News from the Pews

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PRESS FROM THE PREZ

It's hard to believe here we are coming up on the holidays and the end of 2026. This is a busy time of year for our church family. The community Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. John's this year on Sunday evening November 22nd at 7:00 PM. Pastor Bola from the Redeemed Christian Church will lead the service, along with Monsignor David James and Pastor Carey Miller. Please plan to attend if you can.

Also occurring in November is the Whitehall Coplay Hunger Initiative dinner at St. John's. We held this dinner last year and it was a rousing success. We served around 100 meals last year. We are looking for volunteers to provide baked desserts, help set up the social hall, serve the meals and clean up. Please let Gayle Ganser or any Council member know if you are interested in any or all of the volunteers' needs for this special meal for our community. This is an annual event St. John's will provide every November moving forward. This event is scheduled for Tuesday November 17th, with set up of the Social Hall starting at 3:00 PM, the meal will be served from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. November also brings the annual Thanksgiving filling sale. The filling sale will be November 20th and 21st . Tray sizes, order and pickup times, and pricing will be announced soon.

December brings the decorating of the Chancel for the Christmas season and the Sunday School program. See the dates for these events later in the Newsletter. There will be only one Christmas Eve candlelight service this year. The service will be held at 6:00 PM Thursday December 24th. The annual congregational meeting part I will be held immediately after service December 13th.

The final results for St. John's stand at this year's Coplay Community Days festival are in. After expenses and the required contribution to the Community Days committee, net proceeds totaled $5,916.00, slightly below 2025. Committee meetings for the 2027 festival begin in January. New committee leadership may bring fresh ideas and promotional efforts. Please share your suggestions for improving the festival with me, Gayle Ganser, Ondie Neifert, or Nadine Shull.

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Thank you all who participated in the baked potatoes dinner on October 24th. This was the first sit down in person dinner since 2020. Council has discussed holding at least one, maybe two in-person dinners a year. Watch for more details on the Facebook page, website and in the bulletin.

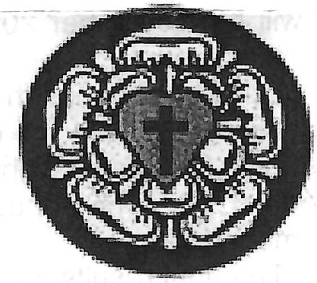
We have nine volunteers (disciples) and a narrator for the Holy Thursday Night Last Supper Tableau during Holy Week in 2027. This has not been performed since 2022 or 2023 and would be nice to have it as an annual event. We need a few more participants. Most are non-speaking parts so no worries if you can't speak in front of crowds

Jane Gillespie resigned as church secretary effective October 29, 2026. Thank you, Janie, for 28 years of dedication and service to St. John's. You will surely be missed!

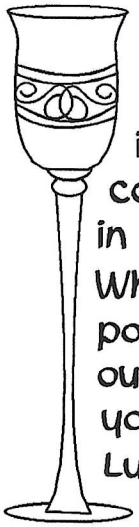
This is my last Press from the Prez. My term as Church Council President is up at the end of December, an officer can only serve two consecutive years in the same position, according to our bylaws and constitution. While these past two year were not as turbulent as the COVID years, I was Council President, there have been challenges. And as we have always done, YOUR St. John's has come through and WE are still here. Not all congregations have endured; ours has, thanks to all of you.

Respectfully,
Greg
Greg Miller
Church Council President

"A Mighty Fortress is our God..."



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



Congratulations and blessings to our First Communicants!

AVA ROSEMARIE GRIFFITH
daughter of Mr. Harry Griffith,
Ms. Anna McKinney and Mr. Jed McKinney

LARA NICOLE WILLIAMS
daughter of Mr. Harrison Williams
and Ms. Grace Bunduka

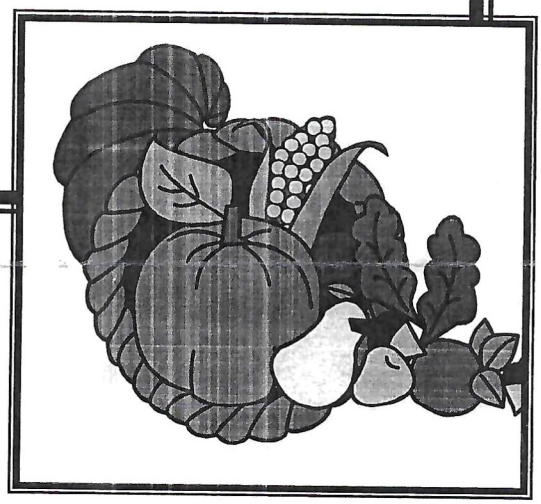
60th Annual Coplay Community Thanksgiving Service

