

# News from the Pews

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## A Word From The Pastor...

Dear friends in Christ,

I continue to be impressed by the enthusiasm and energy surrounding programming at St John's. This is particularly true with regard to Bible school and Sunday school. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the people that make these Ministries happen.

We are a smaller congregation. That being said, there is a lot of energy and a lot of excitement around the different Ministries that the people of St John's make happen. There's always more room for someone who wants to volunteer or who wants to take part.

There are many committed disciples in our congregation. Thank you for your commitment to your church and to your faith. Our congregation is doing good things.

Sunday School is at 9:00 and worship is at 10:30. Come one come all! All are welcome! Committee meetings are often Sundays after church or Monday evenings. We would love to see you!

God's blessing,



Pastor Tim

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# Coplay Community Days: Another Success!

Coplay Community Days 2024 was a huge success for St. John's. We were able to deposit \$500 into the Scholarship Fund and \$5600 to our General Fund.



We sold out of 90 lb of pork BBQ by Sat night and added hamburger BBQ to our menu for Sunday. We also sold 90 lbs of hot dogs, and almost 300 lbs of cabbage and noodles. The addition of various flavors of A-Treat soda to our drink line up was also successful.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked hard cooking, setting up and tearing down the stand, serving the festival goers, cleaning up, and putting everything away. Part of our success was because we had minimal expenses with many things being donated, either by cash or the products themselves. A huge thank you!

If you haven't helped in the past, please think about joining us next year! It takes a village to pull off an event this big. I am grateful for every one of you!!

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## Don't forget...

Daylight Saving ends at 2 AM on **Sunday morning, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**.






Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour on **Saturday night, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**!



# Sunday School Halloween Party

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</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 in the Christian Church
-  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 for some goodies to take home!*

## Blessing of the Animals!



St. John's will once again host a service of Blessing of the Animals in our parking lot on Sunday afternoon, October 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2 PM (raindate is the following Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>).

So, bring your pets for a blessing!





# Welcome, New Member!

On Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, St. John's received the following new member into our congregation:

**Mr. Gary Mark Pontician**

Our heartiest welcome to Gary as he joins our ministry for Christ at St. John's! All God's blessings!

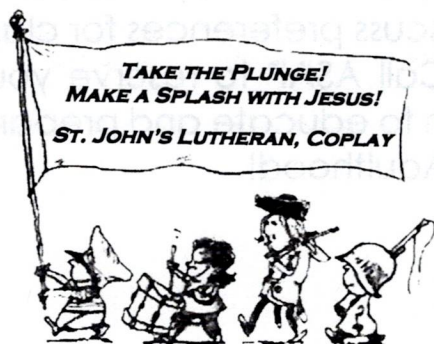
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# Have fun walking in the parade!

This year, we're continuing our Rally Day theme "Take the Plunge! Make a Splash With Jesus!"

Walk with St. John's Youth Group in the Coplay Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, and help us help our fellow Coplayites remember the importance of Coplay's Faith Community!



We welcome everyone 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!

**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!

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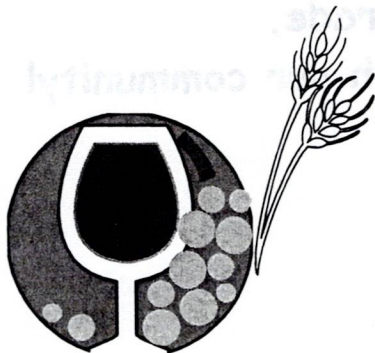


# Seventh Graders (and older) are ready to begin St. John's **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

The Confirmation program at St. John's is a two-year commitment to catechetical studies (the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism) in addition to weekly attendance at Sunday School and worship, and occasional acolyting.

Parents or guardians of students in grade 7 or older who wish to attend Confirmation Classes are asked to call Pastor Tim (484-794-0418) to learn of the program benefits and requirements, and to discuss preferences for class day and time (one one-hour class per week). Call ASAP to reserve your youth's place in these classes — St. John's program to educate and prepare our young people for Confirmation and Christian Adulthood!

