

NEWS NOTES

November 8-9, 2025

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Pastor Don Allman



Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

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Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Greeters

11:00am: MD: Keith and Jane
Stenerson

ND: Linda Diehl

Ushers

4:00pm: Michael Gibboney, Steve
Henry

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

11:00am: Bill Diehl, George Gonsowski,
Dennis Imbrock, Larry Sutton

Readers

4:00pm: Lisa Dubos

8:15am: Rita Orahood

11:00am: Cindy Gonsowski

Contemporary: Emma Grossman

Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman

Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

Contemporary: Theresa Wahl

Acolytes

8:15am: Cordelia Wanner, Truman
Allman

11:00am: Eva Counts, Levi Greer

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Mike Gibboney

8:15am: Tim and Christina Allman

11:00am: Dave Grossman, Lisa Stallard
Contemporary: Brad and Theresa
Wahl, Gini Rogers

Lessons Today: Job 19:23-27a; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17; Luke 20:27-38.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my dad, Emerson. Given by Jim Braskett and family.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of our mom, Mildred's birthday. Given by the Braskett family.

LECTERN FLOWERS: in honor of the birthday of Bill Snashall on November 10th. Given by Bill, Chris, Layla, and Levi.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

✧ PERSONAL NEWS ✧

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Jan Evans**, who passed away on October 31, 2025. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧

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

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available on the table in the Overflow.

These are dated 2026, and your box number may be different from last year, so please wait until January 1st to use them. If you do not see a box with your name, please indicate that you would like a box on the notepad provided. I will place a box for you beside the notepad the following weekend. **Please note a change to the envelopes:** when using the "other" line, please specify the fund you would like to donate to. If none is specified, it will be placed in the Operating Fund.

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE: The Service of Comfort and Remembrance will be held **Sunday, November 30** at 2pm in the Sanctuary. This service provides a worship opportunity not only for those who 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.

CHRISTMAS KINDNESS: On Sunday, December 7th, we'll be delivering **Christmas Kindness** and a little extra **holiday joy** to some of our older members and those who've had a tough year. Each will get a **poinsettia** and a **festive gift bag** to remind them they're loved and prayed for this season. Everything will be **ready to grab in the back of the Family Life Center** right after the **late service**. The families already know that a bit of **Christmas kindness** is coming their way! If you'd like to help **spread some joy and Christmas smiles**, just **mark the salmon insert** to sign up. We're hoping to visit about **60 members and households**, so the more, the merrier!

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: The Quilters need candy to add to the Christmas bags. The candy will help give a bit of joy to a child. Please place the candy in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thank you for showing a child a piece of Christian love.

ANGEL TREES ARE COMING! The Angel Tree contains gift items for you to purchase, wrap and return to church (with the angel) by Sunday, December 14th. These gifts are going to children in our congregation who otherwise would not have much of a Christmas. The Angel Trees will be located in the North Entrance and in the Link.

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: Thank you to all who filled a shoebox and donated money or items. Please continue to pray for boys and girls in need around the world, local churches who deliver shoebox gifts, children disciplined through the greatest journey, and volunteers worldwide. St John's brought joy to children in need around the world. Packed with fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items, these gifts bring joy and are a tangible expression of God's love. These simple gifts bring smiles to the faces of children around the world. *"The Lord is near to all who call upon Him."* ~ Psalm 145:18.

THE MITTEN TREE is up in 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 is 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!

ANNUAL BIKE PROJECT: Once again St. John's is pairing up with The Buckeye Ranch to supply bikes to children in need within central Ohio. Corban Allman is heading up the project this year, and our goal is 40 bikes with helmets. You may sponsor a fourth of a bike for \$25, a half of a bike for \$50, a full bike for \$100, or help purchase a helmet for \$20.

Donation envelopes are located at one of the church's entrances (available November 9th). Envelopes must be returned by December 7th. Envelopes can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. **Questions:** Contact Corban Allman at corbana09@gmail.com or Megan Grossman at mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org. **Thank you for giving kids something fun to ride at Christmas!**

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 with more precipitation. So, with that in mind, I will again be asking for donations of winter coats, hats, gloves and blankets.

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.** *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.

MINIATURE SHOW & SALE NEXT WEEKEND: **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. 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.

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.

YOUTH NEWS

Please note, any Wednesday or Thursday that South-Western City Schools cancel school due to bad weather, youth groups also will not meet that night.

ADVENTURE CLUB and FAITH TREK. We will meet Thursday, November 13th and November 20th from 5:45-7:15pm. The greeters table will open at 5:30pm and the suggested meal donation is \$3. Just a friendly reminder that Adventure Club and Faith Trek do **NOT** meet in December. Adventure Club and Faith Trek will start again on **Thursday, January 9th, 2026.**

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 this Wednesday, November 12th to prep the boxes for sendoff. They will celebrate Friendsgiving together on their last night, Wednesday, November 19th before **NOT** meeting in December. Please connect with Gini Rogers at grogers@stjohnsgc.org if you have questions.

HIGH SCHOOLERS, free a little earlier than 7pm on Wednesday? **Join Gini in rooms 103-104 at 6pm for IQA.** We would love to see you there!

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be upon us before we know it! Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 14th 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 within Sunday School. We will have two Thursday night practices on December 4th and 11th from 5:30-7:15 with dinner provided and will have our final practice on Sunday, December 14th 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 30th 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

November 2- 296

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.
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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 / 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 9

Bike Project Begins & Mitten Tree Arrives

Final Collection for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

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)
 2:30pm Private Event (café)
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

DECEMBER EAGLE ARTICLES DUE

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 Training (304)
 6:30pm PEACE Puppets (FLC)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
 7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)
 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
 5:30pm Executive Team (Lib)
 6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:30am BSF
 3:00pm Home School Acting Class (FLC)
 6:00pm IQA Bible Study (103-4)
 6:00pm Private Event (204)
 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Design for Living (FH)
 7:00pm Explorers & Energizers
 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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 (FLC)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

10:00am Columbus Miniature Society
 Show and Sale (Café, Link, FLC)
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH [FH])

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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)
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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