

THE COMMUNICATOR

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

2025



ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
875 Eggert Drive, North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Pastor R. Blaine Jorg
716-239-1097 cell
716-692-6862 church office

HOME VISITS

Pastor Blaine Jorg is available to bring Holy Communion to the home of any member desiring a visit. You may also call him, regardless of the time, if any congregation member is in need of pastoral care. This is particularly important when there is a serious illness, an accident, a hospitalization and when death approaches or occurs.

Cell: 716-239-1097

Email: ministry285@yahoo.com



Church Phone Extension

When calling 692-6862, you do not need to wait for a prompt to dial an extension. When you call the church phone number, and the call connects, you may dial any extension, immediately. If that extension transfers to a voice mail and you want to speak to a person, you may dial another extension. You do not need to hang up and call back.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church 716- 692-6862

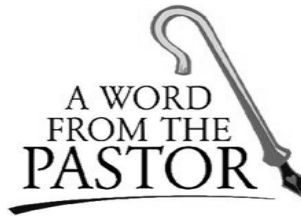
St. Matthew Lutheran Church Fax# 716-692-0242

The following extensions can be reached from both phone #'s above:

Church Office	Ext. 202
Bible Conference Room	Ext. 204
Quilting Room	Ext. 206
Kitchen	Ext. 207
Music Room	Ext. 209
Computer Room	Ext. 210
Library	Ext. 214
Custodian Office	Ext. 219
Gymnasium	Ext. 220
YCC Room	Ext. 221

Contact the office at St. Matthew Lutheran Church at

office@stmatthewlutheran.net



Dear Members of St. Matthew...

In quoting Hebrews 11:1 "faith is the confidence in things hoped for, and the assurance of things unseen." MLK Jr. said, "Faith is taking the first step, even when we don't see the whole staircase." We do move by faith and not by sight, and we are daunted from time to time because we allow our nervousness overtake us rather than depending fully on God. But let this be a reminder to us of who is in control of all things, our God who has put all things in motion has a plan for your life and has laid the foundations on which we walk, when things are tough, or seem unpassable, remember whom your trust should be in. We need to have complete faith in our Lord, what He has done, what He is doing and what He has promised to do. Now of course He hasn't promised that our faith walk is always going to be easy, in fact for most of us, it hasn't been easy, but in those tough times is when we have grown in faith the most. So no matter what you are facing right now, remember when you thought that the road was too tough to make the journey, and what God has done to get you where you are today. So when you face your next obstacle, you know that you will conquer this task with the same confidence in God that you saw Him give to you before. As Jesus said, "Believe in God, believe also in Me..." believe in the One who can conquer all things, the one who when we face our "Giants" will give us the confidence like David to overcome. May our Good and Gracious God empower you, keep you in the true faith, and guide all your steps.

With much love and compassion to my fellow believers here at St. Matthew,

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Blaine



Vine and Branches

Thanks to everyone that came to the Open House in the Treehouse! Please stop in on Saturdays at any time between 9am and 1pm and take part in the projects that we are working on. Currently our focus is on getting items ready to sell at the bazaar with all money raised going to Niagara Hospice and Operation Christmas Child. We are making fabric ornaments, Diamond Art items, decorated photo albums, and more.



Not crafty? No problem! We are also beginning to organize and put together the items for the box filling event for Operation Christmas Child in November. School supplies, hygiene products and more need to be grouped together, as well as decorating the boxes.

Thanks to everyone that contributed school supplies to Academic August! Stay tuned for information on Sporty September and Operation October!

One thing we are excited to start this year is a fun way to raise the money for the \$10.00 shipping cost per box for Operation Christmas Child. In addition to the actual shipping cost, the \$10.00 goes toward collection, processing, The Greatest Gift Gospel Booklets, and training. For more information and to donate, please head over to the flock boxes and check out the display, and/or stop by the table in the Narthex.



Come fill out a Christmas card for the troops, and there is always a puzzle going that once put together will be glued together and hung up around the church. We also continue to make the Cross in My Pocket that are in a basket in the Narthex. These are such wonderful opportunities to share our faith with others.

