

NEWS NOTES

August 30-31, 2025

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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✧ SERVING TODAY ✧

Greeters

11:00am: Shirley Blake

ND: Sheryl Fraley

Altar Guild

Bill and Linda Diehl

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich

Readers

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am Glenda Allman

11:00am: Eva Counts

Contemporary: Emma Grossman,

Beth Katterhenrich

Ushers

4:00pm: Mike Gibboney, Steve
Henry

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

11:00am: Rick Butsko, Dave Clark,
Bill Diehl

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Bill Woodgeard

8:15am Betty Lewis, Sarah Schmitz

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

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich,
Jackie Rutan, Beth
Katterhenrich

Lessons Today: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1,7-14.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

PULPIT FLOWERS: In memory of my daughter, Rosemary Anderson. Given by her mother Susie and family.

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

✧ PERSONAL NEWS ✧

WEDDINGS:

Congratulations to **Greg and Lisa Absten** who renewed their wedding vows in celebration of their 30th anniversary in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, August 26, 2025. May God continue to bless your life together!

Congratulations to **Owen Yokum and Kathryn Keil** who were married this weekend on Saturday, August 30, 2025. May God bless your new life together!

NOTES OF THANKS: Pastor Seth stated, *'that there are saints among us at St. John's.'* He was so correct! I found them. I have been blessed by the St. John's saints. They have shown me love, grace, mercy, and kindness.

One held my hand during prayer; I was given fresh corn; I was asked to join their Bible study group; I received many hugs; several acknowledge my presence; they always answer my questions; received a prayer shawl; and they have accepted me with an open heart into the church, Quilters class, Sarah Circle, and OWLS.

They have given me a purpose to go forward while grieving. Special thank you cards and letters gave me peace. The beautiful organ music lifts my spirits. Also, the sermons and readings are heart felt and eye opening. Thank you to everyone at St. John's Church. You will be blessed! ~ Shelia Holcomb

✧ 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 12th.***

GREETERS NEEDED for traditional services. We kindly request volunteers for 4pm and 8:15am to contact the office, 614-875-2314, and for 11am greeters to contact Linda Diehl, 614-906-1408.

ATTENTION SINGERS! The Chancel Choir will soon be starting up after the summer break. Our first practice will be this 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.

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.

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.

OWLS EVENT – SEPTEMBER 18, 2025. PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE TO THURSDAY. If you would ask almost any OWL (Older Wiser LutheranS) to name one of their favorite meetings of the year, I am pretty sure most of them would say “Der Dutchman! Of course!”. What’s not to like about a restaurant that is located in a beautiful country setting and the bounty of a country kitchen? They serve generous portions of hearty, home-style Amish Kitchen Cooking. They might not be as good as our Lutheran cooks, but we think they are pretty good. Their bakery is full of pastries, cakes, cookies, breads, and their legendary pies that are baked every day. And if you have any money left over, their gift shop is very inviting.

For the past couple of years, we have enjoyed a wonderful lunch catching up with those we don’t get to see often. So once again, we will skip the program and enjoy our friends and conversation! We are so pleased to be able to get together and enjoy our time together. God has blessed each of us by leading us to St. John’s and offering us the Christian fellowship that is priceless.

You can order from the menu which includes their buffet for \$19.49 which includes the salad bar, but it does not include your drink or pie. You can also choose from their lunch and dinner menu.

We are going to try something different with our travel arrangements instead of everyone meeting at the church to match riders with drivers. You will sign up on the salmon sheet as usual to attend, and then indicate if you are able to drive or need a ride to the restaurant. If you need extra help getting a ride, call Bonnie and she will help you!

We have reserved a private room, and we have a reservation for noon. If you are able and willing to drive, it would be greatly appreciated! Hope to see you there!

ARE YOU MISSING A DISH? Just a reminder: You might want to check in the cupboard in the kitchen which is titled "Dishes/trays from events." All dishes are put in this cupboard after all events. We are so blessed to have this space as it keeps our countertops available for the next event. Thank you to everyone who provides food for any event here at St. John's. Very much appreciated by all who are involved. Any questions, please contact Wilma Phillips at 614-875-7931. Thank you.

