

# News from the Pews

www.stjohnscoplay.com

**September 2024**

Jane Gillespie, Editor 610-264-1111 [stjohnscoplay@rcn.com](mailto:stjohnscoplay@rcn.com)

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

Dear friends in Christ,

It is hard to believe that I am writing my September newsletter article already. Since beginning my time as your interim pastor, I have had a busy schedule. I have been seeing doctors, going to physical therapy, and ordering a new power wheelchair.

All of these things were slightly overdue and now are very easy to take care of because I have the resources of Good Shepherd Rehabilitation close by. I appreciate your understanding as I have been attending to my physical well-being and health. The first round of physical therapy is complete but another shorter one is likely on the horizon. I have not kept regular office hours during the summer. Once we are back on a fall schedule, I plan to be in the office once a week on a Thursday. If you are in need of pastoral care, or would just like a visit please contact me. My phone number is in the newsletter and on the website.

I plan to make contact with those of you who are on the shut in list very soon. This process has already started. I am continuing to get acquainted with the congregation and with my new surroundings. I appreciate all of you who have been so very flexible and understanding. Again, please do not hesitate to contact me if you are in need or just wish to say hello.

If you remember last month, I wrote an article detailing the function of an interim pastor. Now I want to say a word about the functioning of a congregation in the midst of a transition. Each congregation I have served looks a little bit different and functions differently, but there are a few things that are applicable to most congregations in transition.

Here are some items that I want to highlight as you are in this time of transition:

*[continued on next page]*

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

Coplay, Pennsylvania

**The Rev. Timothy R. Garman, Interim Pastor**

Cell Phone 484-794-0418

**Kenneth Napoli, Council President**

Cell Phone 484-225-2611

Church Office Phone: 610-262-6171

Church Office email: [stjohnscoplay@rcn.com](mailto:stjohnscoplay@rcn.com)

Change is hard-Any change is hard. When a pastor leaves a congregation, that change can be especially hard for a host of reasons. As we continue to get to know each other, give yourselves the same Grace that you have given me. It is okay not to have every answer and the solution to every challenge. We may not have all the answers and we may not have every solution, but we already have and we will continue to grow together.

In this time of transition, be flexible. This time of transition cannot be and should not be rushed. It will take as long as it needs to take. In the early parts of the transition, the church Council and I will work together to make sure the transition happens at an appropriate pace. You already are flexible, so continue to be what you already are.

In this time of transition, you have an opportunity. Take the opportunity to reflect on where you have been and where God might be calling you to go. What might God be calling you to do next. Be open to God working through you and be open to seeing and embracing the work of the Holy Spirit.

Last but not least, trust in God and be in persistent prayer. Remember as the Prophet Jeremiah reminds you, God has a plan. God has a plan for you.

Our time together will be about discerning what God's plan is for you the faithful people of Saint John's Lutheran in Copley. For now, be at peace.

God's blessing,

Pastor Tim

# ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP

**Sunday**  
**September 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Meet at church**  
**at 3:00 PM**



**ANNUAL FALL KICK-OFF**  
Devotions      Planning  
**Mini-Golf at The Oasis then**  
**Dinner at Feasta Italiana Restaurant**

**Come and help plan our Fall events!**  
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!**

***Take the Plunge!***

***Make a Splash with Jesus on***



***Rally  
Sunday  
2024***

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9 AM**

**Let's gather together  
for another year of Sunday School !!!**

*Come register for Sunday School, meet the teachers and helpers, and have lots of Rally Sunday fun, including Bible stories, crafts, singing, games, and snacks!  
**AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!***



