

# News from the Pews

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## A Word From The Pastor...

Dear Friends in Christ,

It's hard to believe that the summer months are upon us. I want to take a moment to thank all the faithful servants who helped to make this program year a success. St. John's would not be the congregation that it is without you.

I encourage all of you to find a way to relax and recharge. Fall will be here before you know it. Your Council and Call Committee are working diligently as St. John's begins the process of calling its next pastor. Pray for them and pray that God's will be done through their work.

This past week, we began watching episodes of *The Chosen*. It was a small group of us. We would love to have you join us for fellowship and conversation. These watch parties happen the third Monday of every month from 7:00 p.m. till about 8:30.

God's Blessing,



Pastor Tim

## St. John's Lutheran Church

Coplay, Pennsylvania

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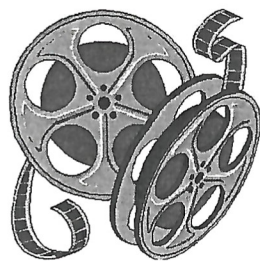
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# Watch Party

WE ENJOYED WATCHING the first episode of the Gospel-based series The Chosen at our first Watch Party in June, and we're looking forward to viewing more episodes every third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to St. John's social hall, on Monday nights, July 21<sup>st</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup> for more episodes of *The Chosen*. Join the fellowship and be inspired!



## St. John's Watch Party

### ***THE CHOSEN***

in the Social Hall on

Sunday night, July 21<sup>st</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup>

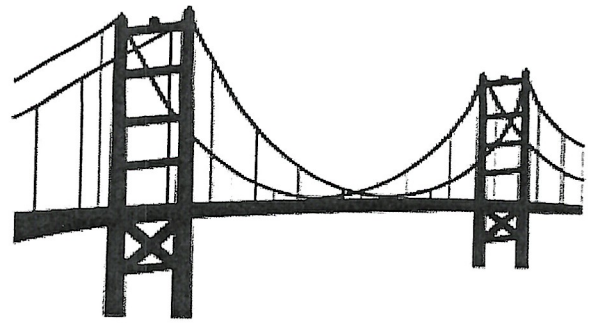
***ALL WELCOME!***



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



# Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School!



This year's theme:

## "Crossing the Bridge to Friendship!"

**Mark your calendars for the week of July 28<sup>th</sup>!**

*This year, St. John's Church has invited Grace United Church of Christ of Northampton to join our Vacation Bible School Program. Come learn about God's Word through stories and music. Play games and make crafts to remember the lessons. Eat snacks suggested by each story! Special thanks to our coordinator, Penny Lahue for planning the events for this year's program.*

***All children ages 4 through 14** are encouraged to join us for our 2025 Vacation Bible School during the week of **July 28<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>**, each weekday evening from 6:30 until 8:30 PM. Children younger than 4 are very welcome with their parent(s) in attendance.*

***We encourage you to register in advance**, so we may order enough classroom materials for everyone. If you are able to let us know, please call Superintendent Gail Yudt (610-262-8325), and tell us the student's name, age, and last completed grade in school. Registration can also be done on the first night of the school (July 28<sup>th</sup>).*

***The Closing Program** will be offered during worship at the Church Picnic on Sunday morning, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. We need all our young ones to help sing! And their families to cheer us on!*

***Look for more information about the school in your worship bulletins, but call Superintendent Gail right away!***

### ***DONATIONS REQUESTED!***

*Donations are requested to help defray the costs associated with our VBS. Your generosity allows us to offer Vacation Bible School for free for our members and friends. Your gifts will help pay for course materials, craft supplies, and snacks. Please call Gail Yudt (610-262-8325) or Kathleen Sandner (610-433-1476) if you are able to make a donation.*

***Thanks!***



## CORNHOLE ANYONE

The Picnic Committee has decided we will offer a cornhole tournament at this year's Church picnic slated for August 3rd at the Copley American Club Pavilion.

Teams of 2 adults will compete in a bracketed tournament with the winning teams advancing to a championship game, or maybe a championship 3 game set, depending on how many participating teams we have.

If you are interested in entering in this fun and competitive game, please contact Greg Miller at [millergrp@rcn.com](mailto:millergrp@rcn.com), or text at 610-393-9421, or drop me a note in my mailbox in the Social Hall at the Church. Sign-up sheets are in each narthex.

