

NEWS NOTES

July 25-26, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pastor Patti Morlock | (740) 405-1548 | pmorlock@stjohnsgc.org

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: Christine Hank

Readers

4:00pm: Charlie Brown

8:15am: Karen Bentley

11:00am: Sheryl Fraley

Contemporary: Lydia Shrum, Beth
Katterhenrich

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael
Gibboney

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

11:00am: Tom Lang, Dennis
Imbrock, Don Carducci, Dan
Yeater

Acolytes

8:15am: Corban Allman

11:00am: Davy Clark

Altar Guild

Lynda Berry, Linda Vozel, Dee Harlor

Sarah Schmitz, Gloria Biggs

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Michael Gibboney

8:15am: Ann Jones, Barb Hill

11:00am: Christine Hank, Lisa
Hartig-Mawhorr, Lisa Stallard

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich,
Donna Westerfeld, Beth
Katterhenrich

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Corban Allman's 17th birthday. Given by Mom, Dad, and Truman.

BULLETINS: Given by Rhonda Maynard.

BULLETINS: In gratefulness for my many blessings. Given by Vi Davis.

Lessons Today:

1 Kings 3:5-12; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33,44-52.

✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧

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

THE GUITAR GIRLZ is a club of guitar students ages 8 to 12 years old, formed by David Clifton and his daughter Carla Rider. The advanced students will be playing their guitars for Sunday's 11:00am Anthem, and the beginning guitar students will be singing.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th IS BACKPACK BLESSING! Students of all ages and teachers! Bring your backpack or lunchbox with you to church on Sunday, August 16th and pastors will say a special blessing over you, your backpack, your lunchbox, and your school year during worship at each service!

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.

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.

☞ YOUTH NEWS ☞

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!

JOYFUL PAUSE: Come when you can and leave when you have to! It's our last summer open house at St. John's on **Thursday, August 13! Times are 9:30am - 12:30pm and 5:30 – 8:30pm.** Choose which time you'd like to attend (or stop by both)! We will have tables set up in the gym and rooms 103-104 with various activities: games, puzzles, arts and crafts, cards ... plus open gym! Pizza and drinks will be available around lunch and dinnertime. All ages are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors! This is a family event, and we ask that parents or grandparents stay and enjoy the pause with their youth! Contact Karrie Clark with questions at karriejclark@gmail.com.

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!

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!*

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 19 - 243

**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 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)

MONDAY, JULY 27

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (SH, FH)
6:00pm Exercise Class (103-4)
6:00pm Small Group (101)
7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
7:00pm Respect Life (102)
7:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)

TUESDAY, JULY 28

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
9:30am Quilters (103-4)
7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH, 103-4)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

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

THURSDAY, JULY 30

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

FRIDAY, JULY 31

2:00pm Private Event (101)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

11:00am Private Event (SH)
2:00pm Mission Possible! (Café)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

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!