

# NEWS NOTES

July 26-27, 2025

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Pastor Jeff Morlock, Sunday Traditional



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: Diane Sexton

NE: Christine Hank

#### **Ushers**

4:00pm: Michael Gibboney, Stephen Henry

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

11:00am: Dave Clark, Bill Diehl, Tom Lang, Larry Sutton

#### **Readers**

4:00pm: Lisa Dubos

8:15am: Judy Taylor

11:00am: Bonnie Swanson

Contemporary: Beth Katterhenrich,  
Emma Grossman

#### **Altar Guild**

Lynda Berry, Sarah Schmitz

Gloria Biggs

Contemporary: Theresa Wahl

#### **Communion Assistants**

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Tim and Christina Allman

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

Contemporary: Brad and Theresa Wahl,  
Beth Katterhenrich

#### **Acolytes**

8:15am: Corban Allman, Addy Gottshall

11:00am: Riley Millet, Wes Millet

**Lessons Today:** Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13.

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In celebration of Corbin Allman's 16th birthday. Given by mom, dad, and Truman.

**ALTAR, PULPIT, AND LECTERN FLOWERS:** In memory of my loving husband, Michael Holcomb, on his birthday. Mikey's forgiving nature, generosity, and kindness will never be forgotten. He had an unwavering love for Gospel music. Return to sender! Given by Shelia Holcomb.

**BULLETINS:** In gratefulness for my many blessings. Given by Vi Davis.

**BULLETINS:** Given by Rhonda Maynard.

### **✧ PERSONAL NEWS ✧**

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of **Phil Pennington**, who passed away on July 15, 2025; and to the family and friends of **Betty Heidebrink**, mother of Glenda Allman, who passed away on July 20, 2025. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

### **✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧**

**SECURITY TEAM MEMBER NEEDED:** **St. John's needs a 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).

**OWLS EVENT – AUGUST 15, 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! And it's a great way to make a friend! **NOTE:** Everyone is welcome to join us but it helps the planning committee if you either use the salmon sheet included in the weekly bulletin or call the office or Bonnie Swanson to make your reservation. And if your plans change, please call to cancel.

Our August speaker was featured on the cover of the most recent Discover Grove City and the story of his personal struggle and others with the trauma. Lt. Tom Bolin is a Grove City resident, firefighter for Norwich Township and an advocate for first responders' mental health. We will also be welcoming his furry friend and therapy dog Finn. First responders cannot avoid the trauma, but they can create healthy coping mechanisms to mitigate its effect.

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 11:15am so we can open the meeting at 11:30am. Use the salmon sheet 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!

**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!

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC!** On August 24th at 10:45am, we will combine our three Sunday worship services into one grand outdoor worship event! Bring lawn chairs and dress casual as we gather by our Shelter House to praise God under His clear blue sky. Note that the 4pm worship service will be held as usual Saturday, August 23rd, but please join us on Sunday for the picnic!

The **Church Picnic** will be here before you know it! We have set aside Sunday, August 24th for this time of fellowship. We will gather in the Shelter House (weather permitting) immediately following the **Outdoor Worship Service**. Everything will be provided for the picnic; however, we will be collecting a 'free will offering' to help offset the cost. All donations will be greatly appreciated! Please bring a dessert to share.

**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!*

**HELP AND HOPE FOR ALEX!** Alex Rogers is a GCHS graduate (class of 2005) and was recently diagnosed with stage 3 cancer. You may know him or know of him as the media guy who took the drone picture of the congregation outside the Sanctuary for the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Alex is involved with many things within the Grove City community and beyond, and he could really use the community's help right now to rally around him in this difficult time. There will be a Community Fundraiser on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Grove City Brewing Company and Plum Run Winery, 3946 Broadway, Grove City.

If you can't attend on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, maybe consider making a monetary donation because everything helps. You can donate:

- **In person** anytime at Grove City Brewing Co./Plum Run Winery
- **Venmo:** @MaryMulvany
- **PayPal:** marymulvany1@gmail.com

Please indicate that your money is for the Rogers Family. No amount is too small – your generosity means the world. Thank you for standing with Alex and the whole Grove City community!

**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.

**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](mailto:sj@stjohnsgc.org), or in the church office secure slot.

## YOUTH NEWS

**Joyful Pause:** It's a summer open house at St. John's on Thursday, August 14! Times are 9:30am to 12:30pm and 5:30 – 8:30pm. Stop by for either session (or come to both)! We will have tables set up in the gym with various activities: games, puzzles, arts and crafts... plus open gym! Pizza and drinks will be available around lunch and dinner time. **All ages, young and old, are welcome.** Invite your friends and neighbors! Contact Karrie Clark with questions at karriejclark@gmail.com.

Please Note: This event is for families to take a pause and get together, spending time with one another. This is not meant to be a drop-off event. Enjoy this time as a way to connect with your family and others.

## STEWARDSHIP

**ATTENDANCE**      July 20 -    297

**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.



## ☞ CALENDAR ☞

### **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)

### **MONDAY, JULY 28**

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)  
6:00pm Exercise Class (FLC)  
6:00pm Small Group (101)  
7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)  
7:00pm Respect Life (102)  
7:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)

### **TUESDAY, JULY 29**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 30**

1:30pm Small Group (102)

### **THURSDAY, JULY 31**

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 1**

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

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 2**

12:00pm Private Event (SH [FLC])  
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 3**

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.