

NEWS NOTES

April 25-26, 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 Bonnie Swanson, Sheryl Fraley

Readers

4:00pm: Lisa Dubos

8:15am: Teresa Orahood

11:00am: Sheryl Fraley

Contemporary: Emma Grossman, Karrie Clark

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael Gibboney

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

11:00am: Bill Diehl, George Gonsowski, Tom Lang, Larry Sutton

Acolytes

8:15am: Addy Gottshall, Corban Allman

11:00am: Eva Counts, Maggie Weber

Altar Guild

David and Lisa Stallard

Contemporary Prep: Rachel Katterhenrich

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Mike Gibboney

8:15am: Tim and Christina Allman

11:00am: Christine Hank, Beth Hazel, Bonnie Swanson

Contemporary: Karrie Clark, Beth Katterhenrich, Gini Rogers

Lessons Today: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of our loved ones and in honor of our families. Given by Larry and Marilyn Peterson.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my dad. Given by Linda Vozel.

BULLETINS: In memory of Michael Holcomb on our 49th wedding anniversary on April 23, 2026. Mikey had a pure heart and was a loving husband. Thank you, Lord, for my Mikey! Given by Shelia Holcomb.

BULLETINS: Given by Ed and Glenda Sheets.

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

THANK YOU, PROPERTY TEAM! The staff would like to take a moment to sincerely thank each of the members of our property team for the dedication and care you've shown in stepping up during the absence of a Property Manager. Your willingness to take on additional responsibilities has not gone unnoticed, and it has made a meaningful difference in keeping our church facilities running smoothly. Because of your efforts, our spaces remain welcoming, safe, and well-maintained for everyone who walks through our doors. This kind of behind-the-scenes service is essential to the life of our church, and it reflects a spirit of generosity and commitment that we deeply appreciate. Thank you for your time, your talents, your teamwork, and your faithfulness in serving in this way. Please know that your work is valued more than words can fully express.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

THE QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held in the Sanctuary at 9:30am this Sunday, April 26, 2026. 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 the month.*** 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.



MULCHING THE PLAYGROUND - we could use your help! On Wednesday, May 13th, starting around 6pm, we will be mulching the church playground. Bring a garden rake, if you have one, and some gloves. In the past we've had families, adults, and even some of the youth group helping us. Many hands make light work. Don't be late, or you might miss all the fun of serving and the cool treat afterwards! Questions? See Christina Allman.

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, next 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!

THE QUILTERS ARE IN NEED of your over-abundant supply of knitting yarn. We are making 100 fabric mattress pads and 16" crocheted blankets for doll beds made by the Woodworkers of Central Ohio. Vi Davis has already crocheted 50 blankets. Vi coordinates the blankets to match the fabric mattress pads the quilters make. We need more yarn of all colors to complete the last 50 blankets. The woodworkers donate the beds with dolls wrapped in the blankets with the mattress pads to various charities at Christmas time. Please place your yarn donations in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link. Thank you for donating your extra yarn and encouraging a child's imagination.

✦ **EXCITING NEWS!** ✦

We're moving to a new system called **CHMeetings**. This will help us improve communication, simplify our directory, track attendance, and offer many new features. **To get started, simply scan the QR code, visit CHMeetings.com, or check your email for an invite!**



We will be updating information and taking updated pictures on **Sunday May 3rd from 9:15-10:30am & 12-12:30pm**. Please stop by to make sure your information is correct and get your picture taken.

If you have any questions please reach out to David Clark or Megan Grossman.

MUSICIANS NEEDED: We are in need of singers and instrumentalists to play for the worship services this summer. If you play an instrument, can sing a solo, or would like to be a part of a small vocal ensemble, please let me know. I would be happy to rehearse with you to prepare an instrumental or vocal anthem for at a service. As you know, the worshippers at our services are very supportive and appreciative of musicians who share their gifts. Simply send me an email at mmeuser@stjohnsgc.org. Sincerely, Mark Meuser, Music Director.

NOW ACCEPTING SUMMER HYMN SUGGESTIONS! As summer approaches, I wanted to give you an opportunity to make suggestions for our summer hymns. As in past years, we will choose hymns from those suggested by the congregation. There will be a hymn suggestion box located at the North Entrance of the Sanctuary. We will take suggestions now through Sunday, May 10. Sincerely, Mark Meuser, Music Director.

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.

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, May 3.**

Monday, April 27

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 28—Reading: Acts 7:55-60

1. It was actually illegal to stone Stephen. What does this tell you about the desperation of the Sanhedrin?
2. Peter's speech led to mass conversion; Stephen's led to death. What does this teach you about success in service to God?

Wednesday, April 29—Reading: Psalm 31

1. In this Psalm, David begs for rescue. When have you begged God for rescue?
2. Both Jesus and Stephen quoted verse 5 when they were about to die. What does this teach you about praying the Psalms?

Thursday, April 30—Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

1. What does spiritual milk look like?
2. Look at the terms Peter uses to refer to Christians in this passage. Which one do you relate to the most?

Friday, May 1—Reading: John 14:1-14

1. What comfort does Jesus offer his disciples?
2. Put Jesus' statement in verse 6-7 in your own words.

Saturday, May 2

Please take a moment to pray for our nation.

Lord, please raise up godly leaders among us. Start a revival among us. Help protect the innocent and provide justice for the weak. Help us to be a nation that seeks after you, and lives as you did, in service to others. In Jesus' Name, **Amen.**

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

ADVENTURE CLUB (age 4—4th graders) and FAITH TREK (5th—6th graders) will meet for our last day on April 30th from 5:45-7:15pm. The greeters table will open at 5:30pm and the suggested meal donation is \$4.

EXPLORERS (7th—8th graders) and ENERGIZERS (High Schoolers) will meet this Wednesday, April 29th from 7-8:30pm. April is 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. Keep an eye out for information on our last meeting.



ST. JOHNSVILLE: This Summer during the Sunday School hour, 7th-12th (grade just finished in the 25-26 school year) will be participating in **St. Johnsville**. This is a fun, real life simulation where kids will have a job, a home, and finances to maintain. We will need adult help running this activity. If you are interested in hanging out with some really amazing kids and growing your faith web, please see Gini or Donna for more information. Even if you can't come every week, we would love to have you! **St. Johnsville will start on May 31st** during the Sunday School hour in the Confirmation Room.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR is taking off until June. Thank you for raising your voice in praising our Lord! We will see you in June!

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, April 11-12 - 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.



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 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)

MONDAY, APRIL 27

- 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 Sarah Circle (103-4)

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

- 7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
 12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC)
 6:00pm Prayer Shawl Minsitry (103-4)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (FLC)
 7:00pm Life-to-Life (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

- 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 30

- 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, MAY 1

- 9:30am Bible Study (103-4)
 10:00am Life-to-Life (204)
 12:30pm SE Ohio Mission District Convocation Registration (Café)
 2:00pm Private Event (101)
 3:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
 5:30pm Life-to-Life (off-site)
 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, MAY 2

- 8:00am SE OHIO MISSION DISTRICT CONVOCATION**
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, MAY 3

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Graduate Celebration (FLC)
 9:30am Sunday School Hour
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 1:00pm Life-to-Life (103-4)

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!**