

NEWS NOTES

November 1-2, 2025

All Saints Day

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

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☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Greeters

11:00am: MD: Carol Rich

ND: Don Carducci

Don and Diane Carducci

Donna Linder

Contemporary: Megan Grossman

Ushers

4:00pm: Michael Gibboney, Steve Henry

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

11:00am: Don Carducci, Dave Clark,
Dennis Imbrock, Larry Sutton

Acolytes

8:15am: Ben Previts

11:00am: Volunteers Needed

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Teresa Orahood, Rita
Orahood

11:00am: Ron Nighbert, Dan Yeater,
Lisa Stallard

*Contemporary: Jennifer Shade, Jakie
Rutan, Beth Katterhenrich*

Readers

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Cindy Gonsowski

Contemporary: Jackie Rutan

Altar Guild

Lessons Today: Daniel 7:1-3,15-18; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of all Veterans. Given by Warren Grody and Linda Vozel.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In honor of Colton Thompson's 15th birthday. Given by his grandparents, Terry and Teresa Orahoad.

BULLETINS: Given by Ed and Glenda Sheets.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

VETERANS LUNCHEON: In honor of all Veterans, the St. John's Annual Veterans Luncheon will take place in the Family Life Center this Sunday, November 2, 2025, at 12:30pm. Thank you to all of our veterans for your service.



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.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, November 8 at 9am** and on **Tuesday, November 25** 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.

DECEMBER EAGLE ARTICLE DEADLINE is next Monday. Please submit your article by noon on November 10th.

PROPERTY TEAM MEMBERS meet 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.

THE MITTEN TREE IS COMING next weekend to the North Entrance! Please help fill it with mittens, gloves, hats, earmuffs, scarves, and warm socks for all ages. *All items need to be new with tags or homemade.* The tree will be up until November 30th, after which the items will be taken to the Purple Door Free Store, where they will be distributed to our neighbors in need. Please contact Ben Previts at 380-710-3689 if you have any questions. Thank you for helping our community stay warm!



TWICE-A-MONTH MONDAY EXERCISE CLASS: Please join us every 2nd and 4th 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 November 10 and November 24.**

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE: The Service of Comfort and Remembrance will be held on **Sunday, November 30** at 2pm in the Sanctuary. This service provides a worship opportunity for those who not only have experienced the death of a family member or friend in the past year, but also to comfort those who have experienced deaths in past years who continue to deal with their grief. For those that have had a loss in the past year, the family will receive an ornament in memory of their loved one.

USED EYEGLASSES UPDATE: Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers have been filled up with all of your wonderful donated used eyeglasses! The Lions thank you for all your contributions! The used glasses are repaired and distributed to those in need in developing countries. At this time, they are working to distribute all of the glasses but currently cannot take on anymore. **Please hold onto your old glasses** and keep your eyes on the news to see when we will start receiving donations again.

OWLS – NOVEMBER 21, 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.



November is a time to give thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed on us. It is also a perfect time to help those who are struggling and having difficulty finding any reason to feel even a tiny bit thankful. So many are in this situation today and they would appreciate our love and helping hands. The need is great.

MASH was the name of a very popular TV show, but did you know it is also the name of an organization that serves our Veterans, Active Duty Military, and Surviving Spouses with food, personal toiletries, and clothing as they have available? The OWLS are hosting Penny Kilcourse with the MASH Pantry. Penny is the Pantry Coordinator for Grove City. Your lunch donation will go to MASH. And if you'd like to donate food items, I'm sure they would be appreciated.

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 614-562-8002. Hope to see you there!



CANDY FOR KIDS IN NEED: You know you shouldn't eat that leftover Halloween candy, don't you? Donate it to the Quilters for the Christmas bags. Please place it in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thank you for your generosity.

COME ONE! COME ALL! To the annual Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction on Sunday, November 23, right after the late service. We will be tasting chili and voting on the best St. John's recipe. Bid on some amazing desserts created by the incredible bakers right here in our midst. It's a perfect time to get those much-needed Thanksgiving treats without all the work! All donations and auction monies will go to support Short Term Missions.

If you would like to enter your award-winning chili in the contest or create a dessert for the auction, please watch the news for details or contact Diana at gloriaadios06@gmail.com. Come join us for a fun-filled, tummy-filled afternoon!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: We have about 1 week left to get shoe boxes filled! We have an opportunity to share God's love with children all over the world and everyone can help! Here's how:

1. Fill a box with toys, school supplies, and personal care items (see the posters hanging around the church for ideas). Don't forget the \$10 to help with shipping.
2. Bring in one or two items to go toward filling a box. Just place these items in the donation table and in the Link.
3. Build a shoebox online by using the QR code.