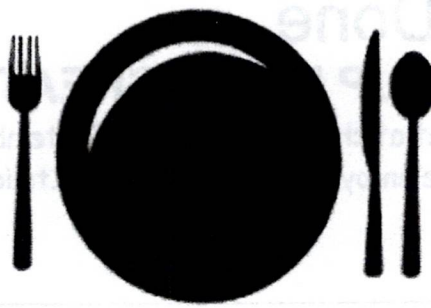
## **First Communion Class Starting Up!**



**Calling all Fifth Graders and up (10 years of age and older) who have not yet received Holy Communion:** you and your parents/guardians are invited to call Pastor Tim (484-794-0418) to let him know you would like to be included in the classes leading to receive Holy Communion for the first time!

Learn all the details, and **help schedule** when the weekly classes will meet. After completing the four-week course, you will receive your First Communion with your family on **Reformation Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.**

*Call ASAP to be a part of this year's First Communion class!*



# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH PORK & SAUERKRAUT

Pick Up Dinner

Sat, October 26th

18 S. 3<sup>RD</sup> ST, COPLAY

**MENU:** Pork & Sauerkraut  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Applesauce  
Roll  
Dessert

## PRE-ORDERS ONLY

Call Karen

610-653-2816

Deadline to order:

Friday, Oct 18th

**Drive through pick up 4-5:30**

Free Will Donations are gratefully accepted to help defray the cost and allow us to continue our mission of helping others.



# 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 8<sup>th</sup>, then we drove to The Oasis for miniature golf. Finally, we enjoyed dinner at Feasta Italiana Restaurant.

## Next Up...

### COPLAY HALLOWEEN PARADE

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

**Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**



*Meet at church at 6 PM;*

*walk to parade site for parade by 7 PM*

*P.S. You can 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!*

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

### Roller Skating at Edgement Skating Rink

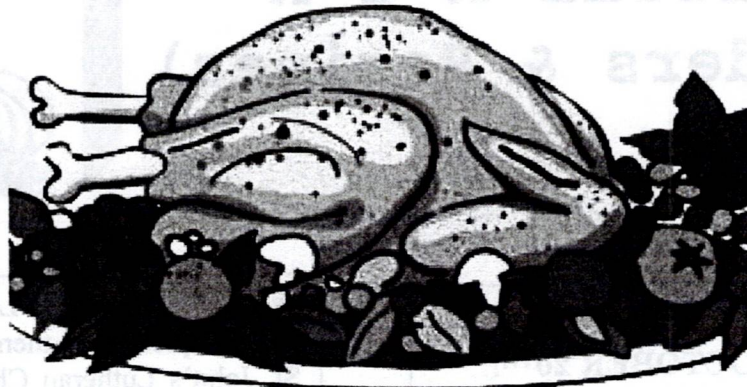
*If you are 8 or older and would like to go,  
please call Beth Napoli at 484-225-2634 or Joe Danner at 484-788-9792.*

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



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





# THANKSGIVING FILLING SALE

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

18 S. 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 15<sup>h</sup> from 12-2

Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 9-11

## PRE-ORDERS ONLY

Call Karen Haines  
610-653-2816

By **FRIDAY November 8<sup>th</sup>**

Tell her your phone number too!

# A LITTLE R & R (Reminders & Recipes)



## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>!

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

## BANANA-SOUR CREAM CAKE

1 yellow cake mix  
3 eggs  
1 cup mashed ripe bananas

1 cup sour cream  
1/4 cup oil

1. Beat cake ingredients at low speed until moistened.
  2. Beat on high speed for 2 minutes.
  3. Pour into a greased 13 x 9 baking pan.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.  
Cool cake completely in the pan.  
Serve plain or frost with cream cheese frosting.  
Enjoy!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**  
**to Everyone Celebrating**  
**their Birthday in**  
**OCTOBER!**



**Special Happy Birthday to:** Cindy Cser on October 10<sup>th</sup>!  
Cindy resides at 905 Barbara Drive, Coplay, PA 18037

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



## OCTOBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### OCTOBER 6 – WORLD COMMUNION

Acolyte – Eli Tomecek  
 Lector – Sheila Yudt-Gower  
 Ushers – Louise Hash\*, Beth Napoli  
 and Ken Napoli  
 Communion Assistant – Penny Lahue

