

News from the Pews

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A Word From The Pastor...

THANKSGIVING!

Thanksgiving is coming! Our annual holiday on which to especially appreciate our blessings is almost here. Just thinking about family gathering, succulent turkey dinner, and time for sharing, heightens our anticipation. Giving thanks is what November is all about!

This year, some would say, "Give thanks? Thanks for what?!" It's hard to blame them. 2020 will be forever remembered for the pandemic. Indeed, many have suffered loss of health and even loss of life itself. Others have suffered loss of employment and some businesses closed for good. Still others who still had jobs found themselves working double shifts and more, having little time for rest, in positions that put their lives at risk. And some of us have suffered losses that had nothing to do at all with the pandemic, from broken relationships and economic hardship, to the death of a loved one. "Really? Give thanks?"

Our human nature makes it much easier for us to count our sorrows than our blessings. Maybe this year, we'll have to think harder, but yes, we can give thanks! Thanks that God continues to give us life in his creation. Thanks that because of our Lord Jesus Christ, our lost loved ones are in heaven, where we will see them again. Thanks that as bad as 2020 was, it was not the end of the world, and if we work together, we will be able to rebuild. Thanks for the million-and-one blessings that we too often take for granted!

So let's give thanks! Let's not let a pandemic take our Spirit! And let us remain strong in our faith in God, and in our love for one another.

Thankfully yours,



St. John's Lutheran Church

Coplay, Pennsylvania

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REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

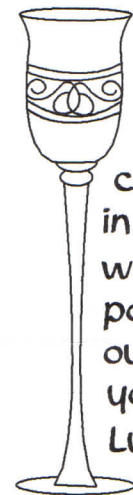
On All Saints Sunday, November 1st, we will remember all members of St. John's who have passed away since last All Saints Sunday. Please join us as we celebrate God's gift of eternal life to our departed loved ones.



Pew Communion

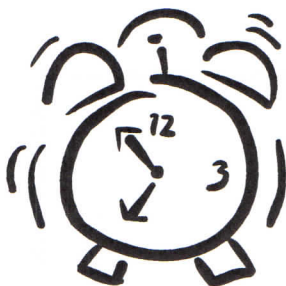
on November 1st at 1:30 PM

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 November 1st**, and remember Jesus' sacrifice of love, forgiveness, and salvation.



Don't forget...

Daylight Saving ends at 2 AM on **Sunday morning, November 1st**.

Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour on **Saturday night, October 31st**!

SUNDAY SCHOOL
continues its
SUCCESSFUL
RE-OPENING!



Make Time for Jesus!

Every Sunday morning at 9 AM

Your teachers and staff are excited to welcome you back to Sunday School where we're "Making Time for Jesus!" Check out the following safety details:

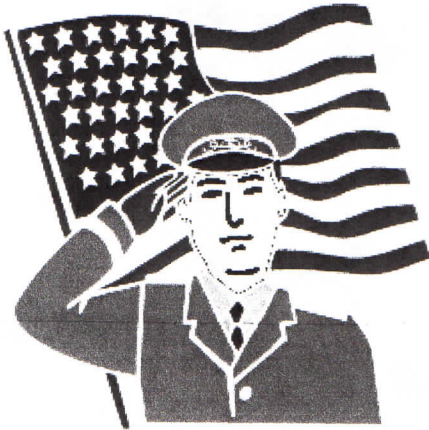
Arrive promptly at 9:00 AM, but go directly to your individual classroom (for safety, we're forgoing the large opening devotions in the social hall for now).

Nursery/Pre-Kindergarten children are asked to come at 9:15 AM for your special class in the social hall!

All teachers and staff, children and parents must wear a mask, except for children ages 2 and under.

Enjoy learning, crafts, activities, snacks, and more until 10:00 AM, then please keep your mask on as you leave your classroom, greet your friends and family, and make your way to your pew for 10:30 AM worship.

