

# News from the Pews

[www.stjohnscoplay.com](http://www.stjohnscoplay.com)

**January 2021**

Cathy Boyer, Editor 610-261-2003 [boyerc@ptd.net](mailto:boyerc@ptd.net)

## A Word From The Pastor...

# STAYING FAITHFUL AND STRONG

"Has God's steadfast love ceased forever? Are his promises at an end for all time?  
Your way, O God, is holy; with your strong arm you redeemed your people."

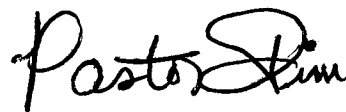
~ Psalm 77:8, 13, 15

The Psalmist was feeling despair in his time, similar to the despair we're fighting today in our time. The COVID-19 pandemic devastated so much of the promise of 2020. We wondered with the Psalmist whether God's love and promises were over. It was hard to stay faithful and strong.

2021 holds more promise, with vaccines finally being administered. Thanks be to God! Even so, conquering the virus will take a while longer, and it will take longer than that to rebuild. As we look to a New Year, it remains hard to stay faithful and strong.

But just as God redeemed his people of the Psalmist's time, so also God will redeem us. In fact, God already has, in his Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. The pandemic isn't forever. Salvation in Christ is. With God's help, let's stay faithful and strong.

In His Love,



## St. John's Lutheran Church

Coplay, Pennsylvania

**The Rev. Timothy D. Boyer, Pastor**

Pastor's Office 610-261-2003

Pastor's Cell Phone (NO TEXT) 610-704-2845

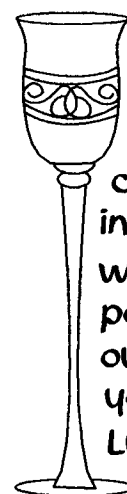
Church Office Phone: 610-262-6171

Church Office email: [stjohnscoplay@rcn.com](mailto:stjohnscoplay@rcn.com)

## Pew Communion

*on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 PM*

Pew Communion is St. John's name for the brief, informal service of Holy Communion held at 1:30 PM in the sanctuary on the first Sunday of every month. It is especially for members and friends who are unable to handle the regular hour+ service of Holy Communion that morning, but all members and friends are welcome. We'll discuss the Sunday's theme, serve the Sacrament in the front pews, and bid God's blessings, all in about twenty minutes.



This cup  
is the new  
covenant  
in my blood,  
which is  
poured  
out for  
you.  
Luke 22:20

We will celebrate pew communion **this month on January 3<sup>rd</sup>**, and remember Jesus' sacrifice of love, forgiveness, and salvation.

# *"Peace on earth, good will to men"*

It's a prayer... It's a song... It's a hope... But it's more!

Making peace is an action that God asks us to take. 2020 was full of challenges, and we may feel that we've had more than enough turmoil for a while! Join us in 2021 as our study guide leads us to the Bible and into discussion about how to discern our role in peacemaking!

***We meet (with our masks!) in the rear Sunday School room on the lower level, during the Sunday School hour beginning at 9 AM. Follow the smell of coffee and the sound of friends chatting about our faith!***

## *Young at Heart*

*("Sunday School" for teens and adults)*

# SUNDAY BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS

If you have had a "standing" request for bulletin sponsorship(s) in the past, or would like to sponsor a bulletin for a particular Sunday, please call me to confirm your special dates on the 2021 schedule.

The cost of bulletin sponsorship is \$10 per Sunday. Thanks!

~ Antoinette Sehar  
610-390-6821

[www.stjohnscoplay.com](http://www.stjohnscoplay.com)

## St. John's Bible Study

Special thanks to Ron Hacker and family, and Karen Frisch, for recent meals and desserts!

We've begun our consideration of the question, "How can I keep from singing?" The early Christians singing amidst Roman persecution?! We Christians today singing amidst this pandemic?!

See if God's inspiration to the Apostle Paul can convince us, as we continue our study of the Book of Romans.



**book of faith**  
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

**St. John's Bible Study**

**January 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
in the Social Hall**

***Meal at 6:30 PM, followed by discussion***

***ALL WELCOME!***

twenty minutes.

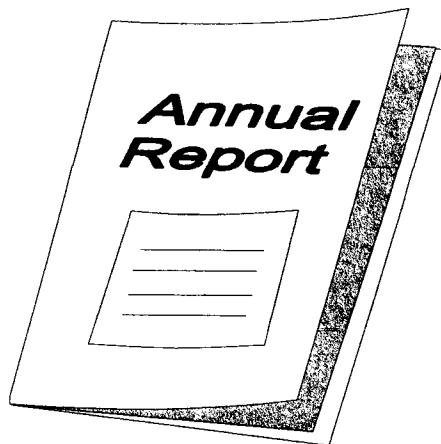
We will celebrate pew communion *this month on January 3<sup>d</sup>*, and remember Jesus' sacrifice of love,

## UNDECORATING



Church Council has heard your requests to keep our Christmas decorations up a little longer, so they'll be up including our worship on Epiphany I/The Baptism of Our Lord, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

We'll undecorate, then, after worship on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Please stay a few minutes to help. Thank you!



### ***NOTE to all Staff, Chairpersons, Group Leaders, etc.:***

Please complete and submit your Annual Report as soon as possible after the first of the year (no later than Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>). They need to be compiled for Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, for members to take home after worship and read that week. Then members are encouraged to bring their Annual Reports with them for the Annual Congregational Meeting — Part Two (to be held on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, following worship). Help us know and celebrate all you've done!

