

NEWS NOTES

March 21-22, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Greeters

11:00am MD: Don Carducci

ND: Linda Diehl

Acolytes

8:15am: Corban Allman, Addy Gottshall

11:00am: Eva Counts, Maggie Weber

Readers

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Rita Orahood

11:00am: Bonnie Swanson

Contemporary: Karrie Clark, Beth
Katterhenrich

Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael Gibboney

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

11:00am: Don Carducci, Dennis Imbrock,
Tom Lang, Dave Witt

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: David Sweeley

8:15am: Joel Baughman, Betty Lewis

11:00am: Linda Diehl, Christine Hank, Lisa
Hartig-Mawhorr

Contemporary: Karrie Clark, Beth
Katterhenrich, Jackie Rutan

Lessons Today: Ezekiel 37:1-14;

Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of our daughter Amy's birthday, and in honor of our granddaughter Ava's birthday. Given by Terry and Teresa Orahood.

BULLETINS: In honor of the coming of Spring. Given by Linda Chenault.

BULLETINS: In memory of the Rev. Virgil Wittenberg's birthday. Given by Paul and Pam Wittenberg.

✪ PERSONAL NEWS ✪

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Karen Sheldon**, who passed away on March 12, 2026; and to the family and friends of **Carl Patzer**, who passed away on March 15, 2026. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

✪ TODAY'S NEWS ✪

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE: The Call Team would like to share that while we have not yet identified the pastor God is calling to St. John's, the search is actively moving forward. We have interviewed three candidates thus far and continue to engage in thoughtful conversation and discernment. We are committed to seeking the right shepherd for our congregation and will not recommend someone unless we truly believe they are the person God is calling to serve here. Throughout this process, we have remained grounded in Scripture, devotion, and prayer together, trusting that this will unfold in God's time, not ours. We are grateful for your continued prayers and patience.

Suggested Prayer: Heavenly Father,
We thank You for guiding our Call Team through prayer, Scripture, and faithful conversation. Grant them wisdom, unity, and discernment as they continue interviewing and listening for Your voice. Prepare the heart of the pastor You are calling to St. John's, and help our congregation trust in Your perfect timing. In Jesus' name, **Amen**.

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 today, Sunday, March 22 at 9:30am in the Sanctuary.



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 FAMILY FUN DAY—SATURDAY, MARCH 28 AT 10:00AM! 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 April. 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.



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.

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 Palm Sunday, March 29.

Monday, March 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, March 24—Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9

What is the Servant's mission and what is His relationship with God?

Wednesday, March 25—Reading: Psalm 31:9-16

What feelings are expressed in these verses?

Think of how Jesus felt as He approached the cross. Please come to one of our services today. We would love to have you worship the Lord with us.

Thursday, March 26—Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

What is one specific thing that you can do this week to imitate Christ's humility?

Friday, March 27—Reading: Matthew 26:14—27:66

What is most striking to you about this story?

Pray that God will give you fresh eyes as you read this familiar passage.

Saturday, March 28

Please take a moment to pray for our Altar Guild 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 Altar Guild as they prepare all of the communion elements, banners, and flowers for worship on Sunday. Strengthen them and grant them patience in their duties. 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!

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

ATTENDANCE **Sunday, March 15** - **251** Traditional Worship Attendees

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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SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

Men's Chorale Rehearsal, 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, 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)

MONDAY, MARCH 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)
- 7:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)
- 7:30pm IQA Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

- 7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
- 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
- 6:00pm Friends of the Library (102)
- 6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (FH)
- 6:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (FLC)
- 7:00pm Life-to-Life (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 26

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 9:30am Life-to-Life (103-4)
- 11:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
- 3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
- 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
- 5:45pm Adventure Club & Faith Trek
- 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)

FRIDAY, MARCH 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)
- 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

- 10:00am Easter Family Fun Day**
- 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School Hour
- 10:45am Children's Church (103-4)
- 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!**