



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 has scheduled surgery tomorrow

For **Lynn Hart**, neighbor of Jon Leist, diagnosed with cancer

For **Sue Mason** as she underwent a successful Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator procedure on October 14

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, 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 over the next two months, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day...

Wednesday, October 28

Wednesday, November 4

Wednesday, November 18



Dominic Dillon Oct 18

Ruby Wolcott Oct 22

Scripture for today October 18, 2026

Isaiah 45: 1-7, Psalm 96: 1-9,

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10, Matthew 22: 15-22

We enjoyed a beautiful performance by the flute ensemble last Sunday—thank you to **Jill Snyder** and all who shared their wonderful music with us. What a treat !!



... today after church



Today we celebrate the baptism of Theodore Elliott Seifert

The Inside Story by Sally Acton

Today's opening, and popular hymn, "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry", was written in 1985 by American composer and Lutheran minister John Ylvisaker. The ALC asked him to write music for a video series on baptism called "Reflections". He initially composed the song with a fast dance-like beat, but it did not fit with the video. He reshaped the melody into a slower, more tender folk ballad, written from the perspective of God speaking directly to a person. The lyrics trace the entire arc of human life from birth (your borne cry) through childhood, youth, marriage, middle age, and old age. It emphasizes that God's presence, love, and baptism promises remain constant through every season of life.



The altar flowers are given by Don and Neva Hornbeck to the glory of God and in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary

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.

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.

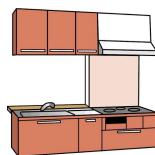
Speaking of the **Bloom-Carroll Pantry Mission** - The \$750 quarterly monetary donation that church council approved from the St John Memorial Endowment Fund (MEF) was used again to shop for the Bloom-Carroll Pantry Mission. Shoppers included Sue Mason, Gina Meyers, and Neva Hornbeck. Thank you to everyone who helped support this important ministry!

**GOD AT WORK**

Take time to watch the colors change



Unfortunately, Microsoft has discontinued Publisher, the program I've used for the Weekly Update since inception almost 2 years ago. I'm now experimenting with a new layout program. It may look a little different for a while, but I'm sure a final format will develop over time. Thanks for your patience as I figure it all out! Don



Kitchen Improvements Underway - Plans for the kitchen improvements are moving along. A cabinet color has been chosen (not the color shown in this picture), and work will begin soon on having the cabinet fronts painted. New sinks and faucets have also been purchased and will eventually be installed along with new countertops, under-counter lighting, and new curtains. It's exciting to see the kitchen improvements taking shape!