

NEWS NOTES

February 7-8, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Greeters

11:00am MD: Bill and Linda Diehl

ND: David and Lisa Stallard

Acolytes

8:15am: Truman Allman, Cordelia
Wanner

11:00am: Hope Katterhenrich, Emma
Grossman

Ushers

4:00pm: Michael Gibboney, Steve Henry

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

11:00am: George Gonsowski, Dennis
Imbrock, Tom Lang, Larry Sutton

Readers

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Tim Allman

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman

Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Rita Orahoad, Karen Bentley

11:00am: Beth Hazel, Cindy
Henricksen, Bonnie Swanson

Lessons Today: Isaiah 58:1-9a; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Bill Castle, loving husband and father. Given by Pam, Billy, Robby, RJ, Bella, Matthew, and Heidi.

✧ PERSONAL NEWS ✧

NOTES OF THANKS

Marilyn Weisenberger and Pam Castle would like to thank Pastor Patti for presenting such a beautiful funeral for Marilyn's husband Herb, and for all her and Billie Fisch's support at this time. We would also like to thank the Bereavement Committee for preparing such a wonderful luncheon for our families! We want to especially thank Susie Brace, Wilma Phillips, Sue and Larry Sutton, Linda Chenault, and Barb Hill for setting up, cleaning up, and all their hard work. Thank you to all who prepared the delicious food. Thank you also to Steve Marcum for helping with the funeral. Thank you also to all who visited and attended the funeral. Being a part of St. John's family at this sad time means so much to us.

"To St. John's. No words can express how thankful I am to have a church that cares. I am sorry it is so late (for Christmas Kindness) but have been sick and had a lot of personal problems, but I know God will take care of me when time comes again. Love y'all ❤️ and God bless," ~ Ruth Emmelhainz.

✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧

PLEASE NOTE: there will be no contemporary worship this Sunday, February 8th.

PARABLES OF JESUS BIBLE STUDY start date has been postponed. Please keep your eyes on the News Notes for updates!

LIFE-TO-LIFE DISCIPLESHIP: Our Life-to-Life groups will start meeting this week! Group meetings are as follows:

- Sundays – 1pm with Stephen and Rachel Katterhenrich in Room 103-4
- Mondays – 6-7:30pm with Dan and Jenn Czaplicki (off-site)
- Tuesdays – 7-8:30pm with Susan Previts (off-site)
- Wednesdays – Explorers and Energizers at 7pm (Youth Only)
- Thursdays – 9:30-11am with Pastor Don Allman in Room 103-4
- Fridays – 10-11:30am with David Shrum and Vicar Billie Fisch in the FLC
- Fridays – 5:30-7pm with Nick and Megan Grossman (off-site)

If you have not signed up for a group, but would still like to join us this week, please contact Vicar Billie Fisch at bfisch@stjohnsgc.org.

EAGLE DEADLINE TUESDAY! Submit your article by noon, **Feb. 10th**.

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. **We presently have flower dedication openings for February.** Reserve your date on the Altar Flower Chart in the Parish Entrance. Altar Flowers are \$25.00 per vase, payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. Contact your florist regarding costs for Pulpit or Lectern vases. St. John's recommends Rita at Prairie Flowers and Gifts for arrangements (614-701-8902). Please direct questions to Lesa Corbin at 614-530-4984.

BULLETIN DEDICATIONS: Consider submitting a Bulletin Dedication in honor or in memory of loved ones, or to celebrate an event, milestone, birthday, or anniversary. Bulletin Dedications are only \$20.00. Reserve your preferred weekend date on the Bulletins Sign Up sheet on the Parish Entrance bulletin board. Please direct questions to Barb Armentrout at 614-875-2985.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: We will be collecting monies (cash and checks) for **Souper Bowl of Caring THIS WEEKEND, February 7th and 8th at all the worship services.** Your cash donations will be used to purchase and deliver food to the Grove City Food Pantry. Checks made out to "St. John's Lutheran" will be deposited and one check sent to the LSS Food Pantry. Please note in the check memo: *Souper Bowl of Caring*. Look for students at the doors on that Sunday and help end hunger in our local community! If you want to learn more, go to www.tacklehunger.org. *Thank you!*

SPOTLIGHT ON SCOUTING: "SCOUT SUNDAY" This Sunday, February 8th, Boy Scout Troop 392 celebrates "Scout Sunday". Since 1910, Scouts across America have been doing good deeds, learning survival skills, and developing moral foundations. Scout Sunday highlights the scouts' duty to God (Scout Oath) and the principle of reverence (Scout Law).

