

NEWS NOTES

June 5-6, 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

Lessons Today:

Hosea 5:15--6:6; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13,18-26.

☞ SERVING TODAY ☞

Greeter

11:00am: Don Carducci

Readers

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Gary Smith

11:00am: Cindy Gonsowski

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael
Gibboney

8:15am: Steve Marcum, David
Sweeley

11:00am: Bernie Bullert, Don
Carducci, George
Gonsowski, Larry Sutton

Acolytes

8:15am: Corban Allman

11:00am: Hope Katterhenrich

Altar Guild

Lynda Berry, Linda Vozel

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder,
Gloria Biggs

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Alec Thomas, Teresa
Orahood

11:00am: Ike Stage, Brenda
Schultz, Dan Yeater

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Lucy's birthday. Given by Sara Hartley, Aunt Stephine, Mimi and Addison.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In memory of Karen Kountz, given by her mother and brother. And in memory of Maurice Campbell, father and grandfather. Given by Andrea and Marc Offenberger.

BULLETINS: Given by Bill and Linda Diehl.

☞ PERSONAL NEWS ☞

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Kristen Millet**, who passed away on May 29, 2026. All who grieve are in our hearts and prayers.

NOTES OF THANKS: Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy June Stimpfle's 90th birthday party. It had a wonderful turnout. The party was a success. Thank you so much for cards and birthday wishes. We are so grateful for all of you, and we could not ask for a better helper than Steve Marcum! Thank you all. ~ Linda Ballou and June Stimpfle.

☪ TODAY'S NEWS ☪

FLC FLOORING UPDATE: Due to unforeseen issues, the flooring team has delayed the estimated date of completion. 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.

EAGLE DEADLINE is this coming Wednesday. Please submit your article by noon on June 10th.

SARAH CIRCLE will be meeting on Monday, June 22nd at 6pm for the annual pizza party to be held in the café.

MONDAY EVENING EXERCISE CLASS: Please join us every Monday at 6pm in the Family Life Center (FLC) 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-***There will not be a class on Monday, June 22nd.

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.

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.

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will hold its next meetings on **Saturday, June 13th at 9am and on Tuesday, June 23rd 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.

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.

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 next Sunday, 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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held on **Tuesday, June 30th** 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.

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.

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 (614-701-8902) for arrangements. Please direct questions to Lesa Corbin at 614-530-4984.

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.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are in need of Communion Assistants for 11am traditional worship services! Please consider serving in this very important ministry. It does not require any extra time, just the time you are already here at church. People typically serve just 6 times a year, one Sunday every other month. It's not a huge commitment, but a very important one. It's a moving experience to serve the Lord's Supper to your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. If you feel called to serve in this important ministry, please contact Lisa Stallard by phone or text at 614-284-6692 or email l.stallard15@gmail.com.

OFFICE HOURS are Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm.

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 14.**

Monday, June 8

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 9—Reading: Exodus 19:2-8

1. Look at verses 4-6, what does God require of His people?
2. How well do we do this?

Wednesday, June 10—Reading: Psalm 100

1. What six reasons does the psalmist give to praise God?
2. What motivates you to praise God?

Thursday, June 11—Reading: Romans 5:1-8

1. How should a Christian look upon suffering and stress?

2. From this passage, what are the blessings that come upon a Christian?

Friday, June 12—Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:23

1. What did Jesus do before sending his disciples out?
2. How might Christ's truth divide a family?

Saturday, June 13

Please take a moment to pray for families this Summer.

Lord, thank you for the families of this church. Please be with families as they navigate the fun and challenges of summer. Please help our students to find healthy ways to entertain themselves. Help our parents to find rest and strength in you. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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.

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. 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 next Sunday, June 14th** so that we can purchase items for shipping before we leave.

☪ YOUTH NEWS ☪

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.

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIR meets every Thursday from 5-6pm. Contact Kate Shrum if you would like your child to participate!

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!

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!

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.



Our ADULT TEACHER MEETING will be **SUNDAY, JUNE 21st**, after the late service in rooms 103 and 104, to help transform our church into the Tropical paradise for the week! Lunch will be provided and then everyone will decorate the Family Life Center before moving on to your individual classroom. Please contact Christina Allman at 614-519-8092 if you cannot make the meeting!

Our TEEN TRAINING will be **SUNDAY, JUNE 21st**, during the Sunday School hour at 9:30am in the high school SS room! Please contact Gini, Donna or Christina if you cannot make the meeting!

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

ATTENDANCE Sunday, May 31 - 260

**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, JUNE 7

8:15am Traditional Worship
(Sanc)

9:30am Sunday School Hour

11:00am Combined Worship
(Sanc)

12:30pm Private Event (FH)

MONDAY, JUNE 8

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (SH,
FH)

5:00pm Call Team (Lib)

6:00pm Exercise Class (103-4)

6:00pm Small Group (101)

6:30pm Puppets

7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

7:00am Men's Prayer Group
(Café)

9:30pm Quilters (103-4)

6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild
(SH)

6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal
(Sanc)

7:00pm Boy Scouts #392
(103-4)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

JULY EAGLE ARTICLES DUE

1:00pm Small Group (Lib)

7:00pm Design for Living AA
(FH)

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

8:00am *Promise Keepers*
(103-4)

9:30am *Joyful Pause (TBD)*

1:00pm *Small Group (Café)*

3:00pm *Bulletin Team (Lib)*

5:00pm *Children's Choir*
(Chapel)

5:30pm *Joyful Pause (TBD)*

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

9:30am *Bible Study (103-4)*

2:00pm *Private Event (101)*

3:00pm *Men's Chorale (Choir*
Rm)

8:30pm *AA (FH)*

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

9:00am *Prayer Shawl Minsitry*
(103-4)

2:00pm *Mission Possible (Café)*

4:00pm *Traditional Worship*
(Sanc)

7:00pm *AA Serenity Seekers*
(SH)

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

8:15am *Traditional Worship*
(Sanc)

9:30am *Sunday School Hour*

11:00am *Traditional Worship*
(Sanc)

12:30pm *Private Event (FH)*

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