

NEWS NOTES

May 24-25, 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: Cheryl Thompson

NE: Lynda Berry

Ushers

4:00pm: Michael Gibboney, Stephen Henry

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

11:00am: David Clark, George Gonsowski, Dennis Imbrock, Garhett Koethke

Altar Guild

Betty and Dellno Lewis

Contemporary Prep: Rachel Katterhenrich

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Tim and Christina Allman

11:00am: Christine Hank, Cindy Gonsowski, Lisa Mawhorr

Contemporary: Beth Katterhenrich, Brad and Theresa Wahl

Readers

4:00pm: Chris Jenkins

8:15am: Rita Orahood

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Contemporary: Brad Wahl, Emma Grossman

Acolytes

8:15am: Corban Allman, Addy Gottshall

11:00am: Riley Millet, Wes Millet

Lessons Today: Acts 16:9-15; Revelation 21:10,22--22:5; John 5:1-9.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

LECTERN FLOWERS: In honor and memory of our veterans & active military members. Thank you for your service in preserving our American freedom. Given by Jane and Keith Stenerson.

BULLETINS: In honor of all the service men, women, and veterans. Given by Vi Davis.

PERSONAL NEWS

NOTES OF THANKS “I want to thank you for all the food, flowers, prayers, cards, received during and after my recent surgery.” ~ Mary Young.

ST. JOHN’S NEW NORTH ENTRANCE CROSS DISPLAY: Dear St. John’s, I wanted to write to ensure everyone knew about our recent blessing. When St. John’s Interior Design Team Leader (for our new accessibility space), Karrie Clark, initially admired First Baptist Church of Grove City’s Easter Cross display while attending a homeschooling event there, little did she know what Marc Wells, Baptist Builders extraordinaire, could make happen at St. John’s by Good Friday 2025.

When we asked Mr. Wells, Leader of First Baptist’s – Baptist Builder’s Outreach Program, about their display, he immediately offered to build, install, and donate a cross display for our new accessibility space to enhance our Easter celebration at St. John’s!

We thank Marc, the Baptist Builders, and First Baptist Church of Grove City for sharing their skills with us. We appreciate their kindness, hard work, and generosity. What a wonderful gift from our fellow Grove City brothers and sisters in Christ! Sincerely, ~ Beth Ann Katterhenrich.

TODAY’S NEWS

CELEBRATING LAURIE AND DIANA’S NEXT CHAPTER!

We are celebrating God’s faithfulness to Laurie Pecuch and Diana Imbrock as they begin a new chapter in their lives and ministry (we won’t call it retirement!). **Join us today, Sunday, May 25th, for an open house celebration from 2-4pm in the Shelter House**, weather permitting. They have requested please no gifts. ☺

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 this Sunday, May 25th.** We will try to use as many of those suggestions as we can. Thank you! ~ Mark Meuser, Director of Music.

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

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.

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!

SECURITY TEAM MEMBER WANTED: St. John's needs an additional Security Team member. The duties include:



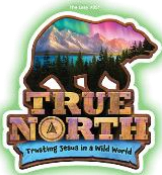
- Walking the interior and exterior of the building
- Turning off lights
- Checking that doors are locked, and locking them where needed
- Noting when things need to be fixed.

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.

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.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS! Thanks to the **82 households** who are connected with the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Because of you, this past quarter, \$270.28 was donated back to “St. John’s Youth Ministries”. If you haven’t connected yet, it’s so easy. Google “Kroger Community Rewards Program” and follow their prompts. Our organization number is EY530. Every time you shop, you’re giving back. At no extra cost to you! Thanks for your continual support!

PICKING UP YOUR EVENT DISHES – **Please note:** No longer will dishes that need to be picked up after an event be left on the counter(s). Since the renovation of the kitchen, there is a cupboard which is labeled “Dishes/Trays from Events.” Any questions, please contact Suzie Brace 614-871-3201 or Wilma Phillips 614-875-7931. Thank you.

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.



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 18 - 315

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 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)
2:00pm-4:00pm OPEN HOUSE
CELEBRATION FOR
LAURIE AND DIANA
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, MAY 26

OFFICE CLOSED – MEMORIAL DAY

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
 6:00pm Small Group (102)
 6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)

TUESDAY, MAY 27

6:30am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)
 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
 5:50pm Friends of the Library (204)
 6:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH, FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

1:30pm Small Group (102)
 6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (FH)

THURSDAY, MAY 29

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
 2:00pm Small Group (101)
 3:00pm Women's Bible Study (103-4)
 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
 6:00pm Women's Bible Study (103-4)

FRIDAY, MAY 30

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 31

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

CHOIR SUNDAY

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)
12:00pm NEW MEMBER CLASS (103-4)
 1:00pm Private Event (SH, FLC)
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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

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