IT'S ALL HAPPENING
EVERY SUNDAY MORNING
AT 9 AM SHARP!



VETERANS DAY

On Sunday, November 8th, we will honor those members of our congregation who have served the cause of freedom in the armed forces of the United States of America.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

St. John's Bible Study

Romans is once again underway! In October, we enjoyed pizza and rotisserie chicken dinners, before settling in to our study. We considered God's inspiration to St. Paul with the question, "If what I do doesn't save me, does it matter how I live?" Turns out, salvation is God's gift; we respond with good works.

CHECK THIS OUT: We're continuing our next chapter entitled "Where is God when we suffer?" Appropriate for these times, don't you think? Join us then, on Sunday, November 8th, to find out!



book of faith

Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

St. John's Bible Study

**Sunday evenings, November 8th, 2020,
in the Social Hall**

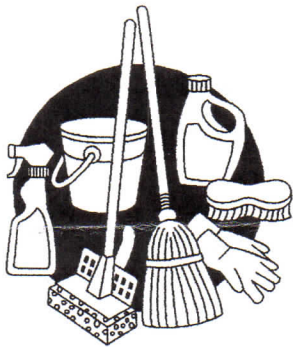
Meal at 6:30 PM, followed by discussion

ALL WELCOME!

Worship back in the church sanctuary.....at last!

We missed three Sundays of worship while sheltering-in-place. We went to virtual worship as of Easter Sunday. Then as of July, we enjoyed "parking lot worship" while still streaming online. Now, finally, we've returned to worship in our beloved church sanctuary space!

We were safe and patient over the summer. But we are still very much aware that the pandemic is not over and safety measures are still crucial. So our re-opening celebration is on, with the following important details and instructions:



- For safety, hymnals, etc., have been removed from the backs of the pews.
- Hand sanitizer has been placed in the narthexes and elsewhere around the building.
- Sexton Tommy will have windows open the previous night so that the sanctuary is appropriately cool without use of floor fans (ceiling fans may be used if necessary).
- Full sanctuary will be opened (25% capacity is 70 persons; 50% is 140). Pew indicators will be placed to show where seating is allowed and social-distanced.
- Worship time continues to be 10:30 AM (rather than 9:15 AM), with Sunday School at 9:00 AM.
- An usher will ring the tower bell a few minutes before worship time.
- Rest rooms will be open; nursery will be closed.
- Worshipers may use either entrance, before and after the service.
- Masks are required when entering, must remain on until seated in the pew, must be on when singing in the pew, and must be on when leaving the pew to socialize and/or exit after worship (those with medical condition are excepted - please call Pastor Tim ahead of time if this is your situation).



- Masks may be removed when you are seated in your pew, except when singing.
- Masks will be provided for those who do not have them.
- For those who can't stand masks(!), for those who are sick, or for those who aren't yet comfortable attending in person, worship will still be streamed on Facebook live.
- In order to be heard and understood, the Pastor is not to be masked while in the chancel; he is to wear mask while singing.
- Senior Choir members are encouraged to sit in the choir pews.
- All worship info will be printed in the bulletin; hymns will be the only portion of the service to be sung. We'll sing the first and last verses only.
- Large-print bulletins will be provided; children's bulletins will also be provided (parents are asked to bring crayons for their children from home)
- Acolytes will serve as scheduled; lectors are on hold for now (the Pastor will read the lessons and psalm).
- For safety, children's sermons are on hold for now.
- Offering will not be collected during the service; instead, receptacles will be provided in the narthexes for offerings as people enter or leave worship
- On Holy Communion Sundays, pre-packaged elements will be handed out with the bulletins as people enter; after consecration during worship, people will partake of the elements from their seats.

The above may seem a lot, but we want to continue to keep everyone as safe as possible. Basically speaking, if we all come with our faces covered and God's joy in our hearts, everything will be great!

THANKS FOR MAKING OUR RE-OPENING A SUCCESS!

