

NEWS NOTES

September 20-21, 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: Bonnie Swanson

ND: Linda Diehl

Ushers

4:00pm: Mike Gibboney, Steve Henry

8:15am: Steve Marcum, David

Sweeley, Hunter Thompson

11:00am: George Gonsowski,

Dennis Imbrock, Tom Lang,

Dan Yeater

Readers

4:00pm: Charlie Brown

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Sheryl Fraley

Contemporary: Jackie Rutan, Lydia

Shrum

Altar Guild

Don and Diane Carducci

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich

Acolytes

8:15am: Colton Thompson, Ben

Previts

11:00am: Nick Althoff, Levi Greer

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: David Sweeley

8:15am: Ann Jones, Joel Baughman

11:00am: Gloria Biggs, Lynda

Berry, Linda Diehl

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich,

Jackie Rutan, Karrie Clark

Lessons Today: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of our mother, Elsie Skinner, on her birthday. Given by Barbara Armentrout and Cindy Roberts.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of Erle and Judy Taylor's 57th wedding anniversary.

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LECTERN FLOWERS: In memory of our son, Collin Timothy, on his 15th birthday, and in celebration of Nick's 11th birthday. Given by their loving parents, Tim and Jill, Lukas, and Gabriella.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

✧ PERSONAL NEWS ✧

NOTES OF THANKS

“Thank you to all my Christian friends for praying for me. I appreciated the telephone calls. Thanks to Pastor Patti for visiting me in the hospital. I know the Lord is always beside me at all times. May God bless each of you. Psalm 27:1-2 ~ *the Lord is my light and my salvation. I will fear no one. The Lord protects me from all danger. I will never be afraid.* In Christian love,” ~ Vi Davis.

“The Grove City Food Pantry would like to sincerely thank you for all the food and monetary donations made in the last month. We regularly receive donations from St. John’s, but you have gone over and above recently. It certainly helps build up our stock. Your generosity is most appreciated.”

✧ TODAY’S NEWS ✧

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, September 19-21! 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 between 2-4pm on Sunday. Thank you for supporting Missions!

LIFE-TO-LIFE DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING: Life-to-Life Discipleship Training will meet in Room 304 (the Catechism Room) at 6:30pm. The next meeting is on **September 22**. The following meetings will be: Sept. 29, Oct. 6, Oct. 13, Oct. 27. If you have any questions, please contact Intern Billie Fisch at bfisch@stjohnsgc.org.

SARAH CIRCLE SERVICE PROJECT: One of the service projects the Sarah Circle does is Health Kits to the Grove City Food Pantry. Contents needed to complete 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 throughout 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.

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.

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 light 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. *Do you need child care in order to attend?* Please note on the salmon sheet ASAP so we may make appropriate arrangements.

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.

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.

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

☞ 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 grades. 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**

The Lego Club!

Here are our Fall 2025 dates:

September 28

October 19

November 16

Come have lunch with us, hear a Bible story told with Lego, and play and build with Lego bricks! We'll meet in the FLC after late service and stay until 2:30.

Lunch is provided! If you're able to, please RSVP to help us have the right amount of food. Tell Hope or Rachel Katterhenrich, or Christina Allman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, all ages from 9:30am—10:30am.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

ATTENDANCE September 14 - 298

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

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 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 (Café)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 12:00pm Annual Quilt Show (FLC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:30am BSF Leaders
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
 6:00pm Call Team (204)
 6:00pm Exercise Class (FLC)
 6:00pm Small Group (101)
 6:30pm Girl Scouts #6679 (SH)
 6:30pm Life to Life Discipleship
 Training (304)
 6:30pm PEACE Puppets (FLC)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
 7:00pm Respect Life (102)
 7:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)
 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
 5:30pm Nominating Team (204)
 6:00pm Internship Team (Lib)
 6:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:30am BSF
 1:30pm Small Group (102)
 3:00pm Home School Acting Class
 (FLC)
 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Design For Living (FH)
 7:00pm Energizers & Explorers
 TRAINING (FLC)
 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
 9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
 3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
 4:00pm Private Event (FH, SH)
 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
 5:45pm Adventure Club & Faith Trek
 TRAINING (FLC)
 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00am GLU (204, Chapel)
 10:00am Veterans Planning Committee
 (Café)
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Men's Chorale (Sanc)
 9:30am Sunday School
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 12:00pm LEGO Club (FLC)
 2:00pm Respect Life Movie (103-4)
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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