Vine and Branches is an opportunity for all of us as a church, both younger and older, to work together and help make a positive difference in the lives of others. We have all been given so many blessings, as well as talents that make each of us unique and special. Just as a tree provides fruit on its branches, together we can provide the message of hope and salvation that comes from staying rooted in the True Vine. Looking forward to seeing you in the Treehouse!

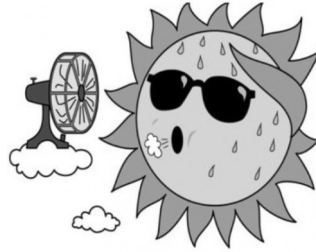
Please contact Kim Binkley at 716-909-6310 with any questions.



President's REPORT

President's Report

I would like to thank everyone for the activities over the summer. It's good to see everyone staying connected. The Elders hosted the annual Men's Picnic in June. We had the Strawberry Social in August on a very hot Sunday. The Young at Heart group scheduled a picnic and Carousel Museum tour near the end of August. I had the privilege once again this year to join the youth on their summer events. This year they went to Darien Lake and the Buffalo Zoo. I enjoy helping out and it is good to see this energetic group of youth gather for some fun and Christian fellowship. It was also wonderful that the Reisig family returned to our church and joined us for worship one Sunday while they were in town. It was great to catch up with them.



Bible Classes are expected to resume in September as we return to a more regular schedule. There are some other upcoming events to watch for. First, the ladies are planning a pork dinner for September 13th to raise money for the Caribbean Children's Fund Mission project. Our first Voters meeting will be on September 21st. In October, we will have our annual food drive to support the North Tonawanda Food Pantry. Also, the newly renamed Vine and Branches Group will be having more activities, beginning at "The Tree House" with Operation Christmas Child and branching out into other areas and rooms. Be sure to watch for news about this. If the crafty activities aren't your thing, perhaps there will be other activities that will interest you.



Please continue to pray about our budget, that we spend the money wisely and use all of God's gifts with appropriate care. Our budget receipts are published every week in the bulletin. Be sure to attend the Voter's Meeting, scheduled for September 21st, to stay informed about this and other important information about our church.





During the summer, there was still work going on around the property. You may have noticed the large trees removed from the corner of our property. Our neighbors have been very concerned about dead trees that risked falling, and we got some assistance from a local tree trimmer that gave us a discounted rate. Paul Schultz continues to work on removing underbrush and other dead trees in that area. We are very thankful for his assistance and hard work. There was also a popular tree removed that another neighbor split the cost of removal with us.



Tom Hromowyk continues to keep up on maintenance items around the building and property, and the list seems endless. The roof drains on the school hall roof have been replaced, and after examining the old ones, we are even more confident that replacement was important to do. The drinking fountain was also replaced in the narthex area. We are so thankful for Tom and those who assist, for repairing where we can, and coordinating an appropriate professional where assistance is needed. We also appreciate the members who help care for the lawn, the flowerbeds and landscaping.



As a reminder, we are still looking for help in leading the congregation. Please prayerfully consider assisting us in one of these positions. I will happily help out and can provide any needed guidance to whomever may take on a position. If you have any questions about any open positions, please ask. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to work together to help the mission of the church succeed and continue.

Remember to share your photos for the Thanksgiving service. We are all especially thankful for our families, so we want to see pictures of your family activities. As we get into fall, it is time to start gathering pictures. Send your pictures to wbundy02@gmail.com. Once again I remind everyone to take note of the new email address. The former address has been removed and will not work. Pictures that are sent by text are sometimes too small, so please try to email them when possible. When sending them, try to send them original size so they show up well with the projector. If you can't get them full size, send them anyway, and I'll sort out any that look too fuzzy on the wall. Ask me for help if you are having trouble sending them.



Bill Bundy

LADIES GUILD NEWS & NOTES

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

HELLO LADIES! Welcome back to a new year of activities and serving our church in a variety of ways! We trust that you all had a relaxing summer and enjoyed the heat that we were treated to this summer. I know some of our members experienced health issues and we pray they are on the road to recovery.

Many thanks to everyone who came out on August 10th to enjoy the outdoor service and Strawberry Social. It was great to see you all there!

THERE WILL NOT BE A “SEPTEMBER” GUILD MEETING, but that doesn't mean we will be idle.