**2020 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>**

**COPIES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>th</sup>**

**REVIEW OF ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2020  
AND ANY ADDITIONAL CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS  
AT**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — PART TWO  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup>,  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP!**

## Greetings from Seminarian Cody

Hello St. John's! Kyla and I hope that you are all doing well in the midst of these trying and difficult times. We wanted to provide you an update on how things are going here in Gettysburg. Kyla and I want to thank you for your love and prayers on the wonderful news of our son! Kyla is now twenty-three weeks along and both Kyla and baby are healthy! My second-to-last semester here at ULS is finally coming to a close. I am anxiously looking forward to my final semester! On top of my course work this coming semester, I will also be starting my internship at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Taneytown, MD (approximately twenty minutes south-west of Gettysburg). I am very excited for this opportunity and looking forward to being able to work with a congregation as I continue my spiritual formation and discernment into God's call of ministry. As I continue on, Kyla also continues on! Kyla has a bit of a "hybrid" work schedule with her kiddos due to COVID-19. She has been able to see some of them in person while she continues to see some via zoom. While the situation may not be ideal, Kyla continues to make the best of it and loves working and helping her kids as much as she can! Kyla and I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving and we hope that we might be able to see some people over the Christmas holidays. May God bless and keep you 'til we meet again!

Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas. May the love of Christ shine in your heart and light your path now and in the coming year, filling you with joy everyday.

**Thank you for sharing the gift  
of your generosity, offering  
hope to many who need that light  
in their lives right now.**

*With Gratitude*

**Lutheran Congregational Services**

*Julia Menzo*

MERRY  
Christmas

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down  
from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not  
change like shifting shadows. James 1:17*

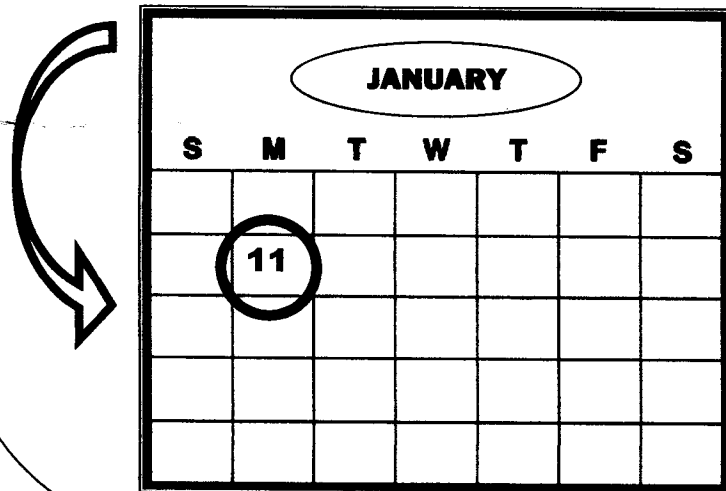


## Congregational Meeting News

At our Annual Congregational Meeting — Part One on December 13<sup>th</sup>, the following people were elected to serve on Church Council:

**Jerry Battenfield**  
**Jane Correll**  
**Lois Drendall**  
**Elizabeth "Beth" Napoli**  
**Brittany "Britt" Yenser**

2021 Officers will be elected at a special Council meeting prior to the January meeting. Results will be in the February *News from the Pews*.



The first 2021 Church Council meeting is on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM, in the Social Hall, and every second-Monday-of-the-month thereafter.

## A REMINDER TO ALL ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS!

You are welcome to attend any Church Council meeting just to listen or to voice your opinion. These are not "closed" meetings (unless the Council goes into "executive session")! Simply let Pastor Tim or Council President Greg Miller know that you would like to be heard, and come!

# “I was able to change my economic status”

**F**arida Begum has been telling her neighbors about how her life has changed.

Farida is from Bangladesh, where she works as a housekeeper. She lives with her husband, who works as a field laborer for local farmers, and their eight children. The family's home is near the Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh (LHCB) Hospital.

While Farida knew about the services the hospital offered, things changed when she learned about its development work, especially the self-help groups for women, which are supported by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger. Women leaders have organized themselves into these mutual-support groups that provide an opportunity for savings, small business development, economic and financial training, and relational support. These groups are usually composed of 10 to 20 people.

“After six months of my joining in the Sreerampur-3 primary self-help women's group, I received homestead vegetable gardening, poultry and livestock trainings from LHCB,” Farida explained. “I was changed and fully motivated to be involved with vegetable cultivation. My husband leased farmland from a neighbor and created this opportunity for me to cultivate my vegetables.”

*Farida, pictured here with a fellow self-help group member, gained access to training and community support that helped her begin to grow vegetables to sell at the market, providing additional income to support her family.*

Now, in addition to her cleaning work, Farida has an extra income source: She grows vegetables on the leased land, and her husband takes them to the local market weekly to sell. This allows the couple to meet their children's basic needs and have extra income.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic hit, LHCB has made efforts to keep hospital services and programs running and functional during this challenging time. As economic and health challenges are compounded, LHCB is working hard to meet preexisting and new needs.

In addition to ongoing ELCA World Hunger-supported work, such as the self-help groups, Lutheran Disaster Response provided support to the hospital in its response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Agricultural trainings that support the improved economic status of those like Farida and her family have had to adjust in light of physical distancing requirements. However, Farida continues to grow and sell her vegetables, and her family have received soap, masks and staple foods such as rice, lentils and salt to help them get through this challenging time.

“I will be always grateful to Almighty God and to the Lutheran Health [Care] Bangladesh,” Farida said. “Because they provided trainings, I was able to change my economic status. I am very much thankful to my group and the LHCB.”



Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support families as they grow food to nourish themselves and build safer, healthier communities for the long term. This is one of the ways ELCA World Hunger accompanies communities as we put an end to hunger — for good.



## THANK YOU for using your little WORLD HUNGER ENVELOPE!

# 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

- Please stop in the Social Hall to pick up your offering envelopes for 2021.
- If you know that someone will be unable to pick up their envelopes, please deliver theirs to them.

THANK YOU!

The Finance and Stewardship Committee

*All Members and Friends of St. John's  
are invited*

to the

## EPIPHANY OPEN HOUSE

at

St. John's Parsonage  
305 Coplay Street



Food, Fun, and Fellowship

**CANCELLED FOR THIS YEAR,  
DUE TO THE PANDEMIC**

, 2021

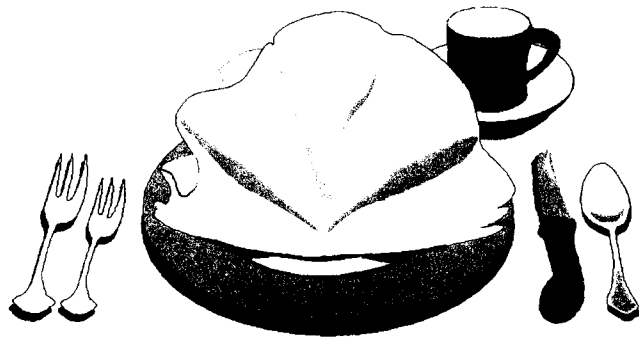
until 8 PM

*"Make a meal of it;  
come and go as you please; leave when you must; stay as long as you like."*

**Pastor Tim and Cathy**



# **“Pick Up” Chicken Pot Pie Dinner!**



**PRE-ORDERS NECESSARY**  
**Call Karen Haines at 610-653-2816**

**...Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4–6 PM**

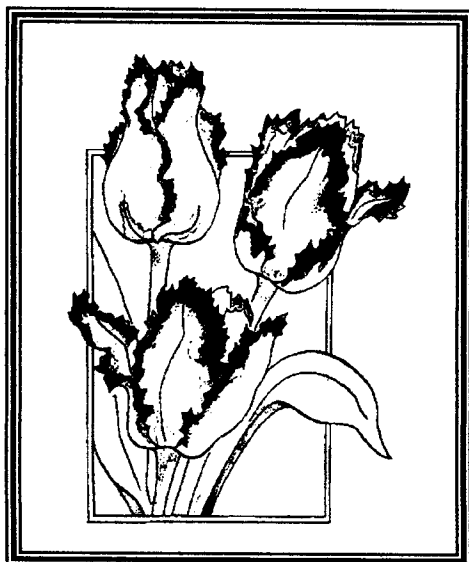
**...St. John's parking lot**

**...FREE! (donations gratefully accepted for the  
Renovation Fund)**

**...ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP OF ST. JOHN'S!**

***Many thanks to Karen Haines, the Fellowship Committee, and all  
additional helpers for this great night out! (If YOU can help, please call  
Karen ASAP at 610-653-2816 – it will be greatly appreciated!)***

- Please stop in the Social Hall to pick up your offering envelopes for 2021.  
 • If you know that someone will be unable to pick up their envelopes, please



## Do you have a "standing order" for altar flowers?

If you have a standing order for altar flowers, please check with me so we can be sure you have the Sunday(s) you want.

If you would like to have a standing order (your flower sponsorship remains "on the books" each year), please contact me.

*Note: Please remember to take your flowers home with you. There are vases in the kitchen — just rinse and return the vases when you are finished.*

~ Antoinette Sehar  
610-390-6821

## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COPLAY, PENNSYLVANIA

<b>PASTOR</b>	<b>The Rev. Timothy Boyer</b>	<b>305 Coplay St. Coplay, PA 18037</b>	<b>(home) 610-261-2003 (cell) 610-704-2845 <i>crosstrain@ptd.net</i></b>
<b>ORGANIST</b>	<b>Ruthann Brandt</b>	<b>157 S. Second St. Coplay, PA 18037</b>	<b>610-262-3304 <i>Rmusic@ptd.net</i></b>
<b>SEXTON</b>	<b>Thomas Gartner</b>	<b>10 S. Third St. Coplay, PA 18037</b>	<b>484-860-7410 <i>fordstepside2@aol.com</i></b>
<b>PARISH SECRETARY</b>	<b>Jane Gillespie</b>	<b>11 S. Third St. Coplay, PA 18037</b>	<b>610-261-1243 <i>jigs442@rcn.com</i></b>
<b>FINANCIAL SECRETARY</b>	<b>Ondrea Neifert</b>	<b>4410 Henry Street Easton, PA 18045</b>	<b>(home) 610-253-3994 (cell) 610-216-9216 <i>oneifert@rcn.com</i></b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>Nancy Recker</b>	<b>1344 Stewart St. Northampton, PA 18067</b>	<b>(cell) 484-788-2917 <i>nancy_recker@yahoo.com</i></b>

# Social Ministry News

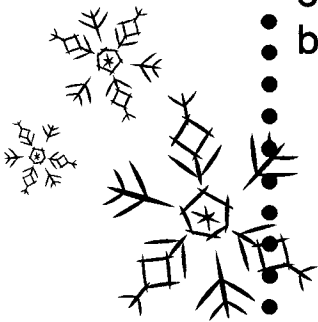
On December 8th, St. John's Social Ministry Committee met to assemble 12 double Christmas gift bags for our shut-in members. Thanks to committee members who donated items, to our "Blanket Angels" for the homemade blankets, and to all who made deliveries.

Sandy Tapler coordinated our special gifts and "Socks for Christmas" for Daybreak. Thanks to all who donated many special gifts and a total of 117 pairs of socks!

Cindy Zwetolitz again coordinated our annual "Angel Tree." Thanks to all of our "Santas" who sponsored an angel and donated a special gift to a special someone.

On November 28th, Charmaine Teschner again coordinated St. John's annual Blood Drive. Thanks to our donors, we reached our goal of 18. Thanks, Charmaine for the masks and pumpkin rolls!