Depending on participation there will be prizes awarded and a Grand Prize for the final Championship Team.

If you have a Cornhole set that we can use, please let me know.

Greg Miller



# Annual Church Picnic — August 3<sup>rd</sup>

COPLAY AMERICAN CLUB!

It's almost here! All members and friends are invited to the **COPLAY AMERICAN CLUB PAVILION** for:

- ◆ 10:30 – 11 AM: registration and guessing games
- ◆ 11 AM: PENTECOST VIII worship service (including our VBS Closing Program) in the pavilion
- ◆ Noon – 12:15 PM: Welcome/Announcements
- ◆ 12:15 – 1 PM: a picnic luncheon including hot dogs, Turkey BBQ, hamburger BBQ, pierogies, iced tea, soda, and water. ***Please bring a favorite side dish and/or dessert to share!***
- ◆ 1 – 2:00 PM: Amazing Magi Magic Show & Balloon Show
- ◆ 2 – 3:30 PM: bingo, Cornhole tournament, desserts, music, dancing, social time, games, and cake walk
- ◆ 3:30 – 4 PM: Music, social time, clean up



- ◆ **Picnic luncheon tickets** are available in advance from Penny Lahue (484-357-0825), Joe Danner (484-788-9792), or Jeff Reinhard (484-201-8459)

\$10 for adults

\$5 for kids (VBS students will receive a free ticket)

***Please note:*** Tickets will be available at the door; however, we do ask that you try to get your ticket in advance. We want to be sure we order appropriately. Please call Penny at 484-357-0825 if you'd like a ticket put aside.

- ◆ **Please consider donating baked goods for the Cake Walk.**

- ◆ **Volunteers will be welcomed with open arms** for the following:

- **The day before the picnic (Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM):**

- Pack up everything at church that we'll need to take to the American Club pavilion and make Hamburger BBQ and Pierogies.

- **The morning of the picnic (Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8AM):**

- loading food and equipment at church
- transporting and setting up at the pavilion.

- **At the end of the picnic (4 PM):**

- "tearing down" and "packing up"
- Loading and transporting everything back to church
- unloading everything at the church.



Please call Joe Danner at 484-788-9792 to volunteer, for specific times to help, and for questions. *Thanks for helping!*

# Requests for our Picnic...

*Mark your calendars!*

## **St. John's Annual Congregational Picnic**

**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**at the Coplay American Club Pavilion**

10 AM — Registration

11 AM — Worship (including the VBS Closing Program)

after Worship — Lunch

after Lunch — Bingo, games, etc.

Tickets: \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids.  
The children attending VBS will get a free ticket.

The Picnic Committee will provide:

Turkey BBQ

Hot Dogs

Hamburger BBQ

Pierogies

Macaroni Salad

Potato Salad

Pasta Salad

Iced Tea

Soda

Water

## **\*\*\* CAN YOU PROVIDE ANY OF THESE? \*\*\***

Additional side dishes

Desserts

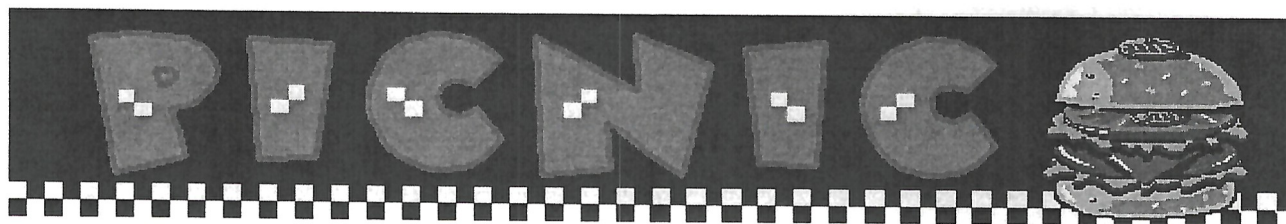
Baked goods for the Cake Walk.



**STILL NEEDED:**

**Please bring your favorites to share!**

Monetary donations in support of the meal will also be gladly accepted.





