

NEWS NOTES

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☪ SERVING TODAY ☪

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Barb Hill
8:15am: Judy Taylor
11:00am: Wayne and Carla Beavers,
Caroline Koethke

Altar Guild

Lynda Berry, Sarah Schmitz, Gloria Biggs,
Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Readers

4:00pm: Charlie Brown
8:15am: Jen Mitchell
11:00am: Christine Hank

Acolytes

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

Greeters

4:00pm: Mary Campbell
8:15am: Judy Graessle
11:00am MD: Shirley Blake
ND: Jeff Shaw

Lessons Today: Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my mom and dad, Mildred and Emerson. Given by the Brasket family.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In celebration of Sarah Wittenberg's birthday. Given by the Wittenberg family.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In celebration of our 52nd wedding anniversary. Given by Paul and Andrea Offenburger.

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, Amy O'Day.

NOTES OF THANKS

"I wish to thank Pastors Seth and Patti for their hospital visits. I want to thank my church family for my cards, calls, and all your prayers. Thank you to Jan Wittenberg for bringing Home Communion to me, and Betty Lewis for the pretty Altar Flowers. God bless all of you. Love," ~ Nancy Kinman.

"Thank you for all the get well wishes while I was in the hospital from the pastors, my church family, and the telephone calls checking on me. Prayers are wonderful healing. The Lord is always with me when you need Him. May God bless each of you. Thank you very much," ~ Vi Davis.

"My sincerest gratitude goes out to St. John's pastors and staff, members and friends. Thank you for the flowers, cards, and comforting words regarding the recent death of my most precious grandma, Norma Phelps. She was a warm person with a beautiful heart and soul. She was a wife and widow, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother of one. She was a school bus driver, a quilter, a great listener and a good friend. She was calm, organized, and clutter-free. She had a great sense of humor, and always had a smile and a wave to any baby in the near vicinity. Thank you for your condolences as she is greatly missed." ~ Kathryn Mullins.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

SCAM ALERT! SCAM ALERT! Please be alert: Neither Pastor Seth nor any other St. John's staff member will ever email you out of the blue asking you for money or gift cards.

Someone has been creating GMAIL accounts which make it look like they are a church staff member. They typically ask you to keep things confidential, and then ask you to purchase gift cards or to send aid money.

Unfortunately, there is not much we can do about people who create false GMAIL accounts.

If you ever have any question regarding the validity of an email you receive from church staff, please do not hesitate to call church at 614-875-2314.



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. 1st to use 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.

WE NEED USHERS for the worship services on both Christmas Eve and Christmas day. **Please mark the salmon sheet if you are able to serve.** We always have many visitors and full services so we need all the help we can to serve. Thank you!

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 jodimond@aol.com; or Dave and Karen Grossman at 614-579-8037.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING? With all the events that occur this time of year, all the flyers and order forms, tissues and sanitizer, it is hard to keep our shared spaces tidy. Please check out our wall mounted literature racks in the Link above the coffee table and in the Sanctuary by each of the three major entrances. Here you will find items such as Raise Right gift card order forms, Council Meeting Minutes, weekly Prayer Requests, monthly Eagle newsletters, quarterly Portal of Prayers devotional booklets, and much more! Do you need an envelope for Accessibility Project donations? We have those, too! Take a moment to see if we have what you are looking for before you leave today! *Children's coloring folders with crayons and coloring pages can be found at the Sanctuary side ramp entrance and in the balcony.*

SNOW TEAM: Hey church! With winter approaching, so is snow removal season. The church parking lot is covered, but we need help with the sidewalks, especially on Monday and Wednesday mornings and weekends. We have also been receiving calls from members of our church family who are unable to shovel their driveways and sidewalks. If you are interested in being a part of the church "Snow Team" please contact Nick Grossman 614-560-3724 or Mike Esposito 614-875-2314.

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.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held **this Tuesday, December 20th** in the Family Life Center from 12pm to 6pm. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2776) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: StJohnsGC.



SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE? **Articles are due by 9am each Wednesday.** Please send your article via email, secretary@stjohnsgc.org, or drop it in the church office secure slot.