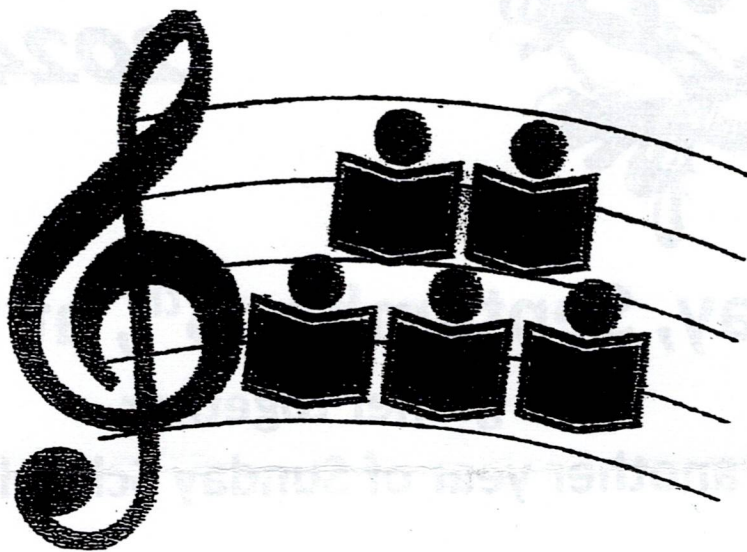
***SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTALLATION ON RALLY DAY!***

*The installation of our Sunday School teachers, officers, and staff will be held during the Rally Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 AM.*

***We hope you'll join us for a great Rally Sunday 2024!***

REJOICE AND SING

SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS WILL  
RESUME ON SEPT. 4, 2024  
AT 7 P.M. SHARP!



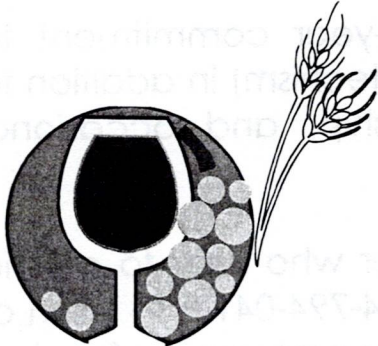
LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN  
OUR ALREADY DEDICATED  
SENIOR CHOIR

WE ARE IN NEED OF ALL VOICES

GIVE US A TRY AND SEE HOW  
MUCH FUN IT CAN BE!!!

Ruthann Brandt  
Organist & Choir Director

# 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 five- or six-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!*

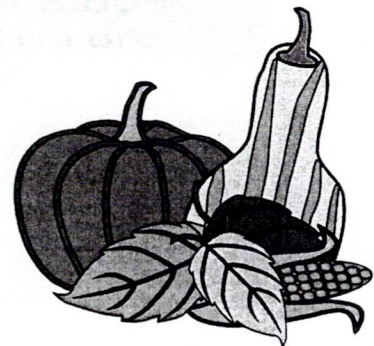
## *Harvest Home.*

### **Celebrate God's Gifts of Food**

Please remember to bring offerings of non-perishable food items on Harvest Home Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. We'll display them at worship that morning, and then distribute them afterwards to those in need, through Coplay Recreation and Welfare's FOOD BANK.

A special Harvest Home envelope is included in your offering envelope box, if you prefer.

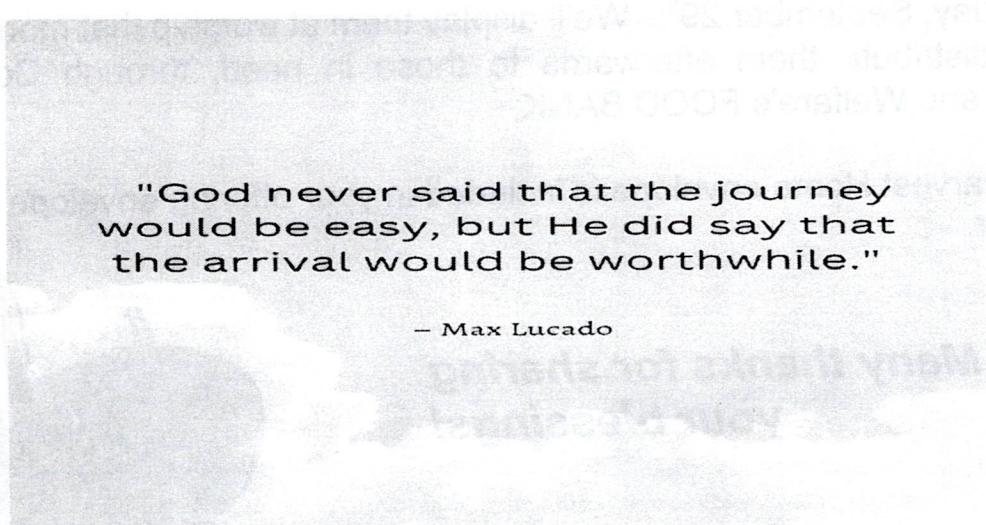
***Many thanks for sharing  
your blessings!***