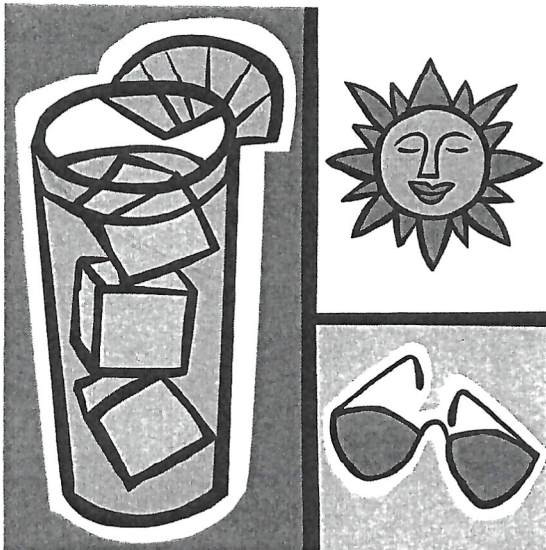
# *x* Scholarship Announcement *x*

The scholarship committee is pleased to announce the recipients of the Diefenderfer-Buchfeller Scholarship. Ava Gower and Gabe Gower will be presented their awards during our 9:15 AM church service on August 10th, 2025.

Please plan to attend to show support of these young individuals as they pursue their goals and continue their education.  
CONGRATULATIONS Ava and Gabe!

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## SUMMER SCHEDULE



Summer church service will be held every Sunday in the Social Hall at 9:15 AM. "Parking lot" worship service will be on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM only.

Sunday School is not meeting during the summer months, but will resume on September 7<sup>th</sup> with a rousing Rally Day celebration!

**See you in church!**

# CAN YOU HELP WITH...

## COPLAY COMMUNITY DAYS?

Coplay Community Days will be held August 22<sup>nd</sup> – August 24<sup>th</sup>. St. John's will again have a stand selling ice cream, hot dogs, pork BBQ, and the crowd favorites: cabbage and noodles and halupkies. We will also be selling Coke products (cans of Coke, diet Coke, Sprite and diet Sprite) and A Treat products.

We had a fantastic response last year to our plea for donations of soda, so we are once again asking the congregation to support us. If you don't want to shop, a donation to the church in an envelope marked soda donation is also appreciated.



As the time gets closer, we will need volunteers to work the stands, set up before the event begins and to take the stand down on Monday, and cleaners and dishwashers. We would love to get more people involved. Since 2015, St. Johns has been part of the festivities. It's a great way to show our community that we are here, we are involved, and we care about the town

Ondie Neifert,  
Greg Miller and Gayle Ganser  
Coplay Community Days coordinators

## Special Gifts for Mother's Day 2025

### Giving for General Fund:

#### In loving memory of:

Ellen Korsak by Sandy and Tom Tapler.  
Ellen Korsak by Gail and Rollie Yudt.  
Patricia LeCompte by Sandy and Tom Tapler.  
Patricia LeCompte by Gail and Rollie Yudt.  
Dorothy Neifert by her daughter, Ondie.  
Theresia Nickless by her daughter, Patricia Schadt.  
Jean L. Quevy by her daughter, Rochelle and Gary Swoyer.  
Suzanne Rape by Sandy and Tom Tapler.  
Susie Rape by Gail and Rollie Yudt.  
Inez Sehar by her son, Ed and Antoinette Sehar.  
Anne Senneca by her daughter, Antoinette and Ed Sehar.  
Anna Yudt by Gail and Rollie Yudt.



#### In honor of:

Gail Yudt by Sandy and Tom Tapler.

### Giving for Organ Fund:

#### In loving memory of:

All Mothers and Grandmothers by Darlene Wolf and Family.



# COPLAY COMMUNITY DAYS

The Coplay Community Days Committee is now in full swing preparing for the event which will be held Fri-Sun, August 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>. (Fri 5-10, Sat 12-10 and Sun 12-10)

St. John's will again be selling Pork BBQ, Cabbage & Noodles, Hot Dogs, Clam Chowder and ice cream as well as Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Diet Sprite and water.

We hope if you are available that weekend, you will be willing to take time to work a 3-hour shift in the stand. Along with servers, we need a grill person and runner each shift. First shift includes set up and last shift includes clean up. Able bodied people are needed to help set up the stand Thurs night and then tear it down Mon. If you know you want to volunteer, please let Ondie know. I will have the schedule out early August for signups but don't hesitate to let me know any time if you have a shift you'd like to take.

