NEWS NOTES

October 17-18, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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SERVING TODAY

Greeters
11:00am: Carol Rich

Readers
4:00pm: Charlie Brown
8:15am: Pam Wittenberg
11:00am: Bonnie Swanson
Contemporary: Hope Katterhenrich, Stephen Katterhenrich

Ushers
4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael Gibboney, Butch Myers, Larry Sutton
8:15am: Steve Marcum, Butch Myers, David Sweeley
11:00am: Bernie Bullert, Don Carducci, Dennis Imbrock

Acolytes
8:15am: Corban Allman
11:00am: Nick Althoff, Lukas Althoff

Altar Guild
Don and Diane Carducci, Linda Vozel
David and Lisa Stallard
Paul and Pam Wittenberg
Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich

Communion Assistants
4:00pm: David Sweeley, Linda Wagner
8:15am: Becky Retherford, Ann Jones
11:00am: Lynda Berry, Caroline Koethke
Contemporary: Stephen and Rachel Katterhenrich, Jen Uhrin

Lessons Today:
Isaiah 45:1-7 1; Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of Frank and Jean Gusa's 37th wedding anniversary. Given by Frank and Jean Gusa.
PULPIT FLOWERS: In memory of Paul Offenburger. Given by Andrea and his son, Marc.
LECTERN FLOWERS and BULLETINS: In honor of the 5 year anniversary of Barb Connors and June Stimpfle became members of St. John's.
BULLETINS: In honor of my son Scott's birthday. Given by Mary Campbell.

TODAY'S NEWS

THE QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: will follow the 8:15am worship service on Sunday, October 25, 2026. Please plan to attend.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS: All visitors to our congregation, our newest members, our long time regulars, and all potential members are invited to come! The first step is an introductory session at **12:15pm on Sunday, October 25.** We'll start with lunch together in room 103-4. The New Member Class will be held during the Sunday School Hour in room 204 over the following few weeks.

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 11am traditional worship service on Sunday, November 29. We hope you can come!

FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE: For those who brought food for funeral luncheons and other events recently, please pick up your dish(s) ASAP as the cupboard is full. With upcoming events, we have no space left. Dishes can be found in the labeled cabinet in the FLC Kitchen.

PHOTOGRAPHS FOR VETERANS: As the Veterans Day Lunch approaches, we are asking Veterans or any military personnel to stop by to have their picture taken for recognition at this luncheon. These photos will be taken after each service on the following dates: Saturday, October 24 and Sunday October 25, and Saturday October 31 and Sunday November 1 in the North Entrance. Also, if the veterans cannot attend the luncheon, we are asking families to send photos of them to the church office so we may include them at this event.

VETERANS LUNCHEON - Save the Date! Dear Veterans, In honor of your sacrifice and service to our country, you and a guest are invited to the 13th annual St. John's Veterans luncheon. This event will take place in the family life Center on Sunday, November 15, 2026, at 12:45 pm in honor of Veterans Day! Please mark the salmon sheet in your bulletin or call 614-875-2314 prior to October 25.

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE: The Service of Comfort and Remembrance will be held on Sunday, November 29, 2026, at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary. This service provides a worship opportunity for those who not only have experienced the death of a family member or friend in the past year, but also to comfort those who have experienced deaths in past years who continue to deal with their grief. For those that have had a loss in the past year, thew family will receive an ornament in memory of their loved one.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." – John 1:5. St. John's Lutheran Church has an opportunity to be the light in hard-to-reach places by sharing God's love through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each shoebox is an opportunity to reach a child with the gospel. For many of these kids, this is the first gift they have ever received! There are three ways to participate:

1. Pick up a prepared shoebox from the North Entrance or Link. The instructions for packing your box are included. Fill your box with some of the suggested gift items. Return your filled shoebox to the church entrance or Link by November 10th. Suggested gift items: small cars, balls, dolls, new short-sleeved shirts (no writing), small flashlight with batteries, toothbrush in a toothbrush holder, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, pens.
2. Build your shoe box online for just $30. You can bless children around the world without leaving home! Go to St. John's goal page and choose to build your online box: https://sampur.se/4fALHza Use your phone to scan this QR code to BUILD a box from your HOME for $30!
3. Donate monetarily or with gift items. 100% of the donations will be allocated to the operation.

Donation drop-off locations are also found in the church entrance and Link. Include a $10 donation to cover the shipping costs and drop off your filled shoebox in the Link before November 10th.

Please contact Justin, Beth, Brayden or Addy Gottshall for any questions at 740-360-2752. "Pack your shoe box with love, send it with prayer and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a hurting child. That's the power of a simple gift." – Franklin Graham, Samaritan's Purse President.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held on **Tuesday, October 20** 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.

THE MITTEN TREE IS COMING the weekend of October 31 and November 1! Please help fill it with mittens, gloves, hats, earmuffs, scarves, and warm socks for all ages. All items need to be new with tags or homemade. **The tree will be up until November 29th**, after which the items will be taken to the Purple Door Free Store, where they will be distributed to our neighbors in need. Please contact Ben Previts at 380-710-3689 if you have any questions. Thank you for helping our community stay warm!

PRAYER REQUESTS: Submit your prayer requests on the back of this week's salmon sheet. You may also contact the church office by phone at 614-875-2314 or by email at secretary@stjohnsgc.org. Requests are updated on a weekly basis and should be turned in by Monday mornings.

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.

October Mexico Update: It's happening!!! Mexico Missions will again be sharing the love of Jesus with the orphaned children of Tijuana! **Dates are set for July 16-26, 2027.** If you or your group would like to be a part of this mission through time, special gifts, prayer, or participation, Diana would LOVE to meet with you to answer any questions and share stories!

