

NEWS NOTES

August 22-23, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Pastor Tom Phillips | Guest Pastor Don Allman



Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Nick Grossman and David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

✧ SERVING TODAY ✧

Greeter

11:00am: Lynda Berry

Contemporary: Donna Westerfeld

Readers

4:00pm: Karen Colwell

8:15am: Christina Allman

11:00am: Sheryl Fraley

Contemporary: Emma Grossman,
Beth Katterhenrich

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael
Gibboney

8:15am: Steve Marcum, Butch Myers,
David Sweeley

11:00am: Bill Diehl, George
Gonsowski, Dennis Imbrock,
Larry Sutton

Acolytes

8:15am: Ben Previts

11:00am: Volunteer(s) needed

Altar Guild

Don and Diane Carducci

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: David Sweeley

8:15am: Pastor Don Allman, Christina
Allman

11:00am: Christine Hank, Beth
Hazel, Bonnie Swanson

Contemporary: Beth Katterhenrich,
Rachel Katterhenrich, Donna
Westerfeld

Lessons Today:
Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of Ed Sheets 70th birthday. Given by Glenda Sheets.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In memory of my daughter, Rosemary Anderson. Given by her mother Susie and family.

BULLETINS: In honor of all my loved ones. Given by Mary Campbell.

✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧

SANCTUARY CHURCH BELLS will be turned off for the time being. Work will be done on the inside of the bell tower to replace the old mortar which is beginning to crumble.

WE THANK GINI for her outpouring of her time and talents this past several years as she has fulfilled God's calling to be in the faith web of so many of our middle and high school youth! Please join the youth staff as we host a reception for Gini Rogers **TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 23rd in the FLC during the Sunday School hour from 9:30 to 10:30am.** Feel free to bring a card or written note of appreciation to the reception to shower Gini with God's words of encouragement as she steps into her next chapter.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held on **Tuesday, August 25** 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.

SARAH CIRCLE is collecting the following items for health kits for the Grove City Food Pantry. One kit includes:

Dental floss Full size toothbrush Full size toothpaste (check expiration)
Emery board nail clippers sturdy comb two bars of wrapped soap
Full size deodorant one dark washcloth one dark bath towel

Our goal is to make 50 kits. If you would like to help, dollar stores are a good place to shop. Please mark items "For Sarah Circle" and put in the Quilters' cupboard in the Link. **All donations must be received by TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 23.** Thank you!

On August 30th at 10:45am, we will combine our three Sunday worship services into one grand outdoor youth-led worship event!

Bring lawn chairs and dress casually as we gather by our Shelter House to praise God under His clear blue sky. Note that the 4pm worship service will be held as usual Saturday, August 29th, but please join us on Sunday for the picnic!

This year, we are hosting Youth Sunday at our Outdoor Worship Service. Not only will our youth lead the worship service, they will share about their NALC Continental Youth Gathering experience through this time of worship and fellowship. We will gather in the Shelter House (weather permitting) for the **Outdoor Worship Service**. Afterwards, we will remain for the **Church Picnic!** Everything will be provided for the picnic; however, we will be collecting a 'free will offering' to help offset the cost. All donations will be greatly appreciated! Please bring a dessert to share.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH from 9:30 to 10:30am ahead of the outdoor worship service led by our youth and **meet our new Youth & Family Ministries Director, Kelsey Bacon!** Below is a short read about Kelsey before you officially visit during the meet and greet in the Café on that Sunday.

HELLO ST. JOHNS FAMILY! My name is Kelsey Bacon, and I am thrilled to join the staff as the Director of Youth and Family Ministry. I live in Hilliard with my husband Alex and our two kids Theo (2 1/2) and Lila (11 months). I grew up here in Columbus, and have many years of experience serving and leading in youth and family ministry. I am very passionate about bringing the gospel to kids and teens. I love the ministry of discipling students, walking alongside parents through every stage, and raising up the next generation of the Church to be the hands and feet of Jesus. I am also passionate about books, crochet, homemade sourdough, and people! I am so excited to get to know the community here. I would love to connect with you in the lobby, over coffee, or at your favorite spot in Grove City, as I'm getting to know the area. Please feel free to email me at kbacon@stjohnsgc.org.

THE CELEBRATION RINGERS will begin a new season in September. We are always looking for new ringers! If you are interested in giving it a try, you can call or text Susan Locey at 614-208-8215.

ATTENTION SINGERS: ST. JOHN'S CHOIRS NEED MEMBERS: Members of the congregation are warmly invited to join one of St. John's choirs. No previous choir experience is necessary. There are three choral groups that serve at the Sunday morning worship services. The groups alternate between the two traditional services.

The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday in the Sanctuary from 7:30-9pm.

The Women's Chorale rehearses on Wednesday in the Sanctuary from 6:30-7:25pm.

The Men's Chorale rehearses on Sunday morning in the Choir Room 9:30-10:30am.

Practices will begin Wednesday, September 2. Interested singers can just show up to practice. If you have been looking for a fun way to serve the church and praise God, this is a wonderful opportunity. The choirs are directed by Mark Meuser. If you have questions, please feel free to contact him by e-mail at mmeuser@stjohnsgc.org.