CAN YOU HELP WITH GIFTS?

Christmas gifts for St. John's shut-ins, that is! These semi-annual visits with gifts (Easter is the other time) are an essential way we show our love to our members who can no longer attend worship.

Our Social Ministry Committee handles this ministry and we would love your ideas and help! So please join us for our next meeting, Tuesday, November 10th, at 10:00 AM in the Social Hall. If you would like to help but can't make the meeting (e.g., you work during the day), let me know at 610-799-2580.

Thank you in advance for helping with this Christmas ministry!

~ Pat Schadt

Social Ministry Committee Chair

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Food Bank

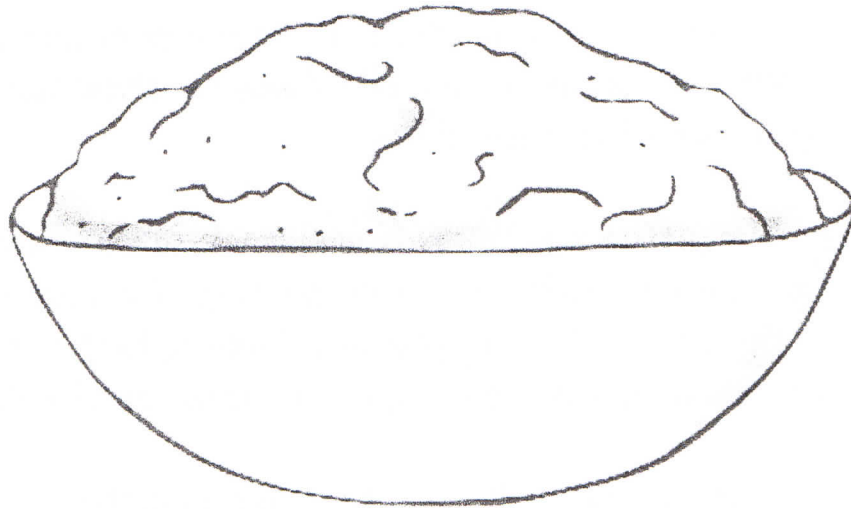
During the holidays it is especially important for us to share everything with which God has blessed us. As you prepare your holiday menus and shopping lists, please remember those who are less fortunate.

Donations can be made to the COPLAY FOOD BANK at any time by bringing non-perishable food items to Borough Hall or by dropping them off at the church. Please put food items in a bag clearly marked "For Coplay Food Bank."

Monetary contributions are also welcomed (please make checks payable to the church; this money will be used to purchase food certificates from Giant for the Food Bank).

St. John's Lutheran Church

HOMEMADE POTATO FILLING SALE



2 lb. Containers: \$7.00 each

9x13 Tray: \$21.00 each

Deadline to order: November 13th

Pick up at the Church

Friday, November 20th, NOON – 4 PM

OR

Saturday, November 21st, 9 AM - NOON

Orders and/or Questions? Call:

Karen Haines
610-653-2816

Joan Wright
610-262-7551

WEDDING CONGRATS!

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Sawka (Cassey Darabaris) – October 17th

Mr. and Mrs. Rafe Longenbach (Julie Peters Heydt) – October 23rd



ALL GOD'S BLESSINGS!

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54th Annual Coplay Community Thanksgiving Service

This year will be the 54th year the churches of Coplay have united in thanksgiving to our gracious God. So don't miss this Thanksgiving when we all get together *here at St. John's*, joined by our friends from the Redeemed Christian Church of God and St. Peter Roman Catholic Church, on Sunday, November 22nd, at 7:00 PM.

Our Thanksgiving Worship will celebrate God's blessings through his Word, special music, and more. Safety protocols (masks, social distancing, etc.) will be the same as our Sunday morning worship services. Seating will be limited — contact Pastor Tim for details. Flowers will be provided by the Coplay Garden Club and a free-will offering will be received for Coplay Recreation and Welfare.

Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, we will be unable to share time in fellowship this year. However, our Fellowship Committee will be providing "take-along" goodies to those in attendance, as they leave worship, in lieu of the normal gala reception.

Come, and give thanks!



54 YEARS!

“Peace be with you...”

We greet each other when we “pass the peace.” What are we passing to our friends and neighbors?

Contentment? Serenity? God’s blessings? Love? Forgiveness? Truce? Freedom from worry?

Perhaps all of the above... and more. We’re looking at the ways *shalom* and *eirene* — the Hebrew and Greek words for “peace” — are used in the Bible. What we’ve discovered is that the word has many nuances that we may not have noticed before we began our study. What does “the peace of God” mean? And how can we be “instruments of peace?” We are beginning to understand that it is not as straightforward as we may have thought!

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)



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Feed the hungry.
Fight poverty.

Thanks for using your
little World Hunger
envelope!

Upcoming Blood Drive...

St John's will hold its annual blood drive on Saturday November 28, 2020 in the church social hall beginning at 8AM.



Many sites that normally host the Bloodmobile cannot do so because of the pandemic, and it has affected the available blood supply. We are encouraging you to sign up if you're able to donate blood. We are fortunate to have our Social Hall as a donation site because it has sufficient space for social distancing!

Added safety precautions are in place because of the pandemic:

All donors are asked to wear a mask. If you don't have one, Bloodmobile personnel will provide you with one.

Please arrive as close as possible to your appointment time, with your ID.

Upon check-in, each donor will have their temperature taken and answer COVID-19 screening questions before going to the registration area.

Following donation, donors will remain in the donor chair for the observation period (instead of sitting in the "canteen" area). Snacks and drinks will be offered at the chair.

At the completion of the observation time, donors are asked to leave the area.

All Bloodmobile personnel are required to wear personal protective equipment ("PPE"). All equipment is wiped down between donors.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please call me at 610-297-2143, or e-mail me at teschner32@gmail.com (a good way for students to set up that appointment from college!)

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!

Remember - you must be at least 17 ,
but YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO DONATE BLOOD!!!!

~Coordinator Charmaine Teschner

MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER

TIPS AND GUIDELINES TO KEEP YOU HEALTHY WHILE YOU DONATE BLOOD



Get plenty of sleep the night before. Donating blood may be easy but we want to be sure you're feeling your best. Some donors may feel tired after donating blood.



Be sure to eat a healthy and hearty meal the day before and day of your appointment. Avoid foods with excessive fat and sugar. Besides, we'll have tasty treats for you after you donate.



It's important to be well-hydrated before you donate blood. Be sure to drink plenty of fluids especially water, Gatorade or juice.

Important Information When You Arrive

If you are unable to keep your appointment time or will be more than 10 minutes late, please contact us as soon as possible to reschedule as we may not be able to accommodate donors arriving more than 10 minutes late for their appointment due to CDC and state guidelines on social distancing.



Be sure to wear a mask over your nose and mouth before entering the facility or donor center. Please maintain a 6-foot distance between yourself and any other individuals. Arrive as close as possible to your appointment time.



Please present your identification with you so we can check you in.



Be sure to schedule your next donation before you leave or online when you get home. **Donations are by appointment only at this time; walk-ins will only be taken if there is an open appointment on the schedule.**

If you're donating whole blood, you'll need to wait 8 weeks before you can donate whole blood again. You will need to wait 28 days to donate plasma. If you're donating convalescent plasma, you can donate convalescent plasma again after 28 days. When you schedule your appointment and need help please let us know by calling us at call us at **1-800-B-A-DONOR (1-800-223-6667)** and press option #2.

If you have any questions, we're be more than happy to help. For information on Donor Eligibility, please visit **GIVEaPINT.org/library/who-can-donate-blood** or you can call us at **1-800-B-A-DONOR**.