WOMEN'S TEA PARTY is next Saturday, September 6th from 10am-1pm.

You were created for such a time as this. 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 Sunday, August 31st with the number attending on this weekend's salmon sheet or contact Megan Grossman at 614-905-2629 or mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org.

GETTING READY FOR THE WOMEN'S TEA PARTY: Ladies, please join Pam and Charlotte in making a "fun fascinator clip" to wear at the Women's Tea Party which will take place on Saturday, September 6th. We will be making these on Thursday, September 4th in rooms 103-4 from 5-7:30pm. Please bring supplies to work on your project, including glue gun, hair band or clip, ribbon, organza or lace, flowers, or anything else you would like to include! Just for fun. Remember to match your outfit! Please RSVP by texting Pam at 614-588-3026.

PROPERTY TEAM MEMBERS – Due to Labor Day, the next meeting will be on **Monday, September 8th**. The Property Team typically meets 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.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP: Our worship services each week are beautified with wonderful music, smiling faces, and flowers. Making a flower dedication for the Altar, Pulpit, and Lectern is a wonderful way to remember or honor loved ones. **We presently have openings for September and October.** Reserve your date on the Altar Flowers Chart in the Parish Entrance. The two Altar Flowers are \$25 each, and the Pulpit and Lectern flowers may vary in price. All flowers may be picked up following the 11:00am worship service. If you do not intend to pick up your flowers, please let Lesa Corbin know by phone or text, 614-530-4984.

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 **by September 1st** so we can prepare the correct amount of materials.

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.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Submit your prayer requests on the back of this week's salmon sheet. You may also contact the church office by phone at 614-875-2314 or by email at secretary@stjohnsgc.org. Requests are updated on a weekly basis and should be turned in by Monday mornings.

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.

⌘ STEWARDSHIP ⌘

ATTENDANCE **August 24 - 158**

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

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

SUNDAY SCHOOL, all ages from 9:30am—10:30am. New classes start on Rally Day, September 7th!

Explorers and Energizers for grades 7—8 and 9—12 will start on October 1st, 7—8:30pm. Interested in being on the adult leadership team? Please connect with Interim Youth Director, Gini Rogers at grogers@stjohnsgc.org. Wednesday nights are a great night to connect with others, make friends, and grow in faith. Training for Adult Leaders is Wednesday, September 24th, 7pm—8:30pm

Adventure Club and Faith Trek start the next week, October 2nd. They meet weekly, 5:45 - 7:15pm. The greeter's table opens at 5:30pm. Suggested donation for the evening meal is \$3. Adventure Club is for ages 4 through 4th grade. Faith Trek is for 5th and 6th grade. Each group enjoys gym time, a meal with friends, arts and crafts, and an active learning Bible lesson. We have lots of teen and adult leaders who love spending the night with the children. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to join us. We also love our faith-webbing adult friends. Talk to Christina about joining us!

JOIN THE MINISTRY TEAM! Make a difference on THURSDAY NIGHTS by volunteering with Adventure Club and Faith Trek. Both meet on Thursday nights, 5:45pm - 7:15pm. Adult and teen leader training will be on September 25th, 5:45pm - 7:15pm. If you're able, let Christina know you're coming for a dinner head count.

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!*

☞ CALENDAR ☞

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Adult Sunday School
 No Youth Sunday School
 10:30am Small Group (Chapel)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

LABOR DAY, OFFICE CLOSED

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

1:30pm Small Group (102)
 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
 2:00pm Small Group (Café)
 3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
 5:00pm Women's Tea-Crafting (103-4)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:30am Bible Study (103-4)
 3:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
 6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

10:00am Women's Tea Party (103-4)
 12:00pm Private Event (FH)
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Confirmation Orientation (304)
 9:30am Men's Chorale (Sanc)
9:30am RALLY DAY (FLC)
 10:30am Small Group (Chapel)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 2:00pm Private Event (FLC)
 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.

SELAH ROOM: Rm 101, a quiet place available every Sunday from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

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