

News from the Pews

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A Word From The Pastor...

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is hard to believe that I'm writing my November newsletter article already. It's getting cooler and the days are getting shorter. I love football on Sundays but I miss the sunny days of Summer baseball.

As I write this, Thanksgiving is approaching. I am looking forward to turkey legs and time with my family. I am newly grateful for Starbucks pumpkin muffins. I'm not sure where they have been all of my life. I'm also grateful for you the people of St John's and all of your love.

I encourage you to think of something new that you are grateful for each day between now and Thanksgiving. If you wish to text me or call me and tell me what you are grateful for, I would love to hear!

God's blessing,



Pastor Tim

St. John's Lutheran Church

Coplay, Pennsylvania

The Rev. Timothy R. Garman, Interim Pastor

Cell Phone 484-794-0418

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Christmas is coming!

It is time to start thinking about ordering Poinsettias! The plants will be ordered from Precious Petals and will cost \$15 per plant.

The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 15th, 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 22nd.

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 \$15 per plant.

Place in memory of: _____

Place in honor of: _____

Given By: _____

Name _____ Envelope # _____

Phone number _____ Total \$ enclosed: _____

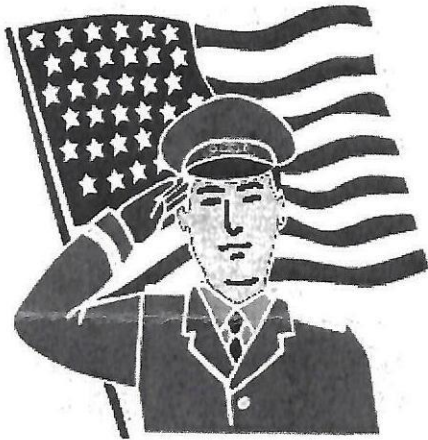
*Deadline for orders is December 15th. Orders must be paid for at the time of ordering.
Orders are being taken by Antoinette Sehar (610-390-6821).*

REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

On All Saints Sunday, November 3th, we will remember all members of St. John's who have passed away since last All Saints Sunday. They are:

Carol J. Arnold
Michele L. Haskey
Suzanne K. Rape

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



VETERANS DAY

On Sunday, 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!

Don't forget...

Daylight Saving ends at 2 AM on
Sunday morning, November 3rd.

Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour on
Saturday night, November 2nd!



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 15th**.*

Many thanks for your Special Funds donations.

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM FORM CHRISTMAS 2024

Enclosed \$ _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

BY: _____

ENVELOPE #: _____ PHONE: _____

_____ BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND

_____ CHURCH COOLING FUND

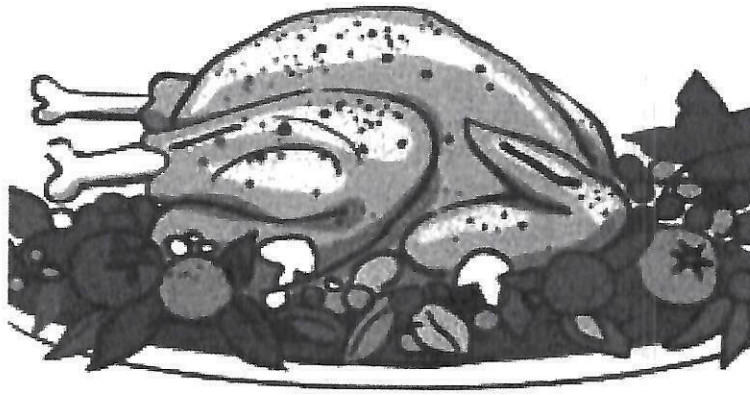
_____ MEMORIAL FUND

_____ ORGAN FUND

_____ GENERAL ACCOUNT

FORMS ARE BEING TAKEN BY ONDIE NEIFERT

*Note: Memorials received by December 15th
will be listed in the Christmas Eve Worship Bulletin.*



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

PICK UP AT THE CHURCH:

Friday, November 22nd from 12-2

Saturday, November 23rd from 9-11

PRE-ORDERS ONLY

Call Karen Haines

610-653-2816

By **FRIDAY November 15th**

Tell her your phone number too!

Help us spread holiday joy to those in need



We have a holiday tradition at The Lutheran Home at Topton called Christmas Sharing. We create a "store" in which the residents are treated to a holiday shopping experience. They shop for a gift for themselves which is lovingly wrapped and delivered to them Christmas morning by Santa and Mrs. Claus. There is no cost to the resident. Most of our residents would not receive a gift and experience the joy of the holiday season without this tradition.

The most popular items are listed below. ***New, unwrapped items can only be accepted.*** Please bring your donations to church and place them in the box by the entrance to the church. Deadline for donations are November 17th, call Cindy Zwetolitz at 610-261-9052 for more information. Thank You!