# 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!



**"God never said that the journey  
would be easy, but He did say that  
the arrival would be worthwhile."**

— Max Lucado

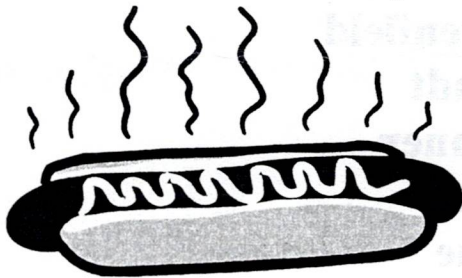
# SENIOR CHOIR DEBUT, CHILDREN'S SERMONS RESUME, and TEACHER INSTALLATION AT WORSHIP; HOT DOG SOCIAL AFTER WORSHIP

***Rally Sunday's going to be a big day again!***

In addition to a special sermon, Children's Sermon, and the Senior Choir's debut, we'll be officially installing our dedicated Sunday School teachers and staff for 2024-2025.



***Join us after Sunday School for  
Rally Sunday worship,  
September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 AM!***



Please stay after worship for our annual Hot Dog Social, downstairs in the Social Hall, to greet each other!

## **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!



# THANK YOU

**ST. JOHN'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STAFF  
GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING  
MEMBERS FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024**

***"TAKE THE PLUNGE - MAKE A SPLASH WITH JESUS"***

**Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Battenfield**

**Ms. Ruthann Brandt**

**Mr. & Mrs. Joe Danner**

**Mrs. Karen Haines**

**Mrs. Penny Lahue**

**Mr. & Mrs. Ed Sehar**

**Ms. Karen Snyder**

**Mr. & Mrs. Gary Swoyer**

**Mrs. Suzette Terfinko**

**Ms. Judy Yost**

**Mr. & Mrs. Frank Zwetolitz**



# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## BAKED ZITI

### PICK UP DINNER

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st**



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

**MENU:** Baked Ziti

Salad

Applesauce

Roll

Dessert

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

### PRE-ORDERS ONLY

Call Karen

610-653-2816

Deadline to order:

**FRI, SEPT 13th**

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



**Now, there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one. To each is given the ability to perform particular service. I Corinthians 12:4-7**

God has blessed the members of St. John's with many different talents and skills. When we all "pitch in," we are able to do some pretty amazing things! We are a church family, and we should all feel welcome to join in the work of our church!