Boy Scout Troop 392 thanks the leaders, staff and community of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, our chartering organization. We welcome your ideas to connect, volunteer and serve together. The troop meets every Tuesday from 7-8:30pm at St. John's. To learn more, please visit our website at www.grovecitytroop392.com or contact the Scoutmaster Dan Czaplicki at troop.392.scoutmaster@gmail.com.

BLANKETS OF LOVE 2026: Blankets of Love is back! This year's student leader is Cordelia Wanner, a seventh grader with a caring servant's heart. During the month of February, we are asking groups or families to sponsor a Bed Brigade Blessing Bag (with the blanket and a sheet set), tie a blanket, or both! Then the Blessing Bags will be given to the Bed Brigade for their deliveries. If your group or family would like to participate, contact Cordelia Wanner or Megan Grossman. Thanks for helping make a child's winter snuggly and warm!

SHROVE TUESDAY CHRIS CAKES: Join us in celebration of Shrove Tuesday! There will be a tossing of pancakes by Chris Cakes in the Family Life Center from **5:30pm–7:30pm on Tuesday, February 17th** at a special dinner sponsored by St. John's Mexico Missions. The pancakes will be delicious and the fellowship fantastic! Presale tickets are available in the Café following Sunday services. Tickets are \$6.00, but the price goes to \$7.00 at the door. Get your tickets early and join us for this special event! Contact Christina at 614-519-8092 or Gini at grogers@stjohnsgc.org with any questions.

SOUP SUPPERS: Please join us for our Soup Suppers between 5:30-6:15pm on Wednesdays in the Family Life Center before our Lenten services starting on Wednesday, February 25. Come break bread together as a church community. If you would like to donate soup or bread and are willing to help serve, please contact Megan Grossman, 614-905-2629 or mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org.

OWLS EVENT FEBRUARY 20, 2026: Our program this month will sound familiar to some of you because we have had the pleasure of hosting our speaker a few times over the past few years. Teri Ruslander is Elder Services Coordinator for Grove City and is a part of the police department. She retired from the department a few years ago and is now an asset for our most vulnerable citizens. She will share the current financial scams making their way around the country, how to recognize and respond to these schemes and what to do if you become a victim. She is a very entertaining guest and is a true crowd pleaser. If you join us in February, you will not be disappointed. We hope you join us!

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 11:15am 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!

ELIZABETH CIRCLE FOOD DRIVE: *Do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. ~ Hebrews 13-16.* Brothers and sisters, we ask for your help to collect non-perishable food items during the season of Lent. All donations will benefit the Grove City Area Food Pantry and will help fight hunger right here in Grove City and our surrounding community.

A table will be set up in the Welcome Area inside the North entrance to collect all of your donations beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18. The Food Drive will run throughout Lent until Wednesday, March 25. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity. Most needed items are:

Canned Meat Canned Vegetables Cereal Jelly/Jam Pasta
Peanut Butter Potato Sides Soup/Stew Monetary Donations

The Lenten Food Drive is a project of the Elizabeth Circle at St. John's Year of Compassion 2025-26. Questions? Contact Amy at 614-496-2890 or amyshaw43123@gmail.com.

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.

LAY READERS are needed for the 8:15am and 11:00am worship services from February through June. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish entrance. Thank you for serving in this ministry. Contact Jo Dimond if you have any questions at 614-270-3291.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held on **Tuesday, February 24th** 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.

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.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

Friendly reminder: youth groups will NOT meet if South-Western City Schools are cancelled for inclement weather.

