

NEWS NOTES

October 30, 2022

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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☪ SERVING TODAY ☪

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: *Bill Woodgeard*

8:15am: *Betty Lewis*

11:00am: *Dan Yeater, Ike Stage*

Altar Guild

Bill and Linda Diehl

Dellno and Betty Lewis

Readers

4:00pm: *Chris Jenkins*

8:15am: *Betty Lewis*

11:00am: *Dan Yeater*

Acolytes

8:15am: *Colton Thompson*

Hunter Thompson

11:00am: *Lukas Althoff*

Cordelia Wanner

Greeters

4:00pm: *Mary Campbell*

8:15am: *Judy Graessle*

11:00am *MD: Bill and Linda Diehl*

ND: Carol Rich

Lessons Today: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: for the many blessings I've received in the 93 years at St. John's. Given by Bob Eesley.

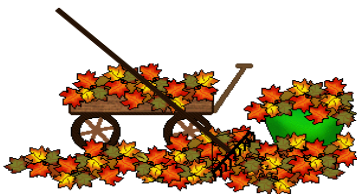
ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Carol Derouaux for her 76th birthday. Given by Carol Penrod.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In honor of Colton Thompson's 12th birthday. Given by his grandparents, Terry and Teresa Orahood.

BULLETINS: In honor of Howard Linder's birthday, October 31. Given by Steve and Donna Linder.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

NOTES OF THANKS: Mission Fall Bazaar: another success!!! Thanks to all who provided baked goods, stopped by to support our craft vendors, and ate hot dogs, shredded chicken sandwiches, etc. at our concessions. Our vendors felt welcomed and appreciated the kindness extended to all. Thank you for continuing to support missions. Almost \$1,000 were raised!



OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Barbara Burkhardt**; sister of Diane Trenary, who passed away on October 6, 2022; to the family and friends of **Charles Abromitis**, who passed away on October 24, 2022; and to the family and friends of **Gary Throp**, who passed away on October 26, 2022. All who grieve are in our thoughts and prayers.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

MEMBERSHIP CLASS and NEW MEMBERS' RECEPTION IN NOVEMBER. A Membership Class will be held at 12:15 pm on 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 **11:00 am 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.

A SPECIAL SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE will be held on 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.

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: Don't be tempted to eat that leftover Halloween candy! Get it out of the house and donate it to the Quilters for the Christmas bags. Please place it in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thank you for buying too much!

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.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meetings on Saturday, November 12th at 9am and on Tuesday, November 22nd at 7pm in Rooms 103-4. Everyone is welcome. Bring your knitting/crochet materials and any completed shawls to be blessed with prayer. Anyone can learn to knit or crochet with our help! For more info call Glenda at 614-352-5955 or Diana at 614-271-5775. If you know of someone who might appreciate a shawl, call Nancy at 614-875-8155.

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 11:15 am 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!



ANNUAL COAT DRIVE begins November 1st. Now that it is autumn, winter and cold weather aren't far away. We will begin our annual coat, other outerwear, and blanket collection for those less fortunate on Sunday, November 1st. We have a great connection with a pastor in Franklinton, who will give our winter donations to people in that area. Those being helped are the homeless and any who need a little help in keeping warm this winter. We are adding socks to be donated, as well. Jesus instructed us to provide for others.

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. Any questions, please call Bruce & Karen Whyte at 614-878-9392. This is a wonderful way to share your blessings.



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 watch the bulletin for details
or contact Diana at dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org.

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: There's only a couple of weeks left to get your shoe boxes filled! We have an opportunity to share God's love with children all over the world and everyone can help! **Here's how:**

- 1. Fill a box with toys, school supplies, and personal care items** (see the posters hanging around the church for ideas). Remember to include the \$10 to help with shipping.
- 2. Bring in one or two items to go toward filling a box.** Just place these items in the donation table and in the Link.
- 3. Build a shoebox online** by visiting the St. John's Facebook page and click on the Operation Christmas Child link. You will find the "Build a Shoebox" link here.



Don't forget to pray for the children and their families to experience and grow in God's love as they respond to the Gospel that is presented at the shoebox events around the world. Please contact Justin, Beth, Brayden, or Addy Gottshall with any questions 740-360-2752. Deadline to bring in items is **Sunday, November 13th.**



RAISE RIGHT ORDER DEADLINE is this coming Tuesday. Please submit your order by noon on **November 1st.**

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS should be turned in by Monday morning. Fill out the prayer request section on the salmon sheet or contact the church office at 614-875-2314. You may also email your prayer request to secretary@stjohnsgc.org. Requests are updated on a weekly basis.

USED EYEGLASSES are being collected for donation to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers located throughout the world. The used glasses are repaired and distributed to those in need in developing countries. You can donate your used eyeglasses in the drop boxes in the North Entrance and in the second-floor hallway just outside of the library.

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the Lost & Found bin located in the South Hall between the Sanctuary and first stairwell if you have lost or found any items in the church. Please check it out to find if you have lost anything. Eyeglasses may be donated after several weeks. For small items, such as rings, earrings, or headphones, please check with the office Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm.

EAGLE DEADLINE is coming up a week from Thursday. Please submit your article by noon on November 10th.

SEE A MAINTENANCE CONCERN WITHIN OUR BUILDING? Please fill out a "Church Maintenance Request" form and return it to the church office. Forms are available throughout the building, in the church office, and on the door of the Business Manager's office, room #205.

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 2nd**.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

Raise Right (gift card) orders are placed the first Tuesday of the month. With Raise Right you can get gift cards to restaurants, retail stores, grocery stores, gas stations, Amazon and more! Give as gifts or personally use! 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 October 23 - **246**

<u>September 2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
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 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)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
12:15pm First Communion Class
(3rd Floor Confirmation Room)
1:00pm IQA Bible Study (HS Room)
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:30am BSF Leaders
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
6:30pm Puppets Rehearsal (FLC)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
11:30am OWLS Planning (101-2)
12:30pm Small Group (101-2)
6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (204)
7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)
7:00pm 4-H Leader Meeting (101-2)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (FLC)
7:30pm Al-Anon (202)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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, NOVEMBER 3

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 (FLC)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

10:00am Bulletin Team (Lib)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

12:00pm Private Event (FH, FH kit)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

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