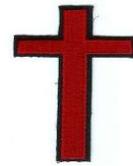


ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY UPDATE
February 8, 2026



WELCOME to St. John Lutheran Church! **Today is the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany.** We are delighted to have you worship with us. 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 **Jay Bartos**, son-in-law of Sally & Tim Acton, dealing with back issues

For **Heather Moore**, daughter-in-law of Mike & Willie Moore, dealing with a health issue

For **Amy Lytle**, who continues to recover from foot surgery

For **Darin Pigg**, friend of Alan Butterbaugh, diagnosed with a serious illness

For **Alan Ott**, grandson of Michele (Mike) Moore, diagnosed with a tumor at the base of the brain

For **Karma Wisecarver**, daughter of Lee & Peggy Smith, having a difficult time as she continues through her cancer journey

For **Brian Fowler**, still recovering from West Nile Virus

Continued prayers for **Jim Fogle, Jon & Linda Leist, Bill Meyer, Linda Miller, and Shirley & Larry West**

Note: if you have a prayer request, please reach out to Sue Mason, who will email our church members. She can be reached at: 614-260-1107 or at susiemase3@hotmail.com.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Tina Anderson – February 8

Tim Acton – February 16

Jerry Canini – February 23



WELCOME BACK, AMY! It's so good to have you back with us! You've been missed. We thank God for your healing.

IMPORTANT NOTE - Church Council Meeting – will be held **NEXT SUNDAY, February 15th**. This will be the first planning meeting with your **NEW** council members!



THIS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

- Gals/Guys Luncheon
- 12:00 pm – Scrambler's (Canal Winchester)
- Please let **Charlotte Meyer** know if you will be going.

THE INSIDE STORY – by Sally Acton

Today's Closing Hymn: "**Blest Be the Tie That Binds**" was written in 1782 by Reverend John Fawcett, a British pastor. The hymn highlights Christian unity, fellowship, and the strength of shared love, despite earthly separation.

- 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 Linda 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.
- Please place your food donation for the **Food Pantry** in the shopping cart. Thank you—everything is appreciated.
- **Watch Your Email** – Winter is far from over, so please watch your email in case church services are canceled. Sue Mason will also text you with any closure messages.

A BIG "THANK YOU" TO DON HORNBECK! Today's update looks a little different. Don Hornbeck is the editor of our Weekly Update and due to his travel schedule, Sue Mason has stepped in to prepare this in his absence. We'd like to **THANK** Don for all his efforts, as a lot of work goes into putting this together **every week**. Great job, Don! You're appreciated!

IN CASE YOU MISSED LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE FROM AMY LYTLE, WE'RE SHARING IT AGAIN...

God is good, and I'm blessed to share an update with you all. Per my surgeon, the repairs on my foot are looking good and I am cleared to return to leading worship! The surgeon recommended I wait until next week, February 8, just to get my energy back a bit more. I am so grateful for all the prayers, texts and emails, and cards of support and encouragement. I thank everyone at St. John. You are all such a blessing to me. I look forward to worshiping with you all on the eighth. Until then, God be with you...and stay warm. Amy