LADIES GUILD PORK DINNER CARIBBEAN CHILDRENS FUND MISSION PROJECT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH (4 PM – 6PM)

TICKETS: ADULTS - \$15.00
CHILDREN AGES 5-12: \$5.00
CHILDREN AGES 4 & UNDER: FREE



MENU: ROASTED PORK LOIN
SCALLOPED POTATOES
GERMAN WEDDING CABBAGE
MIXED VEGETABLES
DESSERT: ASSORTED BARS/PIE

TICKETS: Will go on sale after the worship service starting on August 24th & 31st, and if needed on September 7th.

**** THIS IS A THRIVENT ACTION TEAM EVENT****

Please contact Linda Robinson with any questions @716-622-1255

Thank You, Hope to see you there!

ST. CATHERINE'S GUILD DUES

St. Catherine's Seminary Guild dues of \$10.00 are due. Please see Carol Wilczak our Seminary Representative to pay and for more information.

OCTOBER

October sees us getting back to our scheduled Guild Meetings!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025 @ 2:00 PM

GUEST SPEAKERS: Ben & Ella Goehring

(newly appointed Missionaries for the LCMS)

They will be sharing their story of being deployed to serve in Romania.

Please join us as we listen to their plans for this new journey in faith.

Bring a friend and come for an entertaining afternoon.

COMMITTEE: Miriam M/M, Debbie Hromowyk, Sharon Engler,
Paula Benedyczak, Linda Jasulevich, Joan Baroudi

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

9 AM – 2 PM



All your favorite booths will be back, and we are looking forward to seeing you once again!

ATTIC TREASURERS, SEWING, CRAFTS & MORE, PLANTS, KITCHEN, JEWELRY, COUNTRY STORE BAKED GOODS, TOYS

Items for Attic Treasures are being accepted now. Please make sure they are clean and in good working order. No heavy books or electronics.

Thank You

More information will be provided in our weekly bulletins.

ST. CATHERINE'S HARVEST DAY

The Guild Harvest Day is planned for Saturday, October 18, 2025

If you are interested in attending please contact Carol Wilczak.

September Serving Schedule

	September 7th*	September 14th	September 21st*	September 28th	
ELDERS	Dan Wolf Joe Durick	Craig Heigl Rob Pidanick	Siggy Barke John Patton	Pete Jaenecke Bill Olczak	
VESTRYMEN CAPTAINS	Joe Siegmann	Bill Bundy	Tom Hromowyk	Art Marshall Paul Schultz	
USHERS	Chris Reischel Jeff Reischel Dave Wendt	Dave Urtel Tank Jorg Tim Jorg	Justin Hromowyk Mark Lem	Jeff Binkley Keith Schumacher	
COUNTING TEAM	Team 4 Wendt Binkley Sue Ridge Florence Lindaman	Team 5 Jeffrey Binkley Megan Goodwin Mike & Terry Lance	Team 6 Bill & Linda Olczak Leslie Stolzenfels Karen Horrigan	Team 1 Leslie Stolzenfels Dale & Donna Heiser Karen Horrigan	
9:15AM GREETERS	M/M Patton	Linda Robinson	Toni Durrick Linda Pascucci	Joe Durick	
SARB SERVERS	Starting soon	Starting soon	Starting next week	Carol W* Sheryl E	

October Serving Schedule

	October 5*	October 12th	October 19th*	October 26th		
ELDERS	Dan Wolf Joe Durick	Craig Heigl Rob Pidanick	Siggy Barke John Patton	Pete Jaenecke Bill Olczak		
VESTRYMEN CAPTAINS	Joe Siegmann	Bill Bundy	Tom Hromowyk	Art Marshall Paul Schultz		
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COUNTING TEAM	Team 2 Bill Bundy Paul Schultz	Team 3 Jolie Giardino Miriam M/M Paula Benedyszak	Team 4 Wendt Binkley Sue Ridge Florence Lindaman	Team 5 Jeffrey Binkley Megan Goodwin Mike & Terry Lance		
9:15AM GREETERS	M/M Stapar	Toni Durick Linda Pascucci	Carol Wilczak	M/M Siggy Barke		
SARB SERVERS	Linda R* Sandy P	Mary S* Lisa E	Debbie H* Sharon E	Rachel B* Sandy M		

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE



Lutherans For Life

*Equipping Lutherans and their neighbors
to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life*