This year will be the 60th 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 St. Peter Roman Catholic Church and the Redeemed Christian Church of God, on Sunday, November 22nd, at 7:00 PM.

Our Thanksgiving Worship will celebrate God's blessings through his Word, special music, and more. Flowers will be provided by the Coplay Garden Club and a free-will offering will be received for Coplay Recreation and Welfare.

We are invited to share time in fellowship again this year after the service. ***Bakers: please call Karen Haines at 610-653-2816 if you can provide a dessert. Thank you!***

Come, and give thanks!





Don't forget...

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

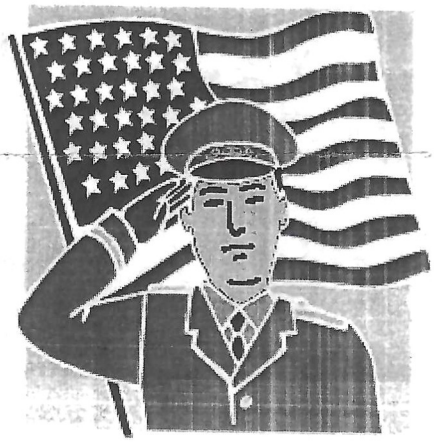
Turn your clocks BACK one hour on Saturday night, October 31st!

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. They are:

David J. Resh
Louisa M. Oswald
Frank J. Zwetolitz
Deborah A. Rutz
Gary M. Pontician
Patricia A. Worman
William H. Miller

Please join us as we celebrate God's gift of eternal life to our departed loved ones.



VETERANS DAY

On Tuesday, November 11th, we will honor those members of our congregation who have served or are serving the cause of freedom in the armed forces of the United States of America.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



Special Thanks

...to Veronica Dech for her service on Church Council. Our ministry here at St. John's has been immeasurably strengthened by your leadership and service. Thanks again!



Help us spread holiday joy to those in need



We will be participating again this year in the CHRISTMAS SHARING program at the Lutheran Home at Topton. This program benefits the residents who otherwise may not receive Christmas gifts this year. A list of needed items was provided by the Lutheran Home. We have selected a few items from the list that we would like to provide. The list of items will be posted on the boards of both Narthexes. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. "Thank You" in advance. Donations will be accepted starting October 4th through November 8th. Please place donations in designated boxes which will be located in both Narthexes. There will be 3 labeled boxes at each Narthex. Deadline for donations are November 8th. New, unwrapped items can only be accepted. Please call Louise Hash at 484-294-6456 or Cindy Zwetolitz at 610-442-6403 for more information. Thank You!

Items for Men

Flannel Shirts – Medium to 3XL

Pajamas – Large to 3XL

Items for Women

Elastic Waist Slacks – Medium to 3XL

Pajama Sets – Medium to 3XL

General Gifts for Anyone

Perfume, Cologne, Body Sprays, Body Wash,
Aftershave Lotion and Blankets

Gift Wrapping Supplies – (may have these items at home) gift boxes, gift bags, wrapping paper and scotch tape

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE!



Special Christmas opportunity is our Angel Tree. Coordinator Cindy Zwetolitz (610-261-9052) will have our Angel Tree ready on Sunday November 1st! Please see Cindy downstairs, before or after church if you are interested in sponsoring a gift. Every year your generous giving brings Christmas joy to dozens of those less fortunate. Deadline for all gifts will be Sunday, December 6th. Many thanks for your generosity!

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



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

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

The cost is $30 per vase.