Thank you again for being a dedicated blood donor, plasma and/or Convalescent Plasma donor.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Coplay, PA

Council Meeting in Social Hall

Date: September 14, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:	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
MEMBERS NOT- EXCUSED:	Brian Grol

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Pastor would like volunteers to be delegates for the Mission District Meeting, and also the NEPA Synod Convention.

The monthly meeting was held September 14, 2020 in the Social Hall with proper distancing. Council President Greg Miller called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM. Pastor Tim led the Council in the opening prayer.

After the minutes from the August 10, 2020 Council Meeting were read, Jeff Reinhard moved to approve the minutes. Louise Hash seconded. All ayes, minutes approved.

	Motion to Accept Report Made By	Motion Seconded By	Report Read—Motion Carried—Yes/No
PASTOR'S REPORT: August	Jeff Reinhard	Nadine Shull	YES
Summary from Pastor's Report – August	Many thanks to coordinators and all participants in our weekly "parking lot worship," also on Facebook; to Church Council, Staff, Committees, and volunteers meeting frequently (social-distanced) to determine and carry-out ministry in the pandemic; thanks to Pastor Emeritus George Spieker for supplying worship on Pastor Tim's vacation Sunday; congratulations to Samantha Ganzer and Abbey Richerson for receiving this year's Diefenderfer/Buchfeller Scholarships; to all members and friends for your ongoing weekly offerings, and participation in St. John's Youth Group food drive for the Coplay Food Bank, our Cabbage and Noodles Sale, St. John's Bible Study, and more, all in August, and to everyone for continuing to remain faithful and strong during this pandemic!		
FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: August	Jeff Reinhard	Louise Hash	YES
TREASURER'S REPORT: August	Jeff Reinhard	Bill Gilfert	YES

REPORTS			
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:	There was no formal meeting, but Pastor Tim brought us up to date. Donations received from our "At Home" Vacation Bible School totaled \$360.00, with VBS Profit of \$184.00. Youth Group begins to meet this Sunday. Bible Study is having a picnic. First and Second Year Confirmation classes are beginning.		
EVANGELISM:	Sept. 8 – List was compiled of members for whom we need updated information. Committee members will be calling church members, with Pastor doing an introductory communication message. New member Amanda Frain will be joining once we have services indoors again.		
FELLOWSHIP:	Next meeting Sept. 21.		
FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP:	Budget planning for 2021 will begin at the next meeting, Oct. 6, 7:30.		
PROPERTY:	Sept. 8 – Property continues to work on improvements and costs associated for the good of St. John's. Planning on Parking Lot renovation for a Spring Project upon approval. Committee requested permission to hire Tree Guy Now for cleaning and stump grinding, at a cost of \$2,850. All members voted in favor.		
SCHOLARSHIP:	Thank-you notes were received from Samantha Ganer and Abbey Richerson.		
SOCIAL MEDIA:	No meeting, but Joe shared with us that the website is updated through September.		
SOCIAL MINISTRY:	Daybreak has requested our help with items needed for their to-go breakfasts and lunches, prizes for Bingo, and art supplies. Baskets marked "Daybreak" are at both entrances.		
WORSHIP AND MUSIC:	Aug. 20 – Organ contract has been extended for another 3 months. Choir room carpet cleaning is on hold. Sept. 3 – Reformation Sunday and Holy Communion are scheduled for Oct. 25. Bill Gilfert is doing the scheduling for lectors. Two September weddings among members are scheduled for September. Greg will ask Church Secretary to begin printing large print bulletins.		
PICNIC:	Nothing new.		
NOMINATING:	We need four candidates for Church Council by the November meeting in order to have the information for the December newsletter.		
UNFINISHED BUSINESS:	1) Nadine requested feedback on her request to put a cross in honor of her mother in front of the church. 2) Greg is going to call the Whitehall-Coplay Press with dates and times to update our ad.		
NEW BUSINESS:	1) Decision to begin indoor church services on Oct. 4 was voted on, with all in favor.		
FOR THE GOOD OF ST. JOHN'S	Any items on St. John's Facebook page must be approved by an Administrator.		
Motion for Adjournment	Motion Made By:	Motion Seconded By:	Meeting End Time:
	Nancy Recker	Jeremy Snyder	8:15 PM

Meeting ended with Pastor Tim leading the Council in praying the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Tapler

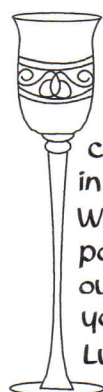
Sandra Tapler, Council Secretary

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"A Mighty Fortress is our God..."



Our First Communicant celebrated her first communion with us on Reformation Sunday, October 25th. Family members and friends joined our congregation for this milestone. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as she continues to grow in faith:



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

Kiersten Marie Haskey

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jason (Michele) Haskey

Congratulations and blessings to our First Communicant!

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COPLAY, PENNSYLVANIA

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ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP

What We've Done...

Twenty-one youth, family members, and friends tested their knowledge again playing Bible Baseball on Sunday afternoon, October 18th. After some planning, we carpooled to Bear Rock Junction! It was a perfect sunny and crisp day for a corn maze, go-karts, mini-golf, steam train ride, hayride, and supper at the dairy bar. When it got dark, the park was lit up for Halloween! Many thanks to our parents and drivers.

Next Up...

Sunday
afternoon,
November 15th,
3:00 PM,
in the
Social Hall



WE'RE GOING "RETRO..."

Everyone's invited for

GAME time!



Bring your family and friends,
and your favorite board games, puzzles, and crafts,
for a good, old-fashioned
afternoon of fun!

As always, friends are very welcome; adult drivers/advisors are requested!

Still To Come... (as safety in the pandemic allows)

Bowling night

Participation in Christmas Program rehearsals

Christmas Caroling

Youth "Souper Bowl" Sunday
and more!

And a reminder for all our confirmed youth...

Join us for YOUNG AT HEART every Sunday morning at 9 AM!

“Thank You” from St. John’s...

- ... to Greg Miller and the Church Council for their leadership, especially during the pandemic.
- ... to Gail Yudt and the Sunday School staff for welcoming back our students on Rally Sunday, October 4th.
- ... to Bill Gilfert, Fred Milander, and the Worship and Music Committee for helping guide the re-opening of worship in the sanctuary.
- ... to Joe Danner and the Social Media Committee for streaming our weekly worship live on Facebook and posting it on our website.
- ... to Jeff Reinhard, the Property Committee, and volunteers for cleaning before re-opening.
- ... to Louise Hash and the Evangelism Committee for welcoming our new member Amanda Frain and for encouraging our members and visitors to attend worship.
- ... to Joe Tomino for recent landscaping at the parsonage.
- ... to those of you who provide transportation to worship for those no longer able to drive.
- ... to Cathy Boyer and the Young at Heart class for the treats for the Sunday School Halloween “trick-or-treating.”
- ... to Jocelyn Werkheiser, Nancy Recker, and Ruthann Brandt for recent special music.
- ... to Helmut Fried for lending much of the equipment for our “parking lot worship” and for donating cords to support our worship in the sanctuary.
- ... to Janice Miller and grandkids Kiersten, Danielle, and Jason Jr. for the hand-painted garden rocks.
- ... to Tom Gartner for ongoing beautification around the church, rentals, and parsonage.
- ... to all St. John’s heroes in the pandemic: planning for re-opening, cleaning for re-opening, wearing masks at the re-opening, attending the re-opening, and continuing to support it all with your generous offerings!

I am the church...
You are the church...
We are the church **TOGETHER!**



DAYBREAK SAYS "THANK YOU"

Once again, the congregation of St. John's has answered the call to help the people of Daybreak. With the COVID-19 virus eliminating so many formerly normal activities, the staff and members of Daybreak have had to make a lot of changes. Chief among them is bagged breakfasts and lunches, doing A LOT of arts and crafts, and spending time almost daily playing Bingo. What a wonderful sight to see those baskets at both St. John's entrances filled week after week with items to help them get through these tough days!