Whether you have just a little time or are ready to tackle a large project, whether you know how to do something or need some guidance, whether you've been actively participating in the past or not, there are many opportunities for you to be involved in the life of your congregation. Here are some of the groups (and their leaders) who would greatly appreciate your help:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <p><b>Christian Education (Gail Yudt—484-788-9791)</b><br/>Teaching/substitute teaching Sunday School<br/>Keeping attendance and offering records<br/>Helping with Vacation Bible School<br/>Helping with parties and special events</p> <p><b>Finance and Stewardship (Ondie Neifert—610-216-9216)</b><br/>Counting and recording the offerings<br/>Taking care of the finances of the church<br/>Encouraging members in their giving</p> <p><b>Senior Choir (Ruthann Brandt—610-262-3304)</b><br/>Singing on Sundays<br/>Singing for festival worship services<br/>Singing solos or small groups</p> <p><b>Social Ministry (Patricia Schadt—610-799-2580)</b><br/>Visiting our shut-in members<br/>Visiting our hospitalized members<br/>Preparing holiday gifts for our shut-in members</p> <p><b>Altar Guild (Tom Gartner—484-860-7410)</b><br/>Caring for and displaying seasonal paraments and altar linens<br/>Setting up and cleaning up Holy Communion</p> <p><b>Worship and Music (William Gilfert—610-657-0078)</b><br/>Enhancing our worship experience<br/>Logistics for communion, etc.<br/>Worship volunteers</p> <p><b>Nursery Volunteers (Joe Danner—484-788-9792)</b><br/>Caring for young children during worship</p> <p><b>Community Days (Nadine Shull—610-393-4115)</b><br/>Plan and staff St. John's food stand at Coplay Park (last weekend in August)</p> <p><b>Newsletter Volunteers (Jane Gillespie—610-264-1111)</b><br/>Monthly collating of "News From the Pews" and preparing for bulk mailing</p> | <p><b>Fellowship (Karen Haines—610-653-2816)</b><br/>Receptions after worship services (prepare, set-up, serve, and/or clean-up)<br/>Church dinners<br/>Funeral receptions</p> <p><b>Youth Group (Joe Danner—484-788-9792; Beth Napoli—484-225-2634)</b><br/>Social and devotional activities for youth, 10 and up<br/>Community outreach activities (food bank, Halloween parade, and many more)<br/>Christmas caroling to our shut-ins</p> <p><b>Bible Study (Pastor Tim—484-794-0418)</b><br/>Studying the Bible and other studies<br/>Applying scripture to our daily lives<br/>Discussing current events in the context of our faith</p> <p><b>Property (Jeff Reinhard—484-201-8459)</b><br/>Caring for our church-owned properties<br/>Minor maintenance and repairs<br/>Church "work days"</p> <p><b>Evangelism (Louise Hash—484-294-6456)</b><br/>Community outreach<br/>Membership updating<br/>Ordering nametags for our new members</p> <p><b>Picnic (Joe Danner—484-788-9792; Jeff Reinhard—484-201-8459)</b><br/>Planning all aspects of the Summer Picnic at Coplay Park<br/>Setting up and cleaning up on Picnic Day</p> <p><b>Scholarship (Gayle Ganser—484-695-3696)</b><br/>Awarding scholarships for students in higher education</p> <p><b>Social Media (Joe Danner—484-788-9792)</b><br/>Communicating our ministry via website, Facebook, and more</p> <p><b>Lectors (William Gilfert—610-657-0078)</b><br/>Reading scripture and leading psalms during worship</p> |
|---|---|

It's easy to volunteer:

- ✚ check the church calendar for the group or committee meeting time and come out to the next meeting, OR
- ✚ speak with the person responsible for the committee or group you'd like to try out, OR
- ✚ mention your interest to Pastor Tim, and he'll help get you more involved!

**Try one, or try a few! Your help is greatly needed and greatly appreciated!**

# 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 (rain date is the following Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>).

So, bring your pets for a blessing!



## Diefenderfer-Buchfeller and Mac Adam Future Teacher Scholarship Awards

During our worship service on August 4th, the Scholarship Committee presented the Diefenderfer-Buchfeller Scholarships to Rachel Ganser, Ava Gower and Jocelyn Werkheiser.

Ava is a sophomore attending Messiah University. She is pursuing a dual major in Public Relations and Business Administration with a minor in Entrepreneurship. After graduation, Ava is considering a career in Social Media Marketing and possibly starting her own business.

Rachel is a sophomore attending Gettysburg College. She is working towards a degree in Political Science and Public Policy. After graduation, she hopes to work conducting policy research, or working for the Federal Government, and continue her education in graduate school.

Jocelyn is a rising freshman and will be attending Millersville University. She intends to study Sociology and Criminology. After graduation, Jocelyn hopes to begin a career in Social Work.

Please keep Ava, Rachel and Jocelyn in your prayers as they continue their studies. May God continue to bless and guide them to achieve their goals!

Since there were no applicants for the Mac Adam Future Teacher Scholarship, the interest earned will be added to the principal in order to enhance future awards.

Gayle Ganser, Chairperson

## Greetings and Thank Yous

Dear Congregation and Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for all the support you have shown me throughout my years at St. John's. Being a member of the Church has taught me valuable lessons, such as the importance of faith and family. These lessons along with the scholarship you awarded me will help me begin my journey at Millersville University, where I will be majoring in Sociology-Criminology with the dream of one day becoming a social worker.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Werkheiser

Dear St. John's congregation,

My name is Rachel Ganser, and I was one of the recipients of the Diefenderfer/Buchfeller Scholarship. I am heading into my sophomore year at Gettysburg College where I am a political science major. I am looking forward to my classes this semester as well as an exciting new research opportunity. Thank you for this scholarship and for your support as I continue my education.

Best Regards,

Rachel