

# NEWS NOTES

September 19-20, 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: David and Lisa Stallard

### **Readers**

4:00pm: Ann Jones

8:15am: Karen Bentley

11:00am: Sheryl Fraley

Contemporary: Hope Katterhenrich,  
Kate Shrum

### **Ushers**

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael  
Gibboney

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

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

### **Acolytes**

8:15am: Ben Previts

11:00am: Davy Clark, Addy  
Gottshall

### **Altar Guild**

David and Lisa Stallard

Paul and Pam Wittenberg

Contemporary: Kate Shrum

### **Communion Assistants**

4:00pm: Bill Woodgeard

8:15am: Betty Lewis, Teresa  
Orahood

11:00am: Lynda Berry, Gloria  
Biggs, Linda Diehl

Contemporary: Kate Shrum, Donna  
Westerfeld

### **Lessons Today**

Jonah 3:10--4:11; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

### **DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In memory of our mother, Elsie Skinner, on her birthday. Given by Barb Armentrout and Cindy Roberts.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Given by Ed and Glenda Sheets.

**PULPIT FLOWERS:** Happy 16th birthday Layla. Given by her grandparents Bill and Chris Snashall, brother Levi, and aunt Carol.

**LECTERN FLOWERS:** In memory of our son, Collin Timothy, on his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, and in celebration of Nick's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday. Given by their loving parents Tim and Jill Althoff, Lukas, and Gabriella.

**BULLETINS:** Given by Ike and Shelah Stage.

### **✧ 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.

**MONDAY EVENING EXERCISE CLASS** will no longer be meeting. Thank you for all of those who participated in the class throughout the year!

**SELECT APPLIANCES NEEDED:** The Property Team is looking for someone willing to donate a used washer and electric dryer that would be able to handle washing dust mops and cleaning towels. We will send people to pick it up from you. If you can help us with this donation, please contact Jerry Funk our Facilities Manager by leaving a message at 614-875-2314.

**SCOUT TROOP #392 POPCORN:** St. John's own Scout Troop #392 will be selling popcorn this weekend in the north entrance, after each service. Proceeds will fund another year of camping, service and educational opportunities. Thank you for your support!

**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** 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@stjohnsgc.org), or drop it in the church office secure slot.

A banner with an orange background. On the left is a blue and yellow rattle. On the right is a mobile with a red star, a yellow pear, and a blue crescent moon.

# Nursery Volunteers Needed

Would you consider helping to care for the littlest of God's children on some Sunday mornings?

We would love the nursery to be open each week from 9:15–12:15 to make St. John's a welcoming place for young families. We need a rotation of volunteers to pull this off, with two adults in the nursery each Sunday.



- Serve every week or in a rotation
- Serve the whole 3 hours or in shifts



Contact Megan Grossman ([mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org)) if interested!

## **September Mexico Update**

Thank you so much as you continue to support the Mexico Mission through your prayers and our fundraisers. 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](http://www.genesisdiez.org).

**...Watch the Eagle 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 from 5:00-5:30 pm in the Chapel.

- For kids preschool-6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Contact Kate Shrum (614-266-0226) if you would like your child to participate!

**LEGO CLUB** meets next Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

Come have lunch with us, hear a Bible story told with Lego, and play and build with Lego bricks! Here are the details:

- 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm in the Family Life Center
- Lunch is provided!
- Please RSVP to Christina Allman (callman@stjohnsgc.org) or Jen Mitchell (jenmitchel@aol.com) so we know how much food to provide.
- Parents, you are welcome to stay to build with your kids!

**Weekly youth groups are starting back up soon! Check out the info below:**

**Youth volunteers (teens and adults) – training is coming up!**

- Wednesday night volunteers: September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00-8:30 pm
- Thursday night volunteers: September 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 pm, dinner provided

**Adventure Club and Faith Trek start on October 1<sup>st</sup>**

This weekly kids ministry is all about faith, fun, and fellowship, and is for kids ages 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade!

- 5:45-7:15 pm every Thursday, doors open at 5:30 pm
- Adventure Club is for ages 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and Faith Trek is for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- All kids and volunteers must check-in in the lobby to receive your nametag, then head to the Family Life Center.
- Dinner is provided; please consider bringing a \$4 donation each week to help cover costs.

- Each group enjoys gym time, a meal with friends, arts and crafts, and an active learning Bible lesson with lots of teen and adult volunteers who love to serve your kids.
- Questions? Contact Kids Ministry Coordinator Christina Allman (callman@stjohnsgc.org)

### **Explorers, Energizers, & IQA start on September 30<sup>th</sup>**

This weekly teen ministry is a time of faith-building and connection.

- IQA (high school Bible study) meets weekly from 6-7 pm in room 103-104.
- Explorers (middle school) and Energizers (high school) meet weekly from 7:00-8:30 pm, starting in the Family Life Center. Make sure to check in in the lobby when you get here!
- Dinner is not provided, but there will be snacks!
- The teens will gather all together for games at the beginning, then split for devotion time. This is a great opportunity to connect with others, make friends, and deepen faith.
- Questions? Contact Donna Westerfeld (dwesterfeld@stjohnsgc.org)

## **⌘ STEWARDSHIP ⌘**

**ATTENDANCE      Sunday, September 13    -    270**

### **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.

## ☞ CALENDAR ☞

### **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)

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

9:30am BSF Leaders  
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (SH, FH)  
 4:00pm Irish Music Rehearsal (FLC)  
 6:30pm Council (103-4)  
 6:30pm Puppets (FLC)  
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Café)  
 9:30am Quilters (103-4)  
 6:00pm Friends of the Library (102))  
 7:00pm Boy Scouts #392 (SH, FLC)

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

9:30am BSF  
 1:00pm Small Group (102)  
 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)  
 7:00pm Design for Living AA (FH)  
 7:00pm Explorers & Energizers  
                   TRAINING  
 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)  
 9:00am Eagle Mailing Team (204)  
 3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)  
 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)  
 5:45pm Adventure Club & Faith Trek  
                   TRAINING  
 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)  
 8:00pm Dartball (@Christ)

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

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

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

10:00am Women's Tea Party (FLC)  
 11:00am Private Event (SH)  
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)  
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH)

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

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)  
 12:00pm LEGO Club (FLC)  
 5:00pm Adult Basketball (FLC)

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