

NEWS NOTES

May 9-10, 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 ☞

Greeter

11:00am: Linda Diehl

Readers

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Tim Allman

11:00am: Christine Hank

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael Gibboney

8:15am: Steve Marcum, David Sweeley

11:00am: Dave Clark, Bill Diehl, Dennis Imbrock, Stephen Katterhenrich

Acolytes

8:15am: Cordelia Wanner, Truman Allman

11:00am: Eva Counts, Emma Grossman

Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman

Linda Wagner

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Tim and Christina Allman

11:00am: Dwight Henricksen, David and Lisa Stallard

Lessons Today: Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of our moms, Shirley Corbin and Jo Fleshman, and my grandmother Lillie Caito. Given by Tom and Lesa Corbin.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In memory of Paul Offenburger on his birthday. Given by his loving wife, Andrea.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

✪ PERSONAL NEWS ✪

THANK YOU to Carol Rorick for your guidance in discipleship. Your books are helpful and appreciated. Bless you! ~ Shelia Holcomb.

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: We would like to invite all of St. John's congregational family to join us in celebrating June Stimpfle's 90th birthday! We will meet on Saturday, May 30th in rooms 103-4 from 1:30pm-3:30pm. Requesting no gifts or cards, simply want to enjoy in the fellowship. Light refreshments will be provided. ~ Linda Ballou.

✪ TODAY'S NEWS ✪

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: The following students have been instructed in the meaning and practice of Holy Communion, and will be participating in the Lord's Supper for the first time at our 11:00am worship service:

Abby Grossman

Xander Lechner

Addy Samuels (May 17th)

Alice Starr

Esmé Wanner

Please keep these young people in your prayers as they begin receiving this precious gift from the Lord!

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

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.

✪ **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 10th from 9:15-10:30am in the Overflow.**

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).

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. ***Hymn suggestions must be turned in by today, Sunday, May 10.*** Sincerely, Mark Meuser, Music Director.

OUR NEW FACILITIES MANAGER JERRY FUNK will be on the job starting May 11! We are thankful that Jerry has agreed to put his years of experience in construction and business administration to work for us. Please continue to use the “Facilities Request” form to alert him to maintenance concerns around the property. His email is jfunk@stjohnsgc.org. Thank you for respecting his role in helping to care for our large facility/grounds used by so many different groups throughout the week.

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!

ATTENTION STITCHERS! CORRECTION: Prayer shawl ministry is NOT meeting on Saturday, May 9th or Tuesday, May 26th. **Our next meeting is on June 13th.**

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.

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY AND COLUMBARIUM: St. John's has its own historic cemetery which is a separate entity from the Grove City Cemetery East/West on Grove City Road. All voting members (as defined in the St. John's Constitution) are granted burial privileges in the cemetery, at no charge for a plot, when the following conditions are met: contact the church office for permission and the next available space(s) to be assigned, then arrange and pay for the monument company to set a headstone within six months of reserving a plot. If a headstone is not set within that time frame, the plot is not considered reserved and will be available for the next requested burial. Please contact Karen Bentley if you have questions about the cemetery.

Our original columbarium with 40 niches, in the southwest corner of the cemetery, has a few remaining spaces. A niche may be reserved by signing a contract and paying the fee of \$600 for the niche and \$250 for the initial engraving on the faceplate. Each opening of the niche and/or engraving incurs additional fees paid to St. John's. We are in the process of ordering and installing a second columbarium to be placed at a right angle to the first columbarium. Fees for the new columbarium niches have not been determined yet. If you are interested in reserving a space in the original columbarium, please contact Kathryn Mullins in the church office by calling 614-875-2314 or emailing secretary@stjohnsgc.org.

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.

PROPERTY TEAM MEMBERS meet on the first Monday of the month at 10:00am. 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.

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.

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 17**.

Monday, May 11

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 12—Reading: Acts 1:1-14

1. How does this book pick up where the Gospel of Luke leaves off?
2. How would you explain the effects of the resurrection to a non-believing friend?

Wednesday, May 13—Reading: Psalm 68

1. What reason do you have to praise God?
2. Look at verses 5-6. Which attribute do you most relate to? Why?

Thursday, May 14—Reading: 1 Peter 4:1-5:14

1. How can suffering change a person's life for the better?
2. Who has mentored you? Who are you mentoring?

Friday, May 15—Reading: John 17:1-11

1. What does it mean to "glorify" someone?
2. Who have you glorified this week by the way you have lived?

Saturday, May 16

Please take a moment to pray for the least, the last, and the lost.

Father, at some point we are all the least, the last, and the lost. We are lost without you. Our sin makes us deserving to be last. But you look down upon us, the least of these and died for our sins. Lord, we ask that you help us to look for the least, the last and the lost around us. Let us be your hands and feet. In Jesus' Name, **Amen**.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held on **Tuesday, May 19th** in the Family Life Center from 12pm to 6pm. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2776) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: StJohnsGC.

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.



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, May 3** - **315**

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 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 Combined Worship (Sanc)
- 1:00pm Life-to-Life (103-4)

MONDAY, MAY 11

- 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (SH, 102)
- 1:00pm Altar Guild Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00pm Call Team (Lib)
- 6:00pm Exercise Class (FLC)
- 6:00pm Life-to-Life (off-site)
- 6:00pm Small Group (101)
- 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
- 7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)

TUESDAY, MAY 12

- 7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
- 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
- 6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)
- 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanc)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH)
- 7:00pm Life-to-Life (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- 1:00pm Small Group (Lib)
- 3:00pm Private Event (Lib)
- 6:00pm Mulching the Playground
- 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
- 7:00pm Design for Living AA (FH)
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, MAY 14

- 8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
- 9:30am Life-to-Life (103-4)
- 1:00pm Small Group (Café)
- 3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
- 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)

FRIDAY, MAY 15

- 9:30am Bible Study (103-4)
- 10:00am Life-to-Life (204)
- 11:30am OWLS (103-4)
- 2:00pm Private Event (101)
- 3:00pm Men's Chorale (Sanc)
- 5:30pm Life-to-Life (off-site)
- 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, MAY 16

- 12:30pm Columbus Miniature Society (103-4)
- 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (FH)

SUNDAY, MAY 17

- 8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 9:30am Sunday School Hour
- 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
- 1:00pm Life-to-Life (103-4)
- 2:00pm Private Event (Café)
- 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!**