

NEWS NOTES

August 1-2, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Pastor Jeff Morlock



Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Guest Organist Mary Ann Stephens

Nick Grossman and David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

✧ SERVING TODAY ✧

Greeter

11:00am: Lynda Berry

Readers

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Teresa Orahod

11:00am: Karrie Clark

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael Gibboney

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

11:00am: Don Carducci, Dave Clark,
Larry Sutton, Tom Lang

Acolytes

8:15am: Ben Previts

11:00am: Volunteers needed

Altar Guild

Dellno and Betty Lewis

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Teresa Orahod, Alec Thomas

11:00am: Ike Stage, Brenda Schultz, Lisa
Stallard

Lessons Today:

Isaiah 55:1-5; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my mother, Lucille Cauchi's birthday. Given by the Orahood family.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my mom, Jan Singleton for her birthday. Given by her daughter, Sky Eckel.

BULLETINS: Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

✧ PERSONAL NEWS ✧

NOTES OF THANKS: Thank you to Corban and Truman Allman for sharing your gift with us. The music was beautiful. Many blessings! ~ Shelia Holcomb.

✧ 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

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!

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 meeting on **Saturday, August 8th 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.

SANCTUARY CHURCH BELLS will be turned off for the time being. Work will be done on the inside of the bell tower to replace the old mortar which is beginning to crumble.

EAGLE DEADLINE is next Monday. Please submit your article by noon on **August 10th**.

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.

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.

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.

GREAT COUNTRY GOSPEL: All are invited to an hour of country Gospel singing featuring Bud McNichols and his band on Sunday, August 2 at 6:00pm. This will be at the Community Baptist Church located at 130 Plain City-Georgesville Road in Galloway just before West Jefferson. Afterward, enjoy fellowship with refreshments and pizza.

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.

OWLS EVENT – AUGUST 21: The Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) are at it again! Join us for lunch and hear the latest news about our beautiful town of Grove City. Mayor Ike Stage will be our special speaker, and no one knows Grove City better than he does. We are honored to welcome him back and look forward to hearing his update.

September 18th is the date for our annual trip to Der Dutchman in Plain City. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss it!! Details will be in next month's Eagle.

The OWLS would love to see you there but PLEASE make your reservation using the salmon 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	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!

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.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS 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.

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.

On August 30th at 10:45am, we will combine our three Sunday worship services into one grand outdoor youth-led worship event!

Bring lawn chairs and dress causally as we gather by our Shelter House to praise God under His clear blue sky. Note that the 4pm worship service will be held as usual Saturday, August 29th, but please join us on Sunday for the picnic!

This year, we are hosting Youth Sunday at our Outdoor Worship Service. Not only will our youth lead the worship service, they will share about their NALC Continental Youth Gathering experience through this time of worship and fellowship. We will gather in the Shelter House (weather permitting) for the **Outdoor Worship Service**. Afterwards, we will remain for the **Church Picnic!** Everything will be provided for the picnic; however, we will be collecting a 'free will offering' to help offset the cost. All donations will be greatly appreciated! Please bring a dessert to share.

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.

OFFICE HOURS are Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm.

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the Lost & Found bin located in the North Entrance coat area if you have lost or found any items in the church. For small items, such as rings, earrings, or headphones, please check with the office Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm. Eyeglasses may be donated after several weeks.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held on **Tuesday, August 25** 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.

A SECURE DROP SLOT is located under the staff mailboxes in the hallway near the secretary's office. If you are dropping off a monetary gift or papers with confidential information, please put it through the slot to help ensure security.

YOUTH NEWS

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!

STEWARDSHIP

ATTENDANCE **Sunday, July 26** - 220 Traditional Attendees

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.



GREAT COUNTRY GOSPEL

AUGUST 2 AT 6:00PM

130 PLAIN CITY-GEORGESVILLE RD
GALLOWAY, OHIO



TIM MCNEAL



ROBBY KIRK



SHEILA HOLBROOK



FRANK FRIZZELL



BUD MCNICHOLS

☞ CALENDAR ☞

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)

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

10:00am Property Team (204)
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (SH, FH)
 6:00pm Exercise Class (103-4)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

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7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
 8:30am Private Event (FLC, Kit)
 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
 11:30am OWLS Planning Team (102)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH, FLC)
 7:00pm SW Historical Society (103-4)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

9:30am Small Group (103-4)
 2:00pm Private Event (101)
 3:00pm Men's Chorale (Choir Rm)
 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

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.