~ Pat Schadt  
Social Ministry Chairperson



•••••  
• In the event of severely inclement weather, any  
• cancellation(s) of our Sunday School and/or church can  
• be viewed on:

- ★ [www.stjohnscoplay.com](http://www.stjohnscoplay.com)
- ★ Facebook:  
St.John'sLutheranCoplay
- ★ WFMZ-TV (only when conditions  
are extreme)

• Pastor Tim will also place cancellation information on the  
• church answering machine. Please call the church office  
• at 610-262-6171 and listen to the message. **NOTE: If**  
• **the church answering machine message is the**  
• **normal one, then there are no cancellations. Thanks!**  
•••••

<b>St. John's Lutheran Church, Coplay, PA</b> <b>Council Meeting in Social Hall</b> <b>Date: November 9, 2020</b>	
<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Pastor Tim Boyer, Joe Danner, Bill Gilfert, Louise Hash, Greg Miller, Ondie Neifert, Nancy Recker, Jeff Reinhard, Nadine Shull, Jeremy Snyder, Sandy Tapler, Charmaine Teschner, Rickey Teschner
<b>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</b>	Brian Grol

<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>
1) Received request from Muhlenberg College for donation to Wallenberg Tribute.
2) Request from ELCA Ministries for a donation.

The monthly meeting was held November 9, 2020 in the Social Hall with proper distancing. Council President Greg Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Pastor Tim led the Council in the opening prayer.

After the minutes from the October 12, 2020 Church Council Meeting were read, Jeff Reinhard moved to approve the minutes. Nadine Shull seconded. All ayes, minutes approved.

	Motion to Accept Report Made By	Motion Seconded By	Report Read— Motion Carried— Yes/No
<b>PASTOR'S REPORT: October</b>	<b>Jeff Reinhard</b>	<b>Nadine Shull</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Summary from Pastor's Report – October</b>	Many thanks to Church Council, Staff, Committees, and volunteers for our worship "re-opening" and for continuing to stream live on Facebook; congratulations First Communicant Kiersten Haskey!; welcome new member Amanda Frain!; blessings on Sawka/Darabaris and Longenbach/Heydt marriages!; thanks to all members and friends for your ongoing weekly offerings, and your participation in our church "deep cleaning," Rally Sunday 2020, Sunday School re-opening, Pork and Sauerkraut Take-Out Dinner, and more, all in October, and to everyone for continuing to remain faithful and strong during this pandemic!		
<b>FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: October</b>	<b>Jeff Reinhard</b>	<b>Jeremy Snyder</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>TREASURER'S REPORT: October</b>	<b>Jeff Reinhard</b>	<b>Louise Hash</b>	<b>YES</b>

<b>REPORTS</b>	
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:</b>	Oct. 26 – Sunday School attendance is down, understandably, but we’ve enjoyed having lessons with the students that have come. Our Halloween Trick-or-Treating in the Social Hall was fun. Twenty-one people enjoyed the Youth Group outing to Bear Rock Junction. Kiersten Haskey celebrated her First Holy Communion on Reformation Sunday, October 25 <sup>th</sup> . We will start practicing our Christmas program in mid-November. Next meeting will be held Monday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup> . at 7 PM.
<b>EVANGELISM:</b>	No meeting. Next meeting December 7.
<b>FELLOWSHIP:</b>	No meeting. Fellowship is having a Filling Sale on Nov. 20 & 21. Volunteers needed to prepare the filling at 10 AM on Nov. 17. Call Karen Haines to place your order.
<b>FINANCE &amp; STEWARDSHIP:</b>	Nov. 4 – Offerings are down from last year by about \$2,000. Cost of tree cutting was \$2,850. Money transferred from Building Fund. Cost of resurfacing bathtub in rental unit was \$440. Pastor suggested increasing our NEPS Benevolence by \$300 to \$11,000. Stewardship letter will soon be sent to the congregation.
<b>PROPERTY:</b>	We called Coplay Borough about the dangerous condition of the tree at 3 <sup>rd</sup> . & Coplay Sts. We need two new air conditioners for next year, both for the Social Hall. We will look to purchase two similar to the one in the office. In January we will get bids for our next major project – resurfacing the parking lot.
<b>SCHOLARSHIP:</b>	No update.
<b>SOCIAL MEDIA:</b>	Nov. 2 – Newsletter will be on the Website shortly. No update needed for Carillon. Two years of church service recordings have been moved to a flash drive. Next meeting Monday, Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>SOCIAL MINISTRY:</b>	Ideas for Christmas gifts for our shut-ins are being considered. Next meeting Nov. 10, 10 AM.
<b>WORSHIP AND MUSIC:</b>	The committee wishes to thank Penny Lahue for her Sunday, Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup> very moving Temple Talk in honor of Veterans Day. Next meeting Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup> . 7:00 PM.
<b>PICNIC:</b>	No update.
<b>NOMINATING:</b>	Six current Church Council members will need to be replaced, with one ongoing vacancy remaining from the 2020 Council. We will have a total of seven Council seats open for the 2021 Church Council. One seat is a three-year term, and two seats are a one-year term. The remaining four Council seats are the full term of 2- three year terms We have three nominees at present, with three more considering the call.
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The 54<sup>th</sup>. Coplay Community Thanksgiving Service on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. is being held at St. John’s. Fellowship is providing “Thanksgiving Bread Loaves” for all in attendance, in lieu of the after-worship reception.</li> <li>2) Joe has volunteered to contact the Whitehall-Coplay Press with updates to our service information.</li> </ol>
<b>NEW BUSINESS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Installation of Church Council will take place on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>.</li> <li>2) Our Sunday Facebook Live church services are getting too much feedback. Joe recommends we purchase a new mixer, amplifier and graphic equalizer at a cost of \$1,100. Ondie made a motion to purchase the equipment, Jeff seconded. All in favor, motion passed.</li> <li>3) The budget for 2021 will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>4) Property received a snow removal bid from Donnie Dreisbach. Nadine made a motion to accept his bid, Louise seconded. All in favor, motion passed.</li> <li>5) Council accepted the resignation of Rick and Charmaine Teschner from Church Council. Rick and Charmaine resigned for personal reasons</li> <li>6) At the request of members of Council, Council revisited the motion passed at the September meeting of the requirement to wear masks for the entire duration of in-person worship. Motion was made to continue the current practice of masks required while moving around the sanctuary and singing. Motion passed 9 Yes, 4-Nay</li> </ol>
<b>FOR THE GOOD OF ST. JOHN’S</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Karen Haines and Penny Lahue have been making prayer blankets for people in need.</li> <li>2) Council has decided against having a Christmas dinner at a restaurant setting.</li> </ol>

