

NEWS NOTES

May 17-18, 2025

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Nick Grossman and David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Rings

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

Greeters

11:00am: Diane Sexton

NE: Diane Carducci

Altar Guild

Don and Diane Carducci

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Ushers

4:00pm: Michael Gibboney, Stephen Henry

8:15am: Steve Marcum, David Sweeley, Hunter Thompson

11:00am: Bill Diehl, Dennis Imbrock, Garhett Koethke, Larry Sutton

Readers

4:00pm: Lisa Dubos

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Christine Hank, Beth Katterhenrich

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Michael Gibboney

8:15am: Joel Baughman, Linda Wagner

11:00am: Gloria Biggs, Lynda Berry

Acolytes

8:15am: Cordelia Wanner, Truman Allman

11:00am: Nick Althoff, Lukas Althoff

Lessons Today: Acts 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Addison 10th birthday. Given by Mom, Aunt Stephanie, Mimi, and Lucy.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Jim Rich. Given by Carol Rich.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In honor of Lukas on his 13th birthday and in celebration of our 21st wedding anniversary. Given by mom and dad (Jill and Tim Althoff), and brothers Collin and Nickolas.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In honor of Colton Thompson and our Confirmands as they confirm their faith. Given by Terry and Teresa Orahoad.

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

PERSONAL NEWS



Words cannot express how overwhelmed Laurie and I have been by our sweet send-off! The last evening of Adventure Club and Faith Trek, we were treated to a celebratory tunnel with all the children. We also received beautiful notebooks with each child's decorated handprint; a beautiful reminder of each precious child of God and a perfect way for us to continue to pray for each one! Then, the following week, the adult leaders, organized by Karen Grossman, hosted a special potluck dinner with all their specialty dishes. We received many well wishes, including a surprise gift from the kitchen crew. I know I will miss my one home-cooked meal of the week next year! Thank you, thank you, thank you! We have been truly blessed and touched by your loving kindness. ~ Diana & Laurie.

A special thank you is extended to Elizabeth Circle and all others who donated clothing to the New Life Community Outreach Ladies Homeless shelter! Thank you so much, we received over 20 garbage bags full of very nice ladies clothing!! I will continue to collect if anyone is interested, there's a container in the link for donations. Thank you! ~ Pam Castle.

TODAY'S NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS, CONFIRMANDS! The following five St. John's confirmation students will publicly affirm their baptism at worship on May 18th:

Matthew Castle
Jack Mawhorr
Riley Millet
Ben Previts
Colton Thompson



For the past two years these students have been engaged in a regular discipline of prayer, bible study, classroom discussion and service activities. We should be very proud of them (and their parents) for their work and commitment! Please keep our confirmands in your prayers, that they will continue to build their lives on the Rock, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord.

CONFIRMATION FAITH CELEBRATION: MAY 18TH – Come share your support and encouragement with our confirmation students as they share their faith in Christ in a very special way between 9:30 and 10:30 am in the Family Life Center on Sunday, May 18th. Smoothies and cake will be provided!

CELEBRATING LAURIE AND DIANA'S NEXT CHAPTER!

Laurie Pecuch and Diana Imbrock will be moving on to a new chapter in their lives and ministry (we won't call it retirement!) We are celebrating God's faithfulness to them and through them to generations of youth at St. John's! We'll have an open house celebration on **Sunday, May 25th from 2-4pm** in the Shelter House, weather permitting. They have requested please no gifts. ☺

SECURITY TEAM MEMBER WANTED: St. John's needs an additional Security Team



member. The duties include:

- Walking the interior and exterior of the building
- Turning off lights
- Checking that doors are locked, and locking them where needed
- Noting when things need to be fixed.

The tasks typically take an hour each night. Compensation is \$12/hr. The team member schedule is 14 days in a row on, followed by 28 days off. Please contact the office to express your interest in this unique and flexible opportunity: 614-875-2314, secretary@stjohnsgc.org.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS and NEW MEMBERS' RECEPTION IN JUNE: A Membership Class will be held at 12:15 pm on Sunday, June 1. We'll start with lunch together in room 103-4. All visitors to our congregation, our newest members, and all potential members are invited to come! 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 11:00 am traditional worship service on Sunday, June 8. We hope you can come!

Are you looking for a church home, or do you have questions about our congregation? Call Pastor Seth or Pastor Patti (614-875-2314) any time.



RENOVATION TEAM - INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS: MAY 18:

The Renovation Team is proposing a series of facility renovations to maintain the integrity of our church structure and infrastructure. Many of these projects are major and will require significant expenditures. Informational sessions will be held to provide understanding of the upcoming projects.



The schedule for the informational sessions is as follows:

1. Sunday, May 18th following the 8:15am traditional service in the Sanctuary
2. Sunday, May 18th following the 11am traditional service in the Chapel

God has blessed us with major bequests that should allow us to accomplish these repairs. Council has passed the approval of spending the funds, and we will hold a special meeting on June 1st at 9:30am in the Sanctuary for the congregational vote.

SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY: THE GOSPEL OF LUKE: Pastor Seth is leading a 10-session Bible discussion on the Gospel of Luke. We'll meet at **1:00 in rooms 103-4** on Saturdays through June 21. Each session will be just one hour long. If you've never been part of a Bible study, this will be a great place to start. Come and enjoy the good discussion, prayer, and fellowship!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY has moved to rooms 103-4. Classes resumed May 1st at 3 and 6pm. Packets for the second session are available for pick up in rooms 103-4. If you have not picked up your packet for the second session, please do so as soon as possible! We look forward to your continued participation in this riveting series.



HYMNS FOR SUMMER: The music ministry at St. John's is again giving worshippers the opportunity to suggest hymns for the traditional services during the summer. So, if you have a favorite hymn that you would like to sing during the summer, now is the time to make your suggestion.

There is a hymn suggestion box located near the North Entrance of the Sanctuary. Just take one of the sheets on top of the box, write the name of the hymn on it, and drop it in the box.

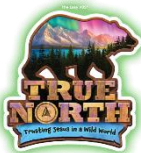
The box will be there through May 25th. We will try to use as many of those suggestions as we can. Thank you!

~ Mark Meuser, Director of Music.

IN SEARCH OF SUMMER MUSICAL TALENT: Dear members of the congregation: Since the St. John's choirs are on their summer break, we are in need of singers and instrumentalists to play for the worship services. If you play an instrument, can sing a solo, or would like to be a part of a small vocal ensemble, please let me know. I would be happy to rehearse with you to prepare an instrumental or vocal anthem for at a service. As you know, the worshippers at our services are very supportive and appreciative of musicians who share their gifts. ~ Sincerely, Mark Meuser, Director of Music.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JUNE 23-26: VBS is for ages 3 (potty-trained) through 6th grades. Point kids to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust.



"Kids will be guided on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that He is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!"

Monday – Thursday, June 23-26, 9-12am, with our famous Carnival on Thursday evening! Contact Christina Allman at callman@stjohnsgc.org with questions.

IQA Bible Study for middle and high school students meets every Monday night from 7:30-8:30 pm over Zoom. We are currently reading through the book of Job and C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*. For more information or the Zoom link, please reach out to Gini Rogers grogers@stjohnsgc.org.

LAY READERS are needed for the 8:15am and 11am worship services from July through December. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish entrance. Thank you for serving in this ministry. Contact Jo Dimond if you have any questions at 614-270-3291.

Assisting Opportunities
IN
**TRADITIONAL
WORSHIP**

PRAYER REQUESTS should be turned in by Monday morning. Fill out the prayer request section on the salmon sheet or contact the church office at 614-875-2314. You may also email your prayer request to secretary@stjohnsgc.org. Requests are updated on a weekly basis.

A SECURE DROP SLOT is located under the staff mailboxes in the hallway near the secretary's office. If you are dropping off a monetary gift or papers with confidential information, please put it through the slot to help ensure security.







SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE? Articles are due on Wednesdays by 9am. Please send your article via email, sj@stjohnsgc.org, or in the church office secure slot.

✧ STEWARDSHIP ✧

ATTENDANCE May 11 - 323

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.
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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Faith Discussion, FH Rm 001 / Galatians, Steve Johnston, Chapel / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, 102 / Parenting Topics, Amy Wanner, 103-4.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 2-4 years old, Rm 003 / ages 5 to Kindergarten, Rm 009 / Grades 1 - 2, Rm 204 / Grades 3 - 4, Rm 307 / Grades 5 - 6, Rm 303 / Grades 7 - 8, Confirmation Room / High School, HS Room 311.

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

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 18

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:00am Renovation Team Informational Meeting (Sanc)
 9:30am Men's Chorale (Sanc)
9:30am CONFIRMATION FAITH CELEBRATION (FLC)
 10:30am Small Group (Chapel)
11:00am Traditional Worship with RITE OF CONFIRMATION (Sanc)
 12:00pm Renovation Team Informational Meeting (Chapel)
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
 5:00pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FH)

MONDAY, MAY 19

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
 1:00pm Altar Guild (Chapel)
 6:30pm Council (103-4)
 6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)

TUESDAY, MAY 20

6:30am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)
 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
 6:30pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FH)
 6:30pm Contemporary Band Rehearsal (FLC)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

1:30pm Small Group (102)

THURSDAY, MAY 22

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
 9:00am Eagle Mailing (204)
 3:00pm Women's Bible Study (103-4)
 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
 6:00pm Women's Bible Study (103-4)

FRIDAY, MAY 23

9:30am Bible Study (103-4)
 10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
 3:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
 6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, MAY 24

12:00pm Private Event (FLC)
 1:00pm Saturday Bible Study (103-4)
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

SUNDAY, MAY 25

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Men's Chorale (Sanc)
 9:30am Sunday School
 10:30am Small Group (Chapel)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
2-4:00pm OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION FOR LAURIE AND DIANA
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, MAY 26
IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

**DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE
 AND FACEBOOK PAGES. BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT!**