

# NEWS NOTES

December 25, 2022

*Merry Christmas!*

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**Lessons Christmas Eve: Isaiah 9:2-7, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-20.**

**Lessons Christmas Day: Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-4, John 1:1-14.**

### DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In celebration of Robert and Bonnie Swanson's 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**PULPIT FLOWERS:** In loving memory of Carl Kinman's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Given by his wife Nancy and family.

**LECTERN FLOWERS:** In loving memory of Sheryl's mother, Alice Loomis. Given by Jim and Sheryl Fraley.

**BULLETINS:** In thanks to you, God, for all of our blessings. Given by Carol Rich.

### ✠ PERSONAL NEWS ✠

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Warren Grody and family as they mourn his mother, Mary Grody, who passed away on December 15, 2022. All who grieve are in our prayers.

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

## **NOTES OF THANKS**

"I wish to thank the Pastors for their hospital visits, Thank You to my Church family for all the Prayers, Visits, Telephone calls, Cards, Dinner, and Gift." ~ Barbara Armentrout.

"Thank you for the Christmas present." ~ Phyllis Herbert.

**Thank you to everyone who donated to THE BIKE PROJECT!** You helped make this service project a huge success. We were able to purchase 25 bikes and helmets for kids in foster care. I really enjoyed helping with this service project again this year. ~ Dylan Allman.

**THE QUILTERS truly appreciate** those who bought quilts at our quilt sale and those who showed an interest in our ministry. We made \$400. The proceeds will be divided among the ministries such as Adopt-A-Family, Bed Brigade, LSS and Grove City food pantries, the Youth Ministries, and the Accessibility Project. Also, we donated unsold quilts to the Bed Brigade and Respect Life. Thank you again for supporting our ministry and we hope you stay warm this winter.

**SUCCESSFUL COOKIE SALE:** We would like to thank all the bakers and buyers of St. John's along with the community who made the cookie sale a great success in 2022! We were able to raise \$1,177.25 for the Kitchen Fund! A special "Thank You" to Keith Stenerson for putting the cookie sign outside for us and to Amie and Taylor Allman, Karen Colwell, Barb Hill, Susan Koehler, Wilma Phillips, Larry Sutton, and Cheryl Thompson who helped with the Cookie Sale! We would like to also thank those who gave a monetary donation for our sale. Together we had a wonderful time and thank you all for supporting this ministry.

## **☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞**

**PROPOSED LAND SALE:** The Annual Meeting will include a motion to sell a vacant city lot, owned by the church, which is three doors east of the church. Congregational approval to sell is required. The church council has endorsed approval to sell if an acceptable price is received. Funds generated by the sale would be used to support the Accessibility Project. Estimated value of the lot is between \$75,000 and \$100,000. Informational sessions to review details and answer questions are scheduled as follows:

- Saturday, January 7th following Saturday evening worship.
- Sunday, January 8th following 8:15 worship.
- Sunday, January 8th following contemporary worship.
- Sunday, January 15th during the Sunday School hour in the overflow.
- Sunday, January 15th following 11:00 traditional worship.

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are 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 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.

**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.

**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 and Karen Grossman at 614-579-8037.

**THE POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS** are available at each of the Sanctuary entrances.

**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.

## ✪ STEWARDSHIP ✪

**Attendance**                      December 18: 314

<b><u>November 2022</u></b>	<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>Expense</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
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 25

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!**

*No Youth Sunday School*

10:00am Christmas Day Worship (Sanc)

12:00pm Private Event (FLC, Kit)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

**OFFICE CLOSED**

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)

2:00pm Home School Drama Class (FLC)

7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:00am Quilters (103-4)

6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (204)

7:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (FLC)

7:30pm Al-Anon (202)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

2:00pm Small Group (102)

6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)

7:30pm Cancel Choir (Sanc)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)

1:00pm Funeral Dinner (FLC, Kit)

1:00pm Small Group (101)

6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)

6:00pm Visionary Notebook Youth Event  
(FLC, 103-4, Chapel, Sanc,  
Confirmation Room)

7:00pm Accessibility Team (101)

8:30pm AA (FH)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

11:00am Private Event (FLC)

4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)

7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*No Youth Sunday School*

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)

9:30am Men's Chorale (Choir Room)

10:00am Small Group (Lib)

11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)

11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)



**NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL on Christmas or New Years Day.**

Adults, check with leaders regarding these dates.

DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED  
ON OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGES.

BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT!