

# NEWS NOTES

September 6-7, 2025

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### ✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

#### **Greeters**

11:00am: *Bill and Linda Diehl*

#### **Altar Guild**

*Linda Vozel, Dee Harlor  
Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder*

#### **Acolytes**

8:15am: *Colton Thompson, Ben  
Previts*  
11:00am *Riley Millet*

#### **Readers**

4:00pm: *Holly Starr*  
8:15am *Kathy Myers*  
11:00am: *Karrie Clark*

#### **Ushers**

4:00pm: *Mike Gibboney, Steve  
Henry*  
8:15am: *Steve Marcum, David  
Sweeley, Hunter Thompson*  
11:00am: *George Gonsowski,  
Larry Sutton*

#### **Communion Assistants**

4:00pm: *Holly Starr*  
8:15am *Sarah Schmitz, Karen  
Bentley*  
11:00am: *Ron Nighbert, Dan  
Yeater, Lisa Stallard*

**Lessons Today:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33.

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of Suzi Hart. Given by Rhonda Maynard.

**LECTERN FLOWERS:** In honor of Layla Greer's 15th birthday on September 14th.  
Given by her grandparents, Bill and Chris Snashall, and her brother Levi.

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

**BULLETINS:** To the Glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Paul E. Katterhenrich.  
Given by Beth Katterhenrich.

**BULLETINS:** In Memory of the 2,977 Casualties and in Honor of all First Responders of the September 11 attack on our country. God Bless the U.S.A.

**BULLETINS:** In blessings of God for Carl Patzer's 95th birthday on September 6th.  
Given by Carl and Nancy Patzer.

### **☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞**

**RALLY DAY AND BIBLE SUNDAY:** Rally Day will be today, September 7<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School Hour. Age 2 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the FLC. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades will have confirmation orientation in the confirmation room (304). 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: students 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>.

**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.

**EAGLE DEADLINE** is this coming Wednesday. Please submit your article by noon on **September 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**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 this Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.***

**PROPERTY TEAM MEMBERS** – The next meeting will be on **Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am and on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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.

**SARAH CIRCLE SERVICE PROJECT:** One of the service projects the Sarah Circle does is Health Kits to the Grove City Pantry. Contents needed for each set are: dental floss, full size toothpaste (check expiration date) full size deodorant, two bars of wrapped soap, and one dark bath towel. Please place your donations in the marked cabinet in the Link. We will be assembling the kits at our **September 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 kits. Any questions, please contact Jane Stenerson, 614-875-8057. Thank you.

**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!



**Dutchman  
Hospitality**

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!

**GODS LOVE UNIVERSITY:** GLU is a group of volunteers that communicate with our college attending students once a month for the school year. As a volunteer, you are asked to send an encouraging card to them once a month. We are looking for volunteers to connect with a student for the 2025-2026 school year. We are having a meeting on **Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** in the Chapel at 9am. Please join us if you are interested in being involved. It’s a great way to show college students that they are loved by St. John’s! If you have questions, please reach out to Gloria Biggs, 614-266-6157, or Suzie Brace, 614-313-1314.

**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 **September 8<sup>th</sup> and September 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**ARTS IN THE ALLEY MISSION SILENT AUCTION:** **September 19-21, 2025.** Arts in the Alley is quickly approaching and the Mexico/Alaska Missions are again having a silent auction to support the children in their walk with Jesus. If you have a new, hand-made, collectible item or a themed basket or gift card you would like to donate, please drop off your items to the church September 16-18th. Questions? Call or Text Diana at 614-271-5775. Thank you for continuing to support missions as we reach out to make heaven crowded!

**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.

**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 7th** so we can prepare the correct amount of materials.

**RETURN OF THE PUPPET TEAM!** Do you like corny jokes? Do you like telling stories about faith and Jesus? Do you like music ? You are a perfect person to help with PEACE Puppets. We are People Excited About Christian Evangelism, and we are looking for all ages! Monday nights at 6:30pm in the FLC. Children through adults invited. Reading skills can help. Counts as a service project too so bring the family! Jen Mitchell 614-774-6720.

**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.

**LAY READERS** are needed for the 8:15am and 11am worship services. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish entrance. Thank you for serving in this ministry. Contact Jo Dimond if you have any questions at 614-270-3291.

**BULLETIN DEDICATIONS:** Consider submitting a Bulletin Dedication in honor or in memory of loved ones, and to celebrate an event, milestone, birthday, or anniversary. Bulletin Dedications are only \$20.00. Reserve your preferred weekend date on the Bulletins Sign Up sheet on the Parish Entrance bulletin board. Please direct questions to Barb Armentrout at 614-875-2985.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org). Requests are updated on a weekly basis and should be turned in by Monday mornings.

## ☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

**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.

**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!

**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](mailto: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








## ☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

**ATTENDANCE**      **August 31 - 285**

**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.
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**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 & Kindergarten, Rm 009 / Grades 1-2, Rm 310 / Grades 3-4, Rm 307 / Grades 5-6, Rm 303 / Grades 7-8, Confirmation Room, 304 / Grades 9-12, High School Room, 311.

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

## ☞ CALENDAR ☞

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

#### **BIBLE SUNDAY**

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
**9:30am Confirmation Orientation (304)**  
**9:30am RALLY DAY (FLC)**  
 9:30am Men's Chorale (Sanc)  
 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)

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

9:30am BSF Leaders  
 11:00am Property Team (204)  
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)  
 6:00pm Exercise Class (FLC)  
 6:00pm Small Group (102)  
 6:30pm Life to Life Discipleship (204)  
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)  
 7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)  
 9:30am Quilters (103-4)  
 5:30pm Executive Team (Lib)  
 6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)  
 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH [103-4])

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

9:30am BSF  
 1:30pm Small Group (102)  
 3:00pm Home School Acting Class (FLC)  
 5:00pm Lion's Club (SH [FLC])  
 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)  
 7:00pm AA Living For Design (FH)  
 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
 3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)  
 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)  
 6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 Parent Meeting (FH)  
 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

9:30am Bible Study (103-4)  
 10:00am Ohio Mission Region Mtg. (102)  
 3:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)  
 4:00pm BSA Camp In and Clean Out (103-4)  
 6:00pm Private Event (FLC)  
 8:30pm AA (FH)

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)  
 12:30pm Columbus Miniature Society (FLC)  
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 4:00pm BSA Camp In and Clean Out (103-4)  
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 9:30am Men's Chorale (Sanc)  
 10:30am Small Group (Chapel)  
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)  
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)