

NEWS NOTES

February 21-22, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Nick Grossman and David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Greeters

11:00am MD: Cheryl Thompson

ND: Carol Rich

Acolytes

8:15am: Corban Allman, Addy Gottshall

11:00am: Riley Millet, Wes Millet

Readers

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Sheryl Fraley

Contemporary: Beth Katterhenrich, Lydia Shrum

Altar Guild

David and Lisa Stallard

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Steve Marcum

8:15am: David Sweeley, Hunter Thompson

11:00am: Don Carducci, Dennis Imbrock, Tom Lang, George Gonsowski

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: David Sweeley

8:15am: Betty Lewis, Linda Wagner

11:00am: Christine Hank, Beth Hazel, Bonnie Swanson

Contemporary: Karrie Clark, Beth Katterhenrich, Rachel Katterhenrich

Lessons Today: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7;
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Ron Warren. Given by Neva Warren.

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you so much for the love, prayers, and support you have shown us. You have brought us comfort when we needed it most. We are also deeply grateful for the generous donations made in memory of our mom, Averil MacKenzie. Your kindness is a true reflection of God's love. Knowing that our mom's life is being honored through acts of giving and care for others means so much to our family. It reminds us that she is held in God's grace and lovingly remembered within a faithful and caring community. With heartfelt thanks. ~ The Family of Averil and John MacKenzie.

Thank you, Betty Lewis and Lynda Berry, for your leadership and training with the Altar Guild. You are appreciated and loved. ~ Shelia Holcomb.

Thank you, thank you to all who joined us for fun and fellowship at the **Chris Cakes Pancake Dinner for Mexico Missions!** We are very appreciative of your continued support. May God continue to shower His grace and love on you all! 😊

Dear St. John's Family: **Thank you so much** for all of your support for the **Souper Bowl of Caring** this year! We were able to collect \$635 in checks to go to LSS and \$1308.35 in cash to purchase food for the Grove City Food Pantry, for a grand total of \$1,943.35! We want to thank Lukas Althoff, who became our new student leader after our kickoff, for the tremendous job he did taking on his first student led service project! We can't express all of the gratitude we have for our congregation and how much we were able to donate to help local food pantries. The students are always excited to go out and buy food for the food pantry with these donations and will do that soon as part of their service work. Lukas would like to thank all of the youth who held pots and collected money at all the services. Thank you for being a light in this dark world to help others see that God is with them even in a time of hunger. Blessings of thanks!

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

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.



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, a sheet set, and a mattress cover), 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, Megan Grossman, or Christina Allman**. We would love to give the blessing bags to Bed Brigade by the first week of March. Thanks for helping make a child's winter snuggly and warm!

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:

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| 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.

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE: Thank you, everyone, for your great generosity in donating coats, hats, gloves, and blankets that were collected so far this winter. It is a winter project, so we will continue collecting and delivering these items through the end of February. We've received a great variety of items, even some handmade scarves, and a monetary donation. Again, a big **THANK YOU and bless all of you** for sharing during this cold winter season! If you have any questions, please contact Bruce or Karen Whyte, 614-878-9392 or whyteklz@gmail.com.



NOTICE: Please be advised that as of February 9, Jason is no longer in St. John's employment as Property Manager. We will be hiring for this position soon.

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.

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.

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.

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, March 1.

Monday, February 23

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 24—Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Have you ever left home to serve God? If so, what was it like? If not, what do you think that would be like?

Wednesday, February 25—Reading: Psalm 121

What comfort does the traveler receive?

Please come to one of our services today. We would love to have you worship the Lord with us.

Thursday, February 26—Reading: Romans 4:1-17

What qualifications does Abraham seem to have on the surface for righteousness? According to Paul, what REALLY made Abraham righteous?

Friday, February 27—Reading: John 3:1-17

How is Jesus' use of the phrase "born again" similar, and how is it different, from how it is often used today?

Saturday, February 28

Please take a moment to pray for our youth 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 helpers and volunteers in our Sunday School and midweek ministries. Help us to guide Your youth. Use godly men and women to teach our youth and please move the rest out of the way. In Jesus' Name, **Amen.**

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

RAISE RIGHT gift card orders are placed on the first Tuesday of every month. You can use these cards personally and they also make great gifts. Talk to Pam Wittenberg on how you can order physical cards and/or order e-gift cards and how to re-load your cards online. Raise Right gives a percentage for each card ordered back to St. John's. Monies raised help to offset the costs of the children and youth programming that is not covered by the church budget. *Thanks for your support!*

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!

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

ATTENDANCE February 15 - 290

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

MEN'S CHORALE: Rehearsal in the Sanctuary.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Faith Discussion, FH Rm 001 / Gospel of Mark, 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 22

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School Hour
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
1:00pm Life-to-Life (103-4)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
6:00pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FH)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:30am BSF Leaders
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
5:00pm Call Team (204)
6:00pm Exercise Class (FLC)
6:00pm Life-to-Life (off-site)
6:00pm Small Group (101)
6:30pm PEACE Puppets (FLC)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
7:30pm IQA Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
9:30am Quilters (103-4)
12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC)
6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (FH)
6:00pm Internship Team (Lib)
6:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (103-4)
7:00pm Life-to-Life (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:30am BSF
12:00pm Holden Evening Prayer (Sanc)
1:00pm Small Group (Lib)
3:00pm Private Event (Lib)
5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper (FLC, Kit)
5:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer (Sanc)
7:00pm Design for Living AA (FH)
7:00pm Explorers & Energizers
7:15pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9:30am Life-to-Life (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 27

9:30am Bible Study (103-4)
10:00am Life-to-Life (204)
2:00pm Private Event (101)
3:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
5:30pm Life-to-Life (off-site)
6:00pm Prayers and Pins (off-site)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

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 (103-4)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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