

NEWS NOTES

June 13-14, 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: Lynda Berry

Readers

4:00pm: Karen Colwell
8:15am: Rita Orahod
11:00am: Karrie Clark

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael Gibboney
8:15am: Steve Marcum, David Sweeley
11:00am: Bernie Bullert, Dave Clark, Bill Diehl, Tom Lang

Acolytes

8:15am: Ben Previts
11:00am: Lukas Althoff, Nickolas Althoff

Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman
Linda Wagner, Susie Waller

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Lisa Dubos
8:15am: Susan Previts, Ben Previts
11:00am: Beth Hazel, Dwight Henricksen, Bonnie Swanson

Lessons Today: Exodus 19:2-8a; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 10:5-23.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of our parents Jack & Cathryn Lyday and Beulah & Roberts Hughes. Given by Richard & Evelyn Lyday.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

IT'S A BABY! We are collecting diapers, wipes, formula, clothing, and other baby supplies through today, Sunday, June 14. Stop by the North Entrance to drop off your donations and to help support local moms in need through Pregnancy Decision Health Center. If you'd like more information about PDHC, visit www.pdhc.org Thank you for your support! ~ Respect Life Team.

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.

SENIOR PASTOR CANDIDATE VISIT – JUNE 26–28: We are excited to welcome our Senior Pastor candidate to our congregation June 26–28! He will preach at the 4pm Saturday service and at the 8:15am and 11am Sunday services. Please note that the Contemporary and Traditional services will be combined for one worship service at 11am on Sunday.

Following all three services, everyone is invited to a Meet & Greet with light food and refreshments. We encourage all members to attend a service and take this opportunity to personally meet the candidate as we continue this important step in our call process. Please keep this visit in your prayers!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will not be meeting on Tuesdays for the duration of summer. Join us next time at 9:00am on Saturday, July 11.

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

EXERCISE CLASS will take off Monday, June 22. Please join us Monday, June 15 and Monday, June 28 in the FLC!

REQUEST FOR HELP: The frequent rains have been a blessing. They have also greatly increased the number of weeds popping up in the landscaped areas around the church. Would you consider adopting an area and making sure that it's weeded weekly or every two weeks? Please provide your contact information on the salmon sheet and we will contact you regarding areas that need attention. Thank you for helping us to keep the areas around St. John's looking their best!

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.

While we are at the Youth Gathering, we will be assembling NALC disaster response health kits. Thank you so much for the support of the kits. At this time we have received enough donations to purchase 30 health kits which surpassed our goal of 25!

Our send off will be July 5th at the 11:00am contemporary worship service. Prayer buddies are encouraged to attend to pray over our students and leaders. If anyone wants to see us off, we will be leaving the church at 9:00am on Monday, July 6th.

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.



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.

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 21**.

Monday, June 15

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 16—Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

1. Have you ever done the right thing and suffered for it?
2. Jeremiah pours out his heart to the Lord. Do you think it's ok to complain to the Lord if it's how you're really feeling? Why or why not?

Wednesday, June 17—Reading: Psalm 69

1. Why do you think the people of Israel started to hate David?
2. What does David fear might happen to those who look up to him?

Thursday, June 18—Reading: Romans 6:1-11

1. What motivates you to live an upright life?
2. If we are dead to sin, then how can we still sin?

Friday, June 19—Reading: Matthew 10:24-39

1. What encouragement do you need from Jesus to closely follow him?
2. Do you think of Jesus as your master?

Saturday, June 20

Please take a moment to pray for our missionaries

Lord, please be with our missionaries near and afar. Please keep them safe and living only for you. Help them to preach your Word boldly. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

THE BED BRIGADE needs volunteers: The Bed Brigade needs a couple of volunteers to help unload mattresses at their Grove City location on June 16th and at their Polaris location on June 23rd. Please contact Greg Finzer at 614-285-1200 or gfinzer@hotmail.com if you are able to help!

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.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—JUNE 22-25: Mark your calendar!!! Tropical Trek Vacation Bible School (VBS) 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! **Make sure to register your child/children before Friday, June 19th.** 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.



FOOD DONATIONS FOR VBS can be found on the board in the North Entrance. Please return items no later than **Friday, June 19th.**

Our ADULT TEACHER MEETING will be **SUNDAY, JUNE 21st,** after the late service in rooms 103-4, 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 Sunday School room! Please contact Gini, Donna, or Christina if you cannot make the meeting!

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL will not meet Sunday, July 5th nor Sunday, September 6th. On July 12th, Sunday school will begin after the congregational meeting so that all teachers have an opportunity to attend. 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!

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

ATTENDANCE Sunday, June 7 - 269

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

☞ CALENDAR ☞

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School Hour
11:00am Combined Worship (Sanc)

MONDAY, JUNE 15

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (SH, FH)
5:00pm Call Team (Lib)
6:00pm Exercise Class (FLC)
6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
7:00pm Council (103-4)

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
9:30pm Quilters (103-4)
6:00pm Friends of the Library (102)
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

1:00pm Small Group (Lib)
7:00pm Design for Living AA (FH)

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)
3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

9:30am Bible Study (103-4)
11:30am OWLS (FLC)
2:00pm Private Event (101)
3:00pm Men's Chorale (Choir Rm)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

10:00am Visitation (Sanc)
11:00am Funeral Service (Sanc)
12:30pm Columbus Miniature Soc. (FLC)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH)

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School Hour
9:30am Teen Leader Training (HS Rm)
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
12:00pm Adult Teacher Training (103-4)

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR: 9:30-10:30am every Sunday

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 Sundays from 8:30am to 12:30pm.