

SEPTEMBER 20



ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE WEEKLY UPDATE

2026

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church! **Today is the 17th 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 **Tim Moore**, husband of Tiffany Moore, as he undergoes tests this week to determine if he has kidney cancer
For **Jenna McGuire**, grandniece of Don & Neva Hornbeck, cancer treatments, hospitalized with infection
For **Pam Jarvis**, as she underwent a successful rotator cuff surgery last week, recovering at home
For **Gene Creiglow** and family, Leola's son, as his wife **Phyllis Creiglow** passed away recently
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 **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 **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**

Scripture for today September 20, 2026

Jonah 3:10, 4:1-11, Psalm 145:1-8,
Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16

A Big Thank You! to **Jon Leist, Sally Acton, Diana Johnson, and Charlotte Meyer** for manning our outreach tent



last Saturday during HoneyFest—even in the rain! We truly appreciate their willingness to represent St. John and help us connect with people in our community.

While the number of people we interacted with was smaller than anticipated, the experience gave us some good ideas for reaching an even broader crowd next year. Thank you again to everyone who helped make the day a success!

UPCOMING

BIRTHDAYS



Everett Henderson	Sept 20
Shirley West	Sept 20
Joe Dillon	Sept 24



THE INSIDE STORY BY SALLY ACTON



Today's sending song, "**Lord of All Hopefulness**", was written in 1931 by Jan Struther. One notices immediately the classic proportions and parallel structure of each stanza. The first line of each stanza begins by addressing God and naming one of God's attributes: "Lord of all hopefulness... eagerness... kindness... gentleness." The second line expands on that attribute. Then in the middle of the hymn, the posture changes to a petition with the imperative verb: "Be there at our waking... labors... homing... sleeping." The requests are simple but substantive. In succession, each stanza requests "bliss," "strength," "love" and "peace." It functions as a simple, grounding bedside prayer meant to invite the sacred into ordinary tasks.

Church Council meeting scheduled for September 20th is cancelled; we will resume in October.

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.



On Saturday, October 3rd, at 10:00 am, Amy Lytle will hold a Blessing of the Animals in the church parking lot. All pets and trained animals are welcome to receive this special blessing. Bring your furry, feathered, or other beloved animal companions and join us for this special occasion!



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.

A Special Family Tradition

We're excited to congratulate **Kloey Arnett**, granddaughter of Jonette Christy, who was chosen by her Teays Valley school to be a **Pumpkin Show Representative** for this year's Circleville Pumpkin Show!

There's an extra-special family connection to this honor. Kloey's mother, **Christy**

Hill, was also selected as a Pumpkin Show Representative back in **1995**. Now, 31 years later, Kloey is carrying on the family tradition!

We're sure Jonette and the entire family are very proud of Kloey as she takes part in this special Circleville tradition. Congratulations, Kloey, and have a wonderful time at the Pumpkin Show!

Sometimes, history really does repeat itself!

Kloey

Christy

