

OCTOBER 18, 2026

# *The Crossbeam*

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR ST. JOHN'S PARISH MEMBERS  
AND FRIENDS



*Sunday, October 18, 2026*  
*21st Sunday after Pentecost,*  
*Year A*

IN TODAY'S FIRST READING GOD USES THE GENTILE RULER CYRUS TO ACCOMPLISH DIVINE PURPOSES. WHEN THE PHARISEES TRY TO TRAP JESUS, HE TELLS THEM TO GIVE THE EMPEROR WHAT BELONGS TO HIM AND TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD. TO GATHER FOR WORSHIP REMINDS US THAT OUR ULTIMATE ALLEGIANCE IS TO GOD RATHER THAN TO ANY EARTHLY AUTHORITY. CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD, WE OFFER OUR ENTIRE SELVES IN THE SERVICE OF GOD AND FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD.



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

PSALM 96:1-9

1 SING TO THE LORD | A NEW SONG;  
SING TO THE LORD, | ALL THE EARTH.  
2 SING TO THE LORD, BLESS THE NAME | OF THE LORD;  
PROCLAIM GOD'S SALVATION FROM | DAY TO DAY.  
3 DECLARE GOD'S GLORY A- | MONG THE NATIONS  
AND GOD'S WONDERS A- | MONG ALL PEOPLES.  
4 FOR GREAT IS THE LORD AND GREATLY | TO BE PRAISED,  
MORE TO BE FEARED | THAN ALL GODS.  
5 AS FOR ALL THE GODS OF THE NATIONS, THEY | ARE BUT IDOLS;  
BUT YOU, O LORD, HAVE | MADE THE HEAVENS.  
6 MAJESTY AND MAGNIFICENCE ARE | IN YOUR PRESENCE;  
POWER AND SPLENDOR ARE IN YOUR | SANCTUARY.  
7 ASCRIBE TO THE LORD, YOU FAMILIES | OF THE PEOPLES,  
ASCRIBE TO THE LORD HON- | OR AND POWER.  
8 ASCRIBE TO THE LORD THE HONOR DUE THE | HOLY NAME;  
BRING OFFERINGS AND ENTER THE COURTS | OF THE LORD.  
9 WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAU- | TY OF HOLINESS;  
TREMBLE BEFORE THE LORD, | ALL THE EARTH.

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"IF SOMETHING HUGE HAPPENED IN YOUR LIFE (PROMOTION, BABY BORN, MARRIAGE, SALE OF A HOUSE, PURCHASE OF A HOUSE, ETC.), HOW WOULD YOU CELEBRATE? IT MAY DEPEND ON WHERE YOU ARE IN THE WORLD. THE CHINESE CELEBRATE BY LIGHTING FIRECRACKERS IN THE STREETS AND SETTING OFF FIREWORKS. BOUGHT A NEW REFRIGERATOR? LIGHT A FIRECRACKER. IT MIGHT DEPEND ON THE EVENT. MARRIAGES ARE CELEBRATED WITH HUGE PARTIES. A PROMOTION MIGHT BE CELEBRATED BY HAVING DINNER AT A FANCY RESTAURANT. WHEN A BABY IS BORN, FATHERS USED TO PASS OUT CIGARS... THIS PSALM SUGGESTS THAT THERE'S NO BETTER WAY TO CELEBRATE THAN TO PROCLAIM... SING, THE PSALMIST SAYS, BLESS, TELL, DECLARE, ASCRIBE, BRING, WORSHIP, SAY, BE GLAD, REJOICE AND EXULT."

HOMILETICS, CHRISTMAS DAY 2011  
PEACE AND BLESSINGS THIS DAY.  
PASTOR V.



### IN-PERSON WORSHIP

THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS PEOPLE AROUND THE MEANS OF GRACE—  
THE SAVING WORD OF GOD AND THE SACRAMENTS.

