

NEWS NOTES

Easter, April 4-5, 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 Rings

☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Acolytes

8:15am: Corban Allman, Addy Gottshall

Carry the Cross: Colton Thompson

Carry the Bible: Corban Allman

Carry the Christ Candle: Brayden
Gottshall

Carry Altar Candles: Truman Allman,
Addy Gottshall

11:00am: Lukas Althoff, Nick Althoff

Carry the Cross: Nick Althoff

Carry the Bible: Hope Katterhenrich

Carry the Christ Candle: Lukas Althoff

Carry Altar Candles: Truman Allman,
Emma Grossman

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael Gibboney

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

11:00am: Don Carducci, David Clark, Bill
Diehl, Dennis Imbrock

Greeters

11:00am MD: Bill Diehl

ND: Sheryl Fraley

Readers

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Christine Hank

Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Donna Linder, Linda Vozel

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Rebecca Retherford, Teresa
Orahood

11:00am: Ike Stage, Brenda Schultz, Dan
Yeater

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of our anniversary. Given by Doug and Megin Cress.
LECTERN FLOWERS: In celebration of Jim Braskett's birthday. Given by Lorna McMillin.
THE EASTER BULLETINS are in memory of our mother Wilma Jean Marcum, our grandparents Edward and Lillie Iftner, great-grandparents, and loved ones.

Lessons Today: Jeremiah 31:1-6, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 28:1-10

✪ PERSONAL NEWS ✪

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Karl Barch**, who passed away on March 25, 2026. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

NOTES OF THANKS:

Thank you, Karrie Clark and Shirley Blake, for making the Welcome Desk area safer. I appreciate you!

Thank you, Megan Grossman and Christina Allman, for your love and dedication to all ages. You are appreciated.

Thank you Betty Lewis for the beautiful floral arrangement for my late husband, Mikey. You will be blessed.

Thank you to everyone at St. John's for always being kind, thoughtful, and acknowledging me. Peace be with you!
~ Shelia Holcomb.

✪ TODAY'S NEWS ✪

💎 New Church System – CHMeetings 💎

We're excited to begin using a new system called **CHMeetings!** This will help us improve communication, simplify our directory, track attendance, and more.

📅 Today (April 5 | 8:00–10:00am)

Stop by during breakfast in the **Family Life Center** to update your information and have your photo taken for the directory.

If you have any questions, please contact **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 5th for a time of fellowship and good food.

THE QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held in the Sanctuary at 9:30am on Sunday, April 27, 2025. Please plan to attend.

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.



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.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: Pastor Patti and Intern Billie Fisch will be leading a class on Holy Communion for children **Sunday, May 3rd at church from 12:15—2:15pm.** The class will be geared towards 5th grade students; however, younger children who have expressed a serious desire to receive the sacrament are welcome to participate (as are older youths who have not yet received this instruction). We ask that at least one adult be present in the class with each child. We'll meet in room 103-4 and have a light lunch before class begins and a rehearsal at the end of class to practice how communion is received. At the conclusion of our time together, parents and students will discuss whether the student is ready to receive the sacrament. Those who are ready will participate in their first communion at the **11am traditional worship service on Sunday, May 10th (Mother's Day).** Please contact Pastor Patti, Billie Fisch, or Christina Allman if you have any questions regarding your child's participation in the class.

GRADUATION 2026

***The Graduation season is rapidly approaching, and we like to recognize those in our congregation who may be finishing their degrees. If you would like to recognize your post-high graduate, please send the following information: student's name, name of school, degree and major, to Christina Allman at callman@stjohnsgc.org, to be placed in the bulletins and Eagle.



***The congregation is invited to the **GRADUATION BLESSING RECEPTION, Sunday, May 3rd** from 9:30 to 10:30am in the FLC. Visit with our graduating seniors to see where they will be going next. Students will be available for prayers, good wishes and hugs!!! Come and bless our graduates and share a light celebratory breakfast with us. We will also be recognizing our students at the combined 11:00am traditional service that day. What a great time to encourage those in our faith webs!

EAGLE DEADLINE is this coming Friday. Please submit your article by noon on **April 10th**.