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

~ Antoinette Sehar
610-390-6821

SUNDAY BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS

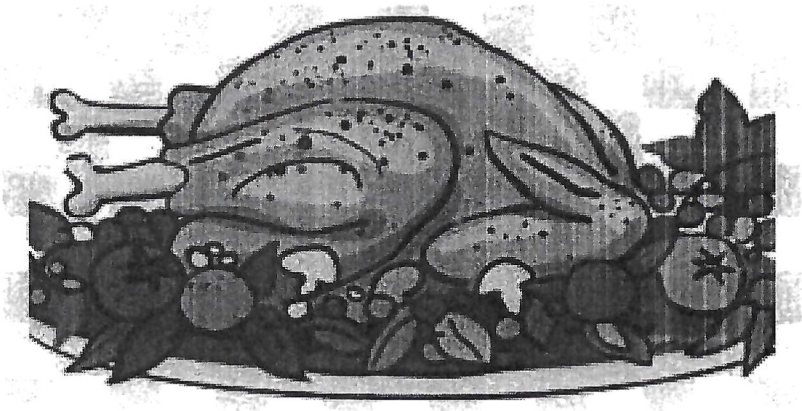
If you have had a "standing" request for bulletin sponsorship(s) in the past, or would like to sponsor a bulletin for a particular Sunday, please call me to confirm your special dates on the 2025 schedule.

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

~ Antoinette Sehar
610-390-6821

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

- **www.stjohnscoplay.com**
- **Facebook: St.John'sLutheranCoplay**
- **WFMZ-TV (only when conditions are extreme)**



THANKSGIVING FILLING SALE

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
18 S. 3RD ST, COPLAY

Make your Thanksgiving Day preparations easier with a pan of St. John's delicious potato filling!

2 lb pan	$9.00
13 x 9 inch pan	$25.00

PRE-ORDERS ONLY
Call Karen Haines
610-653-2816
By FRIDAY November 13th
Tell her your phone number too!

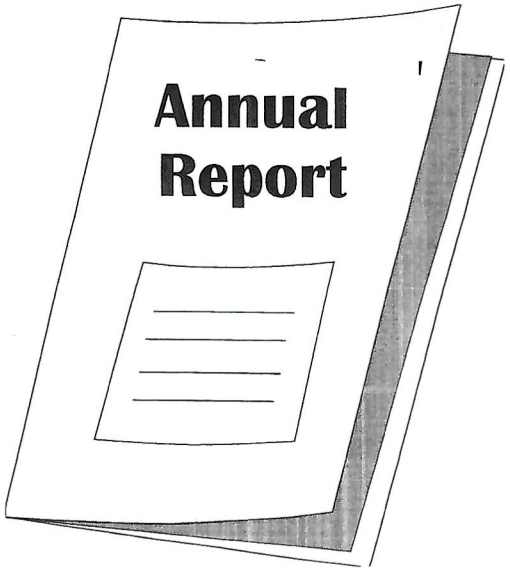
PICK UP AT THE CHURCH:
Friday, November 20th from 12:30-3
Saturday, November 21st from 9-11:30
NOTE: **NO PERSONAL CHECKS**
CASH ONLY

YOUR HELP WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED:

Friday, November 20th, 8:00 AM—help assemble the filling orders in the social hall

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED 2027 BUDGET AVAILABLE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th

ELECTIONS AND 2027 BUDGET CONSIDERATION
AT
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – PART ONE,
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th,
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP!



Calling all Staff, Chairpersons, Group Leaders, etc.!

Please complete and submit your Annual Report as soon as possible after the first of the year. They need to be compiled before the Annual Congregational Meeting – Part Two. Help us know and celebrate all you've done!

COPIES OF THE 2026 ANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE MID-JANUARY

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2026 AND ANY ADDITIONAL CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS
AT
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – PART TWO

Facebook: St.John'sLutheranCoplay

IMPORTANT—PLEASE POST!

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH and SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Sunday, November 29th

9:00 AM Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal
10:30 AM ADVENT I WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, December 6th



9:00 AM Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal
10:30 AM ADVENT II HOLY COMMUNION
(copies of proposed 2027 Budget available)

11:30 AM Christmas Decorating of the Sanctuary
Hot Dog Social

Sunday, December 13th

9:00 AM Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal
10:30 AM ADVENT III WORSHIP SERVICE:
Annual Congregational Meeting – Part One

☆☆☆ DEADLINE for sponsoring Christmas Eve Poinsettias
(call Antoinette Sehar at 610-390-6821)

☆☆☆ DEADLINE for sponsoring Christmas Memorials/Honoraria
(call Ondie Neifert at 610-216-9216)

Sunday, December 20th

9:00 AM Christmas Program Final Preparations and Gathering
10:30 AM ADVENT IV WORSHIP SERVICE:
SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
"The Christmas Story"

2:00 PM Caroling to our shut-ins;

Thursday, December 24th
(CHRISTMAS EVE!)

6:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Holy Communion Service

Friday, December 25th

Merry Christmas!!!



Sunday, December 27th

*** *No Sunday School* ***
10:30 AM CHRISTMAS I WORSHIP SERVICE:
Celebrating Jesus' Birth;
Christmas Carol Sing ***(bring your choices)***

Sunday, January 3rd

9:00 AM Sunday School resumes
10:30 AM CHRISTMAS II HOLY COMMUNION

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL/HONORARIUM OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to poinsettias, the members of St. John's may remember and/or honor loved ones this Christmas Season with contributions to the following special funds:

Building Improvement Fund

Church Cooling Fund

Memorial Fund

Organ Fund

General Account

We are always grateful for the donations we receive for our special funds at any time of the year. *If you wish to have your gift included in the Christmas Eve worship bulletin, please be sure to give your contribution and your completed form to Ondie Neifert by* ***SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th.***

Many thanks for your Special Funds donations.

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM FORM
CHRISTMAS 2026

Enclosed $ _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

BY: _____

ENVELOPE #: _____ PHONE: _____

_____ BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND

_____ CHURCH COOLING FUND

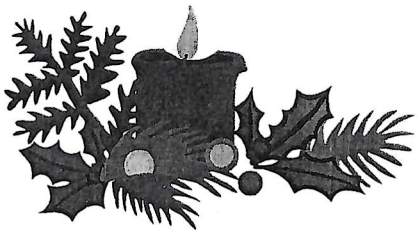
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FORMS ARE BEING TAKEN BY ONDIE NEIFERT

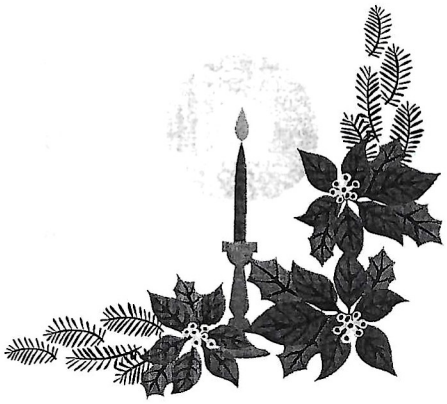
Note: Memorials received by December 13th will be listed in the Christmas Eve Worship Bulletin.



The Hanging of the Greens...

Beautiful Christmas decorations don't just happen! We need lots of helping hands to prepare our sanctuary for all the Christmas festivities.

Join us on **Sunday, December 6th** immediately following worship, for the decoration of the church for Christmas! Help adorn the tree, set up the end-of-pew candlesticks, hang the wreaths, and set out the creche.



...and the Unhanging of the Greens

We'll be taking down all our festive decorations on **Sunday, January 10th,** after church.

We need just as many helpers to take down and put away the decorations as we do to put them up.

Please help if you can!



SPECIAL NOTE: *With a good turnout, both decorating and undecorating can be done very quickly, with a joyous time had by all. Please plan to help on both dates. Bring your favorite Christmas music to "listen while we work!"* <u>*Thanks!*</u>

Christmas is coming!

It is time to start thinking about ordering Poinsettias! The plants will be ordered from Hometown Floral and will cost $17 per plant.

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

If you would like to place an order please contact Antoinette Sehar at 610-390-6821 (or for any questions), fill out the form below, and include payment with your order.

ORDER FORM FOR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



I wish to order Poinsettias to decorate the church on Christmas.
Please order _____ poinsettias for me at $17 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 (610-390-6821).

Sunday School Christmas Program 2026:

"The Christmas Story"

This year's Sunday School Christmas program will use the colors of the rainbow to tell the Christmas Story.



Please join us for the Sunday School's Christmas program on Sunday, December 20th, during the 10:30 AM worship service.