God has richly blessed Rancho Genesis and St. John's when we've worked together to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Thank you so much as you continue to support the Mexico Mission through your prayers and our fundraisers. Check out the Genesis Diez newsletters on the mission board in the link or visit www.genesisdiez.org to see the exciting changes happening at the ranch!



Prayer:

Dearest Abba,

Thank you for calling people to be a part of Your mission for the world. Help us to listen and respond to Your Spirit's nudges on our hearts. You are soooooo good! All the time! We give You all the glory, honor, and praise for You alone are worthy. Amen.

YOUTH NEWS

Make sure you're receiving the Weekly Email! Every week, Kelsey sends an email with youth ministry updates for all ages. If you are not currently receiving those, please email her at kbacon@stjohnsgc.org to get added to the list.

Weekday ministries have begun!

WEDNESDAYS: Explorers, Energizers, & IQA

This weekly teen ministry is a time of faith-building and connection. Explorers is for 7th & 8th grade, and Energizers and IQA are for 9th-12th grade.

- IQA (high school Bible study) meets weekly from 6-7 pm in room 103-104.
- Explorers (middle school) and Energizers (high school) meet weekly from 7:00-8:30 pm, starting in the Family Life Center. Make sure to check in in the lobby when you get here!
- Dinner is not provided, but there will be snacks!
- The teens will gather all together for games at the beginning, then split for devotion time. This is a great opportunity to connect with others, make friends, and deepen faith.
- Questions? Contact Teen Ministry Coordinator Donna Westerfeld (dwesterfeld@stjohnsgc.org)

THURSDAYS: Adventure Club and Faith Trek
This weekly kids ministry is all about faith, fun, and fellowship, and is for kids ages 4 through 6th grade!

- 5:45-7:15 pm every Thursday, doors open at 5:30 pm
- Adventure Club is for ages 4 through 4th grade, and Faith Trek is for 5th & 6th grade
- All kids and volunteers must check-in in the lobby to receive your nametag, then head to the Family Life Center.
- Dinner is provided; please consider bringing a $4 donation each week to help cover costs.
- Each group enjoys gym time, a meal with friends, arts and crafts, and an active learning Bible lesson with lots of teen and adult volunteers who love to serve your kids.
- Questions? Contact Kids Ministry Coordinator Christina Allman (callman@stjohnsgc.org)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR meets every Thursday from 5:00-5:30 pm in the Chapel.

- For kids preschool-6th grade
- Contact Kate Shrum (614-266-0226) if you would like your child to participate!

Lego Club is TODAY after church!

- Join us from 12:00-2:00 pm today in the FLC
- Please RSVP to Christina (callman@stjohnsgc.org) or Jen Mitchell (jenmitchel@aol.com)

TEENS: Want to volunteer at Trunk or Treat or Veteran's Lunch? Make sure to let Kelsey or Donna know if you didn't fill out the Teen Service Form!

- Trunk or Treat: October 24th
- Veteran's Lunch: November 15th

☙ STEWARDSHIP ❧

ATTENDANCE Sunday, October 11 - 209 Traditional

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

How to give to St. John's:

- Place your offering in the collection basket during worship services.
- Mail your offering to the church – 3220 Columbus St., Grove City, OH 43123.
- St. John's website – 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.
- Through your financial institution – they will send a check directly to the church on your behalf.
- Through the Vanco Mobile 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR: 9:30-10:30am every Sunday

Men's Chorale Rehearsal, Choir Room.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Faith Discussion, FH Rm 001 / Romans, Steve Johnston, Chapel / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, Rms 301, 303.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 2 years old-Pre-K, Rm 003 /Kindergarten-Grade 2, Rm 009 / Grades 3-4, Rm 307 / Grades 5–6, Rm 303 / Grades 7–8, Confirmation Room, 304 / Grades 9-12, High School Room, 311.

SELAH ROOM: Rm 101, a quiet place available every Sunday from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

We need VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH TRUNK or TREAT!

Help make our Trunk or Treat a fun and safe event for our community!



TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 24TH

10:00 – 11:30 AM

FAMILY FRIENDLY!

WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- DECORATE A TRUNK
- DONATE CANDY
- HELP WITH GAMES
- SET-UP & CLEAN-UP

CONTACT *Megan Grossman* IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP!

Thank you for being the hands and heart of our church!

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School Hour
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
2:00pm LEGO Club (FLC)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19
9:30am BSF Leaders
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
4:00pm Irish Music Rehearsal (FLC)
6:30pm Council (103-4)
6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20
7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
9:30am Quilters (103-4)
12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC)
5:00pm Private Event (202)
5:30pm Nominating Team (Lib)
6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (FH)
6:30pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FLC)
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21
9:30am BSF
1:00pm Small Group (102)
5:00pm Private Event (202)
6:00pm IQA Bible Study (103-4)
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
7:00pm Design for Living AA (FH)
7:00pm Explorers & Energizers
7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
5:45pm Adventure Club & Faith Trek
6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
8:00pm Dartball (FLC, vs. Christ)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
9:30am Small Group (103-4)
2:00pm Private Event (101)
3:00pm Men's Chorale (Choir Rm)
8:00pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
10:00am Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot)
12:30pm Columbus Miniature Society (103-4)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School Hour
10:45am Children's Church (103-4)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
12:00pm New Member Class (103-4)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR CHMEETINGS EMAIL UPDATES!

ADDITIONAL UPDATES ARE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE.
BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT!