

# NEWS NOTES

July 12-13, 2025

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Pastor Don Allman, 8:15 and 11:00am



Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Guest Organist Brian Johnson

Nick Grossman and David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

### ✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

#### **Greeters**

11:00am: Keith and Jane Stenerson

NE: Linda Diehl

#### **Ushers**

4:00pm: Michael Gibboney, Stephen Henry

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

11:00am: Dave Clark, Bill Diehl, Garhett Koethke, Tom Lang

#### **Readers**

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Rita Orahood

11:00am: Warren Grody

Contemporary: Lydia Shrum, Cindy Dye

#### **Altar Guild**

Dave and Karen Grossman

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Contemporary Prep: Cindy Dye

#### **Communion Assistants**

4:00pm: Bill Woodgeard

8:15am: Linda Wagner, Sarah Schmitz

11:00am: Dave and Karen Grossman, Lisa Stallard

Contemporary: Cindy Dye, Jackie Rutan, Kate Shrum

#### **Acolytes**

8:15am: Corban Allman, Truman Allman

11:00am: Eva Counts

**Lessons Today:** Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37.

### **DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In honor of Miles Pierre's 11th birthday. Given by his grandparents, Terry and Teresa Orahood.

**PULPIT FLOWERS and BULLETINS:** In memory of John MacKenzie's birthday. Given by Cynthia, Mackenzie, Donna, David, Eryka, and Averil.

**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.

## **☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞**

**OWLS EVENT – JULY 18:** 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! And it's a great way to make a friend!

Greg Finzer will be our guest speaker. He will share the history and hopes for the future of St. John's Bed Brigade. There are a lot of numbers used to tell the story – over 429 beds built and given away this year, 660 people on the waiting list and a wait time of 8 months. Take a minute and think about these children who don't have the luxury of sleeping in their own bed with a warm blanket, sheets and a fluffy pillow. The congregation of St. John's appreciates the hard work and dedication of the team behind the success. We hope you join us and learn more.

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 insert in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation so the group can plan accordingly. You can also call the office or Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. Hope to see you there!



### **GREAT WOMEN OF THE BIBLE STUDY:** **DATE CHANGE**

Please note that the next meeting date has changed. The next meeting for Great Women of the Bible will be Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Be sure to attend!**

## **FROM YOUR PROPERTY TEAM**

It takes all of us working together to ensure that St. John's buildings and grounds are well-kept and maintained. We truly appreciate the support of members and groups who use our facilities and leave the areas clean and organized — thank you!

The Property Team continues to move throughout the church, meeting with various ministries to understand how we can best support their storage needs and maintenance requests.

We kindly ask for everyone's help with the following:

- **Coordinate all matters related to our physical spaces** with Jason Bosse, our Facilities and Grounds Manager.
- **Notify a member of the Property Team** with any questions, concerns, or proposed projects.
- **Leave every area cleaner and more organized than you found it.** This simple habit helps us keep our facilities welcoming to all.
- **Keep all items at least 24 inches from the ceiling** in rooms and closets to ensure compliance with fire codes.
- **Use the provided sign holders and bulletin boards** when promoting events. Please avoid taping signs to doors, windows, or walls — tape damages surfaces we've worked hard to maintain.
- **Donate thoughtfully.** Items should be placed only in the collection area designated for that ministry. If you have items you think the church might need, check with the relevant ministry leader or leave a message with the church secretary. Someone will follow up to determine whether the items are suitable. Unsolicited donations can create clutter and extra work for others.
- **Volunteer to help care for our outdoor spaces.** Please indicate your availability on the salmon sheet.

Your cooperation helps keep St. John's clean, organized, and inviting for everyone. Thank you for doing your part!

Let's work together with these simple reminders:

- **See a weed? Pull it!**
- **Spill something? Wipe it up!**
- **See some trash? Throw it away!**
- **Drop some crumbs? Clean them up!**

— The Property Team

**RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE** – Work is expected to begin July 21 on the renovation projects that were approved at the special congregational meeting. The plan is to install the new HVAC units July 21 thru August 25. New lighting controls are scheduled for the week of July 21. Scaffolding for the bell tower work is currently scheduled to begin the week of August 4, with completion of repairs by October 6. Stained glass work is planned to begin at the beginning of September. Updates will be provided as the project progresses.

**SECURITY TEAM MEMBER NEEDED:** St. John's needs an additional Security Team member. The tasks typically take an hour each night. The team member schedule is 14 days working, 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](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org).



**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](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org). Requests are updated on a weekly basis.

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

**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.

## YOUTH NEWS

**Come join us at SUMMER FUN!!** This event is for youth who just finished grades 5 and 6! Our theme is Trust Jesus, a continuation from VBS, that we will center some fun activities, faith devotion, and fellowship time around! Join us **on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:00-7:00pm** for Summer Fun! We will start in the FLC at St. John's and dinner is included. Questions? Ask Christina! ☺ Don't miss out—hope to see you there!

**MISSION: POSSIBLE** has gotten off to a great start this summer with our first two events! Middle and high schoolers have served throughout our community by shopping with funds collected during the Souper Bowl for the Grove City Food Pantry (793 items donated!) and built 30 beds with Bed Brigade. We've also been highlighting often underrated characters from the Bible, including Rahab and Samson, who act as powerful agents of change for God!

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, will take place on **Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 2-8pm** - we'd love to see you there!







## STEWARDSHIP

### ATTENDANCE

July 6 - 211

**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](http://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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## ☞ CALENDAR ☞

### **SUNDAY, JULY 13**

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)

### **MONDAY, JULY 14**

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)  
6:00pm Exercise Class (FLC)  
6:00pm Small Group (102)  
7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)  
7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)

### **TUESDAY, JULY 15**

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)

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 16**

1:30pm Small Group (102)

### **THURSDAY, JULY 17**

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)  
5:00pm Memorial Dinner (FLC, Kit)

### **FRIDAY, JULY 18**

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

### **SATURDAY, JULY 19**

12:30pm Cols. Miniature Society (SH [FLC])  
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

### **SUNDAY, JULY 20**

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)

### **THE QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

will take place in the Sanctuary at 9:30am on Sunday, July 27.

Please plan to attend.

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

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Adult Faith Discussion, FH Rm 001 / 1 Corinthians, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Rm 009 / Grades 2 – 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.