

NEWS NOTES

March 14-15, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Guest Organist, Mary Ann Stephens

Nick Grossman and David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Greeters

11:00am MD: Carol Rich

ND: Lynda Berry

Acolytes

8:15am: Ben Previts, Esmé Wanner

11:00am: Nick Althoff, Lukas Althoff

Readers

4:00pm: Lisa Dubos

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Cindy Gonsowski

Contemporary: Stephen Katterhenrich,
Hope Katterhenrich

Altar Guild

David and Lisa Stallard

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Contemporary: Theresa Wahl

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael Gibboney

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

11:00am: David Clark, Bill Diehl, Dennis
Imbrock, Larry Sutton

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Ann Jones, Paul Wittenberg

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

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich,
Brad and Theresa Wahl

Lessons Today:

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14;
John 9:1-41.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of Dwight and Cindy's 37th wedding anniversary. They were married here at St. John's on March 18, 1989.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Richard Davis. Given by Vi Davis and family.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In memory of Rev. Virgil Wittenberg. Given by the Wittenberg family.

BULLETINS: In memory of June and Ernie Duffield. Given by Barbara Connors.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

NOTICE TO THOSE MAKING HOME VISITS: A group from the church came by StoryPoint without prior notice and entered Carl Patzer's room to pray. Although well intended, it caused him quite a bit of stress. At this time, Carl is not receiving visitors—it's important for his comfort and peace. Please do not stop by unless the family has reached out to coordinate. We truly value your understanding.

BLANKETS OF LOVE: Thanks to all who prayed over, paid for, prepared, and/or tied 35 blankets that were included in Bed Brigade Blessing Bags with bedding and mattress pads. They were delivered to those in need of a cozy bed by the Bed Brigade. Thank you so very much for helping us warm the beds, souls, and hearts of those in need in the Columbus area during this winter season. Warmly, Cordelia Wanner, 7th grade youth coordinator of Blankets of Love.



WINTER COAT DRIVE: We have concluded our request for coats and blankets for this season! Thank you to all of you for your generous donations of winter coats, hats, gloves, and blankets and cash donations. Each year we collect, we are so happy with the big-hearted response. So many people were warm this very unusually cold winter because of YOU! Blessings to all of you. ~ Bruce and Karen Whyte.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER TRAINING: Are you currently serving as a Greeter, Reader, Usher, or with the Altar Guild at any of our four services? We will be holding a worship training for all volunteers on **Sunday, March 22 at 9:30am.**

During this time, we will review each role so everyone has a clear understanding of expectations as we serve together here at St. John's. Please plan to attend, meeting won't take long but is very important that you make time for this training. Please let Megan Grossman or Pastor Patti Morlock if you have any questions or plan to attend.



🐰 **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 12:00–2:00pm** 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.

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!



SECURITY TEAM MEMBER NEEDED: The schedule for Security Team Members run 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 your earliest convenience at 614-875-2314 or secretary@stjohnsgc.org.



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 is set up by the Welcome Desk in the North Entrance to collect all of your donations. 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—JUNE 22-25: Mark your calendar!!!

Tropical Trek Vacation Bible School is coming to St. John's June 22nd-25th 9:00am to noon. We will be learning that Jesus comes to seek and save. All children ages 3 (potty trained) through 6th grade are welcome. Please note that all children must be potty trained in order to attend. Online registration will open in May! Contact Christina Allman at 614-519-8092 or at callman@stjohnsgc.org if you want to volunteer or have any questions.



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.

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.

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.

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 22.

Monday, March 16

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 17—Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Why do you think that the dry bones are significant?

Look at verses 7-10, what are the steps in raising these dry bones?

Wednesday, March 18—Reading: Psalm 130

In what way is your soul waiting for the Lord in this season?

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

Thursday, March 19—Reading: Romans 8:6-11

Take some time to think about what it means to have the Spirit of God in your life.

Friday, March 20—Reading: John 11:1-45

Have you ever felt like Thomas is verse 16, like God was calling you to do something risky? Did you listen? Why or why not?

Saturday, March 21

Please take a moment to pray for Adult 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 adults as they study Your Word to be able to tell the world about You. Help them to chase only after You and not after the achievements of this world. In Jesus' Name, **Amen.**

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 8

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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.



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 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)

MONDAY, MARCH 16

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)
6:30pm PEACE Puppets (FLC)
7:00pm Council (103-4)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
7:30pm IQA Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
9:30am Quilters (103-4)
12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC)
6:30pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FLC)
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (103-4)
7:00pm Life-to-Life (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

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 19

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)

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

9:30am Bible Study (103-4)
10:00am Life-to-Life (204)
11:30am OWLS (FLC)
2:00pm Private Event (101)
3:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
5:30pm Life-to-Life (off-site)
6:00pm Private Event (FLC)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

9:30am Private Event (FLC)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School Hour
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
12:00pm Easter Egg Stuffing (FLC)
1:00pm Life-to-Life (103-4)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
6:00pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FH)

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!**