

NEWS NOTES

September 5-6, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Pastor Don Allman | **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 ✠

Greeters

11:00am: Linda Diehl

Readers

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Betty Lewis

11:00am: Lisa Stallard

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael Gibboney

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

11:00am: Bill Diehl, Don Carducci,
David Clark, George
Gonsowski

Acolytes

8:15am: Ben Previts

11:00am: Volunteers needed

Altar Guild

Linda Vozel, Dee Harlor

Sarah Schmitz, Donna Linder

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Holly Starr

8:15am: Barb Hill, Karen Bentley

11:00am: David and Lisa Stallard, Dan
Yeater

Lessons Today:

Ezekiel 33:7-11; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of Suzi Hart. Given by Rhonda Maynard.

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

BULLETINS: In memory of Paul Katterhenrich for his birthday, September 3rd. Given by Beth Katterhenrich.

✧ PERSONAL NEWS ✧

NOTES OF THANKS: I am so appreciative of everyone who helped me for the last two months while healing my broken arm. I'm certainly thankful to Betty and Dellno Lewis for taking over my Meals on Wheels deliveries. I truly appreciate Mary Young for keeping the track of the donations for the Christmas bags. Charlotte Rausch brought cheer and good food. Then thanks to Barb Armentrout for remembering my unsung hero, my husband David. And thank you all for your caring, prayers, cards, and emails. ~ Linda Chenault.

THANK YOU Shirley Blake, Karen Bentley, and Jerry Funk for your dedication to St. John's. You go the extra mile to serve! ~ Shelia Holcomb.

SARAH CIRCLE THANKS YOU: We are so happy! Our Health Kit goal was met and exceeded by 25, with a total of 75 kits! God has truly inspired us. Thank you all!

✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧

OFFICE CLOSED ON LABOR DAY, Monday, September 7. No Youth Sunday School on Sunday, September 6.

MONDAY EXERCISE CLASS will not be held on Labor Day, Monday, September 7th.

WOMEN'S TEA PARTY-ROOTED IN CHRIST! Ladies of **all ages** are invited to join us for our **Women's Tea Party on Saturday, September 26, from 10:00am-1:00pm!** This year's theme is "**Rooted in Christ,**" inspired by the reminder that when our lives are rooted in Him, our faith can continue to grow and flourish.

Come enjoy a morning of **fellowship, a light lunch, encouraging speakers, fun games and activities,** and time to connect with women of all generations. Whether you come with a friend, daughter, mother, grandmother, or on your own, **there is a place for you at the table.**

We hope you'll join us as we slow down, enjoy one another's company, and encourage each other to stay **rooted and growing in Christ.** Invite a friend—we'd love to have you!



Register online through CH Meetings, or sign up with number attending on your Salmon Sheet.

EAGLE DEADLINE is this coming Thursday. Please submit your October articles by noon on **September 10th**.

ATTENTION LADIES OF ALL AGES!! Charlotte and Pam will be hosting a **Fascinator Hat Clip Craft Class**. Join us on **Thursday, September 17 from 6-7:30pm in room 102**. Please bring a headband, hair clip, or hair comb, as well as any items you wish to include on your hat. Fun items include flowers, ribbons, feathers, butterflies, bring whatever you can! Crafting supplies including glue guns would also be helpful. We will share it all!! We will help you make a beautiful fascinator hat clip to wear for the Ladies Tea Party on September 26.

SCAM ALERT! Please be aware that scammers are creating email to present themselves falsely as church staff members. They commonly ask for help in the form of gift cards for what seems like a good cause, and request that you keep everything “discreet” or a secret. When you receive emails or text messages like this, please report it to your email provider. There is nothing we can do at church to stop people from creating false email accounts, but you can report them as “phishing” or “suspicious” and block them. If you are in doubt, call the church office. Also, compare the sender’s email address or phone number against our valid church staff contact information, which can be found in all our official St. John’s publications. Please be careful!

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 meetings on **Saturday, September 12th 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.

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.

PEACE PUPPETS ARE ABOUT TO RESUME... What are we? We are Puppets **Excited About Christian Evangelism** and we need you! We help at events during year to spread God’s love in a different way. Can you read? Do you want a service project that will make you laugh while teaching others? We might be the fit for YOU.. Stop by Monday nights at 6:30 in the FLC starting back on September 14th! See you then or text Jen Mitchell 614-774-6720.

OWLS EVENT – SEPTEMBER 18, 2026: If you would ask almost any OWL (Older Wiser LutheranS) to name one of their favorite meetings of the year, I am pretty sure most of them would say “Der Dutchman! Of course!” What’s not to like about a restaurant that is located in a beautiful country setting and the bounty of a country kitchen? They serve generous portions of hearty, home-style Amish Kitchen Cooking. They might not be as good as our Lutheran cooks, but we think they are pretty good. Their bakery is full of pastries, cakes, cookies, breads and their legendary pies that are baked every day. And if you have any money left over, their gift shop is very inviting.

For the past couple of years, we have enjoyed a wonderful lunch catching up with those we don’t get to see often so once again we will skip the program and enjoy our friends and conversation! We are so pleased to be able to get together and enjoy our time together. God has blessed each of us by leading us to St. John’s and offering us the Christian fellowship that is priceless.

You can order from the menu which includes their buffet for \$19.99 (menu price or whatever the menu price is at that time) which includes the salad bar, but it does not include your drink or pie. You can also choose from their lunch and dinner menu.

