

NEWS NOTES

August 8-9, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Pastor Jeff Morlock



Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

Nick Grossman and David Shrum, Contemporary Worship Leaders

Susan Locey, Director of Celebration Ringers

✧ SERVING TODAY ✧

Greeter

11:00am: Carol Rich
Contemporary: Megan Grossman

Readers

4:00pm: Charlie Brown
8:15am: Gary Smith
11:00am: Bonnie Swanson
Contemporary: Ethan Czaplicki,
Jackie Rutan

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael
Gibboney
8:15am: Steve Marcum, Butch Myers,
David Sweeley
11:00am: Bernie Bullert, Dave
Clark, George Gonsowski,
Larry Sutton

Acolytes

8:15am: Truman Allman
11:00am: Volunteers needed

Altar Guild

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

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Bill Woodgeard
8:15am: Kathy Myers, Sarah Schmitz
11:00am: Beth Hazel, Dwight
Henricksen, Bonnie Swanson
Contemporary: Beth Katterhenrich,
Rachel Katterhenrich, Jackie
Rutan

Lessons Today: 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In loving memory of, our parents Roy and Barb Grossman. Given by the family.

BULLETINS: In memory of Alice Katterhenrich for her birthday, August 12th. Given by Beth Katterhenrich.

✧ PERSONAL NEWS ✧

THANK YOU Teresa Orahood for the beautiful flowers. You will be blessed! ~ Shelia Holcomb.

✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧

NOTICE FROM OUR FACILITIES MANAGER: Due to the increasing cost of electric, I have put in thermostats that are programable. In the next few weeks, I will be setting up a schedule in each thermostat. At that time, the church will be getting a little warmer than it has been. I am asking everyone to not adjust the temperatures set in the thermostats. At any time a space is found to be too warm, let me know and I will see what I can do. Thank you for your help and understanding. ~ Jerry Funk.

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 this Monday. Please submit your article by noon on August 10th.

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.

**Blessing of the
BackPacks
and the
School Year**



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

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

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. **Donations must be received by Sunday, August 23.**

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.

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 casually 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.

☞ 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 **this 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, August 2 - 246

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

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, 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)

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

EAGLE ARTICLES DUE

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 Finance Team (103-4)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

12:30pm Columbus Miniature Society
(FLC)
4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

BACKPACK BLESSINGS

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School Hour
10:45am Children's Church (103-4)
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