

# News from the Pews

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## **A Word From The Pastor...**

# **reformation**

What is it? Recently we discussed that question at Second Year Confirmation Class. The base word is "reform." The action is "reforming" something. We determined that we don't often think much about reforming things in our lives. We also determined that we couldn't imagine being Martin Luther, reforming the whole Christian Church. Finally, we determined that reformation in general is just plain difficult, whether on a personal level or on a global one. Reformation isn't easy!

We surely have had reformation over the span of COVID-19. So much changed, so quickly, so dramatically. Our responses to this have been diverse, and we have had to try very hard to listen, understand, accept, and love each other amidst our diverse responses. Slowly but surely we are overcoming the pandemic, but the reformation isn't easy!

Reforming anything or anyone, including ourselves, isn't easy. The question then becomes, "Is it worth it?" Martin Luther could have given up and let the Church continue in its sin. We could give up on ourselves and just continue our impatience and intolerance. Who could blame us, because... "reformation isn't easy!"

Thanks be to God that he never gives up on us, and never will! God has always and will always, work for good in our lives. And God will most assuredly bring us through this pandemic, and any other pandemic that comes along! No, reformation isn't easy, but let's never give up. Like Luther, let us remain strong in our faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Here I Stand!



## **St. John's Lutheran Church**

Coplay, Pennsylvania

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

**Pastor's Office 610-261-2003**

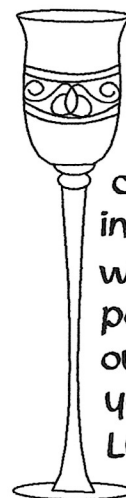
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## Join us for Pew Communion

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. So join us, **this month on October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, for Pew Communion, and remember Jesus' sacrifice of love, forgiveness, and salvation.



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

## Boasting in God

St. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans: "... we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation." (Romans 5:11)

Pastor Tim recently preached about improper arrogance, and then challenged us to be "great" in everything we do in the name of the Lord. We are to do our best to enthusiastically share His love with everyone around us. We are to share the joy of knowing we have God's promise of salvation! We rejoice in the peace in our hearts, knowing we are — despite our repeated failures — reconciled to God through his Son's sacrifice on the cross.

We invite you to join us as we consider how Jesus Christ has brought peace into our lives.

**SPOILER ALERT:** Looking ahead, when we finish our discussions of peace, we will be considering the Christian implications of the C.S. Lewis books in the Chronicles of Narnia series. The books are easy reading, and we'll be discussing them in "chronological order" rather than the order in which they were written, so we'll tackle The Magician's Nephew first, followed by The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe. The books are available to borrow from our local libraries, or to purchase in local bookstores and online.

***We meet 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)



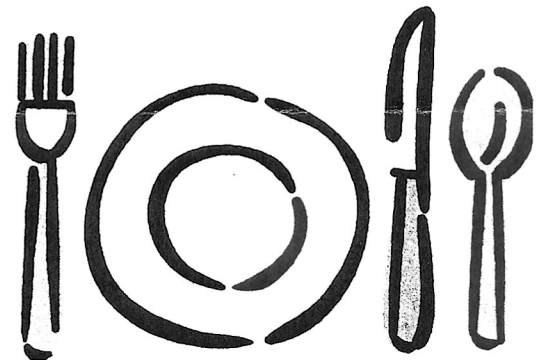
**Our Next  
Congregational/Community  
"Pick-Up" Dinner**

**Shepherd's Pie**

**PRE-ORDERS NECESSARY**  
Call Karen Haines  
at 610-653-2816  
by Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>   
**TELL HER YOUR PHONE NUMBER, TOO!**

**with  
creamed cabbage  
applesauce  
rolls and butter  
desserts**

**Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
4-5:30 PM**



*As always — FREE!*

(optional donations gratefully accepted for the Renovation Fund)

**Pick up in St. John's parking lot**

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*Please call Karen Haines at 610-653-2816 to let her know you can help by...*

*\* Helping set up before pick-ups begin*

*\* Helping with clean-up, packing up "leftovers," etc.*  
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*Many thanks to Karen, the Fellowship Committee, and all additional helpers!*

# Blessing of the Animals!

AT OUR NEW TIME OF 2:00 PM (INSTEAD OF 3)



St. John's will once again host a service of Blessing of the Animals in our parking lot on Sunday afternoon, October 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 2 PM (raindate is the following Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>).



So, bring your pets for a blessing!