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 ❧

High School Youth and Adults! WINTER JAM (various Christian bands) is back in Columbus on Saturday, Jan. 28th at the Schottenstein Arena. We will be pre-ordering tickets. By pre-ordering we get in earlier, see the pre-show bands, and don't have to stand in line as long. Actual cost for pre-order is \$40 per ticket, but we are only collecting \$20 for the concert. To secure your ticket to Winter Jam, give your money to Laurie by Sunday, Jan. 8th. Cash or checks made out to "St. John's Lutheran".



Details will be given to you closer to the date, but you can expect to meet at church at 2:30pm and be back to church around 11pm-ish. You'll also need to bring money to buy concessions for dinner.

There is a Visionary Notebook Event for middle school youth on Friday, Dec. 30th. Gym opens at 5:30pm. Starts at 6pm. Ends at 9pm. Parents and special guests are invited to join us in the sanctuary at 8:45pm for the blessing of the notebooks. We are recruiting high school leaders. Talk to Laurie, if you're interested. Pizza will be served in the middle of the event. You'll leave this event knowing you're intentionally loved and that this love comes from Christ! Eighth grade students bring your Visionary Notebook. Seventh grade students will be given a notebook at the event. It'll be a fast-paced, fun, meaningful night. Questions? Contact leaders Laurie Pecuch or Megin Cress. **RSVP by Thursday, Dec. 22** with Laurie or Megin.

❧ STEWARDSHIP ❧

Attendance

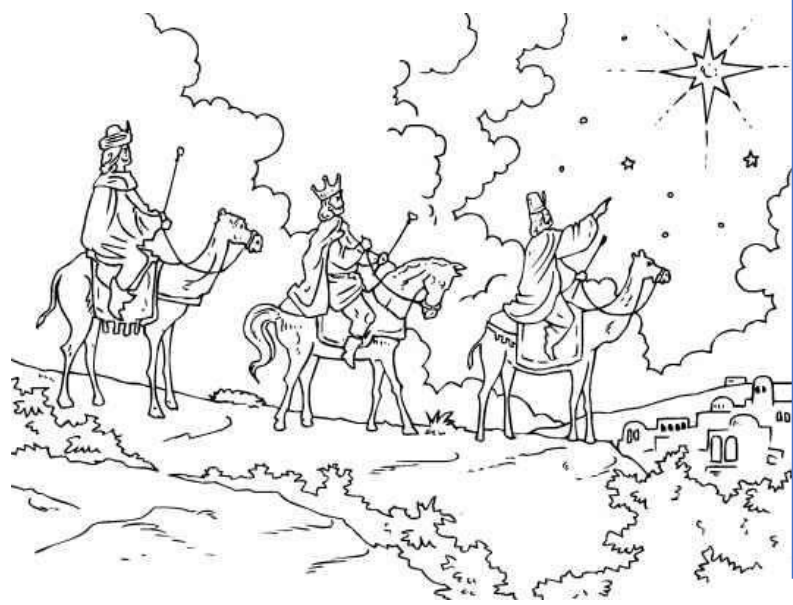
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<u>November 2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$59,078	\$634,779	\$71,394	\$687,402
Benevolence	\$ 3,355	& 42,761	\$ 4,482	\$ 44,233

Accessibility Project

Total Estimated Cost	\$1,300,000
Amount required to begin building	\$ 700,000
Amount pledged/given to Accessibility Project Fund	\$ 701,214
Total Expense through November 2022	\$ 45,395

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



☞ CALENDAR ☞

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:00am Quilters' Quilt Sale (Link)
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)
Christmas Kindness Deliveries
Begin after Worship
5:30pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
6:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)
6:30pm Puppets Rehearsal (FLC)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00am Quilters (103-4)
12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (103-4)
7:30pm Al-Anon (202)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

2:00pm Small Group (102)
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
7:30pm Cancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
1:00pm Small Group (101)
6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00pm Christmas Eve Early Service (Sanc)
6:00pm Christmas Eve Worship Service (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)
8:00pm Christmas Eve Late Service (Sanc)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!

No Youth Sunday School

10:00am Christmas Day Worship Service (Sanc)
12:00pm Private Event (FLC, Kit)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

OFFICE CLOSED

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: 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.

NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL on
Christmas Day, December 25th, or New Years Day, January 1st.
Adults, check with your Sunday School leaders regarding these dates.