The cabbage & noodles and halupkies will again be made at the church. Watch for specifics as to date and time on the church's Facebook page and bulletin. Anyone willing to help chop cabbage, fry, boil noodles, etc. please come on out. Stay a little while or stay the whole time. Every little bit helps.

A special request of the congregation:

If you can donate a 12 pack or case of soda, it will be appreciated. Last year all the soda was donated! We were able to keep the cost minimal to our patrons. Note: only the Coke products listed above (cans). You can bring it to the church and put it in the nursery over the summer.

Community Days is a lot of work AND a lot of fun so if you've never volunteered, take a chance and take a shift (or 2, or 3) to help the church. You won't be sorry.

I want to thank you all in advance for your willingness to donate/volunteer in any small way to make this year's event successful. Any profits go to the church's scholarship and general funds.

Ondie Neifert – 610-216-9216 or [oneifert@rcn.com](mailto:oneifert@rcn.com)

Greg Miller - 610-393-9421 or [millerp@rcn.com](mailto:millerp@rcn.com)

Gayle Ganser – 484-695-3696 or [pochron5@aol.com](mailto:pochron5@aol.com)

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| St. John's Lutheran Church, Coplay, PA<br>Monday April 14 ,2025  |
| MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor <del>Garman</del> <sup>Garman</sup> , Ondie Neifert, Gayle Ganser, Bill <del>Gilbert</del> <sup>Gilbert</sup> , Roni Dech, Greg Miller, Beth Napoli, Renee Coyle, Jeff Reinhard, Kathleen Sandner, Louise Hash, Nancy Recker, Ken Napoli |
| Members Excused: Joe Danner and Jeremy Snyder  |

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| Announcements and Communications   |
| 1. Sewer Project continues.  |
| 2. West End will take rent for the amount of sewer repairs, so rent the church receives will be limited in the short term. |

The monthly meeting was held on Monday April 14 , 2025. President Greg Miller called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Pastor Tim Garman led the council in opening prayer.

After minutes from the March 10, 2025, meeting was read, Jeff moved to approve the minutes. Ken. seconded. All ayes, minutes approved.

|                                  | Motion to Accept<br>Report Made By   | Motion Seconded By   | Report<br>Read—Motion<br>Carried—Yes/No  |
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| PASTOR'S REPORT:                 | Louise   | Roni   | ( All Yes)   |
| Summary from<br>Pastor's Report: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastor has vacation 4/22-4/28</li> <li>Continues visitations.</li> <li>Michael' confirmation is 6/8.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lenten Soup Bread and Disc. was successful, Considering some sort of watch party, working on day and time.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Office is running more smoothly. It is imperative to work/plan ahead.</li> <li>Bulletins are working well.</li> </ul> |



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| Financial Secretary's Report: | Jeff | Beth | ( All Yes) |
| Treasurer's Report:           | Jeff | Bill | (All Yes)  |

| COMMITTEE REPORTS      |   |
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| Christian Education:   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Patrick's went well.</li> <li>• Egg Hunt and Party 4/19.</li> <li>• VBS to be discussed at next mtg.</li> </ul>  |
| Evangelism:            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Louise will begin calling members who have not been attending service now that a list is compiled.</li> <li>• Louise and Cindy Z will attend Eucharist Certification class on 5/17.</li> </ul>   |
| Fellowship:            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicken Leg Dinner-5/17</li> </ul>   |
| Finance & Stewardship: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Meeting</li> </ul>  |
| Property:              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sewer line repair began 4/14</li> <li>• Apt. drain line repair began 4/10</li> <li>• Beautification Day is 4/26@10.</li> </ul>   |
| Scholarship:           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information is in Newsletter and Bulletins.</li> <li>• No applicants yet.</li> </ul>   |
| Social Media:          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website is updated.</li> <li>• Facebook Live is going well.</li> <li>• Carillon will be updated by Joe as it is just playing general songs.</li> <li>• Sound system is working well; getting another microphone/headset so we have a spare.</li> </ul> |

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| Social Ministry:       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter gifts were prepared for shut ins.</li> <li>• Delivery was spread between committee members.</li> <li>• List of Shut ins was provided.</li> <li>• Eucharist Certification class was discussed.</li> </ul>  |
| Worship and Music:     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion about Council covering Pastor on 4/26.</li> <li>• Discussion of changing Harvest Home due to Ruthann' absence.</li> <li>• Current bulletins will be used during outside summer worship, but response spoken, not sung and hymns will be 1st and last verse.</li> <li>• Friendship Sunday was well attended.</li> <li>• Wanted to shorten the prayer list, possibly using only first names.</li> </ul> |
| Picnic:                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Menu was discussed.</li> <li>• Members will still be asked to bring dessert or side and cake walk items.</li> <li>• Cost: Adults:\$10, Children \$5- VBS participants free.</li> <li>• Events :BINGO, Corn Hole, Magician,Guessing games</li> </ul>  |
| Nominating:            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No notes</li> </ul>  |
| Coplay Community Days: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Mtg.</li> <li>• Will ask if they can contribute to Sewer costs.</li> <li>• We will be making Halupkies .</li> <li>• Will suggest a Face Painter/balloon clown.</li> </ul>   |
| Transition:            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call committee has been formed: Eli Tomasek Pam Bradley , Karen Haines, Karen Snyder, Dave Spieker, Joe Danner, Sam B.</li> <li>• Mtg will be held to discuss duties..</li> </ul>  |
| Unfinished Business:   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More discussion needed on a survey about distribution of the newsletter.</li> </ul>  |
| New Business:          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coverage of Pastor's vacation Sunday 4/26 Opening /Liturgy- Nancy<br/>Lector-Bill<br/>Sermon-Greg<br/>Children's Sermon-Michael</li> </ul>   |



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|                            | After the Sermon- Renee  |
| For the Good of St. John's | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protocol for medical emergencies to be reviewed with ushers.</li> <li>• Consider getting AED.</li> <li>• Presented Pastor with "review of Pastor Duties" since we are nearing a year. Discussed Pastor's comfort level and reminded him to consult the council with concerns.- Here to help.</li> </ul> |

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| Motion for Adjournment | Motion Made By: | Motion Seconded By: | Meeting End Time: |
|                        | Nancy           | Beth                | 8:44pm            |

Meeting ended with Council praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gayle Ganser, Council Secretary

Facebook: St.John'sLutheranCoplay

### Special Gifts for Father's Day 2025

#### Giving for General Fund: In loving memory of:

All Fathers and Grandfathers by Darlene Wolf and Family.  
 Karl D. Korsak I by Sandy and Tom Tapler.  
 Karl Korsak by Gail and Rollie Yudt.  
 Irvin L. Neifert by his daughter, Ondie.  
 John P. Quevy Sr. by his daughter, Rochelle and Gary Swoyer.  
 Cary Schadt by his children, Craig and Coleen.  
 John Sehar by his son, Ed and Antoinette Sehar.  
 Sam Senneca by his daughter, Antoinette and Ed Sehar.  
 Matthew Yudt by Mom and Dad.  
 Roland Yudt, Sr. by Gail and Roland Yudt.

#### In honor of:

Karl Korsak II by Sandy and Tom Tapler.



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| <p align="center"><b>St. John's Lutheran Church, Coplay, PA</b><br/> <b>Monday May 12 ,2025</b></p>  |
| <p><b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b> Pastor Garman, Ondie Neifert, Joe Danner, Gayle Ganser, Bill Gilfert, Greg Miller, Beth Napoli, Renee Coyle, Jeff Reinhard, Kathleen Sandner, Louise Hash, Nancy Recker</p> |
| <p><b>Members Excused:</b> Roni Dech, Jeremy Synder, Ken Napoli</p>  |

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| <p align="center"><b>Announcements and Communications</b><br/> <b>NONE</b></p> |
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The monthly meeting was held on Monday May 12, 2025. President Greg Miller called the meeting to order at   7:01PM  .

Pastor Tim Garman led the council in opening prayer.

After minutes from the April 14, 2025, meeting was read and corrections were made, Nancy moved to approve the minutes. Bill seconded. All ayes, minutes approved.

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting was read. Beth moved to approve the minutes, Jeff seconded. All ayes, minutes approved.