NOTICE FROM OUR FACILITIES MANAGER: Due to the increasing cost of electric, I have put in thermostats that are programable. In the next few weeks, I will be setting up a schedule in each thermostat. At that time, the church will be getting a little warmer than it has been. I am asking everyone to not adjust the temperatures set in the thermostats. At any time a space is found to be too warm, let me know and I will see what I can do. Thank you for your help and understanding. ~ Jerry Funk.

ATTENTION LADIES OF ALL AGES!! Charlotte and Pam will be hosting a **Fascinator Hat Clip Craft Class**. Join us on **Thursday, September 17 from 6-7:30pm in room 102**. Please bring a headband, hair clip, or hair comb, as well as any items you wish to include on your hat. Fun items include flowers, ribbons, feathers, butterflies, bring whatever you can! Crafting supplies including glue guns would also be helpful. We will share it all!! We will help you make a beautiful fascinator hat clip to wear for the Ladies Tea Party on September 26.

MONDAY EXERCISE CLASS will not be held on Labor Day, Monday, September 7th.

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.

OFFICE HOURS are Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm.

☿ YOUTH NEWS ☿

IQA for High Schoolers. Join Gini for IQA Bible Study on Zoom every Monday from 7:30-8:30pm. We would love to see you there!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR meets every Thursday from 5-6pm. Contact Kate Shrum if you would like your child to participate!

RALLY DAY AND BIBLE SUNDAY: Rally Day will take place on September 13th during the Sunday School Hour. Age 2 years old through 6th grade will meet in the FLC. 7th and 8th grades will have confirmation orientation starting in the sanctuary. This year, Rally Day will also be **Bible Sunday!!** The following groups will receive an age-appropriate Bible as a gift from the congregation during the worship services: students starting pre-school, incoming 3rd graders, and our 7th graders going into confirmation. If you have a child in one of these groups, please plan on attending worship September 13th.
REMINDER: No Youth Sunday School September 6th.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION: For returning 8th graders (2nd year students) and incoming 7th graders (1st year students), we will have confirmation orientation on Sunday, September 13th (Rally Day for our younger students) from 9:30-10:30am starting in the Sanctuary and concluding in the Confirmation Room (304). We will send more information out as the date approaches, but if you have any questions reach out to Christina Allman or Kelsey Bacon, kbacon@stjohnsgc.org.

Strength of Soul

Find the 48 **bold** words from Psalm 138 (ESV)

N L U O S D S D N A H B M S Y
W E Q G I V E E L B U O R T L
O T N H X T R L A H U W C R O
R I S E L V U I L T D R A E H
K A N A M E D V H A U G H T Y
L S X R F I N E X R C G G C P
A E X T D D E R E W S N A H U
W I N C R E A S E D E I R D R
M O Z Y O F W E V R E S E R P
S S E N L U F H T I A F V O O
K T E M P L E S G S I Q E W S
N W O D Z F V L Y L H T R A E
A F P R A I S E K A S R O F V
H I G H E L O H W E W T F M O
T A E R G L O R Y L W O L W L

I **give** you **thanks**, O LORD, with my **whole heart**; before the gods I **sing** your **praise**; I **bow down** toward your **holy temple** and give thanks to your **name** for your **steadfast love** and your **faithfulness**, for you have **exalted** above all things your name and your **word**. On the day I **called**, you **answered** me; my **strength** of **soul** you **increased**. All the **kings** of the **earth** shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have **heard** the words of your **mouth**, and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for **great** is the **glory** of the LORD. For though the LORD is **high**, he regards the **lowly**, but the **haughty** he knows from afar. Though I **walk** in the midst of **trouble**, you **preserve** my **life**; you **stretch** out your **hand** against the **wrath** of my **enemies**, and your right hand **delivers** me. The LORD will **fulfill** his **purpose** for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, **endures forever**. Do not **forsake** the **work** of your **hands**.

∞ STEWARDSHIP ∞

ATTENDANCE **Sunday, August 16** - **279**

**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 / Gospel of Mark, Steve Johnston, Chapel / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, Rm 102 / Parenting Topics, Amy Wanner, Rm 103-4.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 2-4 years old, Rm 003 / age 5 & Kindergarten-Grade 2, Rm 310 / Grades 3-4, Rm 307 / Grades 5-6, Rm 303 / Grades 7-8, Confirmation Rm, 304 / Grades 9-12, High School Rm, 311.

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

☞ CALENDAR ☞

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School Hour
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship
(FLC)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (SH, FH)
6:00pm Exercise Class (103-4)
6:00pm Small Group (101)
6:30pm Sarah Circle (103-4)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
7:00pm Respect Life (102)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
9:30am Quilters (103-4)
12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive
(FLC)
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH, FLC)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00am BSF Leader Training (FH)
1:00pm Small Group (102)
7:00pm Design for Living AA (FH)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

2:00pm Private Event (101)
3:00pm Men's Chorale (Choir Rm)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

9:30am Sunday School Hour
10:45am Combined Outdoor
Worship (SH)
12:00pm Church Picnic (FLC)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGES. BE SURE TO CHECK THEM
OUT!**