

# NEWS NOTES

May 23-24, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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: Ann Jones

8:15am: Rita Orahood

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

### Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael  
Gibboney

8:15am: Steve Marcum, David  
Sweeley

11:00am: Don Carducci, Dave  
Clark, Dan Yeater, Stephen  
Katterhenrich

### Altar Guild

Don and Diane Carducci

### Acolytes

8:15am: Ben Previts

11:00am: Corban and Truman Allman

Crucifer: Brayden Gottshall

Carry Bible: Truman Allman

Christ Candle: Corban Allman

Altar Candles: Nick Althoff, Davy  
Clark

### Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Barb Hill

8:15am: Rita Orahood, Ben Previts

11:00am: Kate Shrum, Christine  
Hank, Lisa Hartig-Mawhorr

Lessons Today: Acts 2:1-21; 1 Cor 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23.

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In honor of our veterans. Given by Ed and Glenda Sheets.

**BULLETINS:** In honor of all the service men, women, and veterans. Given by Vi Davis.

## **✪ PERSONAL NEWS ✪**

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of **Toni Wilson**, who passed away on May 16, 2026. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

**90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** We would like to invite all of St. John's congregational family to join us in celebrating **June Stimpfle's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!** We will meet on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **NOTES OF THANKS:**

**The Quilters** would like to thank those who donated yarn for the crocheted doll bed blanket project for the Woodworkers of Central Ohio. We were overwhelmed by your caring and generous hearts. The children will have so much fun wrapping and cuddling their dolls with the blankets Vi crochets. Thank you again and again. ~ The Quilters.

**Thank you** to all the wonderful volunteers that came to help **mulch the playgrounds** last week! With many hands, we were done quickly and enjoyed fellowship and delicious treats together. You all are a blessing to God's kingdom and truly display a servant's heart! Special thanks to Nick Grossman for trimming some of the tree branches and removing a pine tree to make the playground safer for all the children. ~ St. John's Youth Ministry.

## **✪ TODAY'S NEWS ✪**

**CONGRATULATIONS, CONFIRMANDS!** The following four St. John's confirmation students will publicly affirm their baptism at the 11am combined worship service today, 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.

**MUSICIANS NEEDED:** We are in need of singers and instrumentalists to play for 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 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](mailto:mmeuser@stjohnsgc.org). Sincerely, Mark Meuser, Music Director.

**CALL TEAM UPDATE: SAVE THE DATE!** We are excited to share that a prospective pastor will be visiting for services on June 27–28. More information will be shared soon, but we hope you'll plan to join us for this special opportunity. Thank you for your continued prayers for the Call Committee and for the pastor God is preparing to lead our congregation.

**Prayer for the Call Process:** Heavenly Father, continue to guide the Call Committee with wisdom, unity, and discernment as we seek the next Senior Pastor for St. John's. Prepare our hearts and minds for this upcoming visit, and help us to warmly welcome this pastor and their family. Bless our congregation as we walk forward in faith, trusting in Your perfect timing and provision. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **DIRECTORY UPDATE — Your Help Is Needed!**

We are excited to share that our church directory update is well underway, and we need you to help us finish the job! Having accurate, current information in our directory is more important than ever as we look ahead to welcoming a new senior pastor. A complete and up-to-date directory helps our church family stay connected and ensures our leadership has everything they need to serve you well. If you have any questions or run into any issues, don't hesitate to reach out to David or Megan directly.

We are done taking photos for the directory. However, if you have an updated photo you would like to provide, please drop it off in the office or send it by email to [mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org).

Want to access the new directory now? Simply scan the QR code in the bulletin or visit [CHmeetings.com](http://CHmeetings.com). We appreciate your participation in keeping our church community connected!



**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](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org).

**IT'S A BABY!** Join us for a baby shower for the **Pregnancy Decision Health Centers**. PDHC is a non-profit organization in Central Ohio that provides free medical services, education, and practical support to women and families, particularly those facing unexpected pregnancies. We are collecting diapers, wipes, formula, clothing, and other baby supplies from now through June 14. Stop by the North Entrance to drop off your donations and to help support local moms in need. If you'd like more information about PDHC, visit [www.pdhc.org](http://www.pdhc.org) Thank you for your support! ~ Respect Life Team.

**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](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org).

**NALC CONTINENTAL 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 in Roanoke, VA! Throughout the event, youth, leaders, and volunteers will join in corporate worship, study God's Word, engage in large and small group sessions, reach out to the community through mission events, and engage in fellowship and fun. NALC youth will rally around the powerful theme "Rejoice," living with a joy that lasts.



**REJOICE!**

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.

***We are asking youth and adults of the congregation to prayerfully consider being prayer buddies during this time!*** If you have a youth or adult from your faith web that you would love to be prayer buddies with please see Christina Allman to get connected.

