

NEWS NOTES

May 31-June 1, 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: *David and Lisa Stallard*

NE: *Carol Rich*

Ushers

4:00pm: *Michael Gibboney, Stephen Henry*

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

11:00am: *Dave Clark, Garhett Koethke, Tom Lang, Larry Sutton*

Altar Guild

Linda Vozel, Dee Harlor

Contemporary Prep: *Rachel Katterhenrich*

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: *David Sweeley*

8:15am: *Teresa Orahood, Sarah Schmitz*

11:00am: *Dan Yeater, Ike Stage, Brenda Schultz*

Contemporary: *Rachel Katterhenrich, Jennifer Shade, Gini Rogers*

Readers

4:00pm: *Ann Jones*

8:15am: *Teresa Orahood*

11:00am: *Eva Counts*

Contemporary: *Lydia Shrum, Kate Shrum*

Acolytes

8:15am: *Corban Allman, Addy Gottshall*

11:00am *Riley Millet, Wes Millet*

Lessons Today

Traditional: *Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53.*

Contemporary: *Acts 16:16-34; Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26.*

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Bill Pace. Given by Ed and Glenda Sheets.

BULLETINS: Given by Bill and Linda Diehl.

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

PERSONAL NEWS

HOLY BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: Congratulations and blessings to **Will and Ian Hughes**, who will be baptized at the 8:15am traditional service on Sunday, June 1st! Please keep Will and Ian in your prayers as they begin their baptismal journey with the Lord.

NOTES OF THANKS:

"St. John's members and Wednesday Night Prayer Group: Thank you for all your prayers. Hope to be seeing you soon. The boot is coming off my foot June 5th, I hope. Thanks," ~ Marilyn Wright.

FROM OUR BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP (BSF) LEADERS:

Revelation 5:13 – And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing and the honor and the glory and the might forever and ever."

Thank you so much for hosting our class and for all the help and support you give us. We appreciate your willingness to use your beautiful church so we can share the Word of God. Thank you for your gracious hospitality! Thank you for your kindness! Thank you so much for letting us use the church! It is a blessing to us. Thank you for your open doors to our group and so many others. Thank you so much for your generosity. We are incredibly blessed by your hosting and care for us. Blessings.

TODAY'S NEWS

MEMBERSHIP CLASS and NEW MEMBERS' RECEPTION: 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.

WE WELCOME OUR INTERIM YOUTH MINISTERS! This weekend at our 11:00am traditional worship service, we will formally install our new Interim Youth Ministers, Christina Allman, Gini Rogers, and Donna Westerfeld, to their new roles. We are very happy and thankful that they are willing to take on these important roles in our congregation! May God bless them and guide them as she begins their work.

EAGLE DEADLINE is a week from Tuesday. Please submit your article by noon on June 10th.

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 Sunday, 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!

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.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION TEAM: On the first Sunday of each month this team comes to receive a Holy Communion kit. The distribution of home communion is an extension of the Lord's Supper and is for those who are unable to be present at the celebration of the congregation. We bring to them the same bread of life and the same cup of blessing so that they may be strengthened through their participation in the body of Christ. Let us be mindful and grateful for this ministry.



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.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, June 14th at 9am and on Tuesday, June 24th at 6pm in Rooms 103-4.** Everyone is welcome. Bring your knitting/crochet materials and any completed shawls to be blessed with prayer. Anyone can learn to knit or crochet with our help! For more info call Glenda at 614-352-5955 or Diana at 614-271-5775.

PROPERTY TEAM MEMBERS meet the first Monday of the month at 11am. If you have questions or concerns, please share them with a member of the team or put a note in the Property Team mailbox by the church office.

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.

OWLS EVENT – JUNE 20, 2025: The OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors) once again welcome you to join us for our speaker and lunch -regardless of your age!! Tell a friend! Bring a friend! Mayor Ike Stage is all I need to say about our speaker this month!! St. John's is home to the mayor and if you don't know him or haven't met him, now is your opportunity. He will share Grove City's latest news and there is a lot! Council is currently discussing the possibility of changing the form of government. If you want to know more, come be an OWL for an afternoon. We promise you an excellent program.



The OWLS will provide fried chicken and meat loaf for our potluck lunch, but we ask you to bring a covered dish and join your friends (old and new) for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. Please plan to arrive around 11:15 am so we can open the meeting at 11:30 am. Use the salmon sheet in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation so the group can plan accordingly. You may call the office or Bonnie Swanson 614-562-8002. Hope to see you there!

TWICE-A-MONTH MONDAY EXERCISE CLASS: Please join us every 2nd and 4th Monday each month at 6pm in the Family Life Center (FLC) for 30 minutes of fun, fellowship, and fitness. Everyone is welcome, however the class is geared more towards those who want to strengthen their core and work on their balance. There are chairs available to help with any needed stability. Several of the exercises are seated, but there are some standing balance challenges too. The last 5 or so minutes of each session is a basic work out with light hand weights for anyone who wants to stay and participate. Just bring two 1-3 lb. weights or even a couple of 16.9 oz. plastic water bottles will work.