<b>Motion for Adjournment</b>	<b>Motion Made By:</b>	<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	<b>Meeting End Time:</b>
	<b>Ondie Neifert</b>	<b>Nancy Recker</b>	<b>8:30 PM</b>

**Meeting ended with Pastor Tim leading the Council in praying the Lord’s Prayer.**

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Tapler, Council Secretary

# Thank You...

Facebook: [St.John'sLutheranCoplay](#)

... to Pastor Spieker for leading worship during Pastor Tim's vacation.

... to all who came out to decorate the sanctuary and social hall for Christmas.

... to Parish Secretary Janie and our Newsletter Volunteers for assembling and mailing the newsletter every month.

... to Pat Schadt and the Social Ministry Committee for making and delivering this year's Christmas gift bags for our shut-ins.

... to St. John's "Blanket Angels" for making blankets for our loved ones.

... to Angel Tree coordinator Cindy Zwetolitz, and all of you wonderful donors of gifts.

... to Antoinette Sehar for taking care of our poinsettia orders, to her crew who set them up in our sanctuary for the holiday, and to all who donated them.

... to Ondie Neifert for keeping track of the Christmas special offerings, memorials and honoraria, and to all who made donations.

... to Nancy Recker for keeping all our bills paid month after month.

... to Sandy Tapler and all who made donations of special Christmas gifts and socks for Daybreak.

... to Cathy Boyer for directing this year's Sunday School Christmas Program, to all the Sunday School teachers for their assistance, to all the parents who brought their children out on Saturdays and Sundays for our rehearsals, and to Joe Danner for helping with the sound system and enabling the program to be streamed as part of the worship service.

... to Karen Haines and the Fellowship Committee for providing the luncheon following the Annual Congregational Meeting — Part One.

... to all who made our Christmas Eve Holy Communion Services possible, and to Joe Danner for live-streaming.

Thank you all so much  
for the recent check  
you sent to the Coplay  
Food Pantry. This money  
will be put to good use to  
help those in need in our  
town.

Thanks for all you do.

Jodi/  
Coplay Food Pantry

St. John's,

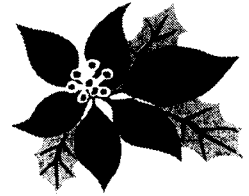
On my family's behalf and  
mine, I would like to express our  
heartfelt thanks. We were and  
continue to be humbled by  
everyone's prayers and donations.  
during this hard time.

May God bless yous as you  
have us!

...and your  
thoughtfulness  
touched my heart.

THANK YOU  
Angel, Ashley, Quinten, Everling  
& Kaiden

## **Christmas Poinsettias 2020**



### **Poinsettias in Memory of:**

In loving memory of Louis and Rae Battenfield by Jerry and Rhonda Battenfield.  
In loving memory of Louis and Rae Battenfield by Amy, Joe, Joseph and Anna Ricker.  
In loving memory of Gary Battenfield by Jerry and Rhonda Battenfield.  
In loving memory of Gary Battenfield by Amy, Joe, Joseph and Anna Ricker.  
In loving memory of Anna Becker by her daughter, Ruth Ann.  
In loving memory of Jack and Fran Cranage by Jerry and Rhonda Battenfield.  
In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Deegan by the Reenock Family.  
In loving memory of Tom and Janice Derkits by Jerry and Rhonda Battenfield.  
In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gartner by Darlene Wolf and Family.  
In loving memory of David Gartner and Jane Wechsler by Darlene Wolf and Family.  
In loving memory of Anna Grohotolsky by the Grol Family.  
In loving memory of Josef Grohotolsky by the Grol Family.  
In loving memory of Joseph Grol by the Grol Family.  
In loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. James R. Heller by St. John's Church.  
In loving memory of Kenneth Kolb by Ted and Alice Keller.  
In loving memory of Ellen and Karl Korsak by Sandy and Tom Tapler.  
In loving memory of Sandra Kosik by Stephen Kosik and Dolores Lahr.  
In loving memory of John and Jesse Kosits by Jerry and Rhonda Battenfield.  
In loving memory of Peter Koval by the Grol Family.  
In loving memory of Milton Lahr by Dolores Lahr and Stephen Kosik.  
In loving memory of Robert Lesko, Jr. by his mother, Lois Drendall.  
In loving memory of Joyce Long by Gail and Rollie Yudt.  
In loving memory of Kathy Rape by her Mom and Dad.  
In loving memory of Kathy Rape by Aunt Sandy and Aunt Gail.  
In loving memory of Mrs. Patricia Reenock by the Reenock Family.  
In loving memory of Allen and Bernice Reppert by Jerry and Rhonda Battenfield.  
In loving memory of Louise Rissmiller by her loving Family.  
In loving memory of Miss Schyler by Aunt Ruthie, Grandma and Grandpa.  
In loving memory of Inez and John Sehar by Ed and Antoinette Sehar.  
In loving memory of Anne and Sam Senneca by Antoinette and Ed Sehar.  
In loving memory of Lee and Doris Sieger by Jerry and Rhonda Battenfield.  
In loving memory of Sirius, certified therapy dog, by handler, Charlene Piskula.  
In loving memory of Carl D. Snyder by his loving daughter, Karen.

