

NEWS NOTES

May 30-31, 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: Charlie Brown

8:15am: Glenda Allman

11:00am: Bonnie Swanson

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael Gibboney

8:15am: Steve Marcum, David Sweeley

11:00am: Dave Clark, Bill Diehl, Dennis Imbrock, Tom Lang

Acolytes

8:15am: Corban Allman

11:00am: Finley Lovell, Maggie Weber

Altar Guild

Bill and Linda Diehl

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: David Sweeley

8:15am: Sarah Schmitz, Alec Thomas

11:00am: Ike Stage, Brenda Schultz,
Lynda Berry

Lessons Today: Genesis 1:1--2:4a; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

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.

SENIOR PIANO RECITAL AND OPEN HOUSE – MATTHEW J. LITTLE: Danny and Kristina Little are happy to celebrate their son Matthew's musical and academic accomplishments with family, friends and our St. John's Lutheran Church faith community this Sunday, May 31st at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome! Hosted by Andrea Keil and Music Makers Piano Studio.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

FLC FLOORING UPDATE: Due to unforeseen issues, the flooring team has delayed the estimated date of completion to June 10th. We appreciate their attention to detail and their follow through. It appears that we will be having combined services for a few more weeks than anticipated. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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.



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. 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.

OWLS EVENT—JUNE 19, 2026: PLAY BALL!! Isn't it wonderful to hear our children yell that familiar phrase? We all know what it means! Dig out the mitts, bats, balls and get ready for a busy season of baseball. Unfortunately, some kids need a helping hand to play a sport that comes so easy to others. Grove City Buddy Ball is committed to being an inclusive organization. Buddy Ball is made up of people of all ages, from all walks of life, working side-by-side to strengthen our community. Their values inspire and compel us to ensure everyone can reach their full potential and be their authentic selves in all aspects of diversity, including ability, age, cultural background, economic status, faith, gender, gender identity, ideology, language, national origin, political view, race or sexual orientation.

Buddy Ball also promotes community support through volunteerism and sponsorship of these activities. If you aren't acquainted with the program, come and hear more. If you do know about the group, come and hear what's new. It's a great program for Grove City and we are proud to welcome them to OWLS.

The OWLS 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.

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 Thank you for your support! ~ Respect Life Team.

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, June 7.**

Monday, June 1

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, June 2—Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6

1. When have you made an empty promise? Who did it hurt?
2. Have you ever felt indignant when your actions of repentance weren't received by a friend or family member?

Wednesday, June 3—Reading: Psalm 50

1. What is God's message to the religious in verses 7-15?
2. Why is God so harsh with His own people?

Thursday, June 4—Reading: Romans 4:13-25

1. According to this passage, what does the law bring?
2. In contrast, what does Jesus' death bring?

Friday, June 5—Reading: Matt 9:9-26

1. Why don't Jesus disciples fast now?
2. How do preshrunk cloth and new wineskins relate to fasting?

Saturday, June 6

Please take a moment to pray for those who participated in Life-to-Life Discipleship

Lord, thank you for the lessons that were communicated to those involved in Life-to-Life Discipleship. Please help them to live out these lessons. Please guide all future leaders of Life-to-Life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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. 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, or drop it in the church office secure slot.

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!

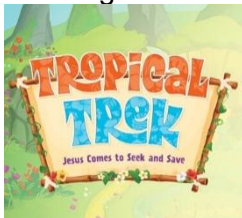
Please start praying for our youth (Corban & Truman Allman, Lukas Althoff, Davy Clark, Brooklyn Cress, Ben Previts, and Cordelia Wanner) and adult chaperones (Tim and Christina Allman) as they begin to prepare for this trip.

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.

☞ 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 is open!** Use the QR code to Register. Contact Christina Allman at 614-519-8092 or at callman@stjohnsgc.org if you want to volunteer or have any questions.



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL will not meet Sunday, July 5th nor Sunday, September 6th. Rally day will be September 13th.

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!

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.

JOYFUL PAUSE: Come when you can and leave when you have to! It's a summer open house at St. John's on **Thursday, June 11 from 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, 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.

Mission: Possible is a service and fellowship event that will be occurring on Saturdays throughout this summer aimed towards middle and high school students. We'll be serving throughout our community and growing our faith networks, while discussing how to be 'agents' of God. For more information, please reach out to Gini Rogers at grogers@stjohnsgc.org. **Join us Saturday, June 13!** Gini and Donna would love for you to join them!

RAISE RIGHT gift card orders are placed on the first Tuesday of every month. You can use these cards personally and they also make great gifts. Talk to Pam Wittenberg on how you can order physical cards and/or order e-gift cards and how to re-load your cards online. Raise Right gives a percentage for each card ordered back to St. John's. Monies raised help to offset the costs of the children and youth programming that is not covered by the church budget. *Thanks for your support!*

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

ATTENDANCE Sunday, May 24 - 297

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

☞ SUMMER HYMN SCHEDULE ☛

May 30-31

413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
415 Father Most Holy
412 Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

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 Boring Cry
838 Beautiful Savior

June 27-28

To God Be the Glory
592 Just as I Am, Without One Plea
638 Blessed Assurance

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

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

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 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)

MONDAY, JUNE 1

10:00am Property Team (204)
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (SH, FH)
5:00pm Call Team (Lib)
6:00pm Exercise Class (FLC)
6:00pm Life-to-Life (off-site)
6:30pm Elizabeth Circle (103-4)
6:30pm Puppets
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
9:30pm Quilters (103-4)
6:30pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FH)
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH)
7:00pm Life-to-Life (Chapel)
7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

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, JUNE 4

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, JUNE 5

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, JUNE 6

2:00pm Private Event (SH)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH)

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School Hour
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
12:30pm Private Event (FH)
1:00pm Life-to-Life (103-4)

DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGES. BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT!