St John Lutheran Church

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The WEEKLY UPDATE

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church. We are delighted to have you worship with us. Rooted in God's grace, we are a community growing in faith, called to love and serve our neighbors. We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us. Let us joyfully open our hearts to God and one another. If you'd like to connect with us, share a prayer request, or learn more about St. John, please complete a yellow communication card located on the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate.

PRAYER REQUESTS When we pray for each other, we demonstrate Christ's love for each of us

For **Karma Wisecarver**, daughter of Peggy Smith, as she underwent successful surgery Monday (see page 2)
For **Christy and Scott Arnett**, daughter and son-in-law of Jonette Christy, sustained a non-serious injury in a car mishap
For **Shirley & Greg Woltz**, parents of **Jeff Woltz**, as they mourn Jeff's unexpected passing
For **Al Sulik**, uncle of Jay Bartos, having medical issues
For **Kaitlyn**, 19-year-old granddaughter of retired teacher Gail Murray, friend of Peggy, severe health issues

For all of those in various stages of cancer treatments including **Karma Wisecarver**, **Lynn Hart, Scott Arnett**, **Sandy Mohler**, **Jenna McGuire**, **Tim Moore**, **John Rogers**, and **Jonathan Ripley**

Continued prayers for **Kyle Jackson, Jim Fogle**, **Jon Leist**, **Donna Canini**, **Charlotte Meyer**, and **Linda Miller**

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU! We all face challenges from time to time…whether it be a health issue, loss of a loved one, family difficulties, financial hardship, anxiety, or fears. Please don't hesitate to reach out and ask for prayers or for support. We're all here to help in any way, or just to simply listen. Please feel free to reach out to Amy to let her know how she can help (614-208-3719 amyblytle@gmail.com). If you have a prayer request, Sue Mason can send an email to all members (614-260-1107 susiemase3@hotmail.com).

OFFICE HOURS Amy will be available in the church office on the following dates from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day…
Wednesday, October 28
Wednesday, November 4
Wednesday, November 18





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Scripture for today October 25, 2026
Jeremiah 31: 31-34, Psalm 46,
Romans 3: 19-28, John 8: 31-36



… today after church
(rescheduled from last week)

Last Sunday we celebrated the baptism of Theodore Elliott Seifert with proud parents Beth & Bobby Seifert, grandparent Robin Gile, and great-grandparents Chuck and Ruby Wolcott.



The Inside Story by Sally Acton

Today's hymn of the day, a classic Christian hymn, "**My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**", was written in 1834 by Edward Mote, a cabinetmaker who later became a Baptist pastor. On his way to work one day, he began thinking deeply about the subject of spiritual assurance. The opening line of the chorus "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand; All Other Ground is Sinking Sand" came to him. While visiting a friend who was gravely ill, his conversation with her was not comforting her so he read the words of his song which provided her with great peace.

Please place your food donation for the **Food Pantry** in the shopping cart. **We will be collecting soup for the month of October** plus anything else people want to donate. Also, we will have a container in the cart for anyone wanting to make a $$ donation. Thank you, everything is appreciated. **NOTE:** items in our grocery cart that members donate are given to Lutheran Social Services in Lancaster. This is different from the quarterly donation from our MEF that is given to the Bloom-Carroll Pantry Mission.

The **Altar Flower** chart is in the Narthex where you may sign up to place flowers on the altar. Flowers are $35. You may leave the money in the envelope under the chart for Jon Leist. Please be sure to indicate if the flowers are for a special occasion and let Don Hornbeck know if you would like it posted in the Weekly Update.



Hard to believe but the Christmas season will be here before we know it. Again, this year, St John will be participating in the "**Bless A Bloom-Carroll Child at Christmas**" program. If you (or you and another member) would like to "adopt" a child and provide them with clothes and other goodies, please see Sue Mason or Charlotte Meyer in the narthex after today's service. Per Council's approval, monies from our Mission Endowment Fund will be used to help fund this project. Contributors can spend up to $150 per child; HOWEVER, the church will reimburse the contributor up to $100. This means the contributor will spend no more than $50 of their own money. Thank you for your generosity - and for brightening the Christmas season for a Bloom-Carroll Child!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to remember the importance of awareness, early detection, and support for those affected by breast cancer. The following is a personal story of two sisters who each faced breast cancer at different times in their lives:

"Dear Karma, if someone had told me 22 years ago that I would become a breast cancer survivor and one day watch my own sister fight the same battle, I never would have ever believed it. Seeing you go through chemo and surgery has brought back so many feelings, but today my heart is filled with pride and relief and hope. I wish neither of us had to know this battle, but I am grateful we have each other. You are so strong. Now it is time to focus on healing and all the beautiful days ahead. I love you dearly". Kelly

