers. Making a flower dedication is a wonderful way to remember or honor loved ones. We presently have openings for Lectern and Pulpit flower dedications throughout November and December. Reserve your date on the Altar Flowers Chart in the North Entrance. Please direct questions to Lesa Corbin at 614-530-4984.

**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, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**∞ STEWARDSHIP ∞**

**Attendance**      October 16 -    233

<b><u>September 2022</u></b>	<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>Expense</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
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, OCTOBER 23**

### **QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS AFTER WORSHIP**

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

## **MONDAY, OCTOBER 24**

9:30am BSF Leaders  
10:00am Private Event (FLC)  
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, OCTOBER 25**

9:00am Quilters (103-4)  
9:30am Visitation (Sanc)  
10:30am Funeral Service (Sanc)  
11:45am Funeral Dinner (FLC, Kit)  
12:30pm Small Group (101-2)  
7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts (FLC)  
7:30pm Al-Anon (202)

## **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26**

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 27**

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
1:00pm Small Group (101)  
3:00pm Homeschool Acting Class (FLC)  
5:45pm Adventure Club and Faith Trek  
6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)  
8:00pm Dartball (Away)

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28**

10:00am Bulletin Team (Lib)  
10:00am Visitation (Sanc)  
11:00am Memorial Service (Sanc)  
8:30pm AA (FH)

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29**

10:00am **TRUNK OR TREAT**  
(Rear Lot, FLC, 101-4)  
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**

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)  
12:15pm First Communion Class  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Confirmation Room)  
1:00pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)  
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

**\*\*No Contemporary Worship October 23rd.**

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