

NEWS NOTES

September 13-14, 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: MD: Keith and Jane
Stenerson

ND: Lynda Berry

Acolytes

8:15am: Cordelia Wanner, Truman
Allman

11:00am: Lukas Althoff, Eva Counts

Readers

4:00pm: Lisa Dubos

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Bonnie Swanson

Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman

Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

Ushers

4:00pm: Mike Gibboney, Steve
Henry

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

11:00am: Bill Diehl, Larry Sutton, Dan
Yeater

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Lisa Dubos

8:15am: Tim and Christina Allman

11:00am: Dave and Karen
Grossman, Lisa Stallard

Lessons Today: Exodus 32:7-14; 1
Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

BULLETINS: In memory of Jim Rich for his birthday on September 10th. Given by Carol Rich.

✧ PERSONAL NEWS ✧

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Charles Hirth**, father of Dr. Scott Hirth, who passed away on September 7, 2025. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧

URGENT NEWS REGARDING ST. JOHN'S EMAIL: Recently, the primary email account of St. John's, secretary@stjohnsgc.org, was compromised, resulting in emails being sent containing links to open which will result in attempts to steal other email accounts. This is different from other scam emails we have seen in the past in that the valid church email account had been used. The scammers were able to corrupt the email account and up secondary authentication steps to take control in order to send messages to the contacts within. If you received one of these unsolicited emails, and clicked a link or opened an attachment, please contact your email admin, if possible, and make attempts to secure your inbox by changing your account login credentials. **While we attempt to resolve this issue, please send church communications to the secretary via this email address, kmullins@stjohnsgc.org.**

JOIN THE YOUTH 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.

LIFE-TO-LIFE DISCIPLESHIP ROOM/DATE CHANGE: Life-to-Life Discipleship will now be meeting in Room 304 (the Catechism Room). Additionally, we have made a change to one of our meeting dates. We will now be meeting on Sept. 22 instead of Sept. 16. The other meeting dates should not change. They are: Sept. 29, Oct. 6, Oct. 13, Nov. 3, and Nov. 10. If you have any questions, please contact Intern Billie Fisch at bfisch@stjohnsgc.org.

MEETINGS AT ST. JOHN'S: If you are planning to meet in one of the rooms at St. John's, first contact the office to verify the rooms are available. This is first and foremost a safety issue. If we do not know you are here and something catastrophic happens, we will not know to search for you. Knowing who is here, when and where, also supports the staff in feelings of being safe. Please notify the office of your meeting plans at least 2 days prior so we may have time to verify availability and schedule your space.

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 at 614-562-8002 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!

ST. JOHN'S SHORT-TERM MISSIONS SILENT AUCTION DURING ARTS

IN THE ALLEY: Come visit our Silent Auction set up in the beautiful new entrance during Arts in the Alley weekend! Bid on that one-of-a-kind handmade item, collectible, or themed basket. There is something for everyone! Bidding will be open after the parade on Saturday and will close at 2pm on Sunday. You may pick up and pay for your items until 4pm on Sunday. Thank you for supporting Missions!

ITEMS FOR MISSIONS SILENT AUCTION: 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!

PEACE PUPPET MINISTRY! 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.

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 22nd** 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.

GOD'S 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 27th** 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.

RESPECT LIFE invites you to an afternoon at the movies! Come join us on **Sunday, September 28th** for a viewing of the animated movie ***King of Kings***. This movie that features the voices of stars such as Uma Thurman, Mark Hamill, and Pierce Brosnan, tells the story of Jesus' life, framed by a father telling his son the story. We'll meet in room 103-4 to watch the movie, and we'll have discussion packets for families to take home after. We hope you can join us! For more information about the movie, go here: <https://www.angel.com/movies/king-of-kings>

CALL PROCESS UPDATE AND CONGREGATIONAL WORKSHOP: The Call Team has begun its important work. Steve Johnston is serving as Chair and Kate Shrum as Secretary. We have had our orientation with the NALC and are now moving forward in the call process.

Our **Congregational Workshop** will be held on **Saturday, October 4th, from 9:30am–3:30pm**, with lunch provided. This will be an important opportunity for all members to share input as we prepare our congregational profile. Please make every effort to attend, **and bring your Bible** as we gather together for prayer, discussion, and discernment.

Prayer for the Call Process: Gracious God, guide our Call Team with wisdom and unity. Prepare the pastor and family you are sending to us, and prepare our hearts to welcome them. Bless our congregation as we walk together in faith, trusting your Spirit and your perfect timing. In Jesus' name, **Amen**.

OFFICE HOURS are Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm.

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: 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 kmullins@stjohnsgc.org. Requests are updated on a weekly basis and should be turned in by Monday mornings.

SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE? Articles are due on **Wednesdays by 9am**. Please give your article directly to the office, or via email at kmullins@stjohnsgc.org.

✧ YOUTH NEWS ✧

Adventure Club and Faith Trek start 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. 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**

LEGO CLUB meets next on September 28! Come have lunch with us, hear a story from the Lego Bible, and play and build with Lego blocks! We'll meet in the FLC after late service and stay until 2:30pm. Lunch is provided! If you're able to, please RSVP to help us have the right amount of food. Tell Hope of Rachel Katterhenrich.

∞ STEWARDSHIP ∞

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

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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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 14

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Men's Chorale (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)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00am Private Event (FLC, Kit)
 9:30am BSF Leaders
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
 6:00pm Call Team (204)
 6:30pm Council (103-4)
 6:30pm PEACE Puppets (FLC)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve (FH)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)
 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
 4:00pm Quilt Show Judging (103-4)
 5:50pm Friends of the Library (204)
 6:30pm Contemporary Band Reh. (FLC)
 6:30pm Nominating Team (Lib)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:30am BSF
 1:30pm Small Group (102)
 3:00pm Home School Acting Class (FLC)
 6:00pm Quilt Show Judging (103-4)
 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Design For Living (FH)
 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00am Promise Keepers (102)
 9:00am Quilt Show Judging (103-4)
 12:00pm OWLS @ Der Dutchman
 2:00pm Small Group (Café)
 3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

ARTS IN THE ALLEY WEEKEND

9:30am Bible Study (101-2)
 3:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

ARTS IN THE ALLEY WEEKEND

10:00am MISSIONS SILENT AUCTION
 (Cafe)

10:00am Annual Quilt Show (FLC)
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

ARTS IN THE ALLEY WEEKEND

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Men's Chorale (Sanc)
 9:30am Sunday School

10:00am MISSIONS SILENT AUCTION
 (Cafe)

10:30am Small Group (Chapel)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 12:00pm Annual Quilt Show (FLC)

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