*P.S. Sue Laughlin will again provide treats for your pets — don't miss it!*

## Confirmation/First Communion News

This year's First Communion Class is meeting with Pastor on Thursday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. **First Communion will be celebrated at worship on Reformation Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

This year's First Year Confirmation Class is meeting with Pastor on Tuesday afternoons from 4:15 to 5:15 PM. Presentation of the First Year Class will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

This year's Second Year Confirmation Class is meeting with Pastor on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Confirmation of the Second Year Class will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO BE INCLUDED IN FIRST COMMUNION OR FIRST  
YEAR CONFIRMATION CLASSES;  
JUST CALL PASTOR TIM (610-704-2845) ASAP!**



# St. John's Bible Study

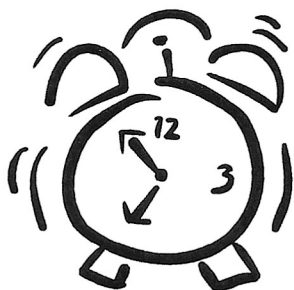
WELL, RELUCTANTLY, we said goodbye to Summer. But we enjoyed a final Summer Cookout and Movie Night at the parsonage on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Rick Steves' videos on St. Peter and St. Paul were informative and entertaining, and the cookout and dessert weren't bad either!

NOW WE ARE READY for the "Thou shalt nots" in our new Kerygma program study of the Ten Commandments. From "I am the Lord thy God" to "Remember the Sabbath Day," last spring we considered some new perspectives in our study of these most prominent of God's Laws.

SO JOIN US on Sunday nights, October 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, as we continue our Biblical adventure: Kerygma's "The Ten Commandments."

*the* KERYGMA   
—program— 

**St. John's Bible Study**  
**Sunday evenings, October 10th and 24th, 2021**  
**in the Social Hall**  
*Meal at 6:30 PM, followed by discussion*  
***ALL WELCOME!***



**Don't forget...**

Daylight Saving ends at 2 AM on **Sunday morning, November 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour on **Saturday night, November 6<sup>th</sup>!**

# Have fun walking in the parade!

This year, we're continuing our Rally Day theme "A New Beginning!"

Walk with St. John's Youth Group in the Coplay Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, and help us help our fellow Coplayites remember the importance of Coplay's Faith Community!



We'll dress up (or wear masks) like the animals on Noah's Ark. Be creative, and let your inner cow, horse, or pig shine forth! 😊

We welcome all to march with us wearing any costume you want (or even no costume at all). The important thing is to march and help us show St. John's support for our community.

Have fun greeting your Coplay neighbors! We'll march with the fire trucks, dance schools, scout troops, marching bands, and all the other community groups.

All marchers conclude the parade with snacks at the Saengerbund!

And... you'll see yourself on cable if the parade is televised.

**SO, PARK AND ORGANIZE AT CHURCH AT 6 PM;  
WALK WITH US TO THE PARADE SITE BY 7 PM.**

Walk with us in this year's parade,  
and help us share our faith in JESUS with our community!



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



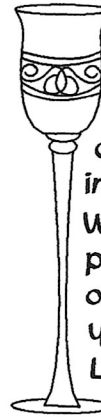
# First Holy Communion

Our First Communicants will receive their first Holy Communion with us on Reformation Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Every year we celebrate the change that was ignited by the questions Martin Luther asked in order to understand his faith. Our church — in fact, the entire Protestant Reformation — was “born” because of these questions, and the answers given in the Bible.

These young persons will have spent six weeks preparing for their first Holy Communion — and asking their own questions about their faith. This experience is a continuation of the spiritual journey they began at their baptisms, and their lives have been changed forever.

Let's all join in praying for God's strength and guidance in the lives of these young persons as they receive their First Holy Communion!



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Which is  
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Luke 22:20

**Michael Anthony Ganser**

son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony (Gayle) Ganser

**Autumn Machelle Rosentel**

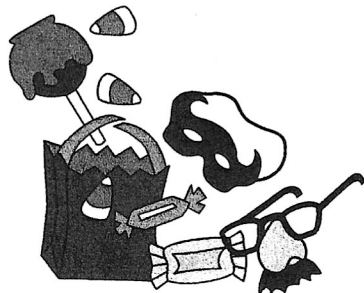
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua (Jaimie) Rosentel