We encourage everyone to meet in the new North Entrance no later than 11:15am. If you are able and willing to drive and take passengers, it would be greatly appreciated. **Please sign up using the salmon sheet.** We need to leave at 11:30am for our 12:00pm reservation. If you sign up and need to cancel, please call the church or Bonnie Swanson (614-562-8002). Hope to see you there!



Volunteers Needed for Arts in the Alley!

We’re doing something a little different for **Arts in the Alley this year!** Since the parade will be coming right down Columbus Street in front of the church, we’re taking the opportunity to show some St. John’s hospitality to our community!

We’ll be **passing out donuts and coffee** to parade-goers on **Saturday, September 19,** and we’d love to have a few volunteers join us.

Volunteers are needed from **8:30–11:00am** to help set up, greet our neighbors, and hand out coffee and donuts. This is a simple and fun way to connect with our community and offer a warm welcome from St. John’s. **If you’re available to help, please sign up on the salmon sheet or reach out to Megan Grossman.**

THE CELEBRATION RINGERS will begin a new season in September. We are always looking for new ringers! If you are interested in giving it a try, you can call or text Susan Locey at 614-208-8215.

DARTBALL IS BACK! All are welcome! Boys and girls, ladies and gentlemen, young and old. Dartball is easy to play. It is baseball played with darts that are thrown at a diamond shaped board with targets. St John's plays other area churches **every Thursday night from September 3rd until mid-March**. Become part of one of St John's oldest ministries! We have been playing for over 80 years. Join the fun! Contact Dwight H. at 614-323-6330 or maxfliddh@yahoo.com.

GOD'S LOVE UNIVERSITY: GLU is a group of volunteers that communicate with our college-attending students once a month for the school year. As a volunteer, you are asked to send an encouraging card to them once a month. We are looking for volunteers to connect with a student for the 2026-2027 school year. Please let us know if you are interested in being involved. It's a great way to show college students that they are loved by St. John's! If you have questions, please reach out to Gloria Biggs by email gloria.biggs@gmail.com or phone 614-266-6157, or Suzie Brace at 614-313-1314.

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.

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.

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.

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 ☞

Donna's phone number was listed incorrectly in the Fall parent mailing. Please note the correct number is 614-815-4696. Thank you!

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

RALLY DAY AND BIBLE SUNDAY: Rally Day will take place on September 13th during the Sunday School Hour. Age 2 years old through 6th grade will meet in the FLC. 7th and 8th grades will have confirmation orientation starting in the sanctuary. This year, Rally Day will also be **Bible Sunday**!! The following groups will receive an age-appropriate Bible as a gift from the congregation during the worship services: students starting pre-school, incoming 3rd graders, and our 7th graders going into confirmation. If you have a child in one of these groups, please plan on attending worship September 13th. **REMINDER: No Youth Sunday School September 6th.**

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION: For returning 8th graders (2nd year students) and incoming 7th graders (1st year students), we will have confirmation orientation on Sunday, September 13th (Rally Day for our younger students) from 9:30-10:30am starting in the Sanctuary and concluding in the Confirmation Room (304). We will send more information out as the date approaches, but if you have any questions reach out to Christina Allman or Kelsey Bacon, kbacon@stjohnsgc.org.

Adventure Club and Faith Trek start October 1st. They meet weekly, 5:45 - 7:15pm. The greeter's table opens at 5:30pm. Suggested donation for the evening meal is \$4. Adventure Club is for ages 4 through 4th grade. Faith Trek is for 5th and 6th grade. Each group enjoys gym time, a meal with friends, arts and crafts, and an active learning Bible lesson. We have lots of teen and adult leaders who love spending the night with the children. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us. We also love our faith-webbing adult friends. Talk to Christina about joining us!

Explorers and Energizers for grades 7—8 and 9—12 will start on September 30th, 7—8:30pm. Interested in being on the adult leadership team? Please connect with Donna Westerfeld at dwesterfeld@stjohnsgc.org. Wednesday nights are a great night to connect with others, make friends, and grow in faith. Training for Adult Leaders is Wednesday, September 23rd, 7pm—8:30pm.

IQA Bible Study! Join Donna for a deeper look into His Word starting September 30th on Wednesdays, 6pm-7pm IN PERSON prior to Energizers! This is a new night and no longer on Zoom. Meet us in Room 103-4. You'll love the IQA (Inquiries, Questions, Answers) format and discussion!

LEGO CLUB will be meeting on Sunday, September 27th! Come have lunch with us, hear a Bible story told with Lego, and play and build with Lego bricks! We'll meet in the FLC after late service and stay until 2pm. Lunch is provided! If you are able to, please RSVP to help us have the right amount of food. Tell Jen Mitchell or Christina Allman.

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STEWARDSHIP

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ATTENDANCE Sunday, August 30 - 232

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

How to give to St. John’s:

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+ 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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☞ CALENDAR ☞

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Sunday School Hour
 NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship (FLC)
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

LABOR DAY, OFFICE CLOSED

12:00pm Lunchtime AA (SH, FH)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

1:00pm Small Group (102)
 5:30pm Lion's Club (SH)
 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
 7:00pm Design for Living AA (FH)
 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

OCTOBER EAGLE ARTICLES DUE

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
 3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
 8:00pm Dartball (Away)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (103-4)
 10:00am Veterans Planning Team (Café)
 12:30pm Columbus Miniature Society
 (103-4)
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Sunday School Hour
9:30am RALLY DAY (FLC)
 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.