Sing Christmas Carols to our shut-ins!

St. John's invites all members and friends to join the festivities when we go caroling to our shut-in members on Sunday afternoon, December 20th.



We will leave the church for caroling at 2:00 PM. We'll visit as many of our shut-ins as we can. Afterward, we'll return to church for hot chocolate and lots of cookies!

So join us for this most wonderful annual tradition — it means so much to share Christmas with those who cannot come to church services anymore. See you then!

Christmas Eve Worship Change

This year, St. John's is celebrating worship service at 6 PM on Christmas Eve. As always, the 6:00 PM service will include Holy Communion and our favorite Christmas Carols, as well as our traditional candle lighting.

The Christmas Eve worship will be on Facebook live for viewing at 6 PM or any time after that.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

CHRISTMAS FAMILY YOUTH EVENT

Youth Christmas Party on December 12th at Grace UCC (902 Lincoln Ave. in Northampton) from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.



Christmas party includes:
games, crafts and snacks.

All ages welcome to join events. Children must have at least one parent or grandparent to attend the event.

Family Youth Group Advisers - Gary Trively, Gary Henry, Penny Lahue, Kelly Beck and Joe Danner. For more information, call Joe Danner at 484-788-9792.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Coplay, PA Monday, August 10th, 2026
MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Miller, Jeff Reinhard, Kathleen Sandner, Louise Hash, Sheila Yudt-Gower, Ondie Neifert, Joe Danner, Gayle Ganser, Danette Weidner, Pam Bradley, Renee Coyle
Members Excused: Nancy Recker, Jane Ann Spieker, Roni Dech Members Absent: Guest Present: Pastor Miller

Announcements and Communications
Calendars have been ordered for 2027.

The monthly meeting was held on 08/10/2026. President Greg Miller called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Pastor Miller led the council in opening prayer.

After minutes from the 06/08/2026 meeting were read, Joe moved to approve the minutes, Danette seconded. All ayes, minutes approved.

	Motion to Accept Report Made By	Motion Seconded By	Report Read—Motion Carried—Yes/No
PASTOR'S REPORT:	NA	----	----
Summary from Pastor's Report:	None	----	----
Financial Secretary's Report	Jeff	Kathleen	Yes
Treasurer's Report:	Joe	Jeff	Yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS	
Christian Education:	No report. VBS successful with 14-20 students per night. Hats off to Gail and Gary & Penny from Grace UCC. Halloween Parade 10/20.
Evangelism:	No report. Please contact Bill or Louise directly for prayers. Louise will contact Pastor Miller if hospital visits needed.
Fellowship:	No report. Prep for Community Days 12th, 19th and 27th. Next meal in September.
Finance & Stewardship:	No meeting. Meeting to be set for September.

Property:	Fall workday to be scheduled. Parsonage maintenance issues need attention. Lahues are donating freezer to church. New water heater has been installed in social hall.
Scholarship:	To be awarded 8/16 during service. Nancy Recker will be contacted for checks.
Social Media:	Joe will check Facebook to see if our sites/postings are public. Option to put bulletin on website. Need pdf from Janie. Website is up-to-date.
Social Ministry:	Shut-in communion to resume this week. 8 shut-ins. Louise is planning to video church at Christmas for them. Next meeting Sept or Oct.
Worship and Music:	No report. Cut down on # of bulletins. Hymns in very tiny print. Will adjust when we change to new computer program. No change to Harvest Home. Copyright on anthems? Paying for hymns but not anthems?
Picnic:	Increasing price for American Club, Ondie motioned to look for new venue, 2nd by Danette. But already reserved for 7/25/27. 100 people came this year, inc. Grace UCC.
Nominating:	Danette will stay. Pam will stay. Greg will stay. Roni was not at meeting.
Coplay Community Days:	Schedule is almost complete. Pastor Miller will lead prayer. We must provide hand washing station and change for cash. Next meeting on 8/17 @ 7pm in pavilion. Set up Thursday 8/27 @ 5pm.
Transition:	No new info. Joe to contact Synod and Pastor Drennen. Discuss finances & options with congregation at Rally Sunday Hot Dog Social.
Unfinished Business:	Pastor committed through July 2027, if needed.
New Business:	Tommy wants to continue as Sexton, need doctor's release. Finance & Property will create list of duties. Janie needs info on Rally Sunday/Social 9/13. Harvest Home 9/27. Halloween Parade theme = "Footprints in the Sand". Pastor will be off 10/18, Council will conduct service. Worship & Music to discuss Christmas service. Holy Thursday tableau presentation to be planned.
News from the Pews	Greg will continue "Press from the Prez" for newsletter.
For the Good of St. John's	Thanks to Greg for the pizza!