Items for Men

Flannel Shirts – Medium to 2XL
White Under Shirts – Medium to 2XL
Sweatshirts – Medium to XL
Sweatpants – Medium to XL
Pajamas – Small to XL
Hats
Watches

Items for Women

Pajama Sets – Small to 3XL
Slippers with soles and backs
Sweaters – Small to 3XL
Blouses – Small to 3XL
Pull on Jeans – Small to 3XL
Sweatpants – Small to 3XL
Purses
Dress Scarves
Jewelry

General Gifts for Anyone

Blankets
Wallets
Stuffed Animals
Home Décor (non-breakable)



**THE LUTHERAN
HOME AT TOPTON**
LUTHERAN SENIOR SERVICES



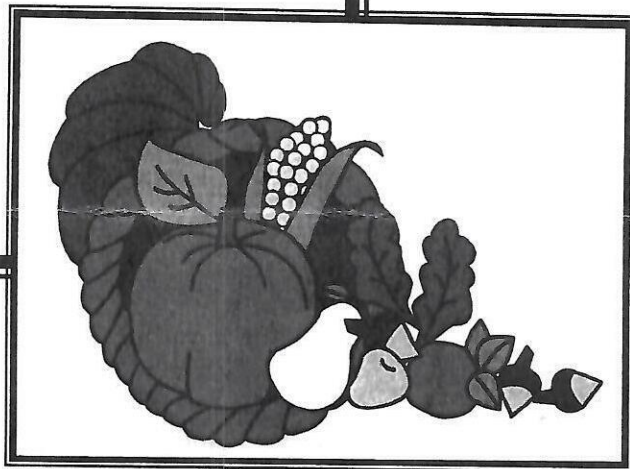
58th Annual Coplay Community Thanksgiving Service

This year will be the 58th year the churches of Coplay have united in thanksgiving to our gracious God. So don't miss this Thanksgiving when we all get together *at St. Peter Roman Catholic Church*, joined by our friends from that congregation and from the Redeemed Christian Church of God, on Sunday, November 24th, 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 the Coplay Public Library.

We are invited to share time in fellowship again this year after the service.

Come, and give thanks!



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St. John's Bible Study

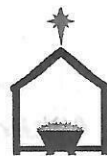
Anyone interested in attending Bible Study this fall, please let Pastor Tim know or call him at 484-794-0418. All are welcome!



Next Up...

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on Sunday,
December 22nd at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary.



**Sunday,
December 22nd**

**Meet at church
at 5:30 PM**

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Members and friends of all ages are invited to help us bring the true joy of Christmas to our shut-ins and friends who can no longer attend. Then, back to church for Christmas cookies and hot chocolate.
Join us!



*Thank
You*

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To the people of St. John's,

Thank you so much
for the food you collected
and donated during your
Harvest food drive.

We are beyond grateful
for all your help in serving
the Coplay residents in need.
Times continue to be difficult
for so many - thank you
again!

Jodi
COPLAY Food Pantry

CAN YOU HELP WITH GIFTS?

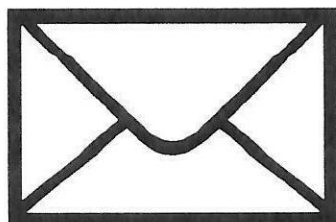
Christmas gifts for St. John's shut-ins, that is! These semi-annual visits with gifts (Easter is the other time) are an essential way we show our love to our members who can no longer attend worship.

Our Social Ministry Committee handles this ministry and we would love your ideas and help! So please let Louise Hash know if you would like to be a part of the Social Ministry Committee. If you would like to help but can't make the meeting (e.g., you work during the day), let Louise know at 484-294-6456.

Thank you in advance for helping with this Christmas ministry!

~ Louise Hash
Social Ministry Committee Chair

THANK YOU



for using your little
WORLD HUNGER ENVELOPE!

COPLAY HALLOWEEN PARADE

About fifteen of us of all ages represented St. John's to our community by marching in the Coplay Halloween Parade. We carried our "St. John's" banner and our horizontal banner that proclaimed "TAKE THE PLUNGE WITH JESUS"! A big "THANK YOU" to Cindy and Frank Zwetolitz, Gail Yudt, Gayle Ganser and Jane Correll who donated "tons" of candy which we had fun giving out along the way, to Joe Danner for his pickup truck and to Jeremy Snyder for his trailer. As always, the Coplay Saengerbund provided much-appreciated hot dogs, snacks, and beverages afterward.

*Thanks to all our marchers,
to all who cheered us on.*

What a great witness to our community!

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Food Bank

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

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

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

Although all food gifts are appreciated immensely, items that are considered extra-special include:

canned sweet potatoes
boxed or pouch potatoes
canned fruit
peanut butter
jelly
canned meats and entrees (like Spaghettios)

A LITTLE R & R

(Reminders & Recipes)



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 20TH!

Please have all articles for the December newsletter in the Newsletter "mailbox" outside the church office by Sunday, November 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 Garman (484-794-0418) or Council President Ken Napoli (484-225-2611) for prayer. This will also ensure that we know and can visit you.

APPLE CAKE

2 cups apples, peeled and chopped
1 cup sugar
1 ½ cups flour
1 tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt

1 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. nutmeg
½ tsp. allspice
½ cup butter
1 egg
½ cup nuts, chopped

1. Add sugar to apples, let sit for 10 minutes.
 2. Sift together the dry ingredients.
 3. Melt the butter and cool.
 4. Add the egg to the apple mixture.
 5. Combine wet and dry ingredients.
 6. Fold in the nuts.
- Pour into greased 8 in. square pan.
Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes.
Cool and sprinkle with powdered sugar.
Enjoy!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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



Special Happy Birthday to: Richard Frederick on November 10th,
Sandy Green on November 13th and Becky Spieker on November 30th!

Richard resides at:
3339 Barkley Circle
Whitehall 18052

Sandy resides at:
137 South Second Street, Apt.3
Coplay 18037

Becky resides at:
Above and Beyond Senior Living
1545 W. Greenleaf Street
Allentown 18102

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

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Facebook: St.John'sLutheranCoplay

Roller Skating at Edgement Skating Rink

**If you are 8 or older and would like to go,
please call Beth Napoli at 484-225-2634 or Joe Danner at 484-788-9792.**

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

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 3 – ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Acolyte – Eli Tomecek
 Lector – Penny Lahue
 Ushers – Bill Gilfert*, Roni Dech
 and Jim Dech
 Communion Assistant – Karen Haines

NOVEMBER 10

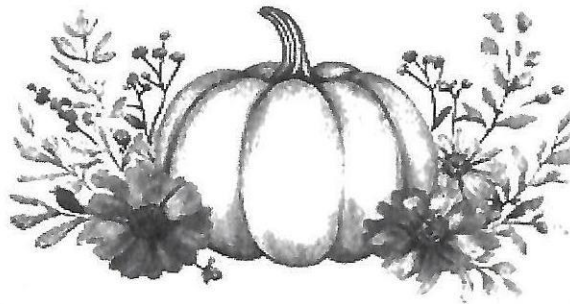
Acolyte – Lara Williams
 Lector – Jeff Reinhard
 Ushers – Bill Gilfert*, Roni Dech
 and Jim Dech

NOVEMBER 17

Acolyte – Michael Ganser
 Lector – Gayle Ganser
 Ushers – Bill Gilfert*, Roni Dech
 and Jim Dech

NOVEMBER 24 – CHRIST THE KING

Acolyte – Blake Terfinko
 Lector – Gail Yudt
 Ushers – Bill Gilfert*, Roni Dech
 and Jim Dech
 Communion Assistant – Antoinette Sehar



DECEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 1 – ADVENT I

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

DECEMBER 8

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

DECEMBER 15

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

DECEMBER 22

Acolyte – to be announced
 Lector – Sheila Yudt-Gower
 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 29

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

Calendar for November 2024



Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour
on **Saturday night, November 2nd!**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<div> <div>Coplay Community Thanksgiving Service</div> <div>at St. Peter Roman Catholic Church, Coplay</div> <div>Sunday evening, November 24th, 7 PM</div> </div>			7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal		1 4:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class	2 * Daylight Saving Time ends *
3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9:00 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: ALL SAINTS HOLY COMMUNION: Necrology remembrance of Loved Ones 11:45 PM: Worship and Music Committee	4 6:30 PM: Evangelism Committee 7:00 PM: Social Media Committee 7:30 PM: Property Committee	5 VOTE! 7 AM – 8 PM: <i>St. John's hosts Coplay 1st District Voters in Social Hall</i>	6 7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal	7	8 4:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class	9
10 VETERANS EMPHASIS 9:00 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: PENTECOST XXV WORSHIP SERVICE:	11 7:00 PM: Church Council	12 	13 7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal	14	15 4:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class * Deadline for FILLING PRE-ORDERS *	16
17 PENTECOST XXVI 9:00 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: PENTECOST XXVI WORSHIP SERVICE	18	19 1:00 PM Volunteers help with filling preparation	20 7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal	21	22 8:00 AM: Volunteers help prepare and assemble filling orders 4:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class	23
24 Christ the King 9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:00 AM: Young at Heart 10:30 AM: CHRIST THE KING HOLY COMMUNION: 7:00 PM: 58 th ANNUAL COPLAY COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE and RECEPTION at ST. PETER	25 7:00 PM: Christian Education Committee	26	27 (No Senior Choir Rehearsal)	28 Happy Thanksgiving 	29 <div> THANKSGIVING FILLING SALE Pick up FRIDAY NOON to 2 PM or SATURDAY 9 AM to 11 AM </div>	30