

# NEWS NOTES

November 1, 2020

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Susan Abbott Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

Nick Grossman & David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Karl Eiginger, Children's Choir Director

## SERVING TODAY

### Greeters:

8:00am: Sarah Schmitz

11:00am: ND-Christine Hank

MD-Carol Rich

### Readers:

6:00pm: Volunteer needed

8:00am: Tom Phillips

9:30am: Neva Warren

11:00am: Karen Jersild

### Altar Guild:

Bill & Linda Diehl, Sarah Schmitz, Amy

Wanner, Donna Linder

**THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY.**

**WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!**

*Please take a minute to complete the salmon colored insert (with your own pen or pencil) and place it in the basket or hand it to an usher as you go up to receive communion. If you have any questions or wish to get involved in any of our many ministries, please note that on the insert and we will follow up with you in the coming week.*

## ✠ PERSONAL NOTES ✠

**HOSPITALIZED:** Please pray for members who are or were in the hospital this past week: Megan Jenkins; Tom Corbin.

**THANK YOU NOTES:** “I am so grateful to the many friends at St. John's who thoughtfully remembered the 25th anniversary of my ordination. I greatly appreciate your cards, gifts and kind words of support. I am amazed at how fast the years have passed. I feel blessed that my path of service in Christ has led to hospital ministry in Grove City and to the family of faith at St. John's!” *With love and appreciation, Karen Jersild*

“Thank you, members of St. John’s, for all the wonderful cards I’ve received for Pastor Appreciation Month! Your beautiful words of love and encouragement mean so much to me. I’m truly blessed to be your pastor. Thank you, and may God bless you all with his love and peace!” ~ *Pastor Seth*

“Thank you to St. John’s Sunday School Chapel class for the lovely birthday card and wishes. It was much appreciated.” ~ *Laura Rush*

“Thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards, and expressions of concern following my auto accident last week. I am healing, and happy to be back in the office.” ~ *Jan Miller*

**DEDICATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In loving memory of our beloved brother, Jesse C. Maynard. Given by his sister, Sandy Hayes.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** For the many blessings over the 90 years at St. John’s. Given by Bob Eesley.

**LECTERN FLOWERS:** In honor of Colton Thompson’s 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. Given by his grandparents, Terry and Teresa Orahood.

**BULLETINS:** in memory of all the saints who have gone before us, on All Saints Day. Given by Joel Baughman and Erin Kelly.

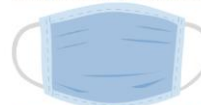
**☞ TODAY’S NEWS ☛**

Help to slow the spread of the coronavirus.  
Please wear a face covering at all times while in the church building.

*If you are unable to tolerate a facial covering, we ask that you sit in the Overflow and maintain social distancing to protect others.*

*Thank you for respecting these requests.*

Thank you for helping slow the spread



**PLEASE WEAR  
YOUR MASK**

**DRIVE THROUGH COMMUNION will be held from 12:15 to 12:45pm on Sunday mornings.**

**THE BEACONS’ CHRISTMAS BAGS DONATIONS** are still in need of more Beanie Babies-type stuffed toys. So far, we have 70 toys, but we need 100. The children would appreciate any extras that you have in your collection. Please place your donations in the Beacons-Quilters cabinet in the Link. Thanks for caring.

Please donate your **leftover Halloween candy** to the Beacons. 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 magazine, crayons, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, pen, small soft toy, and candy. Please place your candy in the Beacons-Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thanks for filling the bags with love and sweetening power.

**PROMISE KEEPERS MEET ON THURSDAY MORNINGS** - Pastor Seth will be meeting with the Promise Keepers group on Thursday mornings. We will meet in Rooms 103-4 at 7:00 a.m. for scripture discussion and fellowship. All St. John's men and their guests are always welcome to attend!

**READER SIGN-UP SHEETS** for October, November, and December are posted in the North Entrance. Please volunteer to read the scriptures at a worship service.

### **YOUTH NEWS:**

**FALL YOUTH MINISTRY MATERIALS** were given to those who requested them. If you did NOT receive youth ministry materials for **Sunday School ages 3 – grade 6, Adventure Club, Faith Trek, Explorers, Energizers, Catechism Sunday School, High School Sunday School, High School bible study, and/or Family Faith Boxes** but would like to be on our list for December/January, talk to Laurie Pecuch at 614-875-2314 or [lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org) by Tuesday, November 3rd. This gives us time to order the supplies that we need. If you received materials for October/November, you do not need to request materials again. You're automatically on our list! **December/January materials will be available again for pick-up or delivery starting Sunday, Nov. 22nd.**

**SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES** are available for students and families. Talk to Diana Imbrock at 614-875-2314 or [dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org) and she'll connect you with the leader of each project. **Service Projects for November and December include** Operation Christmas Child, the Bike Project, Drive-Through Communion, Reading a Lesson, Compassion Child, Thank A Veteran, Blankets of Love, the Mitten Tree and Christmas Cards to Homebound Members.

**SCRIP gift cards make great Christmas gifts.** Place your order by the first Tuesday of the every month, Nov. 3rd and Dec.1st. Contact Gary Pecuch at [gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org) for details.

