

NEWS NOTES

July 11-12, 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: Christine Hank

Readers

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Gary Smith

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Contemporary: Stephen
Katterhenrich, Hope
Katterhenrich

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael
Gibboney

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

11:00am: Dave Clark, Bill Diehl,
Larry Sutton, Dan Yeater

Acolytes

8:15am: Truman Allman, Cordelia
Wanner

11:00am: Volunteers needed

Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman
Linda Wagner, Susie Waller
Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Tim and Christina Allman

11:00am: Lisa Stallard, Dave
Stallard, Dwight Henricksen

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich,
Donna Westerfeld, Beth
Katterhenrich

Lessons Today: Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9,18-23.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: Terry and Teresa Orahood.

ALTAR FLOWERS: David and Lisa Stallard.

BULLETINS: In loving memory of Michael Holcomb on his birthday, July 28th. With love, given by Shelia Holcomb.

✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧

QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: This 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! Sunday School will begin after the congregational meeting so that all teachers have an opportunity to attend.

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 today, 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 Henricksen.

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!

SARAH CIRCLE is collecting the following items for health kits for the Grove City Food Pantry. One kit includes:

Dental floss	Full size toothbrush	sturdy comb	Emery board
Full size toothpaste (check expiration)	nail clippers	dark washcloth	
two bars of wrapped soap	Full size deodorant	one dark bath towel	

Our goal is to make 50 kits. If you would like to help, dollar stores are a good place to shop. Please mark items "For Sarah Circle" and put in the Quilters' cupboard in the Link. Thank you!

THE BED BRIGADE needs volunteers: The Bed Brigade needs a couple of volunteers to help unload mattresses at their Grove City location on July 27th. Please contact Greg Finzer at 614-285-1200 or gfinzer@hotmail.com if you are able to help!

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 ☞

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.**

☞ STEWARDSHIP ☞

ATTENDANCE Sunday, July 5 - 247

**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, 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)

MONDAY, JULY 13

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (SH, FH)
 5:00pm Call Team (Lib)
 6:00pm Exercise Class (FLC)
 6:00pm Small Group (101)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
 7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)

TUESDAY, JULY 14

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
 9:30pm Quilters (103-4)
 6:15pm Fat Quarter Quilt Guild (FH)
 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal
 (FLC)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH, 103-4)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

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

THURSDAY, JULY 16

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
 9:30am A Joyful Pause (FLC)
 3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
 5:30pm A Joyful Pause (FLC)

FRIDAY, JULY 17

11:30am OWLS (FLC)
 2:00pm Private Event (101)
 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, JULY 18

10:00am Private Event (SH, FLC)
 1:00pm Columbus Miniature Society
 Picnic (SH)
 2:00pm Mission Possible! (Café)
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH)

SUNDAY, JULY 19

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Sunday School Hour
 10:45am Children's Church (103-4)
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship
 (FLC)
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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