**Come worship with us, celebrate our Lutheran heritage, and share an important day in their lives!**

## **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](http://www.stjohnscoplay.com)
- Our Facebook page: **St.John'sLutheranCoplay**
- Contact Pastor Tim (610-704-2845 or [crosstrain@ptd.net](mailto:crosstrain@ptd.net))



# Sunday School Halloween Party

Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>  
9 AM (during Sunday School)

## WE WILL...

- learn how our Halloween traditions grew out of All Hallow's Eve, the night before All Saints Day
- sing Pumpkin Carols
- play fun games
- make a special craft
- have yummy snacks

**Bring Your  
Friends!**

*You are invited to wear your costume and join in the trick-or-treat parade in the Young at Heart class for some goodies to take home!*

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

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## IMPORTANT MISCELLANEA

- \* Our new parking lot is paid off, thanks to your ongoing generous gifts to the building fund (the blue envelope in your box), the renovation fund (the yellow one), and at our monthly dinners. Many thanks!
- \* St. John's membership information is now on our website, password-protected by Joe Danner. All members are invited to access the information by calling any member of Church Council for the password.
- \* After recent closet-cleaning at church, we have a number of items that are yours for the taking: Bibles, hymnals, LP albums, Christian Education materials, and more. It's all first come, first served, on the table in the Social Hall.

### HOLY COMMUNION OPTIONS, BEGINNING OCTOBER 3

WE WANT EVERYONE TO FEEL SAFE AS WE GRADUALLY OPEN UP OUR SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION, BEGINNING OCTOBER 3:

\*OPTION FOR PRE-PACKAGED COMMUNION ELEMENTS: ALERT AN USHER THAT YOU WOULD LIKE THIS OPTION AND PASTOR WILL DISTRIBUTE THEM TO YOU AT COMMUNION TIME IN THE SERVICE.

\*OPTION FOR PEW COMMUNION: ALERT AN USHER THAT YOU WOULD LIKE THE REGULAR COMMUNION ELEMENTS AT YOUR SEAT AND PASTOR AND ASSISTANT WILL DISTRIBUTE THEM TO YOU AT COMMUNION TIME IN THE SERVICE.

\*OPTION FOR CHANCEL RAIL COMMUNION: AFTER THE ABOVE TWO DISTRIBUTIONS, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO COME FORWARD MAY HAVE COMMUNION AT THE CHANCEL RAIL, AS DIRECTED BY THE USHERS.

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The Fellowship Committee has recently done an inventory and organization of our supply of paper products, storage containers, etc. We have found an overabundance of some of our supplies. Due to limited storage space, we request that before purchasing or donating anything for our use, you ask someone on the Fellowship Committee if there is a need.

We can put out a list of items when there is need for anyone who may be interested in donating. Your donations have always been greatly appreciated.

The Fellowship Committee

# Facebook: St.John'sLutheranCoplay

<b>St. John's Lutheran Church, Coplay, PA</b> <b>Council Meeting</b> <b>Date: 8/9/2021</b>	
<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Jane Correll, Joe Danner, Lois Drendall, Bill Gilfert, Louise Hash, Greg Miller, Beth Napoli, Ken Napoli, Ondie Neifert, Jeremy Snyder, Brit Yenser, Jeff Reinhard, Nadine Shull
<b>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</b>	Pastor Tim Boyer, Nancy Recker

<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>
Card from Werley's: the boiler is due for service ELCA additional donations requests; Parking lot renovation under way.

The monthly meeting was held on 8/9/21. Council President Joe Danner called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM.

After minutes from the 6/15/21 meeting were read and amended, 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:</b>	<b>Jeff Reihard</b>	<b>Nadine Shull</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Summary from Pastor's Report:</b>	Condolences to the Reinhard and Boyer families; Baptismal blessings to Alice Gloc; Welcome new members Pawel Gloc, Kara Schoeneberger, and Amy Ninos; Thanks to all for Father's Day, Chicken Pot Pie Pick-up Dinner, Sundays supplied by Pr. Wayne Dreyman, Daybreak (first meals we served since March 2020); annual Church Worship and Picnic at Coplay Park, and more; all in June and July!		
<b>FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:</b>	<b>Greg Miller</b>	<b>Louise Hash</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>TREASURER'S REPORT:</b>	<b>Jeff Reinhard</b>	<b>Beth Napoli</b>	<b>Yes</b>