### **Poinsettias in Honor of:**

In honor of Betty Mac Adam by her loving daughter, Karen.

## **Christmas Gifts 2020**



### **Giving for Building Improvement Fund:**

In loving memory of Louis and Rae Battenfield by Jerry and Rhonda Battenfield.  
In loving memory of Robert Bechtel, Sr. by the Bechtel Family.  
In loving memory of Pamela Bechtel Morgan by the Bechtel Family.  
In loving memory of our Fathers, James and Stanley by Bob and Penny Lahue.  
In loving memory of John and Theresia Nickless by Patricia Schadt.  
In honor of our Mothers, Joan and Beverly by Bob and Penny Lahue.

### **Giving for Memorial Fund:**

In loving memory of Charles H. Gaugler by his wife, Ann and Children.  
In loving memory of Pamela Bechtel Morgan by Rev. George and Rebecca Spieker.



## Christmas Gifts 2020



### Giving for Church Cooling Fund:

In loving memory of Brandon and Colin Batarick by their parents,  
Ronald and Jo-Ellen Batarick.  
In loving memory of Ruth Trexler Boyer by Pastor Tim and Cathy Boyer.  
In loving memory of Mr. James Boyle by Charmaine Boyle and Family.  
In loving memory of Richard and Jean Burke Sr. by Children and Grandchildren.  
In loving memory of Roy E. Dahlberg by Pastor Tim and Cathy Boyer.  
In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gorr by Charmaine Boyle and Family.  
In loving memory of Sandra Kosik by Stephen Kosik and Dolores Lahr.  
In loving memory of Milton Lahr by Dolores Lahr and Stephen Kosik.  
In honor of Richard R. and Emily Peknik Boyer by Pastor Tim and Cathy Boyer.  
In honor of Margaret Unger Dahlberg by Pastor Tim and Cathy Boyer.

### Giving for Renovation Fund:

In loving memory of Cary Schadt by Patricia Schadt.

### Giving for General Fund:

In loving memory of Robert Bechtel, Sr. by the Bechtel Family.  
In loving memory of Pamela Bechtel Morgan by the Bechtel Family.  
In loving memory of our parents, William and Helen Betz by Nancy and Bill Betz.  
In loving memory of Amy L. Bogert by her mom, Cindy Cser.  
In loving memory of Harold and Margaret Brandt by Ruthann Brandt.  
In loving memory of William and Katie Brandt by Ruthann Brandt.  
In loving memory of Aiden Cusimano by the Hower Family.  
In loving memory of Nicholas Fragnito by Nancy and Bill Betz.  
In loving memory of Joseph Grol by the Grol Family.  
In loving memory of Roland Huffort by Ruth Huffort.  
In loving memory of our parents, Roger and Lucille Jones by Nancy and Bill Betz.  
In loving memory of Perry Koch by the Hower Family.  
In loving memory of Ellen and Karl Korsak by Susie and Terry Rape.  
In loving memory of Ellen and Karl Korsak by Sandy and Tom Tapler.  
In loving memory of Ellen and Karl Korsak by Gail and Rollie Yudt.  
In loving memory of Loved Ones by Sam and Connie Beidleman.  
In loving memory of Loved Ones by Joseph and Patricia Tomino.  
In loving memory of Jean Martin by Antoinette and Ed Sehar.  
In loving memory of Robert Meckes Jr. by his Family.  
In loving memory of Kenneth and Theresa Munsch by Scott Munsch.  
In loving memory of Irvin and Dorothy Neifert by their daughter, Ondie.  
In loving memory of our loving Parents by Rod and Pat Worman.  
In loving memory of John and Jean Quevy by their daughter, Rochelle and Gary Swoyer.  
In loving memory of Kathy Rape by Mom and Dad.  
In loving memory of John and Inez Sehar by Ed and Antoinette Sehar.  
In loving memory of Anne and Sam Senneca by Antoinette and Ed Sehar.  
In loving memory of Matthew Yudt by Gail and Rollie Yudt.  
In loving memory of Matthew Yudt by Susie and Terry Rape.  
In loving memory of Roland Yudt, Sr. by Gail and Rollie Yudt.  
In loving memory of Greg Yudt and David Yudt by Gail and Rollie Yudt.  
In honor of Sandy Tapler, Sue Rape and Gail Yudt by Ruth Huffort.

### Giving for Organ Fund:

In loving memory of Gary Battenfield by Jerry and Rhonda Battenfield.

# ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP

## What We've Done...

We helped with the annual Sunday School Christmas Program. Now we're looking forward to Youth "Souper Bowl" Sunday!

## Next Up...

Sunday,  
January 10<sup>th</sup>,  
after worship

We'll help with  
**CHRISTMAS UNDECORATING**  
after worship



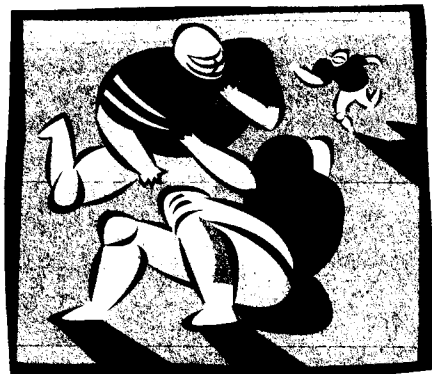
Dates  
and Times  
TBA

Rehearsals  
for  
**Youth "Souper Bowl" Sunday**

Sunday,  
February 7<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 AM

**YOUTH  
"SOUPER BOWL"  
SUNDAY!**

10:30 AM Holy Communion:  
we'll lead worship  
and receive  
a special Souper Bowl of Caring  
offering



SUGGESTIONS WELCOME; FRIENDS INVITED; ADVISORS/DRIVERS NEEDED!

# A LITTLE R & R (Reminders & Recipes)



## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: JANUARY 17<sup>th</sup>!

Please have all articles for the February newsletter in the Newsletter "mailbox" outside the church office by Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**WHEN YOU OR A LOVED ONE** goes into the hospital please tell them that you are a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Coplay. Use our code #277. Please call Pastor Tim (610-704-2845) or Council President Greg Miller (610-393-9421) for prayer. This will also ensure that we know and can visit you.

## Easiest Biscuits Ever!

3 cups flour	2 cups cream
3 tsp. sugar	
1 Tbsp. baking powder	2 Tbsp. unsalted butter, melted
¼ tsp. baking soda	
1 ¼ tsp. salt	

Place a rack in the upper middle position in the oven, and preheat the oven to 450°F. Line a cookie sheet with parchment.\*

Mix dry ingredients.

Heat cream to 95-100° (warm) — about 60-90 seconds on high power in a microwave.

Combine wet and dry ingredients, and stir until smooth. It will look wet.

Using a 1/3 cup measuring cup as a scoop, drop dough onto parchment-lined cookie sheet.

Bake for 10 minutes, rotating the cookie sheet halfway through.

Brush with melted butter and cool for 5 minutes before serving.

*Makes 10 biscuits.*

*~ an America's Test Kitchen recipe*

*\*Note: A cast iron biscuit pan may also be used with successful results.*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

**to Everyone Celebrating  
their Birthday in  
JANUARY!**

**Special Happy Birthday to:** Anna Yudt on January 16, Ernest Hoenl on January 18  
and Fred Milander on January 22!

Anna resides:  
Cedarbrook Nursing Home  
350 S Cedarbrook Road  
Allentown, PA 18104

Ernie resides:  
Brookview Apartments, Apt. #309  
340 S Cedarbrook Road  
Allentown, PA 18104

Fred resides:  
3420 N Front Street  
Apt. C2  
Whitehall PA 18052

**God Bless You and Your Special Day!!!**

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COPLAY, PENNSYLVANIA  
2021 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The Rev. Timothy D. Boyer <b>Pastor</b>	305 Coplay Street Coplay, PA 18037	(home) 610-261-2003 (cell — NO TEXT) 610-704-2845 <i>crosstrain@ptd.net</i>
Nancy Recker <b>Treasurer</b>	1344 Stewart Street Northampton, PA 18067	(cell) 484-788-2917 <i>nancy_recker@yahoo.com</i>
Ondrea Neifert <b>Financial Secretary</b>	4410 Henry Street Easton, PA 18045	(home) 610-253-3994 (cell) 610-216-9216 <i>oneifert@rcn.com</i>

**Members of Council elected by the Congregation whose terms expire at the end of 2021:**

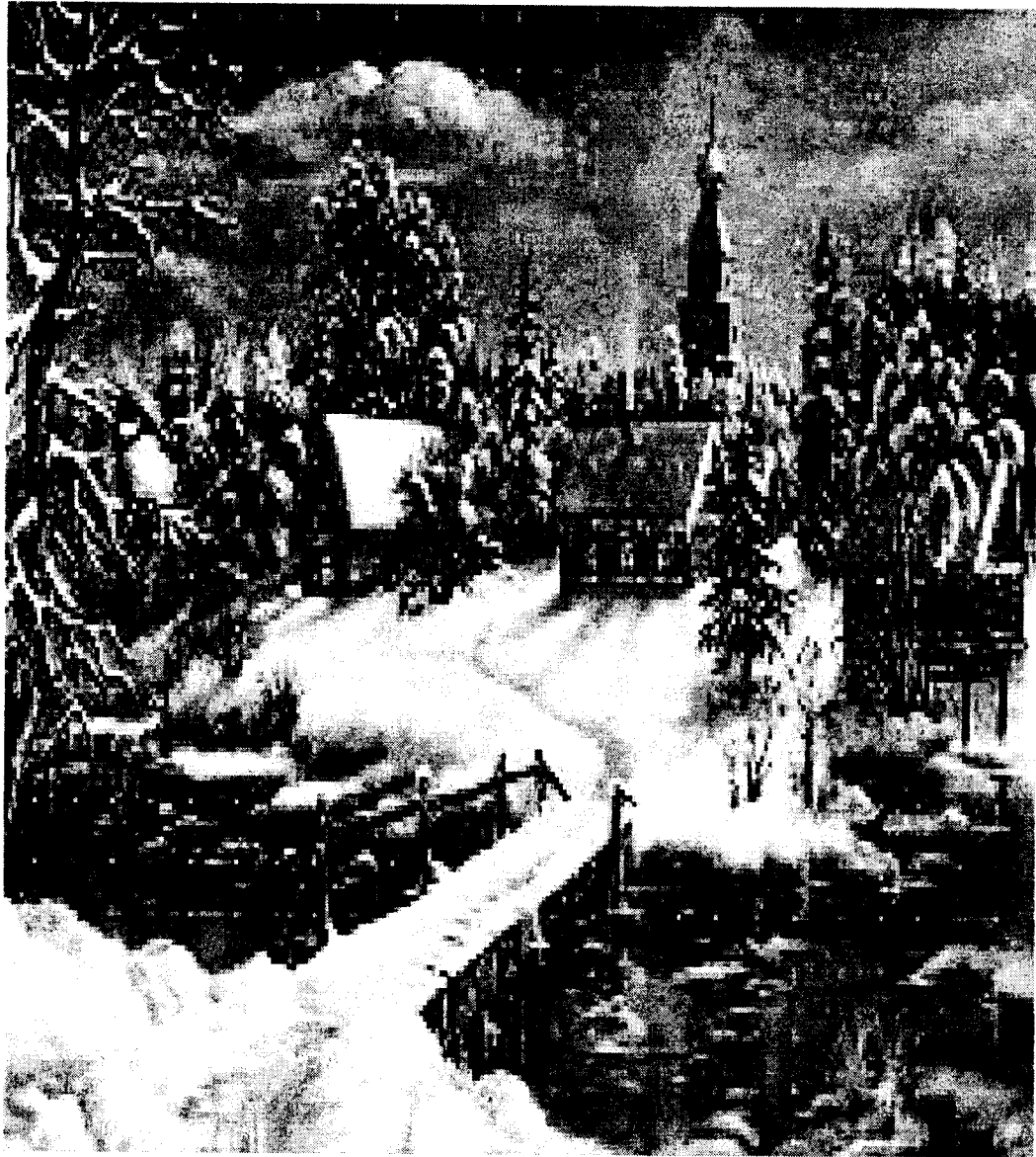
Joseph Danner, Jr. (2)	566 East Eighth Street Northampton, PA 18067	(home) 610-440-2035 (cell) 484-788-9792 <i>jedanner71@outlook.com</i>
Louise Hash (1)	4823 Hillside Road Northampton, PA 18067	(home) 610-261-2746 (cell) 484-294-6456 <i>lhash51@msn.com</i>
Vacancy		
Vacancy		

