

NEWS NOTES

June 14-15, 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 Ringers

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

Greeters

11:00am: Carol Rich

NE: Lynda Berry

Ushers

4:00pm: Michael Gibboney, Stephen Henry

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

11:00am: Garhett Koethke, Dave Clark, George Gonsowski, Larry Sutton

Readers

4:00pm: Karen Colwell

8:15am: Pam Wittenberg

11:00am: Christine Hank

Contemporary: Ethan Czaplicki, Cindy Dye

Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman

Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

Contemp. Prep: Cindy Dye

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: David Sweeley

8:15am: Betty Lewis, Sarah Schmitz

11:00am: Wayne and Carla Beavers, Caroline Koethke

Contemporary: Cindy Dye, Jennifer Shade, Gini Rogers

Acolytes

8:15am: Cordelia Wanner, Truman Allman

11:00am Nick Althoff, Lukas Althoff

Lessons Today: Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of our parents Jack and Cathryn Lyday and Beulah and Robert Hughes. Given by Richard and Evelyn Lyday.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of our 57th wedding anniversary. Given by Dellno and Betty Lewis.

BULLETINS: To the glory of our heavenly Father. Given by David and Lisa Stallard.

BULLETINS: In thankfulness for Carol Penrod, especially during the loss of my husband, Michael Holcomb. She guided me to St. John's and my faith journey. It is evident she has a pure heart! Given by Shelia Holcomb.

✧ PERSONAL NEWS ✧

"St. John's, thank you so much for the graduation gifts. I'm sorry I couldn't make it. It meant a lot to me and I am very grateful to be a part of a church that cares! Thanks again for the kindness and prayers." ~ Briley Waller.

RETIREMENT GIFTS AND CARDS FOR PASTOR SETH JERSILD: Pastor Seth Jersild is retiring from his position at St. John's at the end of June. God has richly blessed our congregation with Pastor Seth's gifted leadership for these last seven years. As sad as we are that he is leaving us, we are also very excited for him as he looks forward to life in North Carolina. A special retirement event will be held on Sunday, June 29, 2025, during the Sunday School hour from 9:15-10:30am with breakfast finger foods being served. We will shower him generously with our expressions of appreciation for his ministry here over these last several years. Cards can be dropped off in the office or Megan or Pastor Patti's mailbox.

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS! On June 8th, we formally welcomed the following new members into our fellowship at St. John's:

The Beathard Family

Marcia Downs

Steve and Debra Isaac

Theresa Colburn

Shelia Holcomb

Linda Lewis

Ron and Judy Conklin

Jaqueline Honeck

Julie Wittenberg

We rejoice and give thanks to God for bringing them to us! Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey with Christ at St. John's.

✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧

TORNADO RELIEF – Rebuilding Redeemer Lutheran Church (KY): On May 16, a F-4 tornado that went through Kentucky and directly hit Redeemer Lutheran Church in Somerset, Kentucky. We ask our church family to keep Redeemer Lutheran Church and their congregation in urgent prayers. If anyone is so inclined, contributions to rebuild are also appreciated. Donations for the Rebuild Fund can be sent directly to **Redeemer Lutheran Church**, PO Box 742, Somerset, KY, 42502. Or, we have a Go Fund Me set up at <https://gofund.me/9720f2c1>.

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!

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!

BABY BOTTLE CONTRIBUTIONS HONOR DADS: Please return your filled Baby Bottle by Father's Day! Father's Day is Today, Sunday, June 15! It's a fun and important day to show appreciation to our conscientious and caring dads. It is also the date to return the Baby Bottle you picked up on Mother's Day to fill with coins, currency, or check for the annual Baby Bottle Campaign sponsored by Pregnancy Decision Health Center (PDHC).

Your generous donation provides life-giving services for mothers with an unexpected or difficult pregnancy. Once the baby is born, PDHC provides access to diapers, clothing, and toys for those parents who participate in parenting training. Thank you for expressing a passion for life and compassion for those in need at this vulnerable time through your prayers for families in crisis. Your donation to the Baby Bottle Campaign is much appreciated.

The Respect Life Team at St. John's welcomes new members who possess a passion for the sanctity of life at all stages. Please call Carol at 614-871-2484 for more information. Thank you.



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.



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.

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.

✠ SUMMER HYMN SCHEDULE ✠

June 8	858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 623 Rock of Ages 856 How Great Thou Art
June 15	413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty In the Garden 705 God of Grace and God of Glory
June 22	731 Earth and All Stars 487 What Feast of Love (Greensleeves) Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
June 29	O Say Can You See 888 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 890 Mine Eyes have Seen the Glory
July 6	654 The Church's One Foundation 697 Just a Closer Walk with Thee 574 Here I Am, Lord
July 13	Through the Years and through the Age 595 Jesus Loves Me 661 I Love to Tell the Story
July 20	732 Borne Cry 638 Blessed Assurance 756 Eternal Father, Strong to Save
July 27	660 Lift High the Cross 742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus 779 Amazing Grace
August 3	787 On Eagle's Wings 335 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross 733 Great Is Thy Faithfulness
August 10	767 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me 773 Precious Lord, Take My Hand 344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor
August 17	422 For All the Saints 728 Blessed Are They 838 Beautiful Savior
August 24	793 Be Thou My Vision 471 Let Us Break Bread Together 537 On Our Way Rejoicing
August 31	785 When Peace Like a River 592 Just As I Am, Without One Plea Onward Christian Soldiers

YOUTH NEWS

ONE WEEK AWAY UNTIL VBS!! Pre-registration closes this Friday, June 20th at 8pm. Any student that is finishing grades 7-12 should contact Gini Rogers to volunteer and attend student training on **June 22nd during the Sunday School hour at 9:30am.**



Please check for any last VBS donations needed that can be found on the boards near both church entrances to contemporary and traditional services. Please grab a few cards and return items by this Friday, June 20th!

Our **teacher meeting** will be **SUNDAY, JUNE 22th**, after the late service 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!



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

OR, MARK THIS WEEKEND'S SALMON SHEET

STEWARDSHIP

ATTENDANCE

June 8 - 293

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.



☞ CALENDAR ☞

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)

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
7:00pm Council (103-4)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)

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

1:30pm	Small Group (102)
6:00pm	SEOMD Meeting (Lib)

8:00am *Promise Keepers (103-4)*
 9:00am *Eagle Mailing Team (204)*
 12:00pm *Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC))*
 3:00pm *Women's Bible Study (103-4)*
 5:00pm *Children's Choir (Chapel)*
 6:00pm *Women's Bible Study (103-4)*

9:30am Bible Study (103-4)
10:30am Bulletin Team (Lib)
11:30am OWLS (FLC, Kit)
6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
8:30pm AA (FH)

12:00pm Private Event (FH)
12:30pm Columbus Miniature Society (FLC)
1:00pm Saturday Bible Study (103-4)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])
8:00pm Private Event (FLC)

8:15am	Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am	Sunday School
9:30am	VBS Teen Training (Confirmation Room)
10:30am	Small Group (Chapel)
11:00am	Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am	Contemporary Worship (FLC)
12:00pm	VBS Teacher Training (103-4)
6:00pm	Saddles n Such 4-H (FH)

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.

1. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1997; 277: 1001-1005.

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