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|                                  | Motion to Accept<br>Report Made By  | Motion Seconded By  | Report<br>Read—Motion<br>Carried—Yes/No  |
| PASTOR'S REPORT:                 | Jeff  | Beth  | (Yes/No) YES   |
| Summary from<br>Pastor's Report: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuing attempts to connect with the members( lunches, office hours)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Watch party for The Chosen is being established</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bulletin seems to be going well.</li> </ul> |
| Financial Secretary's            | Louise  | Bill  | (Yes/No) YES   |



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| Report:             |      |      |              |
| Treasurer's Report: | Jeff | Bill | (Yes/No) YES |

| COMMITTEE REPORTS      |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Christian Education:   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friendship Sunday was well attended, Grace UCC joined us.</li> <li>• Egg Hunt and party had 14 children attending.</li> <li>• June 1st is Appreciation Breakfast and the end of Sunday School for the year.</li> <li>• Vacation Bible School theme- Bridge to Friendship.</li> </ul> |
| Evangelism:            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed update the directory (not at this time)</li> <li>• No new members, no change to the rolls.</li> </ul>  |
| Fellowship:            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report, Sandwich pick up meal will be 6/14/25.</li> </ul>   |
| Finance & Stewardship: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Report</li> </ul>   |
| Property:              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comm. recommends using Lowery for sewer repair.</li> <li>• AC Units installed 5/10.</li> <li>• Other tasks as weather permits</li> <li>• Looking into Port-a Potty options if needed.</li> </ul>   |
| Scholarship:           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No applications as of yet.</li> </ul>  |
| Social Media:          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website updated</li> </ul>   |
| Social Ministry:       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting</li> </ul>  |
| Worship and Music:     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The fill-in organist was excellent.</li> <li>• Discussed outside services, the sound system will be ready.</li> <li>• Music will need to be recorded.</li> </ul>   |
| Picnic:                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food will be purchased at Restaurant Depot (Thrivent Card?)</li> </ul>   |

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|                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We will check with Grace UCC about attendance at the picnic.</li> <li>● Joe will make a flyer to advertise Magic Show.</li> <li>● Ruthann will call BINGO- would like help getting prizes. Decisions on amounts of food still to be made.</li> </ul>  |
| Nominating:                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No report</li> </ul>  |
| Coplay Community Days:     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Finalize menu for 5/19 mtg.</li> <li>● Decide on the number of T-Shirts to order.</li> <li>● Bands are the same.</li> <li>● Comm. will decide on our request for funds.</li> <li>● Volunteers needed for set up, cooking, selling, running, and tear down.</li> </ul>   |
| Transition:                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● First meeting 5/21.</li> </ul>  |
| Unfinished Business:       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Watch Party</u> Where: Social Hall<br/>When: 3rd Monday of month, 7pm, starting 6/16<br/>What: <u>The Chosen</u>,<br/>BYOS or to share.</li> <li>● No newsletter survey at this time.</li> </ul>   |
| New Business:              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Voted to approve hosting a WCHI dinner, free to the public on 11/18. Food provided, just volunteers and desserts needed. More discussion as it approaches. Ondie moved, Jeff seconded, All Ayes.</li> <li>● Addition to Pastor's report: Completing continuing ed. Classes may not be available immediately during those times.</li> <li>● Topic of possible Fundraising ideas, ideas from the congregation are welcome.</li> </ul> |
| For the Good of St. John's | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ushers should review proper procedures for ushering.</li> <li>● Robe and cake for confirmation to be figured out.</li> <li>● Incident reports should be done by ushers after church if an unexpected</li> </ul>   |



# A LITTLE R & R (Reminders & Recipes)



## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

**DEADLINE: AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>!**

Please have all articles for the September/October newsletter in the Newsletter "mailbox" outside the church office by Friday, August 20<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 Garman (484-794-0418) or Council President Greg Miller (610-393-9421) for prayer. This will also ensure that we know and can visit you.

## NEVER FAIL CARAMEL PUDDING

1 ½ cup brown sugar  
¾ cup water  
4 tbsp. butter  
½ tsp. salt  
½ tsp. baking soda

6 cups milk  
3 eggs, beaten  
¾ cup flour  
1 tbsp. vanilla

1. Combine brown sugar, water, butter and salt. Boil for 2 minutes. Add baking soda. Bring to a boil.

2. Mix milk, eggs, flour and vanilla. Add to cooked mixture. Cool until thick.

Note: can use a double boiler, put kettle with about ½ water, then set stainless dish on top and put pudding in there; cook until thick, water will boil in kettle making pudding hot, it will not stick and get burned. Pour into blender to make smooth.

Enjoy!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**  
**to Everyone Celebrating**  
**their Birthday in**  
**JULY and AUGUST!**



**Special Happy Birthday to:** Ron Hacker on July 9<sup>th</sup>, Toni Rothdeutsch on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Debbie Rutz on July 24<sup>th</sup> and Barry Yenser on August 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Ron resides:  
Cedarbrook Nursing Home,  
B3-308A  
350 S Cedarbrook Road,  
Allentown, PA 18104

Toni resides:  
Renaissance Home,  
Room 107B  
1001 Washington Ave  
Northampton, PA 18067

Debbie resides:  
1080 Catherine Drive,  
Coplay, PA 18037

Barry resides:  
3435 W. Columbia Street  
Whitehall, PA 18052

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

## JULY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### JULY 6

Lector – Jeff Reinhard  
 Ushers – Jeff Reinhard\*, Ondie Neifert and  
 Joe Danner  
 Communion Assistant – Penny Lahue

### JULY 13

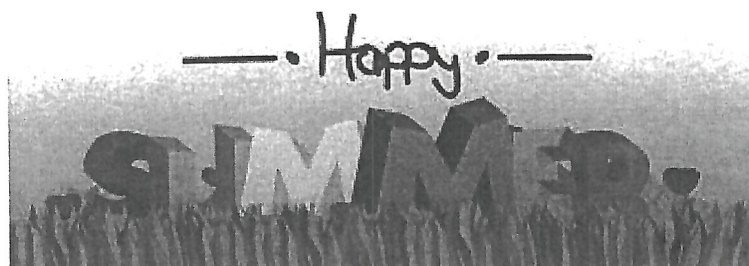
Lector – Gayle Ganser  
 Ushers – Jeff Reinhard\*, Ondie Neifert and  
 Joe Danner

### JULY 20

Lector – Gail Yudt  
 Ushers – Jeff Reinhard\*, Ondie Neifert and  
 Joe Danner

### JULY 27

Lector – Bill Gilfert  
 Ushers – Jeff Reinhard\*, Ondie Neifert and  
 Joe Danner



## AUGUST VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### AUGUST 3

Lector – Cindy Zwetolitz  
 Ushers – Penny Lahue\*, Antoinette Sehar  
 and Ed Sehar  
 Communion Assistant – Ondie Neifert

### AUGUST 10

Lector – Renee Coyle  
 Ushers – Penny Lahue\*, Antoinette Sehar  
 and Ed Sehar  
 Communion Assistant – Louise Hash

### AUGUST 17

Lector – Sheila Yudt-Gower  
 Ushers – Penny Lahue\*, Antoinette Sehar  
 and Ed Sehar

### AUGUST 24

Lector – Suzette Terfinko  
 Ushers – Penny Lahue\*, Antoinette Sehar  
 and Ed Sehar

### AUGUST 31

Lector – to be announced  
 Ushers – Penny Lahue\*, Antoinette Sehar  
 and Ed Sehar



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|  | incident occurs during the service. |
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| Motion for Adjournment | Motion Made By: | Motion Seconded By: | Meeting End Time: |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
|                        | Louise          | Ondie               | 8:48pm            |

Meeting ended with Council praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gayle Ganser, Council Secretary

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

|                                   |                                |  |                                      |
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## Updated Member Information

| MEMBER INFORMATION |  |
|--------------------|--|
| FIRST NAME         |  |
| NICKNAME           |  |
| MIDDLE NAME        |  |
| LAST NAME( S)      |  |
| TITLE              |  |
| SUFFIX             |  |

| WHAT CHANGED?         |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| HOUSEHOLD NAMES       |  |
| ADDRESS               |  |
| HOME PHONE            |  |
| CELL PHONE            |  |
| EMAIL ADDRESS         |  |
| PASSED AWAY:<br>DATE: |  |

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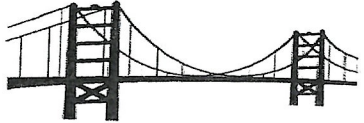
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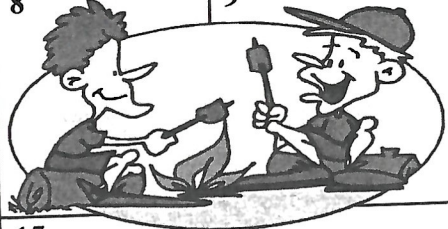




