

NEWS NOTES

August 16-17, 2025

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Pastor Jeff Morlock



Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Nick Grossman and David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

Greeters

11:00am: Cheryl Thompson

NE: Carol Rich

Ushers

4:00pm: Mike Gibboney, Steve Henry

8:15am: Steve Marcum, David

Sweeley, Hunter Thompson

11:00am: Don Carducci, Bill Diehl,

George Gonsowski, Larry

Peterson

Readers

4:00pm: Charlie Brown

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Christine Hank

Contemporary: Hope Katterhenrich,

Jackie Rutan

Altar Guild

Don and Diane Carducci

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Contemporary: Theresa Wahl

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: David Sweeley

8:15am: Ann Jones, Linda Wagner

11:00am: Wayne and Carla

Beavers, Caroline Koethke

Contemporary: Brad and Theresa

Wahl, Kate Shrum

Acolytes

8:15am: Colton Thompson, Ben

Previts

11:00am Nick Althoff, Levi Greer

Lessons Today: Jeremiah 23:23-29; Hebrews 11:29--12:2; Luke 12:49-56.

✧ PERSONAL NEWS ✧

"I said many times, adamantly, that we were not giving up. That as long as we had a road to recovery, we would stay on it. The path was paved by the doctors and surgeons whom continued to tell us "Phil has a chance". All we needed was to hear those words. Words that Phil, Kristen, Kelly, Joe and I were told.

"Words that we lived by every day of this constant fight to win, to overcome a failing body, to awake with a renewed glimmer of hope from the day before. Day after day of battling and pushing to heal lungs that were so fragile from four trips to the operating room and pneumonia that continued to creep back. We prayed. We cried. We asked God for healing. We asked for strength, and then mercy. Our pastors visited and prayed. The pastor and congregation from the church Phil's grandfather started prayed relentlessly, "In Phil's words".

"We stayed together in the Critical Care Unit this last time for 55 days as a family, never leaving. This was our new home. We continued on the road, the path, the fight. After waiting and watching and praying, we found the path to a new journey, to a forever home without the pain and suffering of a body that could no longer battle. We gathered around as family, naming each child and grandchild, so our presence was felt and known. With the prayers of our pastor from St. John's and the pastor from Apostolic Gospel Church, we held him in our arms and watched him go on his last journey home. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

"Along with my children, I wish to thank St. John's for the many cards, food, love, and overwhelming support all the weeks while my husband was in the hospital. We are very thankful for the many visits from Pastor Seth and Pastor Cox with our grateful appreciation of Pastor Patti staying with Phil. We are without words for the outpouring of love at the visitation and service along with the meal. Many thanks to the Bereavement Team and all whom made their presence to remember Phil. We are forever grateful,"

~ Cindy Pennington and family.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Brooklyn Michelle Cress and Grandpa Link on their birthdays. Given by her grandparents, Larry and Becky Link.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Jack Lyday on his birthday. Given by Richard and Evelyn Lyday and Chuck and Debbie Manofsky.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In honor of Pam on her birthday, and in memory of Reverend Virgil Wittenberg on the anniversary of his marriage to Janet. Given by the Wittenbergs.

PULPIT FLOWERS AND BULLETINS: In memory of our husband and father David Mauch. Given by Mary Lou Mauch and Amy Mauch Shaw.

NOTES OF THANKS:

“Thank you so much for the many prayers, cards and support we received when our mom/grandma, Betty Heidebrink, went to her heavenly home. We feel so loved by our church family.” ~ The Allmans.

“Thank you to our wonderful Prayer Shawl ladies for the beautiful prayer shawls for our Binns Elementary School Students Grief Group! They absolutely loved each handmade prayer shawl!” ~ Pam Castle.

☞ 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.

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 causal 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 on Saturday, August 23rd, and 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.

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!

THE CALL TEAM for the Senior Pastor has been formed. Look for updates on the congregational workshops through the announcements and in the NewsNotes soon. The Call Team members are:

Kate Shrum

Neva Warren

Beth Katterhenrich

Steve Johnston

Dave Grossman

Karen Bentley

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."

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.

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.

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.

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 ✧

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 23rd from 2-8pm** - we'd love to see you there!

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

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 – check directly to the church on their 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.



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.

Women's Tea Party

You were created for such a time as this.

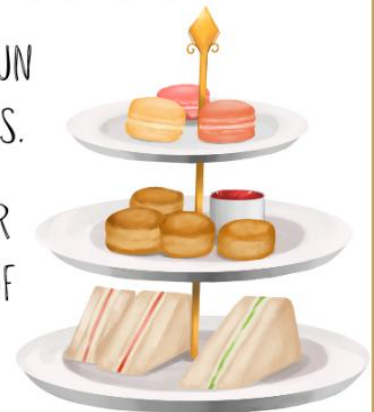


SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH
10:00AM-1:00PM

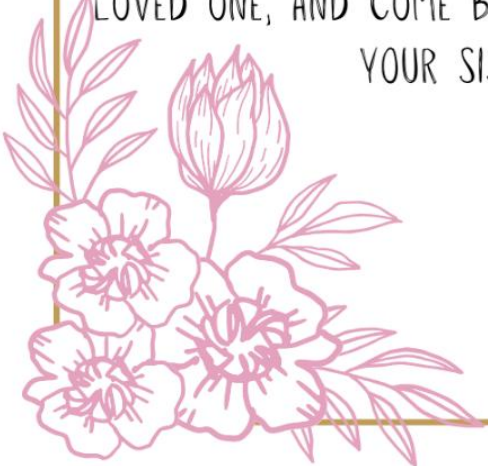
ALL MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, SISTERS, GRANDMAS, AND AUNTS—WOMEN OF ALL AGES—ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL MORNING OF FELLOWSHIP AND ENCOURAGEMENT! TOGETHER, WE'LL CELEBRATE HOW YOU ARE GOD'S TREASURED CREATION: VALUED, CHOSEN, AND MADE FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS.

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



☞ CALENDAR ☞

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)

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

9:30am BSF Kids Meeting (FH)
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
7:00pm Council (103-4)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)
7:00pm Respect Life (102)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)
9:30am Quilters (103-4)
5:50pm Friends of the Library (204)
6:30pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (SH, FH)
6:30pm Contemporary Band Reh. (FLC)
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH, 103-4)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

1:30pm Small Group (102)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
9:00am BSF Leaders (SH)
2:00pm Small Group (Café)
3:00pm Women's Bible Study (103-4)
5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
6:00pm Women's Bible Study (103-4)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

12:30pm Columbus Miniature Society (FLC)
2:00pm MISSION: Possible! (3rd Flr, FH)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Small Group (Chapel)
**10:45am Outdoor Worship
and Church Picnic (SH)**
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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

August 31: No Youth Sunday School.

September 1: Office Closed, Labor Day.

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