

OCTOBER 25, 2026

The Crossbeam

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



Sunday, October 25, 2026 Reformation Sunday, Year A

ROOTED IN THE PAST AND GROWING INTO THE FUTURE, THE CHURCH MUST ALWAYS BE REFORMED IN ORDER TO LIVE OUT THE LOVE OF CHRIST IN AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD. WE CELEBRATE THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE, THAT JESUS CHRIST SETS US FREE EVERY DAY TO DO THIS LIFE-TRANSFORMING WORK. TRUSTING IN THE FREEDOM GIVEN TO US IN BAPTISM, WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THAT CHRISTIANS WILL UNITE MORE FULLY IN WORSHIP AND MISSION.



From the Pastor's Desk

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

31 THE DAYS ARE SURELY COMING, SAYS THE LORD, WHEN I WILL MAKE A NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND THE HOUSE OF JUDAH. 32 IT WILL NOT BE LIKE THE COVENANT THAT I MADE WITH THEIR ANCESTORS WHEN I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND TO BRING THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT—A COVENANT THAT THEY BROKE, THOUGH I WAS THEIR HUSBAND, SAYS THE LORD. 33 BUT THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAW WITHIN THEM, AND I WILL WRITE IT ON THEIR HEARTS, AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. 34 NO LONGER SHALL THEY TEACH ONE ANOTHER OR SAY TO EACH OTHER, “KNOW THE LORD,” FOR THEY SHALL ALL KNOW ME, FROM THE LEAST OF THEM TO THE GREATEST, SAYS THE LORD, FOR I WILL FORGIVE THEIR INIQUITY AND REMEMBER THEIR SIN NO MORE.

“THE GREAT THEOLOGICAL INSIGHT OF MARTIN LUTHER WHO TRIGGERED THE REFORMATION IS THAT GOD'S GRACIOUS GENEROSITY PERMITS FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION, EVEN FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT MERIT SUCH GRACE. THIS CONVICTION BECAME THE ORGANIZING PASSION OF THE REFORMATION IN THE 16TH CENTURY. THUS GOD'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF ‘FORGIVING AND FORGETTING’ IN JEREMIAH IS MADE INTO A DEEP THEOLOGICAL CLAIM BY LUTHER THAT PERTAINS WELL BEYOND THE JEWISH CRISIS OF THE SIXTH CENTURY B.C.; IT NOW BECOMES A DEFINING AFFIRMATION FOR ALL THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL.”

--WALTER BRUEGGEMANN, "JEREMIAH 31:31-34: THE ORACLE OF NEWNESS,"
HUFFINGTON POST, OCTOBER 26, 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
10A.M. - IN-PERSON SERVICE AND LIVESTREAM
BROADCAST ON OUR [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) AND ON OUR WEBSITE!



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SATURDAY OCTOBER 24 @ 5PM
KEN KLOPFER- ASSISITING MINISTER



SUNDAY OCTOBER 25 @ 10A.M.
NANCY KESSLER- ASSISITING MINISTER
LEE DELANEY- USHER
SHAWN VOIT- USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR OCTOBER:
SYLVIA DELANEY
BARBARA KWIECINSKI

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.



**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM:
HUGH JAKOB VOSSELLER**

HOLY SPIRIT, YOU ARE THE GIVER OF MANY GIFTS WHICH GOD WANTS TO GIVE ME VERY PERSONALLY. OPEN MY HEART AND MY MIND AS I PREPARE FOR CONFIRMATION. HELP ME TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE CONFIRMING ALL THE GOODNESS THAT I AM AND ALL THE GOODNESS THAT I WILL BECOME. INCREASE MY DESIRE TO KNOW AND FOLLOW JESUS AS HIS DISCIPLE WITH A GRATEFUL AND COURAGEOUS HEART. AMEN.



**DALE AND GINNY BLEECHER
JAY (ANNA) CORIERI
CHRIS GOODELL
MIKE AND MARY ANNE GOODELL
CHASE AND LAUREN (AVA) PROTAS
SCOTT AND GAYLE PROTAS
GINA RATTLE**

*"ALMIGHTY GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR THE LIFE JOURNEY THAT BROUGHT OUR NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY TODAY. WE CELEBRATE THE UNIQUE GIFTS, TALENTS, AND PRESENCE THEY BRING.
LORD, SURROUND THEM WITH YOUR LOVE, PEACE, AND A DEEP SENSE OF BELONGING. HELP OUR CONGREGATION TO GREET THEM WITH GENUINE WARMTH AND HOSPITALITY, REMOVING ANY BARRIERS TO FRIENDSHIP. STRENGTHEN THEIR FAITH, GUIDE THEIR STEPS IN THIS NEW SEASON, AND HELP US ALL TO WALK TOGETHER IN UNITY AND GRACE.
ALL THIS WE PRAY IN CHRIST'S HOLY NAME. AMEN."*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**OCTOBER 25TH @ 10AM
REFORMATION SUNDAY
ONLY 1 SERVICE**

**BIBLE STUDY @ 6PM
NOVEMBER 5TH & 19TH**

**BILLS WATCH PARTY @ 1PM
NOVEMBER 15TH**

**MOVIE NIGHT @ 6PM
DECEMBER 12TH**



IN MEMORY OF FLORENCE WEIXLMANN
BY BEVERLY WEIXLMANN

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CONFIRMANDS AND
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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.

THIS WEEK 10/25 - 10/31

TODAY:

10 A.M. WORSHIP

11 A.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL

7 P.M. TRY AGAIN (AA)

MONDAY:

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS WALKING 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

6:30 P.M. SA BUFFALO

WEDNESDAY:

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS EXERCISE GROUP

THURSDAY:

9 A.M. ZUMBA

12 P.M. NA

5:30 P.M. ZUMBA

5 P.M. AA BOOK CLUB

7 P.M. NA

FRIDAY:

10 A.M. ENJOY LIFE (NA)

7:30 P.M. GARDENVILLE GROUP (AA)

SATURDAY: HAPPY HALLOWEEN

9 A.M. ZUMBA

5 P.M. WORSHIP



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

WITH HEARTFELT GRATITUDE, WE THANK LINDA FOR 28 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION AT OUR CHURCH. FOR NEAR THREE DECADES, LINDA HAS SHARED FAR MORE BIBLE LESSONS. SHE HAS SHARED HER FAITH, KINDNESS, PATIENCE, WISDOM, AND LOVE OF CHRIST WITH GENERATIONS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

LINDA, THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING GOD'S CALL TO TEACH AND SERVE. THANK YOU FOR EVERY LESSON PREPARED, EVERY QUESTION ANSWERED, EVERY CHILD ENCOURAGED, AND EVERY YOUNG PERSON YOU HELPED GUIDE ALONG THEIR JOURNEY OF FAITH.

YOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED MINISTRY ARE A WONDERFUL BLESSING TO OUR CONGREGATION.

"TRAIN CHILDREN IN THE RIGHT WAY, AND WHEN OLD, THEY WILL NOT STRAY."- PROVERBS 22:6

WITH OUR LOVE, APPRECIATION, AND DEEPEST GRATITUDE.
YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

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.

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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!