This is a drop in class so no registration is needed. Just come when you can! Please call Diane Sexton with any questions at 678-572-0308. **The next meeting will be on Monday, June 9th. PLEASE NOTE: There will be no class on June 23rd.** Thank you!



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.



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.

BULLETIN DEDICATIONS: Consider submitting a Bulletin Dedication in honor or in memory of loved ones, and to celebrate an event, milestone, birthday, or anniversary. Bulletin Dedications are only \$20.00. Reserve your preferred weekend date on the Bulletins Sign Up sheet on the Parish Entrance bulletin board. Please direct questions to Barb Armentrout at 614-875-2985.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP: Our worship services each week are beautified with wonderful music, smiling faces, and flowers. Making a flower dedication for the Altar, Pulpit, and Lectern is a wonderful way to remember or honor loved ones. We presently have openings for flower dedications for June and July. Reserve your date on the Altar Flowers Chart in the Parish Entrance. Please direct questions to Lesa Corbin at 614-530-4984.

GREETERS NEEDED for traditional services. We kindly request volunteers for 4pm and 8:15am to contact the office, 614-875-2314, and for 11am greeters to contact Linda Diehl, 614-906-1408.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held on **Thursday, June 19th** 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.



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.

USED EYEGLASSES are being collected for donation to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers located throughout the world. The used glasses are repaired and distributed to those in need in developing countries. You can donate your used eyeglasses in the drop boxes in the second-floor hallway just outside of the library.

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.

☿ YOUTH NEWS ☿

JOYFUL PAUSE: Come when you can and leave when you have to! It's a summer open house at St. John's on **Thursday, June 12th**. Come from 9:30am - 12:30pm or 5:30pm – 8:30pm (or stop by both)! We will have fun games to play and crafts to make. Pizza and drinks will be available around lunch and dinnertime. All ages are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors! Contact Karrie Clark with questions at karriejclark@gmail.com.



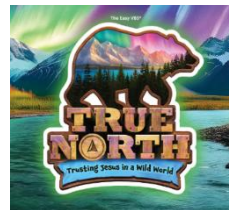
MISSION: POSSIBLE is a service and fellowship event that will be occurring on Saturdays throughout this summer aimed towards middle and high school students. We'll be serving throughout our community and growing our faith networks, while discussing how to be 'agents' of God. Save the dates: Saturdays - June 14, 28, July 12, 26, and August 9, 23. Gini and Donna would love for you to join them!



Our first event will take place on Saturday, June 14th from 2-8 pm. Dinner will be provided. For more information, please reach out to Gini Rogers at grogers@stjohnsgc.org. Hope to see you there!

VBS IS ALMOST HERE!! Registration online and in person is open until June 20th for all children 3 years old (must be potty trained) to 6th grade. Any student that is finishing grades 7-12 should contact Gini Rogers to volunteer and attend training on June 22nd. All VBS donations can be found on the boards near both church entrances to contemporary and traditional services. Please grab a few cards and return items by June 20th!

For our VBS teachers, teaching materials are available for pick up starting next week. **Our teacher training will be JUNE 20th, 2025**, after the late service and the congregational meeting in rooms 103 and 104, to help transform our church into the great Alaskan outdoors for the week! Lunch will be provided and then everyone will decorate the family life center before moving on to your individual classroom. Please contact Christina Allman at 614-519-8092 if you cannot make the meeting!



RAISE RIGHT gift card orders are placed on the first Tuesday of every month. You can use these cards personally and they also make great gifts. Talk to Pam Wittenberg on how you can order physical cards and/or order e-gift cards and how to re-load your cards online. Raise Right gives a percentage for each card ordered back to St. John's. Monies raised help to offset the costs of the children and youth programming that is not covered by the church budget. *Thanks for your support!*

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.







STEWARDSHIP

ATTENDANCE

May 25 - 298

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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Please join us for our:

FUN IN THE SON

CARNIVAL

THURSDAY
JUNE 26, 2025

6:00–8:00pm



We will have fun carnival games, bounce houses, food & more.

WE NEED A LOT OF HELP TO MAKE OUR EVENT HAPPEN, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP PLEASE CONTACT
MEGAN GROSSMAN, 614-905-2629

☞ CALENDAR ☞

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

CHOIR SUNDAY

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Congregational Vote (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, JUNE 2

11:00am Property Team (204)
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
 6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (103-4)
 6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE

6:30am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)
 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
 11:00am OWLS Planning (102)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH, FLC)
 7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

1:30pm Small Group (102)

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
 6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Sunday School
 10:30am Small Group (Chapel)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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.

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