Lutherans for Life of WNY is looking for new members on the planning committee. We address all issues that pertain to the sanctity of life, from conception to natural death and everything in between. Help us steer and staff the only Lutherans for Life group in the state of New York. Visit Lutheransfor-life.org to learn how we can minister and aid in biblical love. Kristen can answer any questions.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE



Lutherans for Life will participate in the Fall 40 Days for Life vigil beginning on September 24. A joint kickoff with the Buffalo and Niagara Falls groups will take place September 23 at 6:30 pm at St. Peter and Paul Church in Williamsville. The vigil will be from 9/24-11/5. The Victory Bash will take place November 8 at 7 pm at St. Matthew. Please sign up to pray or sign up to help behind the scenes. To date, 25,695 children have been saved; 2 through our vigil in NT. Please see Kristen for questions and details.
231-286-8685.



As the summer fun starts to wind down, we start to prepare our minds for the knowledge of the upcoming school year. We plan to start our year on Sunday, September 14th from 10:30am-11:30am.

Unfortunately last year we didn't have any children enrolled in the program. We are hoping that this year we can get some little lambs enrolled to learn about God's love.

In our classes we have interactive Bible lessons that involve crafts, snacks and occasional movies. We encourage all children starting at the age of five and all the way up to confirmation age to join us. Even though we have a one classroom setting for all the ages, we strive to make it our mission that every child learns at their own pace.

We would like to get a head count of all the children that will be joining us this year. As it takes the teachers a lot of time to prepare all the lessons every week. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex. If anyone has any questions please feel free to reach out to the Sunday School Superintendent, Sara DiSarno at 716-444-5480. We look forward to seeing you all this upcoming year.

God Bless





On Sunday, June 29th, 2025 Jack Thomas Morrow was "Baptized in to Christ". Jack is the son of Colin and Jessica Morrow. His sponsors were Stephanie Goebel, Kimberly Brenon and Joey Henderson.



Carol Haak was called home to God on July 17, 2025. A service was held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church on August 5, 2025 by Pastor Jorg. Internment was at St. Matthew Lutheran Cemetery .



Pastor Jorg 9/14

Nick Baroudi 9/15

Jenna Knapp 10/13



Sara Ann & Garrett DiSarno 9/7 1 year

Jamie & Daniel Wilczek 9/7

Joseph & Brianna Siegmann 9/28 1 year

Nicole & Andrew Graber 10/4

Allan & Sue Ridge 10/6

Bill & Linda Olczak 10/11

Lisa & Doug Ellman 10/12

Dave & Santa Wendt 10/12

Randall & Linda Jasulevich 10/14

Nick & Joan Baroudi 10/20

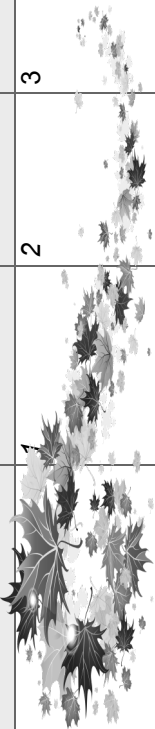



Pete & Sue Ann Jaenecke 10/20

Pastor & Kristen Jorg 10/29



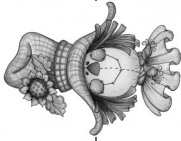

Art & Karen Marshall 10/29

If you would like to have your birthday listed in the communicator please see Gloria Haeseler or stop by the office for more information.

September 2025 St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 1	2	3		4 6:30pm Elders Meeting	5	6 9am-Vines & Branches Saturdays
7 9:15 am Worship Service w/ Communion 10:30am-Bible Study	8	9 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	10	11 10:30am Bible Study	12	13 Ladies Guild Pork Dinner 4pm-6pm 
14 9:15 am Worship Service 10:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Worship Service w/ Communion	15	16	17 	18 10:30am Bible Study	19	20
21 9:15 am Worship Service w/ Communion VOTERS MEETING 10:30am Bible Study	22	23		25 10:30am Bible Study	26	27 
28 9:15 am Worship Service 10:30am Bible Study	29	30				

October 2025 St. Matthew Lutheran

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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19 9:15 am Worship Service w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study	20	21 	22	23 10:30am Bible Study	24	25 9am-2pm Holiday Bazaar 
26 Reformation Sunday 9:15 am Worship Service 10:30am Bible Study	27	28	29	30 10:30am Bible Study	31	