FEATURED THIS WEEK:  
SATURDAY SPOKEN WORD  
5 P.M. - IN-PERSON

THE SUNDAY ASSEMBLY  
9 A.M.- SERVICE W/ SCS AND LIVESTREAM  
10:30A.M. - IN-PERSON SERVICE AND LIVESTREAM  
BROADCAST ON OUR [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) AND ON OUR WEBSITE!



[This Weeks Bulletin \(click here\)](#)



SATURDAY OCTOBER 17 @ 5PM  
VICKY WIENKE- ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY OCTOBER 18 @ 9A.M.  
NADINE BROWN- USHER

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18 @ 10:30A.M.  
ADAM WOLFF- ASSISTING MINISTER  
LAURA LOEHR - USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR OCTOBER:  
SYLVIA DELANEY  
BARBARA KWIECINSKI

## **OCTOBER IS ALL ABOUT STEWARDSHIP**

**WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES?** A PRIORITY IS SIMPLY THAT WHICH TAKES FIRST PLACE IN YOUR LIFE. FOR THE CHRISTIAN, THAT IS GOD, THE CREATOR, THE REDEEMER, AND THE SUSTAINER OF ALL THAT IS AND ALL THAT WILL BE. THE FIRST COMMANDMENT SAYS IT: YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS. NOT YOUR WORK, NOT WEALTH OR PROPERTY. GOD COMES FIRST. A GOOD EXERCISE IS TO WRITE YOUR OBITUARY. WILL GOD BE MENTIONED? WILL OTHERS REMEMBER YOU AS SOMEONE WHO SERVED GOD'S PEOPLE? IF WE PLACE GOD FIRST, ALL WILL FLOW FROM THERE.



**OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup> @ 10AM  
REFORMATION SUNDAY  
ONLY 1 SERVICE**

**BIBLE STUDY @ 6PM  
NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**BILLS WATCH PARTY @ 1PM  
NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**MOVIE NIGHT @ 6PM  
DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER?**

IF SO, WE ARE IN NEED OF ACTION TEAMS. THIS PROVIDES \$250, FREE TO YOU, FOR VARIOUS MISSION PROJECTS. EACH THRIVENT MEMBER IS ALLOTTED TWO ACTION PROJECTS PER YEAR. THAT'S \$500 THAT CAN GO TOWARDS A MISSION PROJECTS OF ST. JOHN'S.

PLEASE, CONTACT NANCY KESSLER IF YOU'RE A THRIVENT MEMBER AND WOULD LIKE TO HELP.

# **THIS WEEK 10/18 - 10/24**

## **TODAY:**

9 A.M. WORSHIP W/ SCS  
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP  
11:30 A.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL  
7 P.M. TRY AGAIN (AA)

## **MONDAY:**

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS WALKING GROUP  
6 P.M. KNITTING GROUP  
6:45 P.M. ZUMBA  
7:30 P.M. AL-ANON

## **TUESDAY:**

9 A.M. ZUMBA  
12 P.M. TAI-CHI  
6 P.M. ROCK VOICES  
6 P.M. LABYRINTH GROUP  
6:30 P.M. SA BUFFALO

## **WEDNESDAY:**

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS EXERCISE GROUP  
6 P.M. LABYRINTH GROUP

## **THURSDAY:**

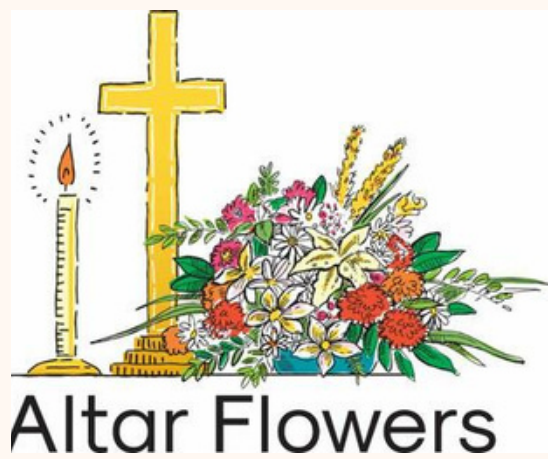
9 A.M. ZUMBA  
12 P.M. NA  
5 P.M. ZUMBA  
5 P.M. NA BOOK CLUB  
7 P.M. NA