**Members of Council elected by the Congregation whose terms expire at the end of 2022:**

William Gilfert (1)	3311 South Front Street Whitehall, PA 18052	(cell) 610-657-0078 <i>wngenter@gmail.com</i>
Gregory Miller (2)	3338 South Front Street Whitehall, PA 18052	(cell) 610-393-9421 <i>millergrp@rcn.com</i>
Jeremy Snyder (1)	413 Buckingham Drive Northampton, PA 18067	(cell) 484-767-6277 <i>jsnyder227@gmail.com</i>
Jane Correll (0)	1217 Second Street North Catasauqua, PA 18032	(cell) 610-739-4465




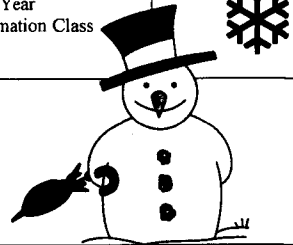

**Members of Council elected by the Congregation whose terms will expire at the end of 2023:**

Jerry Battenfield	45 Ridge Drive Fleetwood, PA 19522	(home) 610-987-9252
Lois Drendall	865 Barbara Drive Coplay, PA 18037	(home) 610-261-2906
Elizabeth Napoli	345 Calvert Street Whitehall, PA 18052	(cell) 484-225-2634
Brittany Yenser	3214 North Fourth Street Whitehall, PA 18052	(cell) 475-243-4301



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

# Calendar for January 2021

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<div> <b>ANNUAL REPORTS and ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>  <b>**Annual Congregational Meeting — Part Two**</b>  <b>AFTER WORSHIP, SUNDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup></b> </div>				<b>December 31</b>  <b>SAFE</b> <b>NEW</b> <b>YEAR'S</b> <b>EVE</b>	<b>1</b>  Happy New Year!	<b>2</b>  
<b>3</b>  <b>CHRISTMAS II</b> <i>*No Sunday School*</i> 9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:00 AM: Young at Heart 10:30 AM: CHRISTMAS II HOLY COMMUNION: Installation of 2021 Church Council  1:30 PM: PEW COMMUNION	<b>4</b> 6:30 PM: Evangelism Committee 7:00 PM: Social Media Committee 7:30 PM: Property Committee 8:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM: First Year Confirmation Class	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM: Finance and Stewardship Committee	<b>7</b> 7:00 PM: Worship and Music Committee	<b>8</b>	
<b>10</b>  <b>Epiphany Begins</b> 9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:00 AM: Young at Heart 10:30 AM: BAPTISM OF OUR LORD WORSHIP SERVICE 11:30 AM: Christmas Undecorating <b>*ANNUAL REPORTS DUE*</b>  6:30 PM: St. John's Bible Study	<b>11</b> 7:00 PM: Church Council 8:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class	<b>12</b> 7:00 PM: First Year Confirmation Class	<b>SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS</b>  <b>ON HOLD FOR NOW</b>		<b>14</b>  	<b>16</b>  <i>*Social Hall reserved*</i>
<b>17</b>  <b>Epiphany II</b> 9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:00 AM: Young at Heart 10:30 AM: EPIPHANY II WORSHIP SERVICE  <b>*ANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE*</b>	<b>18</b> 7:00 PM: Fellowship Committee 8:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM: First Year Confirmation Class			<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>  4 - 6 PM "Pick Up" CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER
<b>24</b>  <b>† Congregational Meeting †</b> 9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:00 AM: Young at Heart 10:30 AM: EPIPHANY III WORSHIP SERVICE 11:30 AM: Annual Congregational Meeting — Part Two  6:30 PM: St. John's Bible Study	<b>25</b> 7:00 PM: Christian Education Committee 8:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class	<b>26</b> 7:00 PM: First Year Confirmation Class			<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>  <b>Epiphany IV</b> 9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:00 AM: Young at Heart 10:30 AM: EPIPHANY IV WORSHIP SERVICE					<div> <b>Youth "SOUPER BOWL" Sunday</b>  —  <b>February 7<sup>th</sup>!</b> </div>	