

NEWS NOTES

September 27-28, 2025

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

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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: Bill Diehl, Dennis Imbrock, Tom
Lang, Larry Peterson

Readers

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Karen Bentley

11:00am: Cindy Gonsowski

Contemporary: Beth Katterhenrich, Karrie
Clark

Altar Guild

Lynda Berry, Sarah Schmitz

Gloria Biggs

Contemporary: Theresa Wahl

Acolytes

8:15am: Corban Allman, Addy Gottshall

11:00am: Riley Millet, Wes Millet

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Bill Woodgeard

8:15am: Teresa Orahood, Linda
Wagner

11:00am: Christine Hank, Cindy
Gonsowski, Lisa Mawhorr

Contemporary: Brad and Theresa Wahl,
Beth Katterhenrich

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:
ALTAR FLOWERS and BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

Lessons Today: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31.

✧ PERSONAL NEWS ✧

NOTES OF THANKS

MISSIONS SILENT AUCTION: Thank you to all who made this year's Arts in the Alley Missions Silent Auction a success: those of you who donated items, those who came to visit and peruse, and those who purchased an item. We raised almost \$1500.00 for Alaska and Mexico Missions! If you have ever held a child's hand, cupped his/her beautiful face in your hands, or heard our stories, you know how precious these children of God are. Even though we are unable to go at this time (God is preparing a facilitator for us!), we would like to enable the orphaned children of Tijuana to attend a Christian camp experience away from the dangerous city streets, and the children of Scammon Bay, Alaska to experience a VBS program. With that in mind, the Missions Board reconvened this year and decided to send a \$5000.00 love offering from our accounts to each Genesis of Mexico and Alaska Mission for Christ each year we are unable to send a team. We will continue to raise funds to support our love offerings and to prepare workers for our next mission! Please continue to pray for the children and the mission organizations. Thank you for making a HUGE impact in the life of a child. Let's make heaven crowded! 😊



*****P.S.--**I have two items that didn't sell that we will give to someone for the minimum bid: a Hamilton Beach pizza maker – original value of \$75.00 currently available for \$30.00, and a GoldFish Swim Private Birthday Party - a \$595.00 value available for \$300.00. Contact Diana if you are interested!

THANK YOU FROM SARAH CIRCLE: Thank you to everyone who purchased items for the Sarah Circle Health Kit Service Project. At our last meeting on September 22, the members assembled the kits and are pleased to share with everyone we had a total of 40 Health Kits given to the Grove City Food Pantry. We appreciate all the support you have given towards this project. Without your support this wouldn't have been possible. God bless each of you. Special thanks to Keith and Jane Stenerson for being responsible for this Service Project and delivering of the Health Kits to the Grove City Food Pantry. Job well done!

MARGIE KENNEL WILL BE TURNING 90 ON OCTOBER 5TH! Let's surprise her with a shower of Happy Birthday cards. She is a member of Sarah Circle and the Wednesday Small Group, she had been on the Prayer Chain Phone Tree and used to be a phone volunteer here at St. John's.

Mail to: Bickford of Upper Arlington, Room 125
3500 Riverside Dr, Columbus, OH 43221

✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧

BAPTISMAL FESTIVAL: Sunday, October 12th during the 11am Traditional Worship Service. All are encouraged to attend and support the newly baptized as they begin their new life in Christ. Following the service, we will meet in the FLC for fellowship, cake, and lemonade. There will be no Contemporary Worship Service on October 12th.

Are you ready to be baptized? Contact Pastor Patti to take part in our Baptismal Festival.

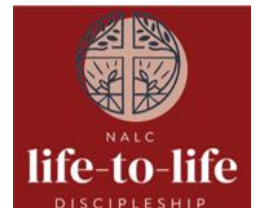
CONGREGATIONAL WORKSHOP – Saturday, October 4th | 9:30am–3:30pm. This workshop is a **critical opportunity for every member** to share input as we prepare our congregational profile in the search for a new Senior Pastor. A **light lunch** will be provided, and childcare is available as needed. **Please make every effort to attend, even if you cannot stay the whole time**, and bring your Bible as we gather for prayer, discussion, and discernment.



Please respond through the salmon sheet or by emailing Kate Shrum at kate.shrum@icloud.com. **Your participation is essential** to help shape the future of our church!

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>

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 29**. If you have any questions, please contact Intern Billie Fisch at bfisch@stjohnsgc.org.



OWLS EVENT--OCTOBER 17, 2025: The OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors) once again welcome you to join us for our speaker and lunch - regardless of your age!! Tell a friend! Bring a friend! Make a friend! We



We promise you an excellent program. As many of you know, we have experienced a few problems with the sound system for the past few months. We apologize for this inconvenience, and we have tried to improve but have not been successful. Thank you for your patience. Good news!! We have a new system we will be using at October's meeting. Say a special prayer for success.

In case you haven't heard, there's a new group in town making the news! The Sunshine Gang is a group of volunteers that raise money and supplies for veterans. The Gang has been hard at work since 2021. They are very active in projects like writing over 900 letters a year to the veterans blessed to be able to participate in an Honor Flight, supplying meals for Ukraine, sending cards to three nursing homes monthly, visiting Comfort Care at Brookdale weekly, giving 600 gift certificates at Christmas for five nursing homes and VA at Chillicothe, and visiting the VA monthly to deliver items to approximately 200 veterans. Plus, much more! But you must join the OWLS on the 17th to hear more. They love to tell their story. You won't be disappointed.

The OWLS will provide fried chicken and meat loaf for our potluck lunch, but we ask you to bring a covered dish and join your friends (old and new) for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. Please plan to arrive around 11:15 am so we can open the meeting at 11:30 am. Use the salmon sheet in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation so the group can plan accordingly. You may call the office or Bonnie Swanson 614-562-8002. Hope to see you there!

THE COLUMBUS MINIATURE SOCIETY will meet in the Family Life Center on **Saturday, October 18**. Refreshments are at 12:30pm. Then we open with the club business meeting 1:00 pm, followed by a \$5 workshop. This month's club business focus will be final planning details and preview of the upcoming Miniature Show and Sale taking place in the FLC on November 15, 2025. The workshop will be learning how to make miniature candles and party bunting. All are welcome for the meeting. If you are interested in crafting with us and participating in the workshop, please **RSVP** to Sheri at shp678@yahoo.com by **October 1st** so we can prepare enough materials.

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 will start this Thursday, 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 this Wednesday, 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.



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.

STEWARDSHIP

ATTENDANCE September 21 - 314

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

CALENDAR

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)
 1:00pm Girl Scouts #6300 (SH, FH)
 2:00pm Respect Life Movie (103-4)
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:30am BSF Leaders
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
 6:00pm Call Team (204)
 6:30pm Life to Life Discipleship Training (304)
 6:30pm PEACE Puppets (FLC)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:30am BSF
 1:30pm Small Group (102)
 3:00pm Home School Acting Class (FLC)
 5:30pm Nominating Team (Lib)
 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Design For Living (FH)
 7:00pm Energizers & Explorers (103-4, FLC)
 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
 2:00pm Small Group (Café)
 3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
 5:45pm Adventure Club & Faith Trek
 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

3:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
 6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:30am **CALL PROCESS
 CONGREGATIONAL WORKSHOP
 (FLC, Nursery, FH)**
 10:00am Private Event (103-4)
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 5:00pm Private Event (FH)
 6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Men's Chorale (Sanc)
 9:30am Sunday School
 10:45am Children's Church (103-4)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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

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.