

NEWS NOTES

July 4-5, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Guest Organist Mark Sonntag

Nick Grossman and David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

Greeter

11:00am: Don Carducci

Readers

4:00pm: Lisa Dubos

8:15am: Teresa Orahod

11:00am: Christine Hank

Contemporary: Emma Grossman, Kate Shrum

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael Gibboney

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

11:00am: Bernie Bullert, Don Carducci,
Dave Clark, George Gonsowski

Acolytes

8:15am: Ben Previts

11:00am: Volunteers needed

Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis, Lynda Berry

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

Contemporary: Kate Shrum

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Michael Gibboney

8:15am: Teresa Orahod, Rita Orahod

11:00am: Dan Yeater, Bonnie Swanson,
Beth Hazel

Contemporary: Kate Shrum, Karrie Clark,
Jackie Rutan

Lessons Today: Zechariah 9:9-12; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR AND PULPIT FLOWERS: In memory of my father, mother, sister, and brother. Given by Saundra Morris.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In celebration of Hannah Wittenberg's 30th birthday. Given by her mom and dad with love.

CONTEMPORARY ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of our mom, Dorreen Zimmer, on her 88th Birthday. Given by her family.

BULLETINS: In memory of Gladys Scott and family. Given by Bill and Chris Snashall.

BULLETINS: In honor of my son and daughter and my grandchildren. Given by Lorna McMillin.

☞ TODAY'S NEWS ☞

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!

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 9:15am on Sunday July 12 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.

EAGLE DEADLINE is this coming Friday. Please submit your article by noon on **July 10th**.

NALC CONTINENTAL YOUTH GATHERING - Please join us in praying this week 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 are at the NALC Continental Youth Gathering for the week in Roanoke, VA!



REJOICE!

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.

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!

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, July 11th at 9am 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.

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.

PROPERTY TEAM MEMBERS meet the first Monday of the month at 10am. 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.

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 Niewenhous 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!

ST. JOHN'S GOODTIME IRISH BAND is looking for a male tenor or baritone who loves to sing. If interested or curious, please call Mike Cunningham at 614-561-5214, text, or email at fmichaelc51@gmail.com.

LAY READERS are needed for the 8:15am and 11am worship services. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish entrance. Thank you for serving in this ministry. Contact Jo Dimond if you have any questions at 614-270-3291.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS 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.

GREETERS NEEDED for traditional services. We kindly request volunteers for 4pm and 8:15am to contact the office, 614-875-2314, and for 11am greeters to contact Linda Diehl, 614-906-1408.

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.

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



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.

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.

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.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL will not meet today, Sunday, July 5th nor Sunday, September 6th. Next Sunday, 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!

MISSION: POSSIBLE! Gini and Donna are happy to report that our first Mission for Mission: Possible was a huge success. We had 9 "Agents of God" (youth) purchase 714 items for the food pantry. They didn't stop there though. We also took all 714 items, loaded them into cars, and then unloaded them into the food pantry with a little help from some wonderful adults. After all that serving, we headed to Gantz Park to play, have a meal, and learn a lesson about how David sought God and trusted Him during difficult times. David taught us how to "Get Our Hopes Up." If you are interested in learning more about Mission: Possible, please reach out to Gini or Donna. We would love to have more adult volunteers hang out with these amazing kids! **Our next two missions, should you choose to accept them, are July 18th and August 1st from 2pm-8pm.**

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, June 28 - 361

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.
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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, JULY 5

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am No Youth Sunday School
 9:30am Adult 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

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

TUESDAY, JULY 7

RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
 9:30pm Quilters (103-4)
 6:30pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FLC)
 7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

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

THURSDAY, JULY 9

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
 1:00pm Small Group (Café)
 3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)

FRIDAY, JULY 10

AUGUST EAGLE ARTICLE DEADLINE

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

SATURDAY, JULY 11

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH)

SUNDAY, JULY 12

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Sunday School Hour
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
 12:30pm Boy Scouts #392 Event (FLC)
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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