<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>	
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:</b>	No Report; Next meeting 8/23
<b>EVANGELISM:</b>	Sample Directory passed around.
<b>FELLOWSHIP:</b>	Next meeting 8/16 at 7PM
<b>FINANCE &amp; STEWARDSHIP:</b>	No Report; No Meeting; Only need \$5,000.00 to pay off the parking lot. Discussed Further in New Business.
<b>PROPERTY:</b>	S&G Asphalt will begin the parking lot repair on Monday 8/9. A Fall church cleaning day, for the interior, will be held Saturday September 11 <sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. The sanctuary ceiling and the wall renovation contractor had not returned calls or text messages. If they do not within a week, Jeff will contact another contractor. Tommy will be going out for surgery mid-August, we will need assistance with Sexton duties in September and for the foreseeable future. The hot dog roller cooker will be permanently repaired. West End will be contacted regarding the bathtub leak at the rental unit to establish our liability for Tommy's ceiling.
<b>SCHOLARSHIP:</b>	N/A
<b>SOCIAL MEDIA:</b>	New sound system is in use. ESG will put the finishing touches on with some fine tuning; OBS to be used starting Rally Sunday; Old sound system still in working condition. Talks about moving it to the social hall to using in an emergency situations.
<b>SOCIAL MINISTRY:</b>	N/A
<b>WORSHIP AND MUSIC:</b>	Lectors have been missing their spots in the rotation. Bill will be calling volunteers for reminder. Choir to start back up on 9/12. Ruthann will contact people to see if we have enough for choir.
<b>PICNIC:</b>	76 adults; 11 Children; \$513.00 in donations/tickets.
<b>NOMINATING:</b>	N/A
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</b>	LBW Labels – Pastor Tim to follow up with Staples Recycle bins in the Narthex
<b>NEW BUSINESS:</b>	\$5K needed to pay off Lot; Greg Miller made a motion to borrow moneys from the Cooling Fund; Ondie to write but a brief description for this month's newsletter; 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Ken Napoli; all Ayes; Motion approved. Open Church Services as usual on Rally Sunday; Motion made by Jeremy Snyder; 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Ondie Neifert. 13 Aye; 1 Nay; Motion approved. Sexton Duties- Tom to have surgery on 8/17/21 Decided to take Directory off the website, unless we can figure out how to "lock" it from everyone expect church members.
<b>FOR THE GOOD OF ST. JOHN'S</b>	

<b>Motion for Adjournment</b>	<b>Motion Made By:</b>	<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	<b>Meeting End Time:</b>
	<b>Beth Napoli</b>	<b>Ondie Neifert</b>	<b>8:23 PM</b>

Meeting ended with Council praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

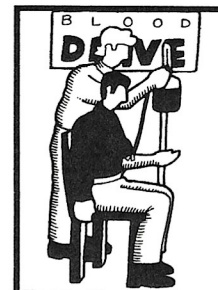
*Jeremy Snyder*

Council Secretary

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# Upcoming Blood Drive...

St John's will hold its annual blood drive on Saturday November 27, 2021 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 be offered snacks and drinks for the observation period.

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](mailto:teschner32@gmail.com) (a good way for college students to set up that appointment for when they're home for their Thanksgiving break!)

## 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](https://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 YOUTH GROUP

## What We've Done...

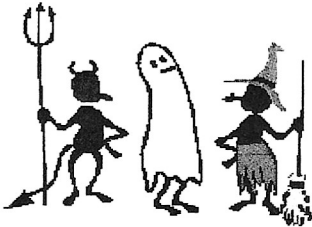
### GEARING UP FOR A GREAT YEAR!!!

A small group of us met at church on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> to talk about the Coplay Halloween Parade (see below). Then we drove to Rolling Hills (in Schnecksville) for miniature golf, giving thanks for a beautiful afternoon. Finally, we enjoyed supper at the Schnecksville Diner.

## Next Up...

Tuesday,  
October 19<sup>th</sup>

meet at church  
at 6:00 PM



(Participants will enjoy hot dogs  
and soda at the Saengerbund  
pavilion at the end of the  
parade route.)

## COPLAY HALLOWEEN PARADE

*Help us represent St. John's to our community!*

**"A New Beginning"**

*Meet at church at 6 PM;  
walk to parade site for parade by 7 PM*

*We are encouraging everyone to come dressed as one of the animals on  
Noah's Ark! We are hoping to spark your creativity!*

*Or wear any costume you want, or no costume at all.*

*The important thing is to come  
and help us share the Good News of Jesus!*

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

## Still To Come...

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...

