

NEWS NOTES

July 19-20, 2025

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pastor Patti Morlock | (740)-405-1548 | pmorlock@stjohnsgc.org

Guest Pastor Jeff Morlock, 4:00pm and Contemporary



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: Lynda Berry

NE: Don and Diane Carducci

Ushers

4:00pm: Michael Gibboney, Stephen Henry

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

11:00am: George Gonsowski, Garhett Koethke, Larry Peterson, Larry Sutton

Readers

4:00pm: Karen Colwell

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Cindy Gonsowski

Contemporary: Hope Katterhenrich, Steven Katterhenrich

Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis

Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Michael Gibboney

8:15am: Ann Jones, Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Gloria Biggs, Lynda Berry, Linda Diehl

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich, Gini Rogers, Kate Shrum

Acolytes

8:15am: Cordelia Wanner, Truman Allman

11:00am Lukas Althoff, Nick Althoff

Lessons Today: Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of 11 years of wedded bliss. Given by Stephen and Denise Linder.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In honor of Karen Whyte's birthday. Given by her friends.

BULLETINS: In honor of our 50th wedding anniversary. Given by Dave and Karen Grossman.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

✧ PERSONAL NEWS ✧

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Phil Pennington**, who passed away on July 15, 2025. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧



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 this coming Thursday, July 24th. Be sure to attend!

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.



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.

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.

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 work 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:

- **Communicate issues and needs about our physical spaces** to Jason Bosse, our Building and Grounds Manager.
- **Notify a member of the Property Team** with 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 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.

— The Property Team

SPOTLIGHT ON SCOUTING: **Boy Scout Troop 392** gives a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to St. John's Lutheran Church pastors, leaders and staff, and all of our community! Our church has been the chartering organization for **Boy Scout Troop 392** for many decades. We appreciate having space to meet year-round inside and outside, A safe place to house our equipment storage shed and travel trailer, ample opportunities to give service to our community, and your support and prayers for our young men. Through the Scouting program Scouts develop key character traits to live out the Scout Oath and Law. Current SJC Youth and active 392 Scouts are: **Michael and Jaxxon Baldree, David Clark, Jackson and Steven Czaplicki, Matthew Little and Ben Previts.**

At this year's summer camp, seven (7) Scouts and five (5) Scouters (supporting adult leaders) attended **Camp Beaumont** as one of the 30 Troops and 450+ people. Now that's a lot of Scouting going on!

<https://www.beaumontscoutreservation.org/> states, *"Beaumont Scout Reservation is a full-service Scout Reservation with forests, fields, wetlands and lakes, sitting on 1,260 acres along the Grand River in Rock Creek, Ohio, (approximately 40 miles east from downtown Cleveland, Ohio)." Due to the camp's size, our troop hauls a trailer with each Scout's bicycles so they can travel efficiently between activity sites. Our Scouts had a 78% completion rate on their Merit Badge goals and one Scout ranked up to First Class! They won the camp's annual Gate Competition which challenges Scouts to erect a gate using pioneering skills lashing together fallen tree limbs to display their flag high in the sky. We are incredibly proud of these young men who persevered through some of the hottest temperatures and high humidity on record for northeast Ohio in late June.*

Boy Scout Troop 392 meets every Tuesday 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the SJC Picnic Shelter, the FLC or Rooms 103-104 (weather dependent – outside summer & fall, inside winter & spring). Every month the troop explores the world on adventures near and far doing activities like canoeing, hiking, fishing, camping, cooking and more. We welcome young men ages 11-17 years (or 10 yrs. old and have completed 5th grade or Cub Scout Arrow of Light). We also welcome adults interested in working with youth helping them grow. To learn more, view our website at www.grovecitytroop392.com, or contact Scoutmaster Dan Czaplicki via email troop.392.scoutmaster@gmail.com or by phone 380-799-2646.

Scout Oath: On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law: A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, Reverent.

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.

⌘ 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 21st, 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 26th from 2-8pm** - we'd love to see you there!

⌘ STEWARDSHIP ⌘

ATTENDANCE July 13 - 295

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIVING TO ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES!

☞ CALENDAR ☞

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)

MONDAY, JULY 21

11:00am Funeral Service (Sanc, FLC, Kit)
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
2:00pm SUMMER FUN! (FLC, 103-4)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)

TUESDAY, JULY 22

6:30am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)
9:30am Quilters (103-4)
6:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
6:30pm Contemporary Worship Band (FLC)
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH, FH)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

1:30pm Small Group (102)

THURSDAY, JULY 24

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
2:00pm Small Group (Café)
3:00pm Women's Bible Study (103-4)
5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
5:00pm Women's Bible Study (103-4)

FRIDAY, JULY 25

9:30am Bible Study (103-4)
6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, JULY 26

2:00pm MISSION: Possible! (FLC, 103-4)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

SUNDAY, JULY 27

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am **QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (Sanc)**
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 1st 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.