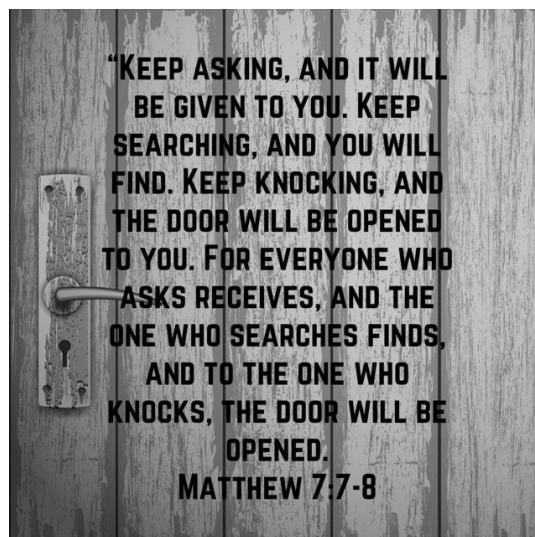
Sunday Bible Study will resume on Sunday, September 7th at 10:30am after service. **Thursday morning Bible Study** will begin on Thursday, September 11th at 10:30am.

In addition to our regular Sunday worship service we will have a Sunday night worship service with Holy Communion on the second Sunday of each month at 7:00pm beginning on Sunday, September 14th.

We pray you will come and worship with us.



REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH



St. Matthew YCC - Young Christians for Christ
Breanna Gerner, Youth Director – (716) 525-6953,
bgerner22@gmail.com

All Sunday Meetings in Sept & Oct.

September

21st - Kids Choice

First meeting after summer & back at church, kids decide what they'd like to play! Inside or outside weather permitting.

28th – S'mores & Outdoors

Weather permitting we will play lawn & team games, have an outdoor fire and make some s'mores!



October



12th – Movie Night

We will pick out a movie from our collection, rearrange couches, and have some popcorn! Kids are welcome to play other games if they would rather not watch a movie.

26th – Halloween Party

Spooky games, costumes, snacks, and fellowship at our yearly Halloween party!

Our Shut In Members

William & Patricia Doebler

Elderwood @ Wheatfield Rm# 219

Patricia's room # 174

2600 Niagara Falls Blvd. Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Williams Birthday-August-3rd

Patricia's Birthday-January 6th

Anniversary-May 5th

(Ellen Graf)



Today's Prayer

*I will praise and worship
You with all my heart
and mind and soul.*

*Hear my words,
Lord, and be pleased
by the love I have
for You. Amen.*



If you wish to be on the Ladies Guild shut-in list please contact Linda Robinson at 716-622-1255.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Doris Matheis

Sandra Lane Apts-Apt #139
North Tonawanda NY, 14120
Birthday-February 23rd



Florence Lindaman

1110 Payne Avenue Apt #132
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Birthday-May 6th

Tom Essenburg

285 Roberts Drive
North Tonawanda NY, 14120
Birthday-January 9th

Sharon Lemke

1227 East Robinson St
North Tonawanda NY 14120
Birthday-April 4th



Schalley Rambath

Brookdale Senior Living Rm#510
6751 Nash Road
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Birthday-April 21st

Gloria Haeseler

39 Bentham Parkway
Snyder, NY 14226
Birthday-July 15th



Ellie Grichen

42 Crestwood Court
Niagara Falls, NY 14304
Birthday-December 4th

Linda Davidson

7289 Graydon Dr.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
Birthday-November 15th

Lord



I pray to be a listener when
someone needs to be heard.

To be there with a hug when
someone needs to be comforted.

To be an inspiration when
someone needs encouragement.

I pray to be where I am needed.



amen

ALTAR GUILD

*"Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet
and a Light unto my path"*

Psalm 119:105

LITURGICAL COLORS FOR SEPTEMBER

GREEN; symbolizes the hope of
eternal life.