- ...to Gail Yudt and the Christian Education Committee for redecorating the social hall for this Fall's "New Beginning!"
- ...to Betty Mac Adam for donating two new roasters for our kitchen.
- ...to Louise Hash and the Evangelism Committee for St. John's new directory, especially Brittany Yenser for the Excel production, and Joe Danner for getting it password-protected on our church website.
- ...to Sandy Tapler and all of the volunteers at this year's Coplay Community Days stand.
- ...to all who have made special offerings to our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) World Hunger Appeal by using your "little World Hunger envelope."
- ...to Joe Danner and all our representatives on Church Council for their ongoing leadership and dedication.
- ...to Tom Gartner, Jody Seiler, and all the volunteers who cleaned and set up the church for Rally Sunday.
- ...to Ruthann and the Senior Choir as they debut another year of special music.
- ...to our Sunday School teachers and staff for a fun welcome back party on Rally Sunday!
- ...to Karen Haines and the Fellowship Committee for the Hot Dog Social on Rally Sunday, as we welcomed everyone back for fall activities and installed our Sunday School teachers and staff.
- ...to all who made food and monetary donations on Harvest Home Sunday, to be donated to Coplay Food Bank.
- ...to Sandy Tapler, Sue Rape, and all our Daybreak volunteers for helping feed those with special needs.
- ...to Jeff Reinhard and the Property Committee for keeping up with all the repairs and improvements needed on the church properties.
- ...to Fellowship and all helpers for the Roast Beef Dinner, and to all who placed orders and/or made donations for the Renovation Fund.
- ...to Nadine Shull and helpers for recent church closet reorganizing efforts.
- ...to Joe Danner and Social Media for keeping our Ralph Seaton Memorial Carillon's chimes seasonal.
- ...to Pastor Tim for hosting the pastors of our Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District on September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- ...to all members and friends worshiping with us in person and on Facebook, and for your ongoing offerings, including our newly paid-off parking lot!

# ST. JOHN'S STAND AT COPLAY COMMUNITY DAYS

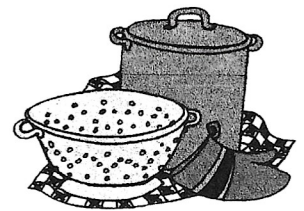
## AUGUST 27 to 29, 2021

Another great year of celebrating at Coplay Community Days is now in the record books. After having COVID-19 squash so many plans in 2020, it was great to have days of glorious sunshine, various musical offerings, friendly crowds, and enticing food stands.



St. John's actually began preparations on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> when our inimitable Karl Korsak spent the morning slicing cabbage. Karen Haines, our queen of the kitchen, directed the volunteers on the 26<sup>th</sup>, as they sliced, diced, boiled, fried and mixed 250 pounds of cabbage, sixty boxes of bowtie noodles, thirty pounds of onions, and twenty pounds of butter. Special thanks to Barb Rice, friend of St. John's, for donating the butter. A HUGE thank-you to all our volunteers, whether you came

for an hour or the entire day – Nadine Shull, Barbara Rice, Karen Haines, Gail Yudt, Susie Rape, Donna Kassab, Susan Grol, Charmaine Teschner, Ondie Neifert, Pat Schadt, Rochelle Swoyer, Chris Dech, Antoinette Sehar, Lois Brink, Sandra Las, and Sandy Tapler. Of course, a special shout out to Tommy Gartner, our chief clean-up guy. We are also grateful to Rollie Yudt for his excellence in slicing onions.



We began at 9:00 AM in the church kitchen, and by 2:30 all that yummy cabbage & noodles were packed in 36-gallon plastic bags, and 20 2-gallon containers. An extra thank-you to Susan Grol for donating the 2-gallon containers. Thanks also to Susie Rape for supplying the pizza for the work crew!

The stand would not be possible without the "grunt work" of getting it physically set up, and taking it all down again. Much gratitude to Karl Korsak, Tommy Gartner, Joe Danner, Bryton Danner, Bill Gilfert, and Gail Yudt.



Our stand opened 6:00 Friday evening and closed 10:00 Sunday night. Our offerings included cabbage & noodles, pork barbecue, ice cream, hot dogs, coke products, water, and the BEST New England clam chowder in Pennsylvania, supplied by Bill Loy at Samuel Owens. The entire congregation of St. John's deserves accolades for volunteering time, talent, and treasure for this massive undertaking. In whatever way you helped – donating products to sell, working at church or at the stand, coming by to support the stand – thank you.



