

AUGUST 23



ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE WEEKLY UPDATE

2026

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church! **Today is the 13th Sunday after Pentecost.** We are delighted to have you worship with us. All who have come to worship are heartily welcomed. 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 **Phyllis Craiglow**, daughter-in-law of Leola, as Parkinson's disease progresses, in hospice care
For **Jon Leist** and his family, as they mourn the loss of Linda Leist
For **Barbara Moore**, mother-in-law of Tiffany Moore, in the hospital with serious circulation issues
For **Jim Fogle**, as he prepares for surgery on September 1 to repair his hip
For **Kaitlyn**, 19-year-old granddaughter of retired teacher Gail Murray, friend of Peggy, severe health issues
For **Jonathan Ripley**, 26-year-old grandson of Roger & Jerrie, starting a new trial and may not need radiation
For **Diane Farley Holbrook**, cousin of Sally Acton, pancreatic cancer treatments ongoing, surgery soon
For **Kyle Jackson**, nephew of Deb Canini, 2 nodules found on his parathyroid gland, new ultrasound upcoming
For **Sandy Mohler**, neighbor of Don & Neva, started monthly chemo treatment
For **Jenna McGuire**, grandniece of Don & Neva Hornbeck, started breast cancer treatment
For **Scott Arnett**, son-in-law of Jonette Christy, his cancer treatments completed, on chemo pills
For **Karma Wisecarver**, daughter of Lee & Peggy Smith, ongoing cancer treatment
Continued prayers for **Donna Canini, Charlotte Meyer, and Linda Miller**

If you have a prayer request, Sue Mason can send an email to all members
(614-260-1107 susiemase3@hotmail.com).

Today, we are confronted with the question Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?" Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. The question is, who do you say Jesus is?

UPCOMING

BIRTHDAYS



Bonnie Butterbaugh August 24
Roger Ripley August 24



Scripture for today August 23, 2026

Isaiah 56:1, 1-6, Psalm 138,
Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20



THE INSIDE STORY BY SALLY ACTON



Today's Hymn of the Day, "**The Church's One Foundation**", was written in 1866 by English Anglican priest Samuel John Stone. He wrote it as a lyrical defense of the faith during a fierce theological crisis in South Africa and England regarding church authority and biblical truth.

Church Choir starts back this week - Wednesday, August 26th, from 3-4 pm

Church Council today after church

CHURCH POTLUCK – Join us for a church potluck on **Sunday, August 30th**, immediately following the church service. Weather permitting, we'll gather outside for a time of food and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share and your chairs. Lemonade and bottled water will be provided. Come enjoy a fun afternoon of delicious food, fellowship, and time together as a church family!



ZOOM AT ST JOHN – We are planning to begin using Zoom at church to make it easier for members to participate when they cannot attend in person. Zoom is a video-conferencing program that allows people to join meetings and services from a computer, tablet, or smartphone. We plan to use Zoom for council meetings and, when inclement weather makes it difficult or unsafe to gather at church, we hope to offer the Sunday worship service remotely through Zoom. Training sessions will begin in November to help everyone become familiar with Zoom and learn how to join and participate in meetings and worship services. More information about the training and how to connect will be provided as we get closer to November.



Please place your food donation for the **Food Pantry** in the shopping cart. **The Food Pantry is in need of canned meats.** 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.

CALLING ALL SHOPPERS! Did you know that **Kroger has a Community Rewards Program**? They will send monies to St. John every time you shop at any of their stores. Instructions for signing up are in a blue folder on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary. Please consider enrolling in this easy way to earn money for our church while doing your grocery shopping.

