

NEWS NOTES

March 28-29, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Pastor Jeff Morlock



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: Carol Rich

ND: Linda Diehl

Acolytes

8:15am: Cordelia Wanner, Esmé Wanner

Carry the Cross: Corban Allman

Carry the Bible: Truman Allman

Carry the Christ Candle: Ben Previts

11:00am: Hope Katterhenrich, Emma Grossman

Carry the Cross: Corban Allman

Carry the Bible: Davy Clark

Carry the Christ Candle: Truman Allman

Readers

4:00pm: Karen Colwell

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Bonnie Swanson

Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis

Lynda Berry, Bill and Linda Diehl

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael Gibboney

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

11:00am: David Clark, Bill Diehl, George Gonsowski, Dennis Imbrock

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Bill Woodgeard

8:15am: Susan Previts, Ben Previts

11:00am: Dan Yeater, Brenda Schultz, Kate Shrum

Lessons Today:

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 21:1-11

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Connie Sonnen**, who passed away on March 20, 2026. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

NOTES OF THANKS: Thank you to Pastor Patti Morlock for the beautiful memorial service. Everything went smoothly and was done very well. Thank you to Wilma Phillips and the Bereavement Team for the wonderful dinner. They did a fantastic job. Thank you to Steve Marcum for helping to place the flower arrangements in the Sanctuary. We are grateful for you, and for all who were able to attend. Sincerely, ~ The Patzer Family.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

✦ Exciting Update! ✦

We're excited to share that we're launching a new system called **CHMeetings!** This will help us improve communication, make our directory easier to use, track attendance, and so much more.

📅 **Starting this Sunday, March 29**

During the Sunday school hour, stop by the front desk where David Clark will be available to make sure your information is updated and correct.

🕒 **Easter Sunday (8:00–10:00am)**

Join us during breakfast in the Family Life Center to get an updated photo for our directory. Individuals and families welcome!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to David Clark or Megan Grossman. We're excited to get started!

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST: We will be serving breakfast on Easter Sunday from 8am-10am in the Family Life Center. A free will offering will be taken. Please join us on Easter Sunday, April 20th for a time of fellowship and good food!

SECURITY TEAM MEMBER NEEDED: The schedule for Security Team Members runs on a two-week rotation. Team members work 14 days for typically an hour each, then enjoy 4 weeks off. ***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.



Please feel free to come up and take a palm branch after the Late Service.

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.***

OWLS EVENT—APRIL 17, 2026: Children's Hospital is a familiar name to all of us. Each of us has probably been a visitor at one time or another as a parent, grandparent or friend of the family. Although most of our loved ones' stays are short, some last much longer. That's where the Ronald McDonald House comes in.

Recognizing the importance of supporting families when a child faces a serious illness or injury, the first House opened in Philadelphia in 1974. In 2024, Ronald McDonald House provided more than 2.8 million overnight stays, helping families save \$678 million on lodging and meals.

Our speaker Mike Amfahr is a ten plus year volunteer. He is the front desk volunteer and has become the facility tour guide. His support and enthusiasm led to his being asked to speak for the House whenever a speaker is requested. He will talk about its history, how it works and what it offers as well as a few stories about some of the families who have come through and benefited from the House.

We meet for lunch on the third Friday of each month at 11:30am, followed by our guest speaker.

The OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors) 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!

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 Easter Sunday, April 5.

Monday, March 30

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 31—Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Imagine that you were there on this day. What do you think that would have been like?

Wednesday, April 1—Reading: Psalm 118

Ponder how God's love endures forever - how did this take shape on the Cross?

Thursday, April 2—Reading: John 13:1-35

Jesus shows us what it means to be a servant leader in this passage. What sticks out to you the most?

Friday, April 3—Reading: John 18:1-19:42

All of this, that Jesus did - He did for you and me. He paid the penalty for each of our sins. He got what we deserve. Take a moment to thank Him for all He's done for those who believe in Him.

Saturday, April 4

Please take a moment to pray for our Easter Services this weekend.

Lord, please guide our pastors and vicar this weekend. Help them to speak clearly and to have clear thoughts. Please also be with those who will attend our services this weekend. Please draw these people to a closer relationship with You, Help them to find a church home if they do not yet have one. Let this be a year of revival and renewal. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

THE COLUMBUS MINIATURE SOCIETY will meet in the Family Life Center on **Saturday, April 18**. Refreshments are at 12:30pm. Then, we open with the club business meeting 1pm, followed by a \$10 workshop. This month's workshop will be creating a small scene in a "pocket watch". 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, April 12th** so we can prepare enough materials and to advise of suggested supplies (ex: scissors, glue, pencil) to bring with you to the meeting.

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.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞







ADVENTURE CLUB & FAITH TREK, EXPLORERS & ENERGIZERS, and CHILDRENS CHOIR will not be meeting this coming Holy Week due to Spring Break. We will meet again after Easter, Wednesday April 8 and Thursday April 9. We hope to see you then!

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

ATTENDANCE **Sunday, March 22 - 295**

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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☪ CALENDAR ☪

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

PALM SUNDAY

- 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)

MONDAY, MARCH 30

HOLY WEEK

- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)
- 5:00pm Call Team (204)
- 6:00pm Exercise Class (FLC)
- 6:30pm PEACE Puppets (FLC)
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

- 7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
- 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

- 1:00pm Small Group (Lib)
- 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
- 7:00pm Design for Living AA (FH)
- 7:15pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 1:00pm Small Group (Café)
- 3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
- 7:00pm **MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP (Sanc)**

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

- 12:00pm **GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP (Sanc)**
- 7:00pm **GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP (Sanc)**
- 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School Hour
- 11:00am Combined Worship (Sanc)

OFFICE HOURS

**Monday through Friday
from 8am to 4pm.**

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, APRIL 6
IN OBSERVANCE OF EASTER.**

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

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.