Motion for Adjournment	Motion Made By:	Motion Seconded By:	Meeting End Time:
	Joe	Sheila	8:51pm

The meeting ended with Council praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Co-Council Secretaries Kathleen and Gayle

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COPLAY, PENNSYLVANIA

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St. John's Bible Study



Every Tuesday night at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall with Pastor Miller.
Study the Book of Genesis!

ALL WELCOME!

Holiday Giving

Please use the enclosed envelope to contribute as generously as you can to the ELCA's World Hunger Appeal. No one makes our dollars go further than our larger Church's outreach both right here and abroad. Yes, there are many who face hunger and other needs at Christmas, and your generosity can make the difference. Thank you!

Take a Break!

After their Christmas Program on Sunday, December 20th, our Sunday School classes will take a break on Sunday, December 27th.

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, January 3rd with a special Christmas craft at 9 AM sharp!

St. John's Lutheran Church, Coplay, PA Monday, September 14th, 2026
MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Miller, Jeff Reinhard, Louise Hash, Sheila Yudt-Gowerr, Gayle Ganser, Danette Weidner, Pam Bradley, Renee Coyle, Nancy Recker, Jane Ann Spieker, Roni Dech, Greg Miller, Ondie Neifert
Members Excused: Kathleen Sandner, Joe Danner Members Absent:

Announcements and Communications
Calendars have been ordered for 2027.

The monthly meeting was held on 09/14/2026. President Greg Miller called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Pastor Miller led the council in opening prayer.

After minutes from the 08/10/2026 meeting were read, Ondie moved to approve the minutes, Roni
seconded. All ayes, minutes approved.

	Motion to Accept Report Made By	Motion Seconded By	Report Read—Motion Carried—Yes/No
PASTOR'S REPORT:	NA	----	----
Summary from Pastor's Report:	None	----	----
Financial Secretary's Report	(Decline in offerings partly due to Pastor Boyer's rent incl. in past offerings).Louise	Sheila	Yes
Treasurer's Report:	Jeff	Louise	Yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS	
Christian Education:	8-10 kids at Rally Day. Consider using Adult classroom for Sunday School.
Evangelism:	Oct or Nov possible baptism. Louise working to update directory, won't update roles until new pastor.
Fellowship:	Volunteers needed 9/26 to prepare pork & sauerkraut. Many thanks to helpers who prepared Community Days food. October 24th potato bar approved by council to be held inside.

Finance & Stewardship:	No meeting. Will meet in October to start budget.
Property:	Jodie done, Tommy full-time Sexton again. Property insurance signed. Will address smoke detectors and other issues prior to inspection 9/12. Kitchen suppression system passed inspection, fire extinguisher to be inspected within month. Still getting 3rd St door quotes. Tenants leaving end of November. Quotes coming in for ½ bath addition. Old adult classroom furniture donated.
Scholarship:	None
Social Media:	No report
Social Ministry:	Communion for 10 shut-ins week of 9/21. Deciding on Xmas gifts. Boxes to be in narthexes for Topton Home donations.
Worship and Music:	Pastor Miller will get info on paying copyright fees per year for using music and broadcasting services Permissions are varied. Recommend Christmas Eve service be at 6pm. Community Thanksgiving 11/22 at St. John's this year.
Picnic:	Meetings will start in March 2027.
Nominating:	Roni will not continue after her term is up, so one 3 year term will be open.
Coplay Community Days:	Bill Loy will stay on as Chairman with Lisa Miller as Co-Chair. Greg will be Treasurer. This year's profit for our church = $5916. Plans to be discussed for improvement.
Transition:	St. John's profile now on synod website. Part-time Pastor realistic goal. Greg will try to talk with other congregations who need pastors.
Unfinished Business:	Plan for Pastor's weekend off, 10/18, Nancy, Greg and Renee will do service. Volunteers needed for Easter Tableau, narrator and 7 roles filled. Write down expectations.
New Business:	Garden club has 1 meeting per month and uses closet storage. Greg plans to speak with them. Holy Communion class has 2 students. 1 student is in 2nd Year Confirmation.
News from the Pews	November and December will be done by Greg.
For the Good of St. John's	Nothing this month.