While we are at the Youth Gathering, we will be assembling NALC disaster response health kits. We are asking for monetary donations so that we can order supplies and have them shipped directly to the host church in VA so that we are not transporting items in the little packing space we have available. Our goal is to be able to buy enough supplies to create 25 kits which would cost us between \$300-\$400. To support these efforts, donations can be **marked NALC health kits/Youth Designated in a check memo or on an offering envelope**. We will need all donations **by a deadline of June 14th** so that we can purchase items for shipping before we leave.

**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.

**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.

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

**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 31.**

**Monday, May 25**

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 26—Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4**

1. How are these two chapters' descriptions of creation the same? How are they different?
2. What would it look like for you to go back and have life be like Eden?

**Wednesday, May 27—Reading: Psalm 8**

1. What does it mean that God's glory is above the Heavens?
2. Does it leave you in awe to think that God has created all the things in this Psalm?

**Thursday, May 28—Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:1-13**

1. Paul prefers to come as a gentle parent, but says he could also come how?
2. How can we aim for perfection in Christ?

**Friday, May 29—Reading: Matthew 28:16-20**

1. How are you personally going and making disciples of all nations, or have you left this for someone else to do?
2. Do you find comfort in knowing that God will be with us always, even when we're actively sinning?

**Saturday, May 30**

Please take a moment to pray for our graduates.

Lord, please be with those graduating college and high school. Guide their lives and help them to step into the callings that you have for them. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## ☪ SUMMER HYMN SCHEDULE ☪

June 6-7

**851** When in Our Music God  
is Glorified

**623** Rock of Ages

**597** My Hope is Built on  
Nothing Less

June 13-14

**849** For the Beauty of the  
Earth

**661** I Love to Tell the Story

**824** This is My Father's World

June 20-21

**731** Earth and All Stars

**732** Morning Cry

**838** Beautiful Savior

June 27-28

To God Be the Glory

**592** Just as I Am, Without  
One Plea

**638** Blessed Assurance

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July 4-5

My Country 'Tis of Thee

**697** Just a Closer Walk with  
Thee

**841** Lift Every Voice and Sing

July 11-12

**836** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore  
Thee

**595** Jesus Loves Me

**574** Here I Am, Lord

July 18-19

**733** Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
In the Garden

**654** The Church's One  
Foundation

July 25-26

**705** God of Grace and God of  
Glory

**765** Lord of All Hopefulness

**537** On Our Way Rejoicing

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August 1-2

**556** Morning Has Broken

**787** On Eagle's Wings

**660** Lift High the Cross

August 8-9

**880** O God, Beyond All  
Praising

**608** Softly and Tenderly

**805** Lead On, O King Eternal

August 15-16

**634** All Hail the Power of  
Jesus' Name

**742** What a Friend We Have  
in Jesus

**723** The Canticle of the  
Turning

August 22-23

**858** Praise to the Lord, the  
Almighty

**790** Day by Day

**344** All Glory, Laud, and  
Honor

August 29-30

**779** Amazing Grace

**785** When Peace Like a  
River

**866** We are Marching in the  
Light

## 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 is**



**open!** Use the QR code to Register. 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.

**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 31<sup>st</sup>** during the Sunday School hour in the Confirmation Room.

**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!



**JOYFUL PAUSE:** Come when you can and leave when you have to! It's a summer open house at St. John's on **Thursdays - June 11, July 16, and August 13! Times are 9:30am to 12:30pm and 5:30 – 8:30pm.** Choose which time you'd like to attend (or stop by both)! We will have tables set up in the gym with various activities: games, puzzles, arts and crafts, cards ... plus open gym ... and special guests! Pizza and drinks will be available around lunch and dinnertime. All ages are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors! This is a family event and we ask that parents or grandparents stay and enjoy the pause with their youth! Contact Karrie Clark with questions at [karriejclark@gmail.com](mailto:karriejclark@gmail.com).

# ☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

**ATTENDANCE      Sunday, May 10      -      315**

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

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR**

**Men's Chorale Rehearsal**, Choir Room.

**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 24**

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
9:30am **Confirmation Faith  
Celebration** (Café, Overflow)  
9:30am Sunday School Hour  
11:00am Combined Worship (Sanc)  
12:00pm Private Event (FH)  
12:00pm Private Event (SH)  
1:00pm Life-to-Life (103-4)

### **MONDAY, MAY 25**

#### **MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED**

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (SH, FH)  
5:00pm Call Team (Lib)  
6:00pm Exercise Class (FLC)  
6:00pm Life-to-Life (off-site)  
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)  
7:00pm Respect Life (102)  
7:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)

### **TUESDAY, MAY 26**

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)  
9:30pm Quilters (103-4)  
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH)  
7:00pm Life-to-Life (Chapel)

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**

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

### **THURSDAY, MAY 28**

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 29**

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

### **SATURDAY, MAY 30**

1:30pm Private Event (103-4)  
2:00pm Private Event (SH)  
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
Private Event (FH)  
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH)

### **SUNDAY, MAY 31**

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 (Sanc, 103-4)

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WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGES.  
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