

NEWS NOTES

March 7-8, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Pastor Jeff Morlock



Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Guest Organist, Ron Kenreich

Nick Grossman and David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

Greeters

11:00am MD: *Bill and Linda Diehl*
ND: *Christine Hank*

Acolytes

8:15am: *Cordelia Wanner, Truman Allman*
11:00am: *Hope Katterhenrich, Emma Grossman*

Readers

4:00pm: *Holly Starr*
8:15am: *Karen Bentley*
11:00am: *Christine Hank*

Altar Guild

David Grossman
Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson

Ushers

4:00pm: *Steve Henry, Michael Gibboney*
8:15am: *Steve Marcum, David Sweeley, Hunter Thompson*
11:00am: *George Gonsowski, Dennis Imbrock, Tom Lang, Larry Sutton*

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: *Holly Starr*
8:15am: *Tim Allman, Linda Wagner*
11:00am: *Dwight Henricksen, David and Lisa Stallard*

Lessons Today:

Exodus 17:1-7;
Romans 5:1-11;
John 4:5-42.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my husband Paul on his birthday and for our anniversary, and for all the years of loving each other. Given by Doris Leibrock.
BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

BLANKETS OF LOVE 2026: Blankets of Love is almost over! **If you still have a blanket, please turn that back into us TODAY, MARCH 8th.** Cordelia has done a wonderful job running this service project! Thank you for all the support thus far in helping to give children a warm and snuggly blessing.

 **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 12:00–2:00 PM** 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! 🌸 ✨

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.

SECURITY TEAM MEMBER NEEDED: The schedule for Security Team Members runs on a two-week rotation. Team members work 14 days in a row, then 28 days off. The nightly duties typically take about an hour to complete. **These duties include:**

- Walking the exterior perimeter and ensuring all exterior doors are locked
- Checking that all interior lights are turned off
- Ensuring all the necessary interior doors are locked
- Noting building repairs needed

We hope to have the position filled by the end of May. If you have an interest in serving the church in this way, please contact the office at 614-875-2314 or secretary@stjohnsgc.org.

EAGLE DEADLINE IS THIS TUESDAY! 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!

FLC GYM FLOOR REPLACEMENT - The gym floor in the Family Life Center is currently scheduled to be replaced beginning on May 6th and lasting through the month of May. During this time, the gym will not be available for use. If you had plans to use this space during this time, please contact the office to either reschedule or cancel. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

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.

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 15.

Monday, March 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, March 10—Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

What is Samuel mourning? Why does God rebuke him for this?
How does God calm our fears?

Wednesday, March 11—Reading: Psalm 23

What part of God being your shepherd is most comforting to you?
Please come to one of our services today. We would love to have you worship the Lord with us.

Thursday, March 12—Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

If God were to shine a light on your life right now for all of the world to see, what would you wish you could hide? Give that thing to the Lord today and let Him heal you there.

Friday, March 13—Reading: John 9:1-41

What misfortune in your life has turned into an opportunity to tell others about Jesus? Thank God for that now.

Saturday, March 14

Please take a moment to pray for OWLs 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 those who are involved in our OWLs ministry. Help them to always seek after you and serve you alone, Lord. In Jesus' Name, ***Amen.***

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.

ST. JOHN'S GOODTIME IRISH BAND is looking for a male tenor or baritone who loves to sing. If interested or curious, please call Mike Cunningham at 614-561-5214, text, or email at fmichaelc51@gmail.com.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held on **Tuesday, March 17** 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.

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.

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 ☞

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 \$4. 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!

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, March 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 12pm and stay until 2pm.







Lunch is provided! If you are able, please RSVP to help us have the right amount of food. Tell Jen Mitchell, Stephanie Potokar, or Christina Allman.

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

ATTENDANCE Sunday, March 1 - 264

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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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!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

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, MARCH 8

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

MONDAY, MARCH 9

- 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, MARCH 10

APRIL EAGLE ARTICLES DUE

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- 9:30am BSF
12:00pm Holden Evening Prayer (Sanc)
1:00pm Small Group (Lib)
5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper (FLC, Kit)
6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer (Sanc)
7:00pm Design for Living AA (FH)
7:00pm Explorers & Energizers

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 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, MARCH 13

- 9:30am Bible Study (103-4)
10:00am Life-to-Life (204)
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 14

- 9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
10:00am Girl Scouts #6300 (FH)
12:30pm Columbus Miniature Soc. (FLC)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School Hour
10:45am Children's Church (103-4)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
12:30pm LEGO Club (FLC)
1:00pm Life-to-Life (103-4)
2:00pm Private Event (FH)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)