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ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

2026

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church! **Today is the 12th 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 **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 **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 **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 **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).

UPCOMING

BIRTHDAY

Evan Bartos August 16

Shirley Evans August 21



In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heals her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society?

Today after church ...



Scripture for today August 16, 2026

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Psalm 67, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32,
Matthew 15: 21-28



THE INSIDE STORY BY SALLY ACTON



Today's Gathering Song, "**Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**", is a famous hymn written by Charles Wesley in 1739 to celebrate the first anniversary of his spiritual conversion. It was inspired by a mentor's remark, and later published as the opening song in major Methodist hymnals. He went through a deep spiritual crisis and felt doubt and in 1738 he felt a powerful change in his heart and came to strong Christian faith. Wesley, known as the greatest hymn-writer, wrote over 6,000 hymns.

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



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 - 2 pm. Feel free to stop by to chat - appointment not needed.



KITCHEN REORGANIZATION/RESTOCK—Planning continues for our kitchen upgrade, including new sinks, faucets, countertops, and cabinets. A big **THANK YOU** to Sue Mason, Peggy Smith, Gina Meyers, and Neva Hornbeck for spending several hours reorganizing the kitchen. It has also been fully restocked with a large supply of paper products. Before purchasing anything, please check the cabinets as there are plenty of plates, napkins, coffee and water cups, and plastic tableware available. Also, if you are missing a small black Crockpot, it is on the counter in the basement. It was brought in for one of our recent events, and we would like to return it to its owner.

REMEMBERING LINDA LEIST

It is with sadness that we share the news of the passing of our friend and church family member, **Linda Leist**. Linda had been battling Myotonic Dystrophy for many years, facing the challenges of her illness with remarkable strength, courage, and determination.



Linda was truly a **trooper and a fighter**. She never let the difficulties she faced define her spirit, and she will be remembered for her strength, her friendship, and the special place she held in the hearts of those who knew her.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Linda's family and loved ones. May they find comfort in the love of family and friends and in the promise of God's eternal love and peace.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." — Matthew 5:4