Motion for Adjournment	Motion Made By:	Motion Seconded By:	Meeting End Time:
	Nancy	Danette	8:25pm

The meeting ended with Council praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Co-Council Secretaries Kathleen and Gayle

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

NOVEMBER 1 – ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Acolyte – Lara Williams
Lector – Bill Gilfert
Ushers – Antoinette Sehar*, Eli Tomecek and Ed Sehar
Communion Assistant – Karen Haines

NOVEMBER 8

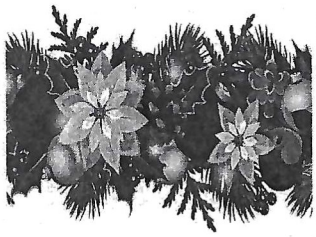
Acolyte – Michael Ganser
Lector – Cindy Zwetolitz
Ushers – Antoinette Sehar*, Eli Tomecek and Ed Sehar

NOVEMBER 15

Acolyte – to be announced
Lector – Renee Coyle
Ushers – Antoinette Sehar*, Eli Tomecek and Ed Sehar

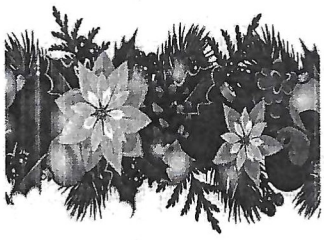
NOVEMBER 22 – CHRIST THE KING

Acolyte – to be announced
Lector – Sheila Yudt-Gower
Ushers – Antoinette Sehar*, Eli Tomecek and Ed Sehar
Communion Assistant – Joe Danner



NOVEMBER 29 – ADVENT I

Acolyte – to be announced
Lector – Eli Tomecek
Ushers – Antoinette Sehar*, Eli Tomecek and Ed Sehar



DECEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

DECEMBER 6 – ADVENT II

Acolyte – to be announced
Lector – Joe Danner
Ushers – Greg Miller*, Gayle Ganser and Karen Haines
Communion Assistant – Antoinette Sehar

DECEMBER 13 – ADVENT III

Acolyte – to be announced
Lector – Michael Ganser
Ushers – Greg Miller*, Gayle Ganser and Karen Haines

DECEMBER 20 – ADVENT IV

Acolyte – to be announced
Lector – Greg Miller
Ushers – Greg Miller*, Gayle Ganser and Karen Haines

DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

Acolyte – to be announced
Lector – to be announced
Ushers – Greg Miller*, Gayle Ganser and Karen Haines
Communion Assistant – to be announced

DECEMBER 27

Acolyte – to be announced
Lector – Sandy Tapler
Ushers – Greg Miller*, Gayle Ganser and Karen Haines

A LITTLE R & R
(Reminders & Recipes)



JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: DECEMBER 20TH!

Please have all articles for the January/February newsletter in the Newsletter "mailbox" outside the church office by Sunday, December 20th. 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 Carey Miller (610-704-4645) or Council President Greg Miller (610-393-9421) for prayer. This will also ensure that we know and can visit you.

RICOTTA CHEESE COOKIES	
1 pound ricotta cheese ½ pound butter, softened 2 cups suger 3 eggs	1 tbsp. vanilla 4 cups flour 1 tsp. salt 1 tsp. baking soda

1. Cream butter and sugar.
3. Add eggs, vanilla, flour, salt and baking soda and mix well.
4. Drop by teaspoon on ungreased cookie sheet.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-15 minutes.
   Enjoy!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

to Everyone Celebrating their Birthday in

NOVEMBER and DECEMBER



Special Happy Birthday to: Sandy Green on November 13th and Dick Groller on December 3rd!

Sandy resides at 137 South Second Street, Apt.3, Coplay 18037
Dick resides at 3308 N. Ruch Street, Whitehall 18052

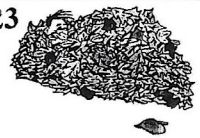
God Bless You and Your Special Day!!!

