

NEWS NOTES

July 18-19, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Pastor Jeff Morlock



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: Lynda Berry

Readers

4:00pm: Karen Colwell

8:15am: Judy Taylor

11:00am: Cindy Gonsowski

Contemporary: Jackie Rutan

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael Gibboney

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

11:00am: Bernie Bullert, Dave Clark,
Dennis Imbrock, Larry Sutton

Acolytes

8:15am: Addy Gottshall

11:00am: Lukas Althoff, Nick Althoff

Altar Guild

Don and Diane Carducci

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Contemporary: Theresa Wahl

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Bill Woodgeard

8:15am: Karen Bentley, Joel Baughman

11:00am: Lynda Berry, Gloria Biggs, Diane
Carducci

Contemporary: Brad and Theresa Wahl,
Jackie Rutan

Lessons Today:

Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30,36-43.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of the birth of our first great granddaughter, Harper Josephine, born on July 8th to Tyler and Amanda Stage. Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.
ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Stephen and Denise Linder celebrating 12 years of bliss.
BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.
BULLETINS: in honor of our 51st wedding anniversary. Given by Dave and Karen Grossman.

✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧

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

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

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.

LAY READERS are needed for upcoming 8:15am 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.

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!

✧ YOUTH NEWS ✧

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!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR meets every Thursday from 5-6pm. Contact Kate Shrum if you would like your child to participate!

We had another blessed year at VBS!! Thank you for all the donations and all the support to make VBS happen each year. We had a wonderful time teaching youth that Jesus Seeks and Find Us no matter where we are during Tropical Trek VBS!

We could not have put on such an amazing VBS without the help of our VBS teachers, kitchen ladies, craft and recreation leaders, science and service leaders, puppet leader, music leaders, and our awesome teen helpers! It is these hard-working people that make it a blessing each year to love kids into the kingdom at VBS!!



MISSION: POSSIBLE is a service and fellowship event that will be occurring on Saturdays throughout this summer aimed towards middle and high school students. We'll be serving throughout our community and growing our faith networks, while discussing how to be 'agents' of God. For more information, please reach out to Gini Rogers at grogers@stjohnsgc.org. **Join us Saturday, August 1 for**

our last Mission! Gini and Donna would love for you to join them!

NALC CONTINENTAL YOUTH GATHERING – *What a week we had at the NALC Continental Youth Gathering (CYG) in Roanoke, VA!* Throughout the event, we were able to 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. Our teens and adults experience a great week of growth,

networking, and team bonding! We were able to put our Bible knowledge and teamwork together to win the Roaming Roanoke challenge. We got to help at 3 different mission sites such as Feeding Southwest

Virginia, Straight Street teen ministries, and the host church. We also were a large help in supplying items so that 1200+ NALC disaster relief kits could be made—through your donations we sent an initial supply load ahead of us and were even able to purchase more supplies once on site to help finish kits! Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and support as we attended CYG! **In two years, we are planning to attend CYG with the theme FULFILLED in Rantoul, Illinois on July 10-15th 2028 for any student who has completed 7th grade. Mark your calendars!!**

✪ STEWARDSHIP ✪

ATTENDANCE **Sunday, July 12** - **313**

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

☞ CALENDAR ☞

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)

MONDAY, JULY 20

9:00am Classroom Antics Camp (FLC)
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (SH, FH)
 1:00pm Classroom Antics Camp (FLC)
 6:00pm Exercise Class (103-4)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, JULY 21

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
 9:00am Classroom Antics Camp (FLC)
 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
 1:00pm Classroom Antics Camp (FLC)
 6:00pm Friends of the Library (102)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH, 103-4)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

9:00am Classroom Antics Camp (FLC)
 10:00am Visitation (Sanc)
 11:00am Memorial Service (Sanc)
 1:00pm Classroom Antics Camp (FLC)
 1:00pm Small Group (Lib)
 7:00pm Design for Living AA (FH)

THURSDAY, JULY 23

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
 9:00am Classroom Antics Camp (FLC)
 9:30am Eagle Mailing (204)
 1:00pm Classroom Antics Camp (FLC)
 3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)

FRIDAY, JULY 24

9:00am Classroom Antics Camp (FLC)
 9:30am Small Group (103-4)
 1:00pm Classroom Antics Camp (FLC)
 2:00pm Private Event (101)
 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, JULY 25

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

SUNDAY, JULY 26

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)

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

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.