We have already delivered two carloads of snacks, drinks, desserts, an amazing variety of art supplies for any kind of activity, and bags filled with prizes that would fill any Bingo player's heart with joy! As long as the pandemic is affecting their lives, the items we are collecting are providing a lifeline of help for Daybreak. So, thank you to everyone who has contributed.



Just one last appeal. We have agreed to help Daybreak with their Christmas gift program. For that, we must supply 40 pairs of new socks by Thursday, December 3rd. They can be any size or color, for men or women. Just drop them into the baskets with the other items for Daybreak.

With sincere thanks & appreciation for all of your help,
Sandy Tapler, Coordinator for Daybreak

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES, CHANGES, OR CANCELLATIONS

For the latest info on updates, changes, or cancellations, please check the following:

- The Church Office answering machine (610-262-6171)
- The Church's outdoor sign on Third Street
- Our website at www.stjohnscoplay.com
- Our Facebook page: **St.John'sLutheranCoplay**
- Contact Pastor Tim (610-704-2845 or crosstrain@ptd.net)

Christmas is coming!

It is time to start thinking about ordering Poinsettias! The plants will be ordered from Precious Petals, and the cost per plant is \$14.

The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 13th, as the order needs to be placed that week. The poinsettias will be delivered on December 19th, in time for the Sunday School Christmas program on Sunday, December 20th.

If you would like to place an order please fill out the form below and include payment with your order. If you have questions, please call Antoinette Sehar at 610-261-4256.

ORDER FORM FOR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



I wish to order Poinsettias to decorate the church on Christmas.
Please order _____ poinsettias for me at \$14 per plant.

Place in memory of: _____

Place in honor of: _____

Given By: _____

Name _____ Envelope # _____

Phone number _____ Total \$ enclosed: _____

*Deadline for orders is December 13th. Orders must be paid for at the time of ordering.
Orders are being taken by Antoinette Sehar (610-261-4256)*

God Bless You and Your Special Day!!!
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**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
COPLAY, PENNSYLVANIA
2020 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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Sandra Tapler (2) Council Secretary	5110 Valley Stream Lane Macungie, PA 18062	(home) 610-966-8135 (cell) 610-349-0415 <i>sandy99@ptd.net</i>

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Vacancy

NOVEMBER and DECEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

NOVEMBER 1 – All Saints Sunday

Acolyte – Dawson Wisser
 Lector – Dick Frederick
 Ushers – Joe Danner*, Sandy Tapler
 and Susie Rape
 Communion Assistant – Antoinette Sehar
 Com Clean-Up – Ed and Antoinette Sehar
 Nursery – Charlene Piskula and TBA

NOVEMBER 8

Acolyte – Jocelyn Werkheiser
 Lector – Charlene Piskula
 Ushers – Joe Danner*, Sandy Tapler
 and Susie Rape
 Nursery – Jaime Rosentel and Dawson Wisser

NOVEMBER 15

Acolyte – Kaden Green
 Lector – Gail Yudt
 Ushers – Joe Danner*, Sandy Tapler
 and Susie Rape
 Nursery – Rochelle Swoyer and Jo-Ellen Batarick

NOVEMBER 22 – Christ the King

Acolyte – Mackenzie Culver
 Lector – Sandy Tapler
 Ushers – Joe Danner*, Sandy Tapler
 and Susie Rape
 Communion Assistant – Charmaine Teschner
 Com Clean-Up – Charmaine & Rickey Teschner
 Nursery – Danette Weidner and Gabe Gower

NOVEMBER 29

Acolyte – Eli Tomecek
 Lector – Vickie McKee
 Ushers – Joe Danner*, Sandy Tapler
 and Susie Rape
 Nursery – Josh Rosentel and Jocelyn Werkheiser



DECEMBER 6 – Advent II

Acolyte – Gabriel Gower
 Lector – Barry Yenser
 Ushers – Greg Miller*, Bill Gilfert
 and Karen Haines
 Communion Assistant – Joe Danner
 Com Clean-Up – Danner Family
 Nursery – Nadine Shull and Ondie Neifert

DECEMBER 13

Acolyte – Dawson Wisser
 Lector – Ruth Thomson
 Ushers – Greg Miller*, Bill Gilfert
 and Karen Haines
 Nursery – Cathy DeFranco and Antoinette Sehar

DECEMBER 20 – Christmas Program

Acolyte – Danica Weidner
 Lector – Jeff Reinhard
 Ushers – Greg Miller*, Bill Gilfert
 and Karen Haines

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Services
4:00, 7:00 and 11:00 PM





DECEMBER 27

Acolyte – Emily Grol
 Lector – to be announced
 Ushers – Greg Miller*, Bill Gilfert
 and Karen Haines
 Nursery – Ondie Neifert and Nadine Shull



Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour
on **Saturday night, October 31st!**

Calendar for November 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9:00 AM: Sunday School (9:15 for Nursery/Pre-K) 9:00 AM: Young at Heart 10:30 AM: ALL SAINTS HOLY COMMUNION: 2019-2020 Necrology 1:30 PM: PEW COMMUNION	2 6:30 PM: Evangelism Committee 7:00 PM: Social Media Committee 7:30 PM: Property Committee 8:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class	3 VOTE! 7 AM – 8 PM: St. John's hosts Coplay 1 st District Voters in Social Hall 7:00 PM: First Year Confirmation Class	4 6:30 PM: Finance and Stewardship Committee	5 7:00 PM: Worship and Music Committee	6	7 
8 VETERANS DAY emphasis 9:00 AM: Sunday School (9:15 for Nursery/Pre-K) 9:00 AM: Young at Heart 10:30 AM: PENTECOST XXIII WORSHIP SERVICE: Veterans Day emphasis 6:30 PM: St. John's Bible Study	9 7:00 PM: Church Council 8:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class	10 10:00 AM: Social Ministry Committee 7:00 PM: First Year Confirmation Class	SENIOR CHOR REHEARSALS ON HOLD FOR NOW		12	14
15 9:00 AM: Sunday School (9:15 for Nursery/Pre-K) 9:00 AM: Young at Heart 10:30 AM: PENTECOST XXIV WORSHIP SERVICE 3:00 PM: St. John's Youth Group	16 7:00 PM: Fellowship Committee 8:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class	17 10:00 AM: Fellowship and Volunteers make filling 7:00 PM: First Year Confirmation Class			19 	21 9 AM to 12 Noon: FILLING SALE PICK-UP
22 Christ the King 9:00 AM: Sunday School (9:15 for Nursery/Pre-K) 9:00 AM: Young at Heart 10:30 AM: CHRIST THE KING HOLY COMMUNION 7:00 PM: 54 th ANNUAL COPLAY COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE <u>HERE AT ST. JOHN'S</u>	23 7:00 PM: Christian Education Committee 8:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class	24 7:00 PM: First Year Confirmation Class			26 Happy Thanksgiving! 	28 8:00 AM to ?: ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE  <div>Blood Drive Saturday, November 28th</div>
29 ADVENT BEGINS 9:00 AM: Sunday School (9:15 for Nursery/Pre-K) 9:00 AM: Young at Heart 10:30 AM: ADVENT I HOLY COMMUNION: Advent Wreath and Prophecy	30 8:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class					
<div>Coplay Community Thanksgiving Service Here at St. John's Sunday evening, November 22nd, 7 PM</div>						
<div>Reminder... Call Charmaine Teschner (610-297-2143) for an appointment for your blood donation!</div>						

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