To everyone who took a turn serving at the stand – GREAT JOB! And that means you, Gail Yudt, Nadine Shull, Sue Rape, Bill Gilfert, Pastor Tim Boyer, Cathy Boyer, Penny Lahue, Karen Haines, Greg and Lisa Miller, Ruth Ann Parker, Lois Drendall, Jane Correll, Cindy and Frank Zwetolitz, Gayle and Michael Ganser, Kathleen and Lance Sandner, Ondie Neifert, Jocelyn Werkheiser, Mackenzie Culver, Tom Tapler, Barbara Rice, Antoinette and Ed Sehar, Chris Dech, Bill and Cyndi Leiner, Joe Danner, Charmaine and Ricky Teschner, Loretta and Susan Strisofsky, Randi Stewart, Gretchen Fritchey, Karl Korsak, Rochelle Swoyer, and Pat Schadt. You are all outstanding 😊

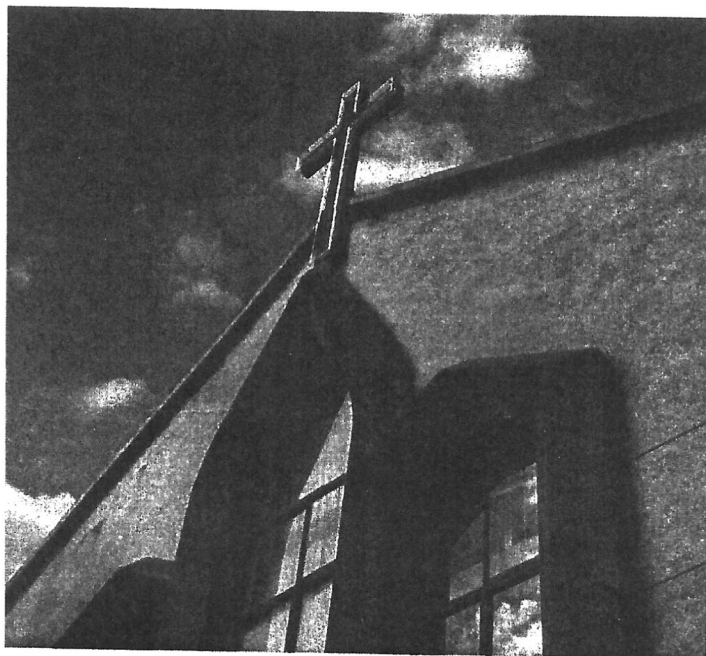


~ Sandy Tapler, Co-ordinator





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The Reverend Timothy D. Boyer  
St John Lutheran Church Coplay  
18 S. Third Street  
Coplay, PA 18037-1302

Dear Rev. Boyer,

During uncertain times, churches are often a source of strength. Worship and fellowship provide comfort and help carry us through difficult times.

I want to thank St John Lutheran Church Coplay for being a witness to the love of Christ, bringing light to your community during the dark days of the pandemic. I also want to thank you for your past support.

As we give thanks, I want to share with you what Lutheran Congregational Services has been up to this past year.

We have long stood with the most vulnerable in our communities. At Lutheran Disaster Response – Eastern PA (LDR-EPa) a program of Lutheran Congregational Services, we have been as busy as ever.

We continue to help our neighbors in Eastwick, Philadelphia, a neighborhood that sits at the bottom of two large creeks and experiences repeated flash flooding. More than 60 families were affected by floods in 2020, leaving them without working refrigerators, hot water heaters, washers, and dryers. Additionally, many of the residents impacted were elderly, have medical conditions, or significant exacerbating circumstances due to the pandemic.

With the support of donations, LDR-EPa reached out a helping hand to ensure our neighbors stayed warm and comfortable in the cold months of winter. As I write this letter, our case manager continues to guide residents through the complicated process of obtaining resources through home heating and repair programs. These efforts are partially funded thanks to a grant from the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response program.

Of course this past summer brought its own stormy weather, wreaking havoc across eastern Pennsylvania. Lutheran Disaster Response is actively engaged in helping homeowners and renters in Bucks and Philadelphia counties affected by flooding. While our assessments are ongoing, we estimate that at least 50 families will need long-term support on the road to recovery.