Don't forget to pray for the children and their families to experience and grow in God's love as they respond to the Gospel that is presented at the shoebox events around the world. Please contact Justin, Beth, Brayden, or Addy Gottshall with any questions at 740-360-2752. Deadline to bring in items is Sunday, November 9.

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE: Can you believe our summer is over, fall has begun, and winter is very close by? If you are to believe the Farmer's Almanac, our area is to be colder than normal and more precipitation. So, with that in mind, I will again be asking for donations of winter coats, hats, gloves and blankets.



Jesus said, "Truly, I tell you whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." ~ Matthew: 25:40.

This year I have chosen HM3, which stands for Hoge music, message and meals, to be the recipient of your donations. These will be offered at no charge to those attending a weekly service at Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, located on West Broad Street, on the Hilltop. They have a connection with Columbus City Schools, so some of our items may be offered to them. There will be a collection container in the Link at church. You can drop off your items from November through February. If you have any questions, you may call Bruce and Karen Whyte at 614-878-9392. THANK YOU AND BLESSINGS TO ALL.

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 give your article directly to the office, or via email at secretary@stjohnsgc.org.

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. Requests are updated on a weekly basis and should be turned in by Monday mornings.

MINIATURE SHOW & SALE: **Saturday, November 15 from 10am-4pm in the FLC.** The Columbus Miniature Society (CMS) invites everyone to the 38th Annual Miniature Show and Sale at St. John's. The longest running miniature event in central Ohio will feature a free show hall with 150+ displays by local miniature artists. The vendor hall is \$5 at the door and features more than two dozen artisans selling one-of-a-kind scale items.

Sofas that fit in the palm of your hand, fine China the size of your thumb nail, lamps smaller than marbles that light up, six-inch-long row boats that really float, the list is as endless as it is amazing. Come see all the itsy-bitsy teeny-weeny miniature fine art and collectibles you've been missing! Questions? Contact Angela Ryan at 614-392-4499 or writeon@columbus.rr.com, or visit our website at www.columbusminiaturesociety.org.

YOUTH NEWS

ADVENTURE CLUB and FAITH TREK are back!! We will meet this Thursday, November 6 from 5:45-7:15pm. The greeters table will open at 5:30pm and the suggested meal donation is \$3. Our Faith Trek crew will be going on a field trip so be sure to have your field trip permission slip filled out! Can't wait to see everyone on Thursday!

EXPLORERS and ENERGIZERS for grades 7—8 and 9—12 will meet from 7-8:30pm and will be participating in service work with Operation Christmas Child on Wednesday, November 12 to prep the boxes for sendoff. 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 this week in rooms 103-104 at 6pm for IQA.** We would love to see you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be upon us before we know it! Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 14 for our dinner theatre program at 5pm. If students are interested in being a part of the program, please have them reach out to Christina or Tim Allman. Practices will start soon during Sunday School. We will have two Thursday night practices on December 4 and 11 from 5:30-7:15 with dinner provided and we will have our final practice on Sunday, December 14 during the Sunday School Hour.

CHRISTMAS BREAK BULLETIN BOARD BUILDING. Calling all 7th-12th graders who want to be creative and have a time of fellowship over Christmas break! We are hosting an afternoon to redesign our youth bulletin boards with fresh new themes and ideas. Come for snacks, fellowship, and creative bulletin board building! We will **meet on Tuesday, December 30 from 1-4pm in the confirmation room** to get started.

THE LEGO CLUB meets again on Sunday, November 16. 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, please RSVP to help us have the right amount of food. Tell Hope or Rachel Katterhenrich.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

ATTENDANCE

October 26 - 315

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 – 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.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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)
12:15pm ANNUAL VETERANS LUNCHEON (FLC, Kit, 103-4)
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:30am BSF Leaders
 11:00am Property Team (204)
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (102)
 6:00pm Call Team (204)
 6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (103-4)
 6:30pm Life to Life Training (304)
 6:30pm PEACE Puppets (FLC)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

ELECTION DAY - VOTING IN FLC

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)
 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
 6:00pm Internship Team (Lib)
 7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (FH)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:30am BSF
 11:00am OWLS Planning Team (102)
 1:30pm Small Group (102)
 3:00pm Home School Acting Class (FLC)
 6:00pm IQA Bible Study (103-4)
 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Design For Living (FH)
 7:00pm Explorers & Energizers
 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
 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 (FLC)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:30am Bible Study (103-4)
 2:00pm Private Event (101)
 3:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
 6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
 10:00am Girl Scouts #6300 (FH)
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 4:00pm Private Event (FLC)
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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)
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)



**DAYLIGHT
 SAVING TIME ENDS
 FALL BACK**

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