**Coming Soon, Something New!** The youth department is researching a parent resource that will give "parents and mentors hope by being a guide through culture into conversation around Jesus." We think we've found a great resource! We have a current list of parents and grandparents who've told us they'd be interested in such a resource. Not sure if you're on our list or would like to be? Connect with Diana, Laurie, or Gary!

### **YOUNGER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- **Ages 3 – Grade 4** your lesson today from your take-home packet is "Be Humble", Matthew 23:1-12.

- **Grades 5 – 6** have Lesson Five of the Lord’s Prayer.

Questions? Connect with Tim Allman at [tim.allman110@gmail.com](mailto:tim.allman110@gmail.com).

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** There’s only one week left to get your shoeboxes 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 shoe box with toys, school supplies, and personal care items (see the posters hanging around the church for ideas). Don't forget the \$9 to help with shipping.**
2. **Bring in one or two items to go toward filling a box. Just place these items in the donation tub in the link.**
3. **Build a shoebox online by visiting the St. John’s website 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 Annaleise or Jeremy Butsko with any questions 614.871.6295. Deadline to bring in items is next Sunday, **November 8th**. Thank you!

**UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**THANKSGIVING DAY** will be held on Nov. 26th at 10:00am. It will also be available on our website.

**A SPECIAL SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE** will be held on Sunday, November 29th at 2pm. This is a special worship service set aside for family or friends who have had loved ones pass away this past year. Watch the News Notes for more information in the coming weeks.

**Assisting Opportunities**



IN  
**WORSHIP**

**READER SIGN-UP SHEETS** for October, November, and December are posted in the North Entrance. Please volunteer to read the scriptures at a worship service.

**DISINFECTING WIPES NEEDED** - we are running low on our supply of wipes. If you see some at the store and could pick up an extra for the church we would be grateful.

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE** – we would like to thank you all at St. John’s and the community for all the support you have given us regarding the cookie sale every year! The Kitchen Team has appreciated the proceeds to help with repairs and upkeep in the kitchens. We are sad to announce that due to Covid-19, we have decided not to have the cookie sale this year. We do

not believe we can do the cookie sale safely. We truly hope we can resume the sale next year. Please look for the Cookie Sale in 2021!

## NALC DISASTER RESPONSE NEEDS

WE WILL BE  
COLLECTING BABY  
ITEMS THROUGH THE  
END OF NOVEMBER.

**BABY CARE KIT**

- TWO** lightweight cotton t-shirts
- TWO** long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers
- TWO** receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- FOUR** cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ONE** jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- TWO** pairs of socks 
- ONE** hand towel, any color
- TWO** or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz, any brand, in original wrap
- TWO** diaper pins or large safety pins

## ☞ SUNDAY SCHOOL ☞

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS:** The Book of Revelation w/Pastor Don Allman in rooms 103-4. All other adult classes have been suspended for the time-being.

## ☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

**Attendance:** Oct. 25 – 237

<u>September 2020</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating	\$48,686	\$525,698	\$60,444	\$511,798
Benevolence	\$ 3,336	\$ 51,306	\$ 4,766	\$ 46,582
Debt Reduction	\$ 3,859	\$ 26,968	\$ 2,918	\$ 33,762

**Loan Balance as of 10/26/2020** \$13,912.95

**Amount given to Good Samaritan Fund as of 10/31/2020:** \$14,704! **Thank you!**

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

***Many thanks to all who have signed up for online giving or mailed in their offerings!***

**How to give to St. John's:**

1. During worship services or drive-thru communion.
2. Mail your offering to the church – 3220 Columbus St., Grove City, Ohio 43123
3. Through your financial institution – they will send a check directly to the church on your behalf.

4. St. John's website – [www.stjohnsgc.org](http://www.stjohnsgc.org) – online giving is available through Vanco Services, and we have partnered with them for more than 20 years. It is secure and safe.
5. Through the **GivePlus** app available from Apple or Google – again a partnership between the church and Vanco Services. Set up a profile one time, and set up a recurring gift, or give when you want to. Once your profile is set up, giving is a one-touch process.

## ☞ CALENDAR ☞

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

8:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 9:30am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 9:30am Adult Sunday School (103-4)  
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Flc)  
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 12:15pm Drive-through Communion  
 5:00pm BSA Leaders (Fh)

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (Fh)  
 6:00pm Board of Elect. Set-up (Flc)  
 6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (103-4)  
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (Fh)  
 7:00pm Nar-Anon (Sh)

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

SCRIP ORDER DEADLINE  
 ELECTION DAY (Flc)  
 2:00pm Small Group (102)  
 6:00pm Cub Scouts (virtual)  
 7:00pm Boy Scouts (Fh)  
 7:30pm Healing Words AI-Anon Sh)

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

12:30pm OWLS Ping (103-4)  
 6:30pm Small Group (103-4)  
 7:00pm Explorers/Energizers (virtual)

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

7:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
 1:00pm Small Group (103-4)  
 5:45pm Adventure Club/Faith Trek (virtual)  
 6:30pm BSA Roundtable (Sh or Flc)  
 7:00pm Contem. Worship Reh. (Flc)

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

9:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)  
 12:00pm Private event (103-4)  
 8:30pm AA Mtg (Fh)

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 7:00pm A.A Serenity Seekers (Sh)

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

8:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 9:30am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 9:30am Adult Sunday School (103-4)  
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Flc)  
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 12:15pm Drive-through Communion

