

# NEWS NOTES

April 18-19, 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: Diane Sexton

### Readers

4:00pm: Karen Colwell  
8:15am: Paul Wittenberg  
11:00am: Lisa Stallard  
Contemporary: Lydia Shrum, Kate Shrum

### Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael Gibboney  
8:15am: Steve Marcum, David Sweeley,  
Hunter Thompson  
11:00am: Dave Clark, Bill Diehl, Dennis  
Imbrock, Larry Sutton

### Acolytes

8:15am: Ben Previts, Esmé Wanner  
11:00am: Lukas Althoff, Nick Althoff

### Altar Guild

Lynda Berry, Linda Vozel  
Gloria Biggs, Paul and Pam Wittenberg  
Contemporary Prep: Rachel  
Katterhenrich

### Communion Assistants

4:00pm: David Sweeley  
8:15am: Joel Baughman, Paul Wittenberg  
11:00am: Caroline Koethke, Lynda Berry,  
Diane Carducci  
Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich, Jen  
Shade, Kate Shrum

**Lessons Today:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35.

## DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of our dad, James Skinner, on his birthday. Given by Barbara Armentrout and Cindy Roberts.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of my husband, Jerry Keller. Given by JoAnne Keller.

**LECTERN FLOWERS:** Given by Dave and Lisa Stallard in memory of Lisa's son, Michael Stephan, whose birthday is April 19.

**BULLETINS:** Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

**BULLETINS:** Given by Ed and Glenda Sheets.

## ☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of **Ben Reeves**, who passed away on April 14, 2026. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

**NOTES OF THANKS -To the members and staff of St. John's:** "Thank you so much to all the St. John's family – members and staff – who took part in my 90th birthday celebration. I was overwhelmed with your cards, gift cards, gifts, and love. I am so blessed to be a part of my church family and appreciate each and every one of you. God is good!" ~ Richard Rush.

## ☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

**THE QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held in the Sanctuary at 9:30am on Sunday, April 26, 2026. Please plan to attend.

### 💡 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.

📅 **Today, Sunday April 19:** During the Sunday School Hour, stop by the FLC where David Clark will be available to make sure your information is updated and correct.

📷 **Updated Photos:** We will also be updating photos today in the FLC between 9:15-10:30am, and 12:00-12:45pm. Stop by to get an updated photo for our new directory.

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

**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.



**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.

### **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!

**NOTICE:** This is to inform you that as of Wednesday, April 1, 2026, our intern, Billie Jo Fisch, tendered her resignation here at St. John's. We wish her well in her future endeavors and pray God's blessing on her and her husband Bob.

**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 are our lectionary readings for Sunday, April 19.

#### **Monday, April 20**

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 21—Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

1. How do you think our church fellowship is like and unlike the fellowship described here?
2. How could you help our church to be more like this?

#### **Wednesday, April 22—Reading: Psalm 21**

1. Do you feel like your cup runs over?
2. The Lord is offering for us to sit and eat in the MIDST of our enemies. Do you have the trust to do that? What does that feel like?

#### **Thursday, April 23—Reading: 1 Peter 2:18-25**

1. Have you ever received persecution because of the way you put your life in Christ on display?
2. Who are some of the authority figures in your life? How can you do better at relating to them?

#### **Friday, April 24—Reading: John 10:1-21**

1. How do sheep respond to their shepherd?
2. How does this explain how the Pharisees act in relation to Jesus?

#### **Saturday, April 25**

Please take a moment to pray for our teachers

Lord, please be with our school teachers. Help them to know your love. Help them to communicate this love to students. Help them to remember that while academic lessons are important, character development is much more important. In Jesus' Name, **Amen.**

**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

### Join us for LEGO Club!

**Today, Sunday, April 19** is our last meeting of Lego Club for the school year!

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.

**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 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!

## The Land of the Living

Find the 39 **bold** words from Psalm 116:5-14 (ESV).

G D H N D G K A F X Y P C D Y  
 J N W R L R G N I L B M U T S  
 R A O D E T C I L F F A L B F  
 Q L L T P Z O U F T E D I G P  
 Q A U S W R F A E Y D E V A S  
 F R B E L I E V E D T R I T A  
 N M B R T R W S T I F E N E B  
 O R E N D E R G E G I V G A R  
 C S U O E T H G I R L I A R S  
 J O H S T N O I T A V L A S U  
 B U S T I L U F I C R E M A N  
 N L K W A M A N K I N D S P A  
 M E L P O E P E Y O C F O B F  
 Q S A A U V D L D U M U I G I  
 K P W Y C E C N E S E R P N H

**Gracious** is the **LORD**, and **righteous**; our **God** is **merciful**. The **LORD** **preserves** the **simple**; when I was brought **low**, he **saved** me. **Return**, O my **soul**, to your **rest**; for the **LORD** has **dealt** **bountifully** with you. For you have **delivered** my **soul** from **death**, my **eyes** from **tears**, my **feet** from **stumbling**; I will **walk** before the **LORD** in the **land** of the **living**. I **believed**, even when I spoke: "I am greatly **afflicted**"; I said in my **alarm**, "All **mankind** are **liars**." What shall I **render** to the **LORD** for all his **benefits** to me? I will **lift** up the **cup** of **salvation** and **call** on the **name** of the **LORD**, I will **pay** my **vows** to the **LORD** in the **presence** of all his **people**.

## STEWARDSHIP

**ATTENDANCE**      Sunday, April 11-12      -      283

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS GIVING TO ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES!**

**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.

**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 19**

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:15am Photos and Updates (FLC)
- 9:30am Sunday School Hour
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 12:00pm Photos and Updates (FLC)
- 12:00pm LEGO Club (FLC)
- 1:00pm Life-to-Life (103-4)
- 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

**MONDAY, APRIL 20**

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

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21**

- 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)
- 6:30pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FLC)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (103-4)
- 7:00pm Life-to-Life (Chapel)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22**

- 9:30am BSF
- 11:00am BSF Children's Event (FH)
- 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 23**

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

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24**

- 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 25**

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

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (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)
- 1:00pm Private Event (Sanc)
- 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!**