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!*

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION TEAM: 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. **This month, the team will be going out on April 12th.**

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, April 11th at 9am and on Tuesday, April 28th 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.

MONDAY EVENING EXERCISE CLASS: 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.

LAY READERS are needed for the **8:15am and 11am worship services.** Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish entrance. Thank you for serving in this ministry. Contact Jo Dimond if you have any questions at 614-270-3291.

GREETERS NEEDED for traditional services. We kindly request volunteers for 4pm and 8:15am to contact the office, 614-875-2314, and for 11am greeters to contact Linda Diehl, 614-906-1408.

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 Amfah 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!

YOUTH GATHERING 2026: This summer, July 6th-11th, we will be sending 7 youth and 2 adults to the NALC Continental Youth Gathering for a four-day event. The mission of this event is to provide opportunities for Lutheran youth to not only grow in their faith, but to be encouraged by connecting with other believers throughout North America.



REJOICE!

Please start praying for our youth (Corban & Truman Allman, Lukas Althoff, Davy Clark, Brooklyn Cress, Ben Previts, and Cordelia Wanner) and adult chaperones (Tim and Christina Allman) as they begin to prepare for this trip. As the date approaches, we will be asking youth and adults of the congregation to prayerfully consider being prayer buddies during this time as well as help to support donations for NALC disaster relief kits that we will be assembling while at the gathering. Feel free to reach out to Tim and Christina Allman if you have any questions!

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 the week of Easter, April 5.

Monday, April 6

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, April 7—Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-32

- 1 From Peter's sermon, what facts about Jesus are needed for non-believers to understand?
- 2 What difference does it make that Jesus is king over all?

Wednesday, April 8—Reading: Psalm 16

- 1 What type of blessings did David praise God for?
- 2 What blessings can you praise God for?

Thursday, April 9—Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

- 1 In what sense, are we as God's children, strangers in this world?
- 2 When has your faith been tested by a fiery trial?

Friday, April 10—Reading: John 20:10-35

- 1 Do you think you would have reacted like Mary or the disciples? Why?
- 2 What finally breaks through Mary's grief and confusion?
- 3 What does it mean that Jesus is your brother? v 17

Saturday, April 11

Please take a moment to pray for our next pastor.

Lord, please guide us to our next pastor. Please draw this person to apply with us. Please guide them and grow them in the skills that we need them to have. Please help us to not look at outward appearances and skills, but rather let us seek your guidance to look at their heart. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are in need of Communion Assistants for 11am traditional worship services! Please consider serving in this very important ministry. It does not require any extra time, just the time you are already here at church. People typically serve just 6 times a year, one Sunday every other month. It's not a huge commitment, but a very important one. It's a moving experience to serve the Lord's Supper to your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. If you feel called to serve in this important ministry, please contact Lisa Stallard by phone or text at 614-284-6692 or email l.stallard15@gmail.com.

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 at 614-530-4984.



USED EYEGASSES 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

YOUTH NEWS

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.

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 April with our last day on April 30th.

EXPLORERS (7th—8th graders) and ENERGIZERS (High Schoolers) meet every Wednesday from 7-8:30pm. Come join us in April for a month of service! 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 April.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR will meet throughout April on Thursday nights at 5pm in the Chapel. 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 29 - 298

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

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, APRIL 5

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00am-10:00am

Breakfast and Photos (FLC)

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)

9:30am Sunday School Hour

10:45am Children's Church (103-4)

11:00am Combined Worship (Sanc)

MONDAY, APRIL 6

9:30am BSF Leaders (Zoom)

10:00am Property Team (204)

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)

5:00pm Call Team (Lib)

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)

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

RAISE RIGHT ORDER DEADLINE

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)

9:30am Quilters (103-4)

6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (301-3)

7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (FLC)

7:00pm Life-to-Life (Chapel)

7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

9:30am BSF

1:00pm Small Group (Lib)

3:00pm Private Event (Lib)

6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)

7:00pm Design for Living AA (FH)

7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

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)

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

MAY EAGLE ARTICLES DUE

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, APRIL 11

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)

10:00am Girl Scouts #6300 (FH)

12:00pm Private Event (FLC)

12:00pm Confirmation Trifold Prep (304)

4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)

7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

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)

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!**

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