## **FRIDAY:**

10 A.M. ENJOY LIFE (NA)  
7:30 P.M. GARDENVILLE GROUP (AA)

## **SATURDAY:**

9 A.M. ZUMBA  
5 P.M. WORSHIP



**LOVE TO MY HUSBAND ON OUR ANNIVERSARY**

*LOVE KIM*

**IN HONOR OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHOIR**

*BY JUDY KELLY*

YOU CAN REMEMBER OR HONOR A LOVED ONE OR A SPECIAL OCCASION BY ORDERING A FLORAL ARRANGEMENT USING THE ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.



**LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE IN THIS NEW SECTION , PLEASE SEND A PICTURE AND FEW SENTENCES ABOUT WHAT MAKES YOUR LIGHT SHINE.

EMAIL THE OFFICE [SJLCWS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SJLCWS@GMAIL.COM)



### **4TH ANNUAL HARVEST HOUSE BABY SHOWER**

ST. JOHN'S WILL AGAIN FOR THE 4TH YEAR BE PARTICIPATING IN THE ANNUAL HARVEST HOUSE BABY SHOWER.  
PLEASE HAVE ALL ITEMS IN BY OCTOBER 25TH.

LAST YEAR, HARVEST HOUSE SERVED APPROXIMATELY 800 CHILDREN EACH MONTH; IN 2026, THAT NUMBER HAS GROWN TO AN AVERAGE OF 850 CHILDREN PER MONTH. THIS INCREASING DEMAND STRETCHES OUR RESOURCES AND MAKES THE SUPPORT OF FAITHFUL COMMUNITY PARTNERS ESPECIALLY MEANINGFUL.

AS IN PAST YEARS, WE ARE ASKING CHURCH PARTNERS TO CONSIDER  
**COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING HIGH-NEED ITEMS:**

**DIAPERS (SIZES 2-5)**

**BABY WIPES**

**NEW OR GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S CLOTHING (NEWBORN-5T)**

**NEW CHILDREN'S SOCKS**

**BOTTLES AND FEEDING SUPPLIES**

**BABY HYGIENE PRODUCTS**

WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CHURCH'S PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS YEAR'S BABY SHOWER OUTREACH.  
THANK YOU FOR HELPING US EXTEND PRACTICAL CARE, DIGNITY, AND HOPE TO FAMILIES IN NEED.

## **EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY**

ST. JOHN'S HAS APPLIED FOR A SPECIAL THRIVENT GRANT TO  
RESTOCK THE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY AT SENECA STREET.  
WE NEED TO COLLECT 500 ITEMS IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE  
FOR AN EXTRA \$500 FOR THE FOOD PANTRY.

PLEASE HAVE ITEMS INTO THE CHURCH BY OCTOBER 25, 2026

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR  
SENECA STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

*NOTE: ITEMS NEEDED ARE CANNED,  
NOT FRESH OR FROZEN*

**STRAWBERRY JELLY/JAM**  
**PEANUT BUTTER**  
**BBQ SAUCE, CONDIMENTS**  
**CHILI**  
**BAKED BEANS**  
**CARROTS**  
**CORN**  
**KIDNEY BEANS**  
**SPAGHETTI SAUCE**  
**TOMATO SAUCE, TOMATOES (CRUSHED DICED ETC.)**  
**CANNED PASTA - RAVIOLI, SPAGHETTIOS, ETC.**  
**SOUPS ESPECIALLY CHICKEN NOODLE**  
**RAMEN NOODLES**  
**TUNA, CANNED CHICKEN**  
**GRAVY, INSTANT POTATOES**  
**PASTA, RICE, CRACKERS**  
**FRUIT**  
**SINGLE SERVING CEREAL BOWLS**  
**LEMONADE MIX**  
**SNACKS**

THANK YOU!