

NEWS NOTES

September 26-27, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Guest Pastor Jeff Morlock | Guest Pastor Don Allman



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: Karen Colwell

8:15am: Gary Smith

11:00am: Christine Hank

Contemporary: Beth Katterhenrich

Ushers

4:00pm: Steve Henry, Michael Gibboney

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

11:00am: Bernie Bullert, Bill Diehl, Tom
Lang, Larry Sutton

Acolytes

8:15am: Truman Allman, Esmé
Wanner

11:00am: Nick Althoff, Maggie Weber

Altar Guild

Lynda Berry, Linda Vozel, Dee Harlor
Gloria Biggs

Contemporary: Theresa Wahl

Communion Assistants

4:00pm: Charlie Brown

8:15am: Christina Allman, Linda
Wagner

11:00am: Linda Diehl, Christine Hank,
Lisa Hartig-Mawhorr

Contemporary: Beth Katterhenrich, Brad
and Theresa Wahl

Lessons Today

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32.

DEDICATIONS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by Ed and Glenda Sheets.

✧ PERSONAL NEWS ✧

THANK YOU, Megan and Nick Grossman, for “stepping up” to help me. You will receive a special blessing for your loving kindness. ~ Shelia Holcomb.

✧ TODAY'S NEWS ✧

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 by October 3 to **Megan Grossman** or indicate the **number of people 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!

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.

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.

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.

OWLS EVENT – OCTOBER 16, 2026: Ronald McDonald House is well known in and around the Columbus area for many reasons. Your family might have been a guest at one time or maybe a friend, family member or church family. It might be well known but what exactly do you know? The Older Wiser LutheranS (OWLS) hope you will join your friends to hear the latest about the House from one of their most popular guides. Mike Amfah has been leading guided tours for over ten years and he has an interesting program ready to share with us. Did you know their story began in Philadelphia in 1974 when Philadelphia Eagles tight-end Fred Hill's daughter, Kim, and her leukemia diagnosis inspired the Hill family to advocate for a place to support families while their children received care at nearby hospitals. Fred collaborated with co-founder Dr. Audrey Evans to bring that vision to life. And now, Ronald McDonald House offers 1,032 programs in 62 countries and regions, all advocating for families to ensure the best health outcomes for children.

The OWLS will provide fried chicken and meat loaf for our potluck lunch but we ask you to bring a covered dish and join your friends for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. Please plan to arrive around 11:15 am so we can open the meeting at 11:30 am. Use the salmon sheet in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation so the group can plan accordingly. You can also call the office or Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. Just in case you don't know --- **OWLS** are **Older Wiser LutheranS** but everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!

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.



**We Still Need
A FEW MORE
VOLUNTEERS!**

Nursery Volunteers Needed
Sundays from 9:15 – 12:15

Volunteers can just do Sunday school hour
or late service if they would only like to do one.

*Thank you for helping
our youngest members feel loved and cared for!*

Help Nurture
Little Hearts
for Jesus!

SAFE ♥
LOVED ♥
SUPPORTED ♥
IN CHRIST ♥

YOUTH NEWS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR meets every Thursday from 5-5:30pm in the Chapel.

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

LEGO CLUB meets TODAY!

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

- 12-2pm in the Family Life Center
- Lunch is provided!
- Parents, you are welcome to stay to build with your kids!

Weekly youth groups start THIS WEEK!

Adventure Club and Faith Trek start THIS THURSDAY, October 1st

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

- 5:45-7:15pm every Thursday, doors open at 5:30pm
- Adventure Club is for ages 4 through 4th grade, and Faith Trek is for 5th & 6th 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 THIS WEDNESDAY, September 30th

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

- IQA (high school Bible study) meets weekly from 6-7pm in room 103-4.
- Explorers (middle school) and Energizers (high school) meet weekly from 7-8:30pm, 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 Teen Ministry Coordinator Donna Westerfeld (dwesterfeld@stjohnsgc.org)

High School Bonfire on October 17th!

- We will attend Pastor Dennis' installation together at 4pm, then head to Kelsey's house in Hilliard for pizza & a bonfire!
- Please let Donna or Kelsey know if you can attend, and if you need a ride.

Service project sign ups – check your email!

- Parents and teens, you received a form in the weekly youth email to sign up for service projects. Make sure to fill that out so we know what projects you want to participate in this year.

Operation Christmas Child Box Build for teens on Wednesday, October 7th

- Teens, if you want to participate in Operation Christmas Child this year, be sure to come to Explorers/Energizers on the 7th to join in on the box build!

⌘ STEWARDSHIP ⌘

ATTENDANCE Sunday, September 20 - 276

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 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)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:30am BSF Leaders
 12:00pm Lunchtime AA (SH, FH)
 4:00pm Irish Music Rehearsal (FLC)
 6:00pm Small Group (101)
 6:30pm Puppets (FLC)
 7:00pm Daily Reprieve AA (FH)
 7:00pm Respect Life (102)
 7:00pm Sarah Circle (103-4)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:30am BSF
 1:00pm Small Group (102)
 6:00pm IQA Bible Study (103-4)
 6:30pm Women's Chorale (Sanc)
 7:00pm Design for Living AA (FH)
 7:00pm Explorers & Energizers
 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanc)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:00am Promise Keepers (103-4)
 1:00pm Small Group (Café)
 3:00pm Bulletin Team (Lib)
 5:00pm Children's Choir (Chapel)
 5:45pm Adventure Club & Faith Trek
 6:15pm Celebration Ringers (Sanc)
 8:00pm Dartball (FLC, FBGC)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:30am Small Group (103-4)
 2:00pm Private Event (101)
 3:00pm Men's Chorale (Choir Rm)
 8:00pm AA (FH)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

10:00am Columbus Miniature Society
 NAME Day (103-4)
 1:30pm Private Event (FH)
 2:00pm Private Event (SH)
 4:00pm Traditional Worship (Sanc)
 7:00pm AA Serenity Seekers (SH)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

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)

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