

NEWS NOTES

June 20-21, 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: Carol Rich

Readers

4:00pm: Lisa Dubos
8:15am: Theresa Orahood
11:00am: Christine Hank

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael Gibboney
8:15am: Steve Marcum, Butch Myers,
David Sweeley
11:00am: George Gonsowski, Dennis
Imbrock, Larry Sutton, Dan
Yeater

Acolytes

8:15am: Truman Allman, Cordelia
Wanner
11:00am: Eva CountS, Davy Clark

Altar Guild

David and Lisa Stallard
Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: David Sweeley
8:15am: Tim and Christina Allman
11:00am: Lynda Berry, Caroline Koethke,
Diane Carducci

Lessons Today:
Jeremiah 20:7-13; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Howard and Donna's 65th wedding anniversary. Given by Steve and Denise Linder.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of our 58th wedding anniversary. Given by Dellno and Betty Lewis.

PULPIT FLOWERS: In honor of Hunter's 18th birthday. Given by his grandparents, Terry and Teresa Orahood.

BULLETINS: In honor of John and Brandi's 20th wedding anniversary. Given by Susan Koehler.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

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!

CEMETERY CLEAN UP: On Saturday, June 27th, we will be clearing the cemetery of weeds and shrubs along the fence. We need volunteers to help. We will begin at 8:00am and work until finished. A light lunch and water will be provided. Please mark the salmon sheet or contact Pastor Don Allman at 614-597-4395 if you plan to help.

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!

QUILTERS will not be meeting on Tuesday, June 23.

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.

PROMISE KEEPERS will not be meeting on Thursday, June 25.

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!

THANK YOU to all who donated to our baby item drive. All items were given to the Pregnancy Decision Health Center on West Broad Street, and they will be given out as needed to support pregnant women and new moms who need some extra support. Please pray for PDHC and the work that they do to support women and families who find themselves in difficult situations. -Respect Life Team

YOUTH DIRECTOR SEARCH TEAM UPDATE: God Provides! The Youth Director Search Committee is delighted to announce that we have found a candidate to fill the permanent position of Director of Youth and Family Ministries at St. John's.

You may recall that we had temporarily paused the active search for a permanent Youth Director, but God had other plans for us. He brought us exactly the candidate that we needed at exactly the right time, and we are grateful to be able to share that they have accepted our invitation to join the staff here at St. John's. This candidate brings deep faith, stellar qualifications, years of experience, and a strong familiarity with the NALC.

We are looking forward to a start date in early September when they will be joining Christina Allman and Donna Westerfeld in our youth department. Christina will be focusing on Elementary and Adventure Club, Donna will be focusing on High School and Energizers/Explorers, and our candidate will be overseeing the program, providing vision and leadership, handling communication and administration, and working with middle-school aged students.

Please plan to join us for the quarterly congregational meeting at 9:15 on Sunday July 12, 2026 to vote on a budget amendment which will allow us to move forward with this hire. And please continue to pray for our new Youth Director, our interim staff, the search committee, and the youth of St. John's as we joyfully anticipate the future.

Please direct any questions to the search committee: Amy Wanner (Chair), Christina Allman, Rachel Katterhenrich, Brad Wahl, or Dwight Hendrickson

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, , June 28.**

Monday, June 22

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 23—Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

1. In this story, there seems to be conflicting advice. When you receive conflicting advice, how do you know who to believe?
2. Who do you go to for advice?

Wednesday, June 24—Reading: Psalm 89

1. What powers is God said to have in this Psalm?
2. Have you ever felt like God was hiding himself from you?

Thursday, June 25—Reading: Romans 6:12-23

1. If Paul were around today, what would he say enslaves our society?
2. How do you feel about being a slave to God?

Friday, June 26—Reading: Matthew 10:40-42

1. Who is the One who sent Jesus?
2. Have you ever given a cup of water to another?

Saturday, June 27

Please take a moment to pray for our services tomorrow and for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

Lord, you are the God of all comfort. Please be with those who mourn. Strengthen them and keep them in your loving arms. Give them the strength to get through the day, one moment at a time. Guide us in supporting them. Please also guide our pastors and all those involved in services that we may magnify Your Name. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

THE BED BRIGADE: The Bed Brigade needs a couple of volunteers to help unload mattresses 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!

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.

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 9am 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 closed Friday, but walk ins are welcome.



Our ADULT TEACHER MEETING IS TODAY, 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 IS TODAY, 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!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
end of VBS

CARNIVAL



★ THURSDAY ★
★ JUNE 25, 2026 ★
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★ 5:30 - 7:30PM ★



FUN CARNIVAL GAMES!



BOUNCE HOUSES!



FOOD TRUCKS!



KONA ICE & MORE!

★ *Event is Free!* ★

Food sold separately.

☪ STEWARDSHIP ☪

ATTENDANCE **Sunday, June 14** - **256**

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.



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.

☪ CALENDAR ☪

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)

MONDAY, JUNE 22

9:00am Vacation Bible School
12:00pm Lunchtime AA (SH)
12:00pm Visitation (Sanc)
1:00pm Funeral Service (Sanc)
5:00pm Call Team (Lib)
6:00pm Exercise Class (FLC)
6:00pm Sarah Circle Pizza Party (Café)
6:00pm Small Group (101)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
7:00pm Respect Life (102)

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
9:00am Vacation Bible School
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

9:00am Vacation Bible School
1:00pm Small Group (Lib)
5:30pm Lion's Club (SH)
7:00pm Design for Living AA (FH)

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

9:00am Vacation Bible School
1:00pm Small Group (Café)
3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
5:30pm VBS Carnival

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

2:00pm Private Event (101)
3:00pm Men's Chorale (Choir Rm)
8:30pm AA (FH)


SATURDAY, JUNE 27

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School Hour
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)
6:00pm Saddles n Such 4-H (FH)

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



Celebrate
MORE LIFE. GIVE BLOOD.

American Red Cross

Blood Drive
**Saint John's Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

Family Life Center
3220 Columbus Street
Grove City, OH 43123

**Tuesday, June 30, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**