

NEWS NOTES

October 11-12, 2025

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

Greeters

11:00am: MD: Keith and Jane Stenerson

ND: Christine Hank

Ushers

4:00pm: Michael Gibboney, Steven Henry

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

11:00am: Bernie Bullert, Bill Diehl, George Gonsowski, Tom Lang

Readers

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Morgan von Lohr

11:00am: Christine Hank

Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Acolytes

8:15am: Cordelia Wanner, Truman Allman

11:00am: Lukas Althoff, Nick Althoff

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Tim and Christina Allman

11:00am: Dave and Karen Grossman, Dwight Henricksen

Lessons Today: Ezekiel 36:22-28; Galatians 3:23-28; Luke 18:15-17.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by Ed and Glenda Sheets.

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

✧ PERSONAL NEWS ✧

HOLY BAPTISM: Today, we celebrate the baptisms of **Lisa Absten, Amanda Gonsowski, Brycen Gonsowski, Conner Gonsowski, Ashton Hogle, Kenzlynn Hogle, Asher Vander Werf, Jayce Walls, and Tatum Walls.** Please keep each of them in your prayers as they begin their baptismal journeys with the Lord.

✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧

HONORED VETERANS: As the Veterans Lunch in November approaches, we are asking again for any veterans and currently serving military personnel to stop by to have their pictures taken. The dates are: Sunday, October 12 after the 8:15 and 11am services and again on Saturday, October 18 after the 4pm service. Please stop by the new North Entrance area and get ready to smile!

CALL PROCESS UPDATE: The Call Team recently hosted a Congregational Workshop, led by Pastor Paul Gruetter from the NALC, to gather input for the call process for our next Senior Pastor. Through Bible study, reflection, and discussion, participants identified our congregation's strengths, growth areas, mission priorities, and the qualities we hope for in our next pastor.

From these conversations, five key pastoral attributes emerged as most important to our congregation:

1. Biblically grounded and a strong teacher
2. Visionary leader guided by the Holy Spirit
3. Skilled in organizational leadership and staff management
4. Gifted preacher and communicator
5. Relational across generations

The Call Team is now beginning the work of compiling this information to create our Congregational Profile, which will guide the next steps in the call process.

Prayer for the Call Process: Gracious God, guide our Call Team with wisdom and unity. Prepare the pastor You are calling to serve among us, and ready our hearts to welcome them. Help us listen to Your Spirit and trust Your perfect timing. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ANNUAL VETERANS LUNCHEON – NOVEMBER 2:

Dear Veterans, you and your guests are invited to St. John's Lutheran's Annual Veterans Luncheon in honor of Veterans Day and your service to our country! We will be meeting on Sunday, November 2, 2025, at 12:30pm in the Family Life Center. **Please RSVP** on your salmon sheet or call the church at 614-875-2314 by **October 19**.



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 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 raises 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, and 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 11:15am so we can open the meeting at 11:30am. 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 at 614-562-8002. Hope to see you there!



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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: It's October and St. John's has partnered with Samaritan's Purse to send the Gospel to the ends of the earth through gift-filled shoe boxes! Please consider filling a shoe box with items such as school supplies, toothbrushes with holders, quality pens, flashlights with batteries, or new short-sleeved shirts (with no writing on them). Avoid lotions, war related items, and items that can melt. Also, please include a \$10 donation to cover the cost of shipping the box. If you are not able to pack your own box, we have a donation tub for items in the Link. Monetary donations are also accepted! Please contact Justin, Beth, Brayden, or Addy Gottshall with any questions 740-360-2752. Use the QR code to build a shoebox online!



*That all the peoples of the earth may know that the
Lord is God; there is no other.
~ 1 Kings 8:60*

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held on **Tuesday, October 28th** in the Family Life Center from 12pm to 6pm. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2776) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: StJohnsGC.

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 12th** so we can prepare enough materials.

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

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 got off to a great start last week! Join us each Thursday from 5:45-7:15pm. The greeter's table opens at 5:30pm. Suggested donation for the evening meal is \$3. We will not meet on October 30th as that is Trick-or-Treat evening in Grove City. We love having parents and grandparents join us to be relational and a part of the faith-web here at St. John's. Talk to Christina about joining us!

EXPLORERS and ENERGIZERS for grades 7—8 and 9—12 have started! The youth meet from 7-8:30pm and will be adding some service work with Operation Christmas Child this month and next. Please connect with Gini Rogers at grogers@stjohnsgc.org if you have questions or want to help in any way.

High Schoolers, free a little earlier than 7pm? Join Gini for a few weeks at 6pm for IQA prior to Energizers. We would love to see you there!

The Lego Club!

Here are our Fall 2025 dates:

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 October 5 - 319

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

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.

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.



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 / age 5 & Kindergarten-Grade 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.

JOIN OUR FAMILY FRIENDLY :

TRUNK OR TREAT

GAMES - SNACKS - FAMILY FRIENDLY TRUNKS - CANDY
- PUPPETS - PUMPKIN DECORATING - CRAFTS

SATURDAY, OCT 25TH 10AM



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH OUR EVENT PLEASE CONTACT
MEGAN GROSSMAN OR FILL OUT YOUR SALMON INSERT.

☞ CALENDAR ☞

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

KICK-OFF

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)

9:30am Men's Chorale (Sanc)

9:30am Sunday School

11:00am BAPTISMAL FESTIVAL

Traditional Worship (Sanc)

5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:30am BSF Leaders

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)

6:00pm Call Team (204)

6:00pm Exercise Class (FLC)

6:00pm Small Group (102)

6:30pm Life to Life Discipleship Training
(304)

6:30pm PEACE Puppets (FLC)

7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)

9:30am Quilters (103-4)

6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)

6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

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 Explorers & Energizers

7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

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)

8:00pm Dartball (away)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:30am Bible Study (103-4)

11:30am OWLS (FLC, Kit)

2:00pm Private Event

3:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)

6:00pm Private Event (FLC)

8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

12:30pm Columbus Miniature Society (FLC)

4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)

7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

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)

12:00pm LEGO Club (FLC)

5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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