## Summer Church Service in Social Hall at 9:15 AM

| SUN   | MON  | TUES                                      | WED   | THURS   | FRI   | SAT   |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| <p><b>Get ready for VBS!</b> (Help make backgrounds and decorations for the Social Hall)<br/>           Please help us prepare for another fun-filled week learning about Jesus!<br/> <i>Check your worship bulletins or contact Gail Yudt (484-788-9791)<br/>           to confirm dates and times of "Prep" nights.</i></p>  |  |   |   |   |  |   |
|   |  | <b>1</b><br>6:30 PM:<br>VBS Preparations  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br> | <b>4</b><br>Happy<br>Independence<br>Day<br>Celebrating the U.S.A.!                 | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>6</b><br>9:15 AM: <b>Holy Communion</b><br>PENTECOST IV HOLY COMMUNION   | <b>7</b><br>6:00 PM:<br>Picnic Committee                   | <b>8</b><br>6:30 PM:<br>VBS Preparations  | <b>9</b><br> | <b>10</b><br>6:30 PM:<br>VBS Preparations   | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b>   |
| <b>13</b><br>9:15 AM: <b>Pentecost V</b><br>PENTECOST V WORSHIP SERVICE<br>Parking Lot Worship  | <b>14</b><br>(No<br>Church Council meeting<br>in July)     | <b>15</b><br>6:30 PM:<br>VBS Preparations | <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b><br>6:30 PM:<br>VBS Preparations   | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b><br> |
| <b>20</b><br>9:15 AM: <b>Pentecost VI</b><br>PENTECOST VI WORSHIP SERVICE   | <b>21</b><br>7:00 PM:<br>WATCH PARTY:<br><i>The Chosen</i> | <b>22</b><br>6:30 PM:<br>VBS Preparations | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b><br>7:00 PM:<br>Coplay Garden Club   | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b>   |
| <b>27</b><br>11:00 AM: <b>Pentecost VII</b><br>PENTECOST VII WORSHIP SERVICE  | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>                                 | <b>30</b>   | <b>31</b>   | <b>1</b>  |   |
| <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b><br/> <b><i>Crossing the Bridge to Friendship!</i></b><br/>           Monday – Friday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM</p>  </div>  |  |   |   |   |   |   |

# Calendar for August 2025

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

Summer Church Service in Social Hall at 9:15 AM

| SUN   | MON  | TUES  | WED | THURS   | FRI  | SAT   |
|---|--|---|-----|---|--|---|
| <b>VBS Closing Program</b><br>during worship at the picnic  |  | <b>Sunday, August 3rd</b><br>at 11 AM<br> |     |   | 1  | 2<br>★VOLUNTEERS<br>HELP WITH<br>CONGREGATIONAL<br>PICNIC SET-UP★                           |
| <b>3 VBS CLOSING PROGRAM</b><br>11:00 AM: PENTECOST VIII WORSHIP SERVICE<br>AT COPLAY AMERICAN CLUB<br>12 – 4 PM: SUMMER PICNIC!<br>  | <b>4</b><br>6:30 PM:<br>Evangelism Committee<br>7:00 PM:<br>Social Media Committee<br>7:30 PM:<br>Property Committee | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8<br> | 9   |
| <b>10 Holy Communion</b><br><b>Scholarship Sunday</b><br>9:15 AM: PENTECOST IX HOLY COMMUNION:<br>Presentation of Scholarships<br>10:15 AM: Council Picnic Meeting  | 11   | 12  | 13  | 14<br> | 15   | 16  |
| <b>17 Pentecost X</b><br>9:15 AM: PENTECOST X WORSHIP SERVICE<br>10:15 AM: Worship and Music  | <b>18</b><br>7:00 PM:<br>WATCH PARTY:<br><i>The Chosen</i>   | 19<br>                                    | 20  | 21  | 22   | 23<br>★ Coplay Community Days ★<br>(Visit our stand!)                                       |
| <b>24 Pentecost XI</b><br>9:15 AM: PENTECOST XI WORSHIP SERVICE<br>★ Coplay Community Days★<br>(Visit our stand!)   | 25   | 26<br>                                   | 27  | 28  | 29   | 30<br> |
| <b>31 Pentecost XII</b><br>9:15 AM: PENTECOST XII WORSHIP SERVICE   | <b>Rally Sunday is coming on September 7<sup>th</sup>!</b><br>Get ready to join the fun!!!                           |   |     |   |  |   |