

NEWS NOTES

September 12-13, 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 ✧

Greeters

11:00am: Lynda Berry

Readers

4:00pm: Charlie Brown

8:15am: Gary Smith

11:00am: Christine Hank

Contemporary: Jackie Rutan

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael
Gibboney

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

11:00am: Bernie Bullert, Bill Diehl,
Dennis Imbrock, Larry Sutton

Lessons Today

Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:1-12;
Matthew 18:21-35

Acolytes

8:15am: Truman Allman, Cordelia
Wanner

11:00am: Volunteers needed

Altar Guild

Dave and Karen Grossman

Linda Wagner, Susie Waller

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: David Sweeley

8:15am: Joel Baughman, Sarah
Schmitz

11:00am: Dwight Henricksen,
David and Lisa Stallard

Contemporary: Rachel Katterhenrich,
Jackie Rutan, Donna
Westerfeld

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: In memory of my husband, Jim on his birthday this month. Given by Carol Rich.

ALTAR FLOWERS: In celebration of Erle and Judy Taylor's 58th wedding anniversary.

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

BULLETINS: Given by Sauni Morris.

✧ 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.

✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧

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.

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.



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.**

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!

PASTOR DENNIS DI MAURO'S INSTALLATION & RECEPTION: You're invited to join us as we celebrate the **Installation of Pastor Dennis Di Mauro on Saturday, October 17 at 4:00 p.m.** Following the service, we'll gather for a reception featuring **warm German-inspired appetizers and a charcuterie table.** We hope you'll join us for this special day as we officially welcome Pastor Dennis!

RSVPs are strongly encouraged by October 3! Please RSVP to **Megan Grossman by** or indicate the **number of people attending on your salmon sheet.**

ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOU! Thinking about a way to help with "behind the scenes" during Worship? Do you have 20 minutes to spare once a month? Would you like to help beautify the Altar once every 6 weeks? If so, join the awesome members of the Altar Guild. Training is provided. Speaking from someone who has been a member of the Altar Guild for more than 20 years, you appreciate the Worship Service even more. Please consider joining us!! Have questions, call Betty Lewis 614-272-6696 or Karen Grossman 614-578-3198.

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.

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.

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.

September Mexico Update

Thank you so much as you continue to support the Mexico Mission through your prayers and our fund-raisers. Check out the Genesis Diez newsletters on the mission board in the link or visit their website to see the exciting changes happening at the ranch!

Planning has begun for our 2027 Mexico Mission Trip!!!

...If you'd like to go on mission next summer, contact Diana Imbrock for more information and ask to be put on the "I'm Interested!" contact list.

...You can also be part of the mission through prayer, service, and donations.

...You can learn more by talking to Diana or anyone who has gone to Rancho Genesis, or by visiting www.genesisdiez.org.

...Watch the Eagles and bulletins for further information.

Prayer:

Dearest Abba,

You alone are worthy of our thanks and praise. Give us wisdom and courage to step out in faith to share the Good News to all, so that we may make heaven crowded through our obedience to Your Great Commission. Amen.

☿ YOUTH NEWS ☿

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 TODAY 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

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION: For returning 8th graders (2nd year students) and incoming 7th graders (1st year students), we will have confirmation orientation TODAY 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 the following week, 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! **Training for Adult Leaders & Teen Helpers is Thursday, September 24th, 5:30pm—7:30pm.**

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.

∞ STEWARDSHIP ∞

ATTENDANCE Sunday, September 6 - 284

**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, Rms 301, 303.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 2 years old-Pre-K, Rm 003 / Kindergarten-Grade 2, Rm 009 / Grades 3-4, Rm 307 / Grades 5-6, Rm 303 / Grades 7-8, Confirmation Room, 304 / Grades 9-12, High School Room, 311.

SELAH ROOM: Rm 101, a quiet place available every Sunday from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

you're invited to join:

Pastor Dennis Di Mauro's Installation & Reception

Saturday October 17th, 2026 at 4pm

Reception with warm German
appetizers and a charcuterie table
to follow the service.

RSVP strongly encouraged. RSVP by October 3rd to
Megan Grossman or on your salmon insert with
number of people attending.

**DAILY AND WEEKLY UPDATES ARE POSTED ON OUR
WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGES.
BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT!**

☞ CALENDAR ☞

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)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:30am BSF Leaders
 10:00am Property Team (204)
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (SH, FH)
 4:00pm Irish Music Rehearsal (FLC)
 6:00pm Exercise Class (FLC)
 6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
 7:00pm Finance Team (103-4)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)
 8:00am Private Event (FH, FH Kit)
 9:30am Quilters (103-4)
 4:00pm Quilt Show Registration
 (103-4)
 6:30pm Blue Ribbon 4-H (FLC)
 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH, 103-4)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:30am BSF
 1:00pm Small Group (102)
 6:00pm Quilt Show Registration
 (103-4)
 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
 7:00pm Design for Living AA (FH)
 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00am Quilt Show Judging (103-4)
 1:00pm Small Group (Café)
 1:30pm GLU (204)
 3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
 3:00pm Acting Class Reh. (FLC)
 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
 6:00pm Tea Party Fascinators (102)
 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
 8:00pm Dartball (@Westerville
 Grace)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

ARTS IN THE ALLEY WEEKEND

9:00am Quilt Show Judging (103-4)
 9:30am Small Group (102)
 11:30am OWLS meet at church
 (Café)
 12:00pm OWLS @Der Dutchman
 2:00pm Private Event (101)
 3:00pm Men's Chorale (Choir Rm)
 8:30pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

ARTS IN THE ALLEY WEEKEND

10:00am Quilt Show (FLC)
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

ARTS IN THE ALLEY WEEKEND

8:15am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 9:30am Sunday School Hour
 11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 11:00am Contemporary Worship
 (FLC)
 12:30pm Quilt Show (FLC)