

# NEWS NOTES

April 11-12, 2026

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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: *Lynda Berry*

#### **Acolytes**

8:15am: *Truman Allman*

11:00am: *Lukas Althoff, Davy Clark*

#### **Ushers**

4:00pm: *Steve Henry, Michael  
Gibboney*

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

11:00am: *Bill Diehl, George Gonsowski,  
Dennis Imbrock, Tom Lang*

#### **Readers**

4:00pm: *Karen Colwell*

8:15am: *Rita Orahood*

11:00am: *Karrie Clark*

Contemporary: *Jackie Rutan, Hope  
Katterhenrich*

#### **Altar Guild**

*Dave and Karen Grossman*

*Linda Wagner, Hunter Thompson*

Contemporary Prep: *Theresa Wahl*

#### **Communion Assistants**

4:00pm: *Barb Hill*

8:15am: *Rita Orahood, Linda Wagner*

11:00am: *Beth Hazel, Dwight Henricksen,  
Bonnie Swanson*

Contemporary: *Jackie Rutan, Brad and  
Theresa Wahl*

**Lessons Today:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

## **DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In celebration of Richard Rush's 90th birthday. Given by Charlotte Rausch and Laura Rush.

**LECTERN FLOWERS:** In memory of my husband, Ronald Long, on his birthday. Given by Suzie Long and family.

**BULLETINS:** In memory of my husband, Dwight E. Campbell, and our son, Dwight Jr. Given by Mary Campbell.

**BULLETINS:** Given by June Stimpfle.

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

**THE EASTER BULLETINS:** In memory of our mother Wilma Jean Marcum, our grandparents Edward and Lillie Iftner, great-grandparents, and loved ones. Given by Steve Marcum, Sheryl Childress, Deanna Neal, and Debbie Mosley.

## **☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞**

**THE QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held in the Sanctuary at 9:30am on Sunday, April 26, 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](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org).

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS:** Pastor Patti 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 or Christina Allman if you have any questions regarding your child's participation in the class.

**UPDATED—OWLS EVENT—APRIL 17, 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 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!

### **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](mailto: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!

**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, April 12.**

**Monday, April 13**

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 14—Reading: Acts 2:14,36-41**

1. The word "repent" means "to completely turn away from". How does this change your understanding of verse 38?
2. What would it be like to see 3,000 people baptized?

**Wednesday, April 15—Reading: Psalm 116**

1. The Psalmist is devoted to the Lord because He heard his cry. Is this a good reason?
2. How does the Psalmist try to repay the Lord?
3. Can we ever repay him?

**Thursday, April 16—Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-23**

1. What kind of holiness does this passage call us to?
2. What does it mean to live your life as a stranger in this world?

**Friday, April 17—Reading: Luke 24:13-35**

1. Jesus surprises the disciples. Where has He surprised you lately?
2. If you could walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, what would you ask him?

**Saturday, April 18**

Please take a moment to pray for our military.

Lord, we see so many men and women who have sacrificed their time and even their lives to defend our freedom. Please be with them and their families. Please keep them safe. Please be with those who grieve over the loss of a service member. 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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org). Requests are updated on a weekly basis and should be turned in by Monday mornings.

**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.



## Join us for LEGO Club!

The next meeting date is **Sunday, April 19**

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.



**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](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto:dwesterfeld@stjohnsgc.org) and Energizers may connect with Gini Rogers at [grogers@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:grogers@stjohnsgc.org) with any questions. We will meet the remainder of April.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will meet Thursday nights at 5pm on April 16<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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**    **Maundy Thursday, April 2 - 119**  
**Good Friday, April 3 - 175**  
**Easter Sunday, April 4-5 - 558**

**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](http://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 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)

### **MONDAY, APRIL 13**

9:30am BSF Leaders  
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (FH)  
5:00pm Call Team (Lib)  
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 Finance Team (103-4)

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 14**

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)  
9:30am Quilters (103-4)  
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, APRIL 15**

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)  
7:00pm Explorers & Energizers  
7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 16**

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, APRIL 17**

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)  
8:30pm AA (FH)

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 18**

12:30pm Columbus Miniature Soc. (FLC)  
3:00pm Private Event (103-4)  
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

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12:00pm LEGO Club (FLC)  
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!**