

NEWS NOTES

February 28—March 1, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Nick Grossman and David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Greeters

11:00am MD: *Bonnie Swanson*
ND: *Don Carducci*

Acolytes

8:15am: *Ben Previts*
11:00am: *Eva Counts*

Readers

4:00pm: *Karen Colwell*
8:15am: *Betty Lewis*
11:00am: *Lisa Stallard*
Contemporary: *Emma Grossman, Kate Shrum*

Altar Guild

Lynda Berry, Linda Vozel
Donna Linder, Gloria Biggs
Contemporary: *Rachel Katterhenrich*

Ushers

4:00pm: *Steve Henry, Steve Marcum*
8:15am: *David Sweeley, Hunter Thompson*
11:00am: *Bill Diehl, Dennis Imbrock, Larry Sutton, Dave Witt*

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: *Holly Starr*
8:15am: *Teresa Orahood, Rita Orahood*
11:00am: *David and Lisa Stallard, Dan Yeater*
Contemporary: *Gini Rogers, Jackie Rutan, Kate Shrum*

Lessons Today: *Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5,13-17; John 3:1-17.*

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by Ed and Glenda Sheets.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

✪ PERSONAL NEWS ✪

NOTES OF THANKS: Thank you so much for your fellowship and ministering to Bev Wilson during her illness and passing. The funeral service was beautiful! Thank you for the luncheon and providing us with the prayer shawls. We will never forget your kindness and compassion. Thank you! ~ Ruth Ratcliff and Barb Ratcliff.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Millie Quinn**, who passed away on February 16, 2026. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

✪ 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 evening services. 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.

EASTER CANDY & EGG STUFFERS NEEDED! It's almost time for Easter fun, and we need your help to make it *egg-stra* special! We're collecting **plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy** to fill them. You can drop your donations in the marked bin in the Link area.

Want to join the fun? Come help us stuff eggs and prep crafts on **Sunday, March 22nd from 12—2pm** in the **Family Life Center**. We'll provide all the supplies — plus a light lunch!

Please sign up on the **salmon sheet** or **contact Megan Grossman** so we know you're coming. Thank you for helping us make this Easter celebration sweet and joyful!

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.

EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY—SATURDAY, MARCH 28: A fun morning for the whole family. Come and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We will have Easter Egg Hunts for all ages, Puppets, and more! We hope you and your family and friends can join us! If you would like to help with the event, please reach out to Megan Grossman at mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, March 14th at 9am and on Tuesday, March 24th 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.

PROPERTY TEAM MEMBERS meet the first Monday of the month at 10am. 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.

EAGLE DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING! Please submit your article by noon on **Tuesday, March 10th.**

OWLS EVENT—MARCH 20, 2026: What's new downtown Grove City at City Hall? Inquiring minds want to know. The answer is simple but complicated. Our City Council has several items under consideration, and they will be busy in 2026. One way to keep "in the know" is to attend their meetings the first and third Monday of the month. Our March program is not about a current item on Council's agenda but one that has **been** talked about informally around town: **MAYOR or CITY MANAGER?** Please note this is **NOT** a current topic for Council. However, there are a lot of questions/concerns and more of us saying "I don't have a clue!" to "What?"

Tami Kelly, Grove City Clerk of Courts, will be our guest speaker to share the differences between the two positions in an **impartial, non-political** presentation of facts. Hope you will mark your calendar now and as always invite a friend. Can't be too young or too old!

We are still working on improving our sound problems so don't give up on 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!

MONDAY EXERCISE CLASS NOW MEETS WEEKLY! Please join us every Monday 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 cores 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.

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.

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 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 (614-530-4984).

BLANKETS OF LOVE 2026: Blankets of Love is almost over! Cordelia has done a wonderful job running this service project but still needs your help. If you still have a blanket to tie with your family or group, please turn that back into us **by March 8th**. If your group or family would like to participate to help us finish tying the last 10 blankets, please reach out to **Cordelia Wanner, Megan Grossman, or Christina Allman** and we will get you a blanket! Thank you for all the support thus far in helping to give children a warm and snuggly blessing.

USED EYEGLASSES are being collected for donation to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers located throughout the world. The used glasses are repaired and distributed to those in need in developing countries. You can donate your used eyeglasses in the drop boxes in the second-floor hallway just outside of the Library. Please remove them from their sleeves, cases, or boxes prior to donation.

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 8.

Monday, March 2

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, March 3—Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

What does this passage teach us about stress, trust, and obedience?

Wednesday, March 4—Reading: Psalm 95

What does bowing and kneeling represent?

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

Thursday, March 5—Reading: Roman 5:1-11

Where do you most clearly see God working in your life right now?

Friday, March 6—Reading: John 4:5-42

Why do you think Jesus risked his reputation to talk to this woman?

Why do you think he risked his reputation to talk to you?

Saturday, March 7

Please take a moment to pray for Parent's Sunday School 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 parents as they study Your Word to teach it to their children. Guide them in patience and in love, that they may raise a generation that loves You and seeks after You alone. In Jesus' Name, ***Amen.***

THE COLUMBUS MINIATURE SOCIETY will meet in the Family Life Center on **Saturday, March 14**. Refreshments are at 12:30pm. Then, we open with the club business meeting 1pm, followed by a \$5 workshop. This month's workshop will be learning various weathering techniques on exterior building samples. All are welcome! If you are interested in crafting with us and participating in the workshop, please **RSVP** to Sheri at shp678@yahoo.com **by Sunday, March 8th** so we can prepare enough materials and to advise of suggested supplies (ex: scissors, glue, pencil) to bring with you to the meeting.

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the Lost & Found bin located in the North Entrance coat area if you have lost or found any items in the church. For small items, such as rings, earrings, or headphones, please check with the office Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm. Eyeglasses may be donated after several weeks.

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.

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.

☞ 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. We will meet the remainder of March and then take the week off for Spring Break on April 2nd.

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. We will meet the remainder of March and then take the week off for Spring Break on April 2nd.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR meets on Thursday nights at 5pm in the Chapel. Children's Choir is preparing for Easter so come see Ms. Kate if you want to be a part of the praising of our Lord!

☞ CALENDAR ☜

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)

MONDAY, MARCH 2

9:30am BSF Leaders
10:00am Property Team (204)
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
5:00pm Call Team (204)
6:00pm Exercise Class (FLC)
6:00pm Life-to-Life (off-site)
6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (103-4)
6:30pm PEACE Puppets (FLC)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
7:30pm IQA Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

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)
6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer (Sanc)
7:00pm Design for Living AA (FH)
7:00pm Explorers & Energizers

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9:30am Life-to-Life (103-4)
1:00pm 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, MARCH 6

9:30am Bible Study (103-4)
10:00am Life-to-Life (FLC)
2:00pm Private Event (101)
5:30pm Life-to-Life (off-site)
6:00pm Prayers and Pins (off-site)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

2:00pm Life-to-Life Leader Meeting
(204)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
from 8am to 4pm.

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