

NEWS NOTES

August 9-10, 2025

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Organist Brian Johnston
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: Keith and Jane Stenerson
NE: Lynda Berry

Ushers

4:00pm: Mike Gibboney, Steve Henry
8:15am: Steve Marcum, David
Sweeley, Hunter Thompson
11:00am: Bill Diehl, Dennis Imbrock,
Tom Lang, Larry Sutton

Readers

4:00pm: Ann Jones
8:15am: Pam Wittenberg
11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman
Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Mike Gibboney
8:15am: Joel Baughman, Paul
Wittenberg
11:00am: Dave and Karen Grossman,
Dwight Henricksen

Acolytes

8:15am: Cordelia Wanner, Truman
Allman
11:00am Eva Counts

Lessons Today: Genesis 15:1-6; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In loving memory of our parents, Roy and Barb Grossman. Given by the family.

BULLETINS: To the Glory of God and in memory of Alice M. Katterhenrich. Given by Beth Katterhenrich.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

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



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.

EAGLE DEADLINE is Today! Please submit your September article by noon on **Sunday, August 10th**.

RALLY DAY AND BIBLE SUNDAY: Rally Day will be September 7th during the Sunday School Hour. Age 2 years old through 6th grade will meet in the gym. 7th and 8th 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, 3rd grade, 4th grade, 7th grade, and 8th grade. If you have a child in one of these groups, please plan on attending worship September 7th.

SMALL GROUP INFORMATION NEEDED: Pastoral Intern, Billie Fisch, is compiling a list of our small groups and their leaders. If you are currently leading a small group at St. John's, please contact Billie by email at bfisch@stjohnsgc.org. In your email, please include the small group leader, the day and time that you meet, and a good way to contact your group. Thank you in advance!

SECURITY TEAM MEMBER WANTED



DUE TO A RECENT VACANCY, THE SECURITY TEAM
NEEDS A NEW MEMBER. THE DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Walking the interior and exterior of the building
- Turning off lights
- Checking that doors are locked, and locking them where needed
- Noting when things need to be fixed.

The schedule for the Team member is 14 days
and typically takes an hour each night.

The compensation is \$12/hr.

If interested, please contact the office:

614-875-2314, 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!

ATTENTION SINGERS! The Chancel Choir will soon be starting up after the summer break. Our first practice will be on Wednesday, September 3, at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

We look forward to welcoming back all returning members of the choir. But we also want to invite new members to join us as we praise God and lead the congregation in song. If you have been thinking about joining but have never felt that it was the right time, now is that time! We welcome singers of all ages, from teenagers to retirees! Rehearsals are easy and fun. Plus, you have an instant group of friends who share a love of music and a desire to serve. I invite you to prayerfully consider this opportunity to "praise God from whom all blessings flow."

SARAH CIRCLE SERVICE PROJECT: One of the Service Projects the Sarah Circle does is Health Kits to the Grove City Pantry. Contents in each set are:

Dental Floss,	Emery Board,	One Dark Wash Cloth,
Nail Clippers,	Sturdy Comb,	Full Size Deodorant,
Two Bars of Wrapped Soap,		One Dark Bath Towel
and a Full Size Toothpaste (check expiration date)		

We have an over abundance of toothbrushes, so we are not requesting them this year. Please place your donations in the marked cabinet in the Link area. We will be assembling the kits at our Sept. 22nd meeting. Your consideration with this project is very much appreciated by the Sarah Circle members and all who will be receiving these Health Kits. Any questions, please contact Jane Stenerson, 614-875-8057. Thank you.

Women's Tea Party

You were created for such a time as this.

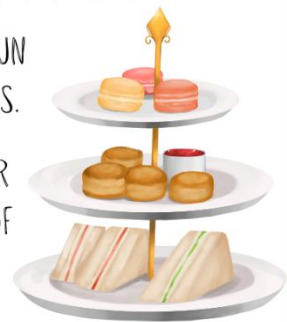


SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH
10:00AM-1:00PM

ALL MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, SISTERS, GRANDMAS, AND AUNTS—WOMEN OF ALL AGES—ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL MORNING OF FELLOWSHIP AND ENCOURAGEMENT! TOGETHER, WE'LL CELEBRATE HOW YOU ARE GOD'S TREASURED CREATION: VALUED, CHOSEN, AND MADE FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS.

ENJOY A LIGHT LUNCH, SWEET TREATS, TEA AND COFFEE, FUN GAMES, AND UPLIFTING MESSAGES FROM INSPIRING SPEAKERS.

PUT ON YOUR FAVORITE PARTY DRESS, BRING A FRIEND OR LOVED ONE, AND COME BE REFRESHED IN THE COMPANY OF YOUR SISTERS IN CHRIST!



PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 31ST WITH THE NUMBER ATTENDING ON A SALMON SHEET OR CONTACT MEGAN GROSSMAN AT 614-905-2629 OR MGROSSMAN@STJOHNSGC.ORG

THE CALL TEAM for the Senior Pastor has been formed. The Call Team members are:

Kate Shrum

Neva Warren

Beth Katterhenrich

Steve Johnston

Dave Grossman

Karen Bentley

Look for updates on the congregational workshops through the announcements and in the NewsNotes soon.

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.

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.

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.

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 August 3 - 268

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.
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☞ CALENDAR ☞

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)

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

1:30pm Small Group (102)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
 3:00pm Women's Bible Study (103-4)
 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
 6:00pm Women's Bible Study (103-4)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

BACKPACK BLESSINGS

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Sunday School
 10:30am Small Group (Chapel)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Sanc)
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 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 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.

August 10: No Contemporary Worship.

August 24: Come see us at Outdoor Worship and the Church Picnic!

August 31: No Youth Sunday School.

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