

# NEWS NOTES

August 2-3, 2025

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Pastor Don Allman, 4pm and 8:15am 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: David and Lisa Stallard

NE: Sheryl Fraley

#### **Ushers**

4:00pm: Michael Gibboney, Stephen Henry

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

11:00am: Dave Clark, Bill Diehl, George Gonsowski, Larry Sutton

#### **Readers**

4:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Rita Orahood

11:00am: Sheryl Fraley

Contemporary: Karrie Clark, Rachel Katterhenrich

#### **Altar Guild**

David and Lisa Stallard

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

Contemporary: The 7th-12th Grade

Sunday School Classes

#### **Communion Assistants**

4:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Kathy Myers, Teresa Orahood

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

Contemporary: Gini Rogers, Jennifer

Shade, Karrie Clark

#### **Acolytes**

8:15am: Colton Thompson, Ben Previts

11:00am Riley Millet

**Lessons Today:** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21.

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of my mother, Lucille Cauchi's birthday. Given by the Orahod family.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of my mom, Jan Singleton, for her birthday. Given by her daughter, Sky Eckel.

**LECTERN FLOWERS:** In honor of Lucille Cauchi, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Happy beloved birthday. Given by Rita Orahod.

**BULLETINS:** In memory of my husband, Dwight E. Campbell, and our son, Dwight Jr. Given by Mary Campbell.

**BULLETINS:** Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

### **✧ PERSONAL NEWS ✧**

**On August 8th, Howard McCarley will be turning 95!** Let's surprise him with a shower of Happy Birthday cards. He is a member of the Sunday School Chapel Class and played the organ for the class for many years.

**Mail to:** 5511 Timberlake Circle  
Orient, OH 43146.

### **✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧**

**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.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th IS BACKPACK BLESSING!** Students, of all ages, and teachers! Bring your backpack or lunchbox with you to church on **Sunday, August 17th** and pastors will say a special blessing over you, your backpacks, your lunchbox, and your school year during worship.

**Blessing of the  
Backpacks  
and the  
School Year**



**NEW PHONE DIRECTORIES** are available! Stop by the office to pick one up.

**SECURITY TEAM MEMBER NEEDED FOR ST. JOHN'S.** The tasks typically take an hour each night. The team member schedule is 14 days working, followed by 28 days off. Contact the office regarding this unique and flexible opportunity: 614-875-2314, [secretary@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org).



**EAGLE DEADLINE is next Sunday.**

Please submit your September article by noon on **August 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**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.

**WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, August 9th at 9am and on Tuesday, August 26th 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.

*Prayer Shawl  
Ministry*



**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.

**TWICE-A-MONTH MONDAY EXERCISE CLASS:** Please join us every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 meetings will be on August 11<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup>.**



**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!



**RALLY DAY AND BIBLE SUNDAY:** Rally Day will be September 7<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School Hour. Age 2 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the gym. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades will have confirmation orientation in the confirmation room.

This year, Rally Day will also be Bible Sunday!! The following groups will receive an age-appropriate Bible as a gift from the congregation during the worship services: starting pre-school, in pre-school, kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If you have a child in one of these groups, please plan on attending worship September 7<sup>th</sup>.



**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!*

**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.

**THE GROVE CITY FOOD PANTRY** is in dire need of the following due to a reduction in donations. Box potatoes, pasta, stuffing mix, jelly, and peanut butter. These items may be dropped off at St. John's in the Link cabinet labeled Food Pantry. Monetary donations would also be appreciated.

**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.***

**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!

**LOST AND FOUND:** Please check the Lost & Found bin located in the North Entrance coat area if you have lost or found any items in the church. For small items, such as rings, earrings, or headphones, please check with the office Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm. Eyeglasses may be donated after several weeks.

**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.

**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.

## 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](mailto: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.



**MISSION: POSSIBLE** is our summer service event for middle and high school students, and we've had a busy summer so far! Our youth have served throughout our community by shopping for the Grove City Food Pantry, building beds with Bed Brigade, donating activity bags to the Ronald McDonald House, and completing service projects around our church. We've also been highlighting often underrated characters from the Bible, including Obadiah, Priscilla, and Aquila, who acted as powerful agents of change for God!



Your mission, should you choose to accept it, will take place on **Saturday, August 9th from 2-8pm** - we'd love to see you there!

## STEWARDSHIP

### ATTENDANCE

July 27 - 308

**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, 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)

## **MONDAY, AUGUST 4**

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

## **TUESDAY, AUGUST 5**

### **RAISE RIGHT DEADLINE**

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

## **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6**

1:30pm Small Group (102)

## **THURSDAY, AUGUST 7**

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
 2:00pm Small Group (Café)  
 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)

## **FRIDAY, AUGUST 8**

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

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 9**

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)  
 2:00pm MISSION Possible! (FLC, 103-4)  
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 10**

### **SEPTEMBER EAGLE ARTICLES DUE**

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

**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.

**August 10:** No Contemporary Worship.

**August 24:** No Youth Sunday School.

Come see us at Outdoor Worship and the Church Picnic!

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