CAPTAIN: Mary Sansone*
Gloria Haeseler
Sheryl Essenburg



LIURGICAL COLORS FOR OCTOBER

GREEN; symbolizes the hope of
eternal life

RED; indicates charity, life, the
presence of the Holy Spirit

CAPTAIN: Donna Hutton*
Florence Lindaman
Linda Davidson



ALTAR GUILD CARD RACK

Don't forget to stop at the
card rack in the narthex to
pick out a card for that
"special" person or event.
Save a trip to the store,
support the Altar Guild.

Thank you



St. Matthew

FOOD PANTRY



St. Matthew Food Pantry is in need of **spaghetti's, soups, applesauce, ketchup and paper towels. Please place the items in the bushel basket in the narthex.** If you know of a neighbor, friend or family in need, please contact the church office at 716-692-6862. Thank you. Contact Sue and Pete.



THE NORTH TONAWANDA FOOD PANTRY

**Is open 10:00am 12:30pm Mon-Fri
for deliveries on 100 Ridge Street, NT,
716-692-8552**

The North Tonawanda Food Pantry is in need of breakfast bars, fruit & granola bars, oatmeal and pancake mix & syrup. They are always in need of shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorant (personal care items). **Please place items in the blue bin in the Quilting Room.** Thank you for your generosity.

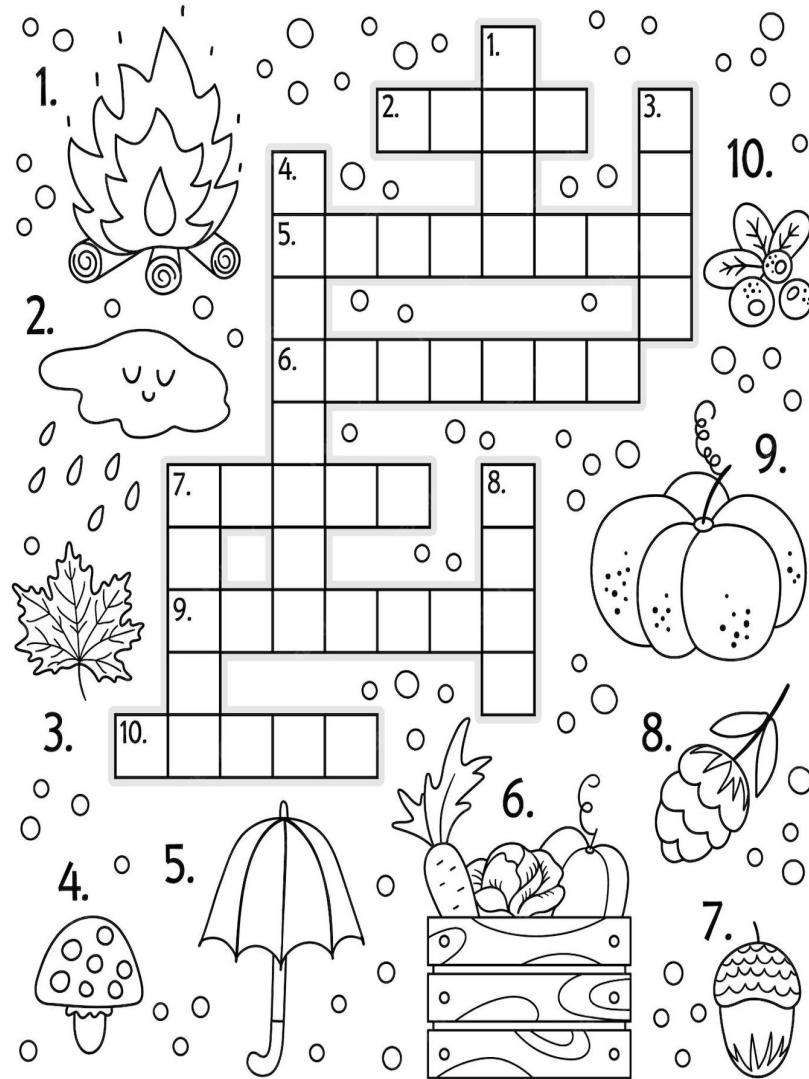


Life withers life.
Change transforms change.
But You God, are the replenishing light...
Delivering life to my veins.



AUTUMN

— crossword puzzle —



ANSWER: 1.Fire 2.Rain 3.Leaf 4.Mushroom 5.Umbrella 6.Harvest 7.Acorn 8.Cone 9.Pumpkin 10.Berry

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