ADVENTURE CLUB (age 4—4th graders) and FAITH TREK (5th—6th graders) meet on Thursdays from 5:45-7:15pm. The greeters table will open at 5:30pm and the suggested meal donation is \$3.

EXPLORERS (7th—8th graders) and ENERGIZERS (High Schoolers) meet every Wednesday from 7-8:30pm. Come join us as we go through Life-to-Life Discipleship training! Explorers may contact Donna Westerfeld at dwesterfeld@stjohnsgc.org and Energizers may connect with Gini Rogers at grogers@stjohnsgc.org with any questions.

Children's Choir meets on Thursday nights at 5pm in the Chapel.

IQA for High Schoolers. Join Gini for IQA Bible Study on Zoom every Monday from 7:30-8:30pm. We would love to see you there!

Join us for LEGO CLUB! The next meeting date is Sunday, February 15. 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 at 12:30pm and stay until 2pm. Lunch is provided! IF you're able to, please RSVP to help us have the right amount of food. Tell Jen Mitchell, Stephanie Potokar, or Christina Allman.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

ATTENDANCE February 1 - 315

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.

BIBLE PASSAGES AND QUESTIONS TO PONDER: Hello All! To deepen your walk with Christ, please consider reading these passages and pondering the questions before next Sunday. These will be our lectionary readings for Sunday, February 15th.

Monday, February 9

Take a moment to reflect on yesterday's readings, sermon, and service. What stood out to you? What is God calling you to as a result?

Tuesday, February 10—Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

What kind of promises have you made with God? Do you find it hard to keep these promises?

Wednesday, February 11—Reading: Psalm 2 and Psalm 99

Psalm 2:11 calls us to "Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling". Think, we are to serve in fear, but our trembling comes from joy and excitement! Have you ever been so happy that you trembled with excitement? Can you imagine doing that for our Lord?

Thursday, February 12—Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Much of the prophecy about the Messiah was fulfilled when Jesus first came. With this in mind, how can we view the prophecies that have yet to be fulfilled?

Friday, February 13—Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Why was Peter's response inappropriate?

Saturday, February 14

Please take a moment to pray for our music ministry and for our services this weekend.

Lord, please guide our pastors and vicar this weekend. Help them to speak clearly and to have clear thoughts. Please also guide our musicians. Help them to play and sing well to Your glory. Help us to set ourselves aside and glorify You alone, Lord. In Jesus' Name, **Amen.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

MEN'S CHORALE: Rehearsal in the Sanctuary.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Faith Discussion, FH Rm 001 / 1 Corinthians, Steve Johnston, Chapel / 2 Peter, Rick Butsko, Rm 102 / Parenting Topics, Amy Wanner, Rm 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 Rm, 304 / Grades 9-12, High School Rm, 311.

SELAH ROOM: Rm 101, a quiet place available every Sunday from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

☞ CALENDAR ☞

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School Hour
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
1:00pm Life-to-Life Small Group (103-4)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:30am BSF Leaders
11:00am Private Event (102)
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
6:00pm Call Team (204)
6:00pm Exercise Class (FLC)
6:00pm Life-to-Life Small Group (off-site)
6:00pm Small Group (101)
6:30pm PEACE Puppets (FLC)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)
7:30pm IQA Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

MARCH EAGLE ARTICLE DEADLINE

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
9:30am Quilters (103-4)
5:30pm Executive Team (Lib)
6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)
6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (301-303)
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (103-4)
7:00pm Life-to-Life Small Group (off-site)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:30am BSF
1:00pm Small Group (Lib)
6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
7:00pm Design for Living AA (FH)
7:00pm Explorers & Energizers
7:30pm Chancel Choir (FLC)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9:30am Life-to-Life Small Group (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, FEBRUARY 13

9:30am Bible Study (103-4)
10:00am Life-to-Life Small Group (FLC)
2:00pm Private Event (101)
3:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
5:30pm Life-to-Life Small Group (off-site)
6:00pm Prayers and Pins (off-site)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
10:00am Visitation (Sanc)
11:00am Funeral Service (Sanc, FLC)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School Hour
10:45am Children's Church (103-4)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
1:00pm Life-to-Life Small Group (103-4)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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