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AUGUST 9

ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

2026

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church! **Today is the 11th 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 **Shirley West** and her family, as they mourn the loss of Larry West
For **Jim Fogle**, as he prepares for surgery on September 1 to repair his hip
For **Guy O'Neil**, as he recuperates at home after successful hip replacement surgery
For **Mike Moore**, as she recuperates at home from successful knee surgery
For **Mary Merritt**, as she recuperates at home from successful ablation surgery
For **Jerry Daily**, recently hospitalized but now home and recuperating
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, cancerous brain tumor was removed
For **Diane Farley Holbrook**, cousin of Sally Acton, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
For **Sandy Mohler**, neighbor of Don & Neva, recently diagnosed with cancer, started monthly chemo treatment
For **Laura Winkler**, a St. John visitor, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
For **Kyle Jackson**, nephew of Deb Canini, still in a lot of pain with his thyroid condition
For **Jenna McGuire**, grandniece of Don & Neva Hornbeck, started breast cancer treatment
For **Linda Leist**, who is at home and on hospice care
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, Jim Fogle, Jon & Linda Leist, and Linda Miller**

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Graham Henderson
Evan Bartos



August 3
August 16

When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.



Scripture for today August 9, 2026

1 Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:8-13

Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33



THE INSIDE STORY BY SALLY ACTON



Today's Sending Song, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past", was written by Isaac Watts in 1719 as a metrical paraphrase of Psalm 90. He wrote the hymn to give Christians emotional, human-composed poetry to sing in worship instead of strict, rigid biblical psalm translations. Psalm 90 reflects Moses's prayer about God's eternal nature versus the short life of man. Verses focus on God's existing before the hills stood and a thousand ages being like an evening.



CHURCH POTLUCK - We will have a potluck on **Sunday, August 30th**, immediately following the church service. It will be held outside, weather permitting. Please bring a dish to share and your chair(s); lemonade and bottled water will be provided. Join us for a day of fun, fellowship, delicious food and time together as a church family!

OFFICE HOURS Amy will be in the church office again on **Wednesday August 19**, from 10 am - 2 pm. Feel free to stop by to chat - appointment not needed.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS - Summer is winding down, and it's time to prepare for a new school year. This is a time for fresh starts and new opportunities to learn and grow - and it's not just for children. Adults too feel a sense of reinvigoration and renewed dedication to their jobs. Hebrews 13:6 reminds us that "The Lord is my helper." **Today you are all invited** to bring backpacks, laptops, or tools you use in your work to be blessed, and to carry with us the assurance that God is with us in all that we do.

Wednesday afternoon choir will begin August 26th, 3—4 pm

No Gals & Guys luncheon this month, we will see you in September



Family and friends may visit Dwayne Spence Funeral Home, 650 W. Waterloo St. Canal Winchester, on Monday, August 10, from 5-8 pm. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, August 11, at 11 am. with 1 hour prior to the service for viewing. Entombment at Lithopolis Cemetery. A funeral luncheon will be held at Lithopolis United Methodist Church immediately after the funeral. Please keep Shirley and her family in your prayers as they go through this very difficult time.

— Shirley West, 67 W Columbus St—PO Box 184, Lithopolis, Ohio, 43136.

Larry West