

NEWS NOTES

August 15-16, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Pastor Jeff Morlock



Mark Meuser, Director of Music Ministry

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✠ SERVING TODAY ✠

Greeter

11am: Linda Diehl

Contemporary: Kate Shrum

Readers

4pm: Lisa Dubos

8:15am:

11am: Christine Hank

Contemporary: Lydia Shrum, Kate
Shrum

Ushers

4pm: Steve Henry, Michael
Gibboney

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

11am: Dave Clark, Bill Diehl, Dennis
Imbrock, Tom Lang

Acolytes

8:15am: Corban Allman, Esmé
Wanner

11am: Nick Althoff, Lukas Althoff

Altar Guild

David and Lisa Stallard

Don and Diane Carducci

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich

Communion Assistants

4pm: Lisa Dubos

8:15am: Joel Baughman, Susan
Previts

11am: Lynda Berry, Caroline Koethke
Contemporary: Kate Shrum, Brad and
Theresa Wahl

Lessons Today:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In honor of Brooklyn Cress and Grandpa Link on their birthdays. Given by Larry and Becky Link.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Jack Lyday on his birthday. Given by Richard and Evelyn Lyday and Chuck and Debbie Manofsky.

LECTERN FLOWERS: In honor of Pam on her birthday and in memory of the Reverend Virgil Wittenberg on the anniversary of his marriage to Janet. Given by the Wittenberg family.

BULLETINS: In memory of David Mauch, loving husband and father. Given of Mary Lou Mauch.

BULLETINS: In memory of David L. Gusa for his birthday. Given by Frank and Jean Gusa.

✧ PERSONAL NEWS ✧

HOLY BAPTISM: Congratulations to **Quinlan and Kari Leslie** on the baptism of their daughter, **Kora**, on Sunday, August 16 in the 11am traditional service. Please keep the Leslie family in your prayers as Kora begins her baptismal journey with the Lord.

✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧

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!

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.

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. **All donations must be received by next SUNDAY, AUGUST 23.** Thank you!

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.

JOIN US SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH from 9:30 to 10:30am ahead of the outdoor worship service led by our youth and **meet our new Youth & Family Ministries Director, Kelsey Bacon!** Below is a short read about Kelsey before you officially visit during the meet and greet in the cafe on that Sunday.

HELLO ST. JOHNS FAMILY! My name is Kelsey Bacon, and I am thrilled to join the staff as the Director of Youth and Family Ministry. I live in Hilliard with my husband Alex and our two kids Theo (2 1/2) and Lila (11 months). I grew up here in Columbus, and have many years of experience serving and leading in youth and family ministry. I am very passionate about bringing the gospel to kids and teens. I love the ministry of discipling students, walking alongside parents through every stage, and raising up the next generation of the Church to be the hands and feet of Jesus. I am also passionate about books, crochet, homemade sourdough, and people! I am so excited to get to know the community here. I would love to connect with you in the lobby, over coffee, or at your favorite spot in Grove City, as I'm getting to know the area. Please feel free to email me at kbacon@stjohnsgc.org.

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

Attention Singers: St. John's Choirs Need Members

Members of the congregation are warmly invited to join one of St. John's choirs. No previous choir experience is necessary. There are three choral groups that serve at the Sunday morning worship services. The groups alternate between the two traditional services.

The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday in the Sanctuary from 7:30-9pm.

The Women's Chorale rehearses on Wednesday in the Sanctuary from 6:30-7:25pm.

The Men's Chorale rehearses on Sunday morning in the Choir Room 9:30-10:30am.

Practices will begin Wednesday, September 2. Interested singers can just show up to practice. If you have been looking for a fun way to serve the church and praise God, this is a wonderful opportunity. The choirs are directed by Mark Meuser. If you have questions, please feel free to contact him by e-mail at mmeuser@stjohnsgc.org.

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.

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.

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.

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!

May God Be Gracious to Us

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 T U W E G E A D S U S J V O W
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May God be **gracious** to us and **bless** us and make his **face** to **shine** upon us, *Selah* that your **way** may be **known** on earth, your **saving power** among **all nations**. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples **praise** you! Let the nations be **glad** and **sing** for **joy**, for you **judge** the peoples with **equity** and **guide** the nations upon earth. **Selah** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! The earth has **yielded** its **increase**; God, our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the **ends** of the **earth** **fear him**!

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∞ STEWARDSHIP ∞

ATTENDANCE Sunday, August 9 - 257

**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, AUGUST 16

BACKPACK BLESSINGS

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

12pm Lunchtime AA (SH, FH)
6pm Exercise Class (103-4)
6:30pm Council (103-4)
7pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

7am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
9:30am Quilters (103-4)
6pm Friends of the Library (102)
6:30pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FLC)
7pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH, 103-4)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

1pm Small Group (102)
7pm Design for Living AA (FH)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

8am Promise Keepers (103-4)
9am Eagle Mailing (204)
1pm Small Group (Café)
3pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
5pm Children's Choir (Chapel)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

9:30am Bible Study (103-4)
11:30am OWLS (FLC)
2pm Private Event (101)
3pm Men's Chorale (Choir Rm)
8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
9:30am Sunday School Hour
11am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
11am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
5pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGES. BE SURE TO CHECK THEM
OUT!**