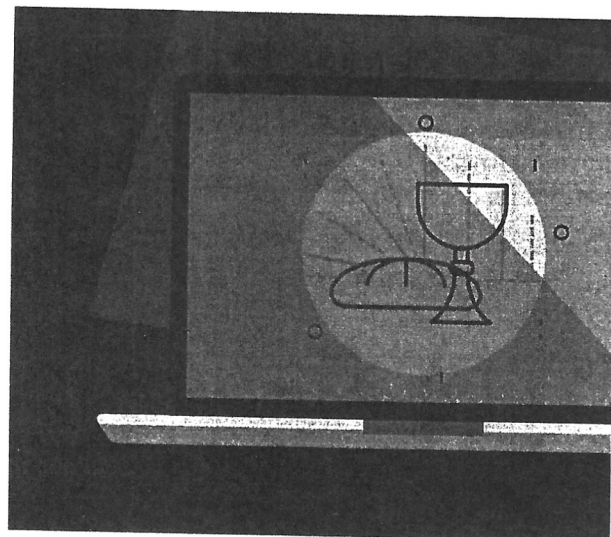
Additionally, throughout this past year, Lutheran Congregational Services was able to re-imagine the delivery of programs that support those who are grieving. While the pandemic may have limited our abilities to gather in-person, LCS harnessed our creativity and began to host our grief support groups virtually, thanks to our professional Grief Counselor, Sylvia Havlish.

Sylvia helps those grieving to heal and find hope again. With each session, she provides a safe space where individuals can explore their feelings of loss while learning the many stages of grief and how to navigate them. With over 40 years of experience, Sylvia knows that individuals who are grieving need a strong support system around them. She continues to provide this support with her virtual group meetings.

Your generosity has also helped us rejuvenate our Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training program as we transition and keep up with virtual times. Throughout the pandemic, we were able to find creative ways of ministering to people who are homebound.

As we are filled with the hope and love of Christ, your support brings comfort to many and shines a light over dark days. We are grateful to so many congregations, as they give us strength and inspire us to walk with our neighbors in need.

I invite your congregation to prayerfully consider supporting Lutheran Congregational Services in your 2022 budget. If your congregation has an endowment fund, you may want to direct a portion of the interest earned. Alternatively, your congregation may want to designate a special offering to Lutheran Congregational Services.



Thank you for your continued support,

*Julia Menzo*

Julia Menzo  
Director of Community Outreach

***"And let us consider how we may spur  
one another on toward love and good deeds,"  
Hebrews 10:24***

*Thank you*  
*for your gift of \$125.00 on 7.15.21*

Your gift helps strengthen relationships and build capacity to serve the most vulnerable in our midst. Together we build the resiliency of the Gospel so that our congregations proclaim clearly that God is always bringing forth renewal and hope.

Gratefully Yours,

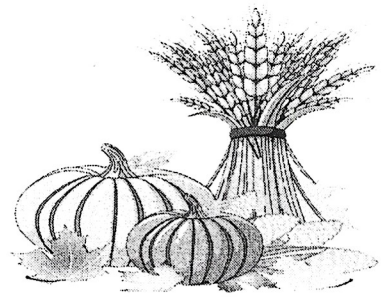
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Julia Menzo, Director of Community Outreach

*Please note that Lutheran Congregational Services will mail you a receipt in January of your total gifts for the year.*



# A LITTLE R & R (Reminders & Recipes)



## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup>!

Please have all articles for the November newsletter in the Newsletter "mailbox" outside the church office by Sunday, October 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 Joe Danner (484-788-9792) for prayer. This will also ensure that we know and can visit you.

## Potato Pancakes

3 cups finely shredded peeled potatoes, well drained	½ to 1 tsp. salt
2 eggs, well beaten	½ tsp. grated onion
1 ½ Tbsp. flour	Oil (for greasing the pan)
1/8 tsp. baking powder	Applesauce, maple syrup, or sour cream (optional)

In a mixing bowl, gently combine potatoes and eggs.

In a separate bowl, combine dry ingredients and onion. Stir into potato mixture.

Drop by tablespoonfuls onto a preheated greased skillet. Brown lightly on both sides.

Serve with applesauce, syrup, or sour cream as desired.

