

NEWS NOTES

May 2-3, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Pastor Don Allman



Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Nick Grossman and David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Greeter

11:00am: Don Carducci

Readers

4:00pm: Lisa Dubos

8:15am: Karen Bentley

11:00am: Jackie Rutan

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael
Gibboney

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

11:00am: Don Carducci, Bill Diehl,
George Gonsowski, Larry Sutton

Acolytes

8:15am: Cordelia Wanner, Esmé
Wanner

11:00am: Hope Katterhenrich, Finley
Lovell

Altar Guild

Don and Diane Carducci
Donna Linder

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Lisa Dubos

8:15am: Betty Lewis, Teresa Orahood

11:00am: David and Lisa Stallard, Dan
Yeater

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of the 72nd wedding anniversary of Howard and Nellie McCarley. Given by Howard and Nellie McCarley.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my mother, Joann LaRoche, on her birthday. Given by Bill and Linda Diehl.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In memory of my daughter Rosemary Anderson on her birthday. Given by Suzie Long and family.

BULLETINS: In honor of all service men and women serving in our military.

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

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 as soon as possible.*** 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.

GRADUATION 2026



*****The congregation is invited to the GRADUATION BLESSING RECEPTION, this 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 today. What a great time to encourage those in our faith webs!

*****Congratulations to our graduating seniors**

who have worked diligently and have successfully finished strong!

Dylan Allman	Michael Baldree	Hannah Carroll	Bella Castle
Owen Finley	Eva Harris	Tyler Hart	Ava Jenkins
Emily Larson	Matthew Little	Austin Schemrich	Regan Snyder

EAGLE DEADLINE is next **Sunday**. Please submit your article by noon on **May 10th**.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: Pastor Patti will be leading a class on Holy Communion for children **Today, 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 next 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.

✦ **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 (dbclark2@gmail.com) or Megan Grossman (mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org).

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION TEAM: On the first Sunday of each month this team comes to receive a Holy Communion kit. 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.

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.

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.

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.

OWLS EVENT—MAY 15, 2026: LifeCare Alliance is a nonprofit human services organization that provides a comprehensive array of health and nutrition services to residents of Central Ohio. Founded in 1898 as the Instructive District Nursing Association (IDNA), LifeCare Alliance was Columbus' first in-home health care agency and Ohio's first Visiting Nurse Association, services they continue to provide today. Over the years they have added many programs: Home Delivered Meals (Meals on Wheels), Life Care Alliance Cancer Clinic, Diabetes Services, Wellness, Visiting Nurse, Project Open Hand and Senior Pet Care. According to the latest AARP statistics, Life Care Alliance saves Ohio taxpayers over \$62,000 per year for each client they assist in remaining independent and in their own homes, where they want to be.

We hope you make plans to come to our May meeting and hear more about these programs. We guarantee you will be surprised and impressed.

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!

CONFIRMATION FAITH CELEBRATION: MAY 24TH. Come share your support and encouragement with our confirmation students as they share their faith in Christ at our Faith Celebration from 9:30 to 10:30am on Sunday, May 24th. Smoothies and cake will be provided!

CONGRATULATIONS, CONFIRMANDS! The following four St. John's confirmation students will publicly affirm their baptism at the 11am combined worship service on May 24th:

Lukas Althoff Adelyn Gottshall Adelaide Westerfeld Jacob Westerfeld

For the past two years, these students have been engaged in a regular discipline of prayer, Bible study, classroom discussion, and service activities. We should be very proud of them (and their parents) for their work and commitment! Please keep our confirmands in your prayers that they will continue to build their lives on the Rock, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, May 9th at 9am and on Tuesday, May 26th 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.

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.

MONDAY EVENING EXERCISE CLASS: Please join us every Monday at 6pm 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. **Please note:** Exercise Class will not meet on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25.

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.

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.

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.

NALC YOUTH GATHERING: 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.

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!

USED EYEGLASSES 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.

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.

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 10.**

Monday, May 4

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, May 5—Reading: Acts 17:22-31

1. These people were worshiping false idols. What idols are in your life?
2. What aspects of God seem unknown to you?

Wednesday, May 6—Reading: Psalm 66

1. Who does the Psalmist call to worship?
2. Why does the Psalmist think God has answered his prayers?

Thursday, May 7—Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

1. How does it make you feel to know that God is more powerful than any scheme of man?
2. Have you ever wished that someone would feel ashamed for the way that they are slandering you? How did this shape your prayers?

Friday, May 8—Reading: John 14:15-21

1. How are the disciples to show love to one another?
2. What is the difference between how Jesus gives peace and how the world does?

Saturday, May 9

Please take a moment to pray for our seminary.

Lord, thank you for the NALS. Please guide its professors and students. Please raise up the next generation of pastors and please clear the way for their leadership. In Jesus’ Name, **Amen.**

SUBMITTING A NEWS NOTES ARTICLE? Articles are due by 9am each **Wednesday**. Please send your article via email, secretary@stjohnsgc.org, or drop it in the church office secure slot.

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 AND FAITH TREK We had our last one for the school year last week. Thank you for a great year and see you in the fall! **EXPLORERS AND ENERGIZERS** meets one more time this school year on Wednesday, May 6th at the Imbrock's. See Gini or Donna for more details.

ST. JOHNSTOWN: This Summer during the Sunday School hour, 7th-12th (grade just finished in the 25-26 school year) will be participating in **St. Johnstown**. 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. Johnstown 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!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH will take off for the month of May. Please join us again 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 26 - 290

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.



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.

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, MAY 3

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:15am Update Contact Information and
Take Photos
9:30am Graduate Celebration (FLC)
9:30am Sunday School Hour
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
12:00pm Update Contact Information
and Take Photos
12:15pm 1st Communion Class (103-4)
1:00pm Life-to-Life (102)

MONDAY, MAY 4

9:30am BSF Leaders
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (SH, 102)
12:15pm Private Event (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 Elizabeth Circle (103-4)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, MAY 5

RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE
ELECTION DAY-VOTING IN THE FLC
7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
9:30am Quilters (103-4)
6:00pm Girl Scouts #6679 (FH)
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (FLC)
7:00pm Life-to-Life (Chapel)
7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

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 (off-site)
7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, MAY 7

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9:30am Life-to-Life (103-4)
3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)

FRIDAY, MAY 8

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, MAY 9

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
10:00am Girl Scouts #6300 (FH)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, MAY 10

EAGLE ARTICLES DUE
MOTHER'S DAY PREORDER PICK UP
AND FLOWER SALE

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School Hour
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!