

NEWS NOTES

June 27-28, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pastoral Candidate Pastor Dennis Di Mauro



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: Holly Starr

8:15am: Pam Wittenberg

11:00am: Sheryl Fraley

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael Gibboney

8:15am: Steve Marcum, Butch Myers,
David Sweeley

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

Acolytes

8:15am: Cordelia Wanner, Esmé
Wanner

11:00am: Finley Lovell, Emma Grossman

Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis

Don and Diane Carducci

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Michael Gibboney

8:15am: Betty Lewis, Joel Baughman

11:00am: Christine Hank, Beth Hazel,
Bonnie Swanson

Lessons Today:

Jeremiah 28:5-9 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

LECTERN FLOWERS: Tom and Lesa Corbin.

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

✪ PERSONAL NEWS ✪

NOTES OF THANKS:

A sincere thank you to the members of St. John's - and to Pastor Morlock - who prayed for Toni Wilson during her extended illness and expressed their sympathy after her passing. My family and I sincerely appreciate you and wish all of you health and happiness. With fond regards, Dorey Evans.

Thank you to Charlotte Rausch for your thoughtfulness and kindness. You will be blessed.
~ Shelia Holcomb.

✪ TODAY'S NEWS ✪

SENIOR PASTOR CANDIDATE VISIT – JUNE 27–28: With gratitude and anticipation, we are excited to welcome our Senior Pastor candidate Pastor Dennis Di Mauro and his wife Coco to worship with us this weekend, June 27–28!

Throughout our call process, our congregation prayerfully identified the qualities we believe God is calling us to seek in our next pastor. The top themes that emerged from our workshop were a pastor who is:

1. Biblically grounded and a strong teacher
2. A visionary leader guided by the Holy Spirit
3. Skilled in organizational leadership and staff management
4. A gifted preacher and communicator
5. Relational across all generations

We ask that you keep these themes in mind throughout this weekend as you prayerfully welcome Pastor Di Mauro. Our candidate currently serves at Trinity Lutheran Church in Warrenton, Virginia (<https://www.trinitylutheranva.org>) and has been recognized for growth within his congregation throughout his tenure there.

He will be preaching at our Saturday 4:00pm service and Sunday services at 8:15am and 11:00am. Please note that Contemporary and Traditional worship will be combined at the 11:00am service.

Following each service, there will be an opportunity to meet the candidate and his wife during a casual meet & greet with light snacks and refreshments. We invite the entire congregation to join us for worship, fellowship, and continued prayer as we seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in this important season of our church's life.

PASTOR DENNIS DI MAURO: For the past fifteen years, Rev. Dr. Dennis R. Di Mauro has served as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church (NALC), Warrenton, VA, a church plant he helped start. He holds a PhD from the Catholic University of America in Church History and Sacramental Theology, a Master of Religion from Reformed Theological Seminary, an MBA from George Mason University and a BA in History from the College of William and Mary.

Pastor Dennis serves on Lutheran Theologians for the Church, the NALC candidacy board, and is a former regent of the North American Lutheran Seminary and the former dean of the MD/VA District.

Before entering ministry, he worked as a Senior Pricing Manager for companies such as Nortel, Unisys and Hewlett Packard, and at the same time he also served as a captain in the United States Army Reserve.

Pastor Dennis has been married to his wife Coco for thirty-six years and they have three grown daughters and five grandchildren (two of whom live in Dublin, OH). In his spare time, he enjoys running, playing ukulele and learning German.

QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: On Sunday, July 12th, please plan to attend the quarterly meeting of the congregation. It will be held at 9:15am or when the early service concludes (whichever is later). This meeting will include some important ministry updates and decisions for the life of the congregation, so we hope to see all of you there!

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. 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.

To my St. John's Family,

After a great deal of prayer and reflection, I have decided to step down from my role as High School Youth Director at the end of this summer. Serving alongside our students and their families over the past several years has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. I am deeply grateful for the relationships we have built, the opportunities to witness God working in the lives of our youth, and the support and encouragement our congregation has shown to our program all along the way.

While this decision was not made lightly, I believe it is the right time for me to transition into a new season of life. I leave this role with a heart full of gratitude and confidence in the future of this ministry, knowing that I am leaving our youth in very capable hands. Thank you for allowing me to serve, grow, and share in the life of this congregation. I will always cherish the memories and friendships formed here, and I look forward to seeing how God continues to work in this church and in the lives of our students.

In God's Love, Gini

WE THANK GINI for her outpouring of her time and talents this past several years as she has fulfilled God's calling to be in the faith web of so many of our middle and high school youth! Please join the youth staff as we host a reception for Gini Rogers on August 23rd in the shelter house during the Sunday School hour from 9:30 to 10:30am. Feel free to send a card or written note of appreciation to the office or bring to the reception to shower Gini with God's words of encouragement as she steps into her next chapter.

St. John's Lutheran Church
Attn: Gini Rogers
3220 Columbus Street
Grove City, OH 43123

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!

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.

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.

OWLS EVENT—JULY 17, 2026: Ever wonder what a group of OWLS do when they get together???? Join us and find out!! You would be surprised!! Come and meet new people! Enjoy a delicious lunch! And much more!

Our guest speaker for the July 17th meeting will be siblings Gus Niewenhouse and Kelly Cullum representing The Hous Foundation which was born from a dream in 2022. In November 2017, they lost their youngest sister and her two young children to an act of domestic violence in Scottsdale, Arizona. Left with their grief and an unexpected life insurance payout, the siblings decided to honor their sister and her children by using the money to give opportunities and experiences to kids. The Westerville non-profit now provides scholarships to elementary and middle school students to cover the costs of extracurricular activities, up to \$500 per child.

And now it's time to add July 17 to your calendar and come hear more!!

The OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors) would love to see you on the 17th but PLEASE make your reservation using the salmon insert sheet or call either the church office or Bonnie Swanson. (614-562-8002). We will provide fried chicken and meat loaf for our potluck lunch, but we ask you to bring a covered dish. Hope you come 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. Hope to see you there!

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.

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.



☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

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 21 - 259

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 28

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School Hour
11:00am Combined Worship (Sanc)
5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, JUNE 29

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (SH, FH)
5:00pm Call Team (Lib)
6:00pm Exercise Class (FLC)
6:00pm Private Event (Sanc)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
9:30pm Quilters (103-4)
12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC)
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

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

THURSDAY, JULY 2

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

FRIDAY, JULY 3

8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, JULY 4

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

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


SUNDAY, JULY 5

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)


MONDAY, JULY 6

**OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF
INDEPENDENCE DAY**

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



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MORE LIFE. GIVE BLOOD.

 American Red Cross

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