*Yield: 12 (2-inch) pancakes.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

to Everyone Celebrating  
their Birthday in

## OCTOBER!

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



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## OCTOBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### OCTOBER 3

Acolyte – Emily Grol  
 Lector – Jeff Reinhard  
 Ushers – Louise Hash\*, Beth Napoli and  
 Ken Napoli

### OCTOBER 10

Acolyte – Gabriel Gower  
 Lector – Cindy Zwetolitz  
 Ushers – Louise Hash\*, Beth Napoli and  
 Ken Napoli

### OCTOBER 17

Acolyte – Danica Weidner  
 Lector – Vickie McKee  
 Ushers – Louise Hash\*, Beth Napoli and  
 Ken Napoli

### OCTOBER 24

Acolyte – Mackenzie Culver  
 Lector – Frank Zwetolitz  
 Ushers – Louise Hash\*, Beth Napoli and  
 Ken Napoli

### OCTOBER 31

Acolyte – Eli Tomecek  
 Lector – Cathy Boyer  
 Ushers – Louise Hash\*, Beth Napoli and  
 Ken Napoli



## NOVEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### NOVEMBER 7

Acolyte – Jocelyn Werkheiser  
 Lector – Katie Peters  
 Ushers – Joe Danner\*, Brittany Yenser

### NOVEMBER 14

Acolyte – Kiersten Haskey  
 Lector – Charlene Piskula  
 Ushers – Joe Danner\*, Brittany Yenser






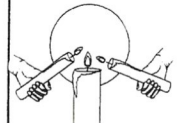
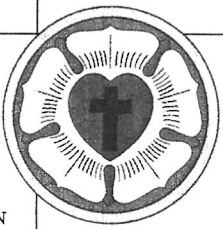

### NOVEMBER 21

Acolyte – Brandon Hood  
 Lector – Sandy Tapler  
 Ushers – Joe Danner\*, Brittany Yenser

### NOVEMBER 28

Acolyte – Eli Tomecek  
 Lector – Penny Lahue  
 Ushers – Joe Danner\*, Brittany Yenser

# Calendar for October 2021

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>March with us</b> <b>in the</b> <b>Coplay Halloween Parade</b>  <b>Tuesday,</b> <b>October 19<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>CALL AHEAD TO</b> <b>PRE-ORDER YOUR SHEPHERD'S</b> <b>PIE BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>!!</b> 		1	2 
<b>3 World Communion Sunday</b> 9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:00 AM: Young at Heart 10:30 AM: PENTECOST XIX HOLY COMMUNION: World Communion Emphasis 1:30 PM: PEW COMMUNION 2:00 PM: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS	<b>4</b> 6:30 PM: Evangelism Committee 7:00 PM: Social Media Committee 7:30 PM: Property Committee	<b>5</b> 4:15 PM: First Year Confirmation Class 6:00 PM: Finance and Stewardship Committee 7:00 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 4:30 PM: First Communion Class	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 4 – 5:30 PM: <b>SHEPHERD'S PIE</b> "Pick-Up" DINNER
<b>10 PENTECOST XX</b> 9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:00 AM: Young at Heart 10:30 AM: PENTECOST XX WORSHIP SERVICE 11:30 AM: Coplay Cemetery Committee 6:30 PM: St. John's Bible Study	<b>11</b> 7:00 PM: Church Council ( <i>photo after meeting!</i> )	<b>12</b> 4:15 PM: First Year Confirmation Class 7:00 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 4:30 PM: First Communion Class	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17 PENTECOST XXI</b> 9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:00 AM: Young at Heart 10:30 AM: PENTECOST XXI WORSHIP 	<b>18</b> 5:00 PM: Fellowship Committee ( <i>note earlier meeting time</i> )	<b>19</b> *No Confirmation Classes* 6:00 PM: Meet at church to... 7:00 PM: ...march in the <b>COPLAY HALLOWEEN PARADE</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal 	<b>21</b> 4:30 PM: First Communion Class 7:00 PM: Huffort/Ceci Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 2:30 PM: Meet at church for <b>DAYBREAK!</b> 5:00 PM: Marriage of Adam Huffort and Lauren Ceci	<b>23</b> 
<b>24 PENTECOST XXII</b> 9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:00 AM: Young at Heart 10:30 AM: PENTECOST XXII WORSHIP 6:30 PM: St. John's Bible Study	<b>25</b> 7:00 PM: Christian Education Committee	<b>26</b> 4:15 PM: First Year Confirmation Class 7:00 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class	<b>27</b> 7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 4:30 PM: First Communion Class	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31 Reformation Sunday</b> 9:00 AM: Sunday School HALLOWEEN PARTY 9:00 AM: Young at Heart 10:30 AM: REFORMATION SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION: First Communion emphasis 11:30 AM: FIRST COMMUNION RECEPTION	 <div>  <b>Happy Halloween</b> </div> <div> <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>  <b>Halloween Party</b>  <b>October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM</b> </div>					