

NEWS NOTES

November 15-16, 2025

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Pastor Jeff Morlock



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✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

Greeters

11:00am: MD: Sheryl Fraley

ND: Linda Diehl

Ushers

4:00pm: Michael Gibboney, Steve Henry

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

11:00am: Don Carducci, Dave Clark, Tom
Lang, Larry Peterson

Readers

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Karrie Clark

Contemporary: Beth Katterhenrich, Hope
Katterhenrich

Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich

Acolytes

8:15am: Ben Previts, Corban Allman

11:00am: Lukas Althoff, Nick Althoff

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Bill Woodgeard

8:15am: Paul Wittenberg, Joel Baughman

11:00am: Gloria Biggs, Lynda Berry, Linda
Diehl

Contemporary: Beth Katterhenrich, Rachel
Katterhenrich, Kate Shrum

Lessons Today: Malachi 4:1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of our mothers' Kathryn Lyday and Beulah Hughes birthdays. Given by Richard and Evelyn Lyday.

BULLETINS: Given by JoAnne Keller.

✧ PERSONAL NEWS ✧

AVERIL IS MOVING to StoryPoint on December 12th, room 222. Dear Church Family, words cannot truly express my gratitude for the love, care, and support I have received from our wonderful congregation. During my recent health challenges, your cards, calls, visits, and prayers have been a constant source of comfort and strength. Your kindness has shown me God's love in action and reminded me that we never walk our journeys alone. I am deeply humbled and uplifted by your compassion and faith. May God bless each of you and your families richly as we continue to walk together in faith, hope, and love. With heartfelt thanks, **your sister in Christ**, ~ Averil MacKenzie.

✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE: The Call Team has completed the Congregational Profile, a key step in the pastoral call process. This document summarizes who we are as a church, our mission and ministry, and the qualities we are seeking in our next Senior Pastor. The profile will be presented to Church Council at their meeting on November 17, 2025, before being submitted to the NALC for the next phase of the call process. Please continue to keep the Call Team and our future pastor in your prayers as we move forward with faith and patience, trusting in God's timing and guidance.

PRAYER FOR THE CALL PROCESS: Gracious and Loving God, we thank You for guiding our Call Team with wisdom and unity as they seek the pastor You have chosen for St. John's. Bless their continued work, and prepare the heart of the one You are calling to serve among us. Help our congregation remain steadfast in prayer, open to Your Spirit, and ready to welcome the new shepherd You will provide. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR IS LOOKING FOR SINGERS FOR CHRISTMAS! For anyone who enjoys singing, but may not be able to commit to weekly choir practices all year, this is a great opportunity to add your voice to the Christmas celebration.

Interested parishioners would need only to practice with the choir in mid-November and December in order to sing with the choir during Christmas. We rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00pm in the Sanctuary. Please see Music Director Mark Meuser or any choir member if you think you may be interested. You would be warmly welcomed!

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP: Our worship services each week are beautified with wonderful music, smiling faces, and flowers. Making a flower dedication for the Altar, Pulpit, or Lectern is a wonderful way to remember or honor loved ones. Reserve your date on the Altar Flowers Chart in the Parish Entrance. Please direct questions to Lesa Corbin at 614-530-4984.

GREETERS NEEDED for traditional services. We kindly request volunteers for 4pm and 8:15am to contact the office, 614-875-2314, and for 11am greeters to contact Linda Diehl, 614-906-1408.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: It's time to get our church ready for Christmas! We'll be decorating on **Friday, November 28** (the day after Thanksgiving), from **9:00–11:00am**. Come lend a hand — even an hour makes a big difference! If you'd like to help, mark the salmon sheet or contact **Megan Grossman** at **mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org**. Let's make our church shine for the season!

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!

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 contact Diana at **gloriaadios06@gmail.com**. **Come join us for a fun-filled, tummy-filled afternoon!**

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 who have had a loss in the past year, the family will receive an ornament in memory of their loved one. A fellowship hour with refreshments will follow the worship service in the Family Life Center.

PROMISE KEEPERS will not meet on November 20 or November 26.

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.

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 sheet** to sign up. We're hoping to visit about **60 members and households**, so the more, the merrier!

THE CHRISTMAS QUILT SALE IS COMING! It will be Saturday and Sunday, **December 13 and 14**, 2025, from 9am -noon. We will be in the Link. Look for us! We have a hand stitched, 82" x 84" quilt in blue, green and white for \$125. Also, there will be hand-knotted or machine-stitched small quilts, lap throws, bed quilts, 4 OSU throw pillows, 1 OSU small quilt, a novelty stuffed globe, reusable cloth Christmas gift bags, stuffed ornaments, and kits for sale. The money raised goes to church related activities and charities. The quilts will make colorful Christmas gifts. Thank you for stopping by and visiting with Quilters.

SAVE THE DATE! CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE COMING! Do you love to bake? Do you have a favorite cookie recipe you would love to share? Your talents are needed! Our Christmas Cookie and Goodie Sale will be on **Saturday, December 13th**. This sale will also be open to the community.

We will need dozens and dozens of cookies and other homemade items. We are asking for **homemade treats only**. If you don't want to bake but want to help in another way, please feel free to make a monetary donation to the Kitchen Fund. Any questions, please call Suzie Brace, 614-313-1364 or Sue Sutton, 614-539-9544.

CANDY FOR KIDS IN NEED: Think about donating candy to the Quilters to add to the Christmas bags. Please place the candy in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thanks for all of you and your giving hearts.

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 if you would one on the notepad provided, and a box will be there for you 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.

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 the North Entrance and in the Link. Envelopes must be returned by December 7th and may 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.



**CRITICAL ALERT:
BLOOD DONORS NEEDED NOW!**

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be here in the FLC this **Tuesday, November 18th from 12-6pm.** To schedule your appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2776) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: StJohnsGC. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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.

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.

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 this Thursday, 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. Children's Choir **WILL** meet in December. Practice starts at 5pm and will not interfere with practice for the Sunday School Christmas Program. 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. They will celebrate Friendsgiving this 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? **Join Gini this Wednesday in rooms 103-4 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** during 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.

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 9 - 304

**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 ☯

8:15am	Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am	Men's Chorale (Sanc)
9:30am	Sunday School Hour
10:45am	Children's Church (103-4)
11:00am	Contemporary Worship (FLC)
11:00am	Traditional Worship (Sanc)
12:00pm	LEGO Club (FLC)
3:00pm	Private Event (FLC)

9:30am *BSF Leaders*
12:00pm *Lunchtime AA (102)*
6:00pm *Call Team (204)*
6:30pm *Council (103-4)*
6:30pm *PEACE Puppets (FLC)*
7:00pm *Daily Reprieve AA (FH)*

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Sanc)
9:30am Quilters (103-4)
12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC)
5:50pm Friends of the Library (204)
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (103-4)

9:30am BSF

12:30pm 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)

9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
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)

9:30am Bible Study (103-4)
11:30am OWLS (FLC)
2:00pm Private Event (101)
3:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
8:30pm AA (FH)

4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH
[FH])

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Men's Chorale (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School Hour
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
12:00pm CHILI COOK-OFF AND
DESSERT AUCTION (FLC)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
6:00pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FH)

**Promise Keepers will not be meeting
on November 20 or November 26.*

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