Calendar for November 2026

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



THANKSGIVING FILLING SALE
PICK-UP ON FRIDAY 20TH - 12:30 to 3 PM
PICK-UP ON SATURDAY, 21ST – 9:00 to 11:30 AM

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9:00 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: ALL SAINTS HOLY COMMUNION: Necrology remembrance of Loved Ones	**2** 6:30 PM: Evangelism Committee 7:00 PM: Social Media Committee 7:30 PM: Property Committee	**3 VOTE!** *7 AM – 8 PM: St. John's hosts Coplay 1st District Voters in Social Hall*	**4** 7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM: Worship and Music Committee	**5**	**6** 7:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class	**7**
8 VETERANS EMPHASIS 9:00 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: PENTECOST XXIV WORSHIP SERVICE	**9** 7:00 PM: Church Council	**10** 7:00 PM Bible Study	**11** 7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal	**12**	**13** 7:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class * Deadline for FILLING PRE-ORDERS *	**14**
15 PENTECOST XXV 9:00 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: PENTECOST XXV WORSHIP SERVICE	**16** 	**17** 7:00 PM Bible Study	**18** 7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal	**19**	**20** 8:00 AM Volunteers help assemble filling orders 12:30-3:00 PM FILLING PICK-UP 7:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class	**21** 8:00 AM: Volunteers help assemble filling orders 9 - 11:30 AM FILLING PICK-UP
22 Christ the King 9:00 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: CHRIST THE KING HOLY COMMUNION 7:00 PM: 60th ANNUAL COPLAY COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE and RECEPTION here at St. John's	**23** 	**24** 7:00 PM Bible Study	**25** *(No Senior Choir Rehearsal)*	**26** *Happy Thanksgiving* 	**27**	**28**
29 ADVENT I 9:00 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: ADVENT I WORHSIP SERVICE: Advent Prophecy and Wreath:	**30** 					

Coplay Community Thanksgiving Service
Here at St. John's
Sunday evening, November 22nd, 7 PM

Calendar for December 2026

Christmas Eve Candlelight Carols Holy Communion

Thursday, December 24 at 6:00 PM

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Sunday School Christmas Program *"The Christmas Story"* Sunday, December 20th during Morning Worship		**1** 7:00 PM: Bible Study	**2** 7:00 PM: ♫ Senior Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Worship and Music Committee	**3**	**4** 7:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class	**5**
6 **ADVENT II** 9:00 AM: Sunday School Christmas Program rehearsal 10:30 AM: ADVENT II HOLY COMMUNION: Advent Prophecy and Wreath 11:45 AM: Christmas Sanctuary Decorating Hot Dog Social	**7** 6:30 PM: Evangelism Committee 7:00 PM: Social Media Committee 7:30 PM: Property Committee	**8** 7:00 PM: Bible Study	**9** 7:00 PM: ♫ Senior Choir Rehearsal	**10**	**11** 7:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class	**12** 2:00 PM Christmas Family Youth Event at Grace UCC Church, Northampton
13 **ADVENT III** 9:00 AM: Sunday School Christmas Program rehearsal 10:30 AM: ADVENT III WORSHIP SERVICE: Advent Prophecy and Wreath 11:30 AM: Annual Congregational Meeting — Part One	**14** 7:00 PM: Church Council	**15** 7:00 PM: Bible Study	**16** 7:00 PM: ♫ Senior Choir Rehearsal	**17**	**18** 7:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class	**19**
20 **ADVENT IV** 9:00 AM: Sunday School Christmas Program rehearsal 10:30 AM: ADVENT IV WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: *"The Christmas Story"* 2:00 PM: Meet at church for CHRISTMAS CAROLING	**21**  JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING! Sunday, Dec. 20th 2:00 PM	**22** 	**23**	**24 Christmas Eve** 6:00 PM: CANDLELIGHT CAROLS HOLY COMMUNION	**25** 	**26**
27 **CHRISTMAS I** ✱ *No Sunday School* ✱ 10:30 AM: CHRISTMAS I WORSHIP SERVICE: CHRISTMAS CAROL SING (congregational selections)	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31** 	