

# NEWS NOTES

August 23-24, 2025

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Nick Grossman and David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

### ✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

#### **Greeters**

11:45am: Cheryl Thompson  
Carol Rich

#### **Altar Guild**

Dellno and Betty Lewis

#### **Readers**

4:00pm: Holly Starr  
10:45am Kate Shrum, Stephen  
Katterhenrich

#### **Ushers**

4:00pm: Mike Gibboney, Steve  
Henry  
10:45am: Steve Marcum, Hunter  
Thompson

#### **Communion Assistants**

4:00pm: Holly Starr  
10:45am: Christine Hank, Bonnie  
Swanson

**Lessons Today:** Isaiah 58:9b-14; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17.

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

In memory of the birthday of David L. Gusa. Given by Frank and Jean Gusa.

## ✧ PERSONAL NEWS ✧

**NOTES OF THANKS:** “St. John’s Lutheran Church: I just want to thank you. I really appreciate the thoughts and prayers in my time of need. God bless you all,” ~ Deanna Neal and Family.

## ✧ TODAY’S NEWS ✧

**STUFF THE TRUCK:** You know of all the catastrophic storms and occurrences that have taken place recently in our country. Here's another opportunity for us to unite and be the "hands and feet" of Jesus for others in need! This year, instead of asking for a variety of items to Stuff the Truck, we request donations in the form of gift cards to either Lowes, Home Depot, or Walmart. All donated gift cards must be submitted to the church office no later than **noon on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**.

**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.

**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 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>.

**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. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Dartball is back!** All are welcome! Boys and girls, ladies and gentlemen, young and old. Dartball is easy to play. It is baseball played with darts that are thrown at a diamond shaped board with targets. St John's plays other area churches every Thursday night from September until mid-March. Become part of one of St John's oldest ministries! We have been playing for over 80 years. Join the fun! Contact Dwight H. at 614-323-6330 or [maxfliddh@yahoo.com](mailto:maxfliddh@yahoo.com).

**THE COLUMBUS MINIATURE SOCIETY** meets next in the Family Life Center on **Saturday, September 13th**. Refreshments are at 12:30 pm. The Club Business meeting begins at 1:00 pm, followed by a \$5 workshop. This month's workshop will be learning painting techniques to make things look weathered or aged. All are welcome for the meeting. If you are interested in participating in the workshop, please email Sheri at [shp678@yahoo.com](mailto:shp678@yahoo.com) **by September 1st** so we can prepare the correct amount of materials.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will be held on **Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>** in the Family Life Center from 12pm to 6pm. ***There is a strong need for donors with type O blood.*** To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2776) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: StJohnsGC.

**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.

**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 or email your prayer request to [secretary@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org). Requests are updated on a weekly basis.

**⌘ STEWARDSHIP ⌘**

<b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>	<b>August 10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>263</b>
	<b>August 17</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>257</b>

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

# Women's Tea Party

*You were created for such a time as this.*

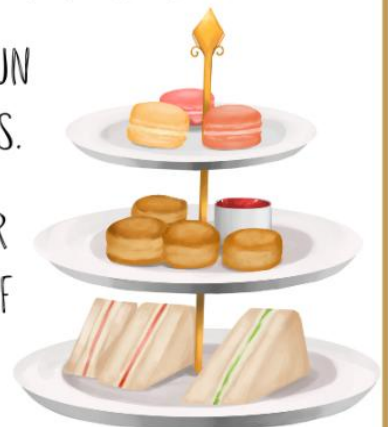


SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH  
10:00AM-1:00PM

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 24**

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

## **MONDAY, AUGUST 25**

9:30am BSF Leader Workshop (101-4)  
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)  
 3:00pm Convocation Follow up (103-4)  
 6:00pm Call Team (204)  
 6:00pm Exercise Class (FLC)  
 6:00pm Small Group (102)  
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)  
 7:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)

## **TUESDAY, AUGUST 26**

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)  
 9:30am Quilters (103-4)  
 10:00am Private Event (Sanc)  
 12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC)  
 6:00pm Internship Team (Lib)  
 6:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)  
 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH, 103-4)

## **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27**

1:30pm Small Group (102)

## **THURSDAY, AUGUST 28**

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

## **FRIDAY, AUGUST 29**

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

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 30**

4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 5:30pm Private Event SH)  
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 31**

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