SEPTEMBER 27

ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE WEEKLY UPDATE 2026

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 **Jonathan Ripley**, 26-year-old grandson of Roger & Jerrie, recent MRI good, still waiting on new trial decision

For **Tim Moore**, husband of Tiffany Moore, as he undergoes tests to determine if he has kidney cancer

For **Jenna McGuire**, grandniece of Don & Neva Hornbeck, cancer treatments, home, infection under control

For **John Rogers,** son-in-law of Ruth Bigler, as he was diagnosed with a bladder tumor

For **Kaitlyn**, 19-year-old granddaughter of retired teacher Gail Murray, friend of Peggy, severe health issues

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 **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 **Jim Fogle, Jon Leist, Donna Canini, Charlotte Meyer,** and **Linda Miller**

OFFICE HOURS Amy will be in the church office on Wednesday, September 30th, from 10 am - 2 pm. Feel free to stop by to chat - appointment not needed.

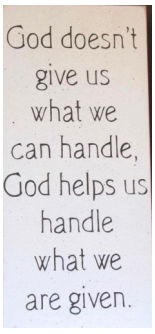
Scripture for today September 27, 2026

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Psalm 25:1-9,
Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



Sue Mason	Oct 2
Jerrie Ripley	Oct 3
Karen Fowler	Oct 8





Meet the Shenanigan family

THE INSIDE STORY BY SALLY ACTON

Today's opening hymn, "**God Whose Almighty Word**", was written in 1813 by English Anglican Clergyman John Marriott. Each stanza addresses a different person of the Holy Trinity and how divine light enters a world of chaos and darkness.
Stanza 1: The Father recalls creation and prays for the light of the Gospel to shine where it is not yet known.
Stanza 2:The Son focuses on Christ as the healer and Light of the world bringing sight to the blind.
Stanza 3:The Holy Spirit invokes the Spirit of truth and love moving over the waters to bear grace into dark places.
Stanza 4:The Trinity concludes as a unified missionary prayer for God's light to spread wide across the earth.

Bring your beloved animal companions to our **Blessing of the Animals** on **Saturday, October 3rd, at 10:00 a.m.** in the church parking lot. Amy Lytle will lead us in this special celebration of the animals who bring so much joy and love into our lives. All pets and trained animals are welcome—furry, feathered, or otherwise! If your pet doesn't play well with others, bring a photo, favorite toy, or other representative item to be blessed instead. Pet food donations will be collected to help local families with pets through the food pantry. Come celebrate with us—and bring your four-legged, feathered, or favorite family member.

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 Bulletin.

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!