### OCTOBER 13

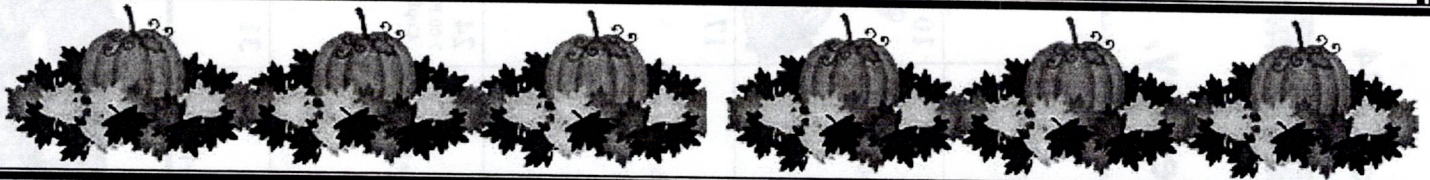
Acolyte – Blake Terfinko  
 Lector – Suzette Terfinko  
 Ushers – Louise Hash\*, Beth Napoli  
 and Ken Napoli

### OCTOBER 20

Acolyte – Hailey Correll  
 Lector – Sandy Tapler  
 Ushers – Louise Hash\*, Beth Napoli  
 and Ken Napoli

### OCTOBER 27 – REFORMATION SUNDAY

Acolyte – Michael Ganser  
 Lector – Joe Danner  
 Ushers – Louise Hash\*, Beth Napoli  
 and Ken Napoli  
 Communion Assistant – Joe Danner



## NOVEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### NOVEMBER 3 – ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Acolyte – to be announced  
 Lector – Penny Lahue  
 Ushers – Bill Gilfert\*, Roni Dech  
 and Jim Dech  
 Communion Assistant – Karen Haines

### NOVEMBER 10

Acolyte – to be announced  
 Lector – Jeff Reinhard  
 Ushers – Bill Gilfert\*, Roni Dech  
 and Jim Dech

### NOVEMBER 17

Acolyte – to be announced  
 Lector – Gayle Ganser  
 Ushers – Bill Gilfert\*, Roni Dech  
 and Jim Dech

### NOVEMBER 24 – CHRIST THE KING

Acolyte – to be announced  
 Lector – Gail Yudt  
 Ushers – Bill Gilfert\*, Roni Dech  
 and Jim Dech  
 Communion Assistant – Antoinette Sehar








## 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!





# Calendar for October 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>March with us in the</p> <p><b>Coplay Halloween Parade</b></p>  <p><b>Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup></b></p>						<p>1</p>  <p><b>Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM</b></p>
		1	2 7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal	3	4 4:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class	5
<p><b>6 World Communion Sunday</b></p> <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM: PENTECOST XX HOLY COMMUNION: World Communion Emphasis</p> <p>11:45 PM: Worship and Music Committee</p> <p>2:00 PM: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>6:30 PM: Evangelism Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM: Social Media Committee</p> <p>7:30 PM: Property Committee</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>6:30 PM: Parade Committee</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> 	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>4:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class</p> <p>6:30 PM: Undecorating the Social Hall</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>
<p><b>13 PENTECOST XXI</b></p> <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM: PENTECOST XXI WORSHIP SERVICE</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>7:00 PM: Church Council</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>6:00 PM: Meet in social hall to march in the</p> <p><b>COPLAY HALLOWEEN PARADE</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> 	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>4:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class</p> <p><b>PRE-ORDERS DUE PORK &amp; SAUERKRAUT PICK-UP DINNER</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> 
<p><b>20 PENTECOST XXII</b></p> <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM: PENTECOST XXII WORSHIP SERVICE</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>7:00 PM: Christian Education Committee</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> 	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>7:00 PM: Coplay Garden Club</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>4:30 PM: Second Year Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9:30 AM: Volunteers arrive</p> <p><b>4 - 5:30 PM: PORK &amp; SAUERKRAUT PICK-UP DINNER</b></p>
<p><b>27 Reformation Sunday</b></p> <p>9:00 AM: Sunday School HALLOWEEN PARTY</p> <p>10:30 AM: REFORMATION HOLY COMMUNION</p> 	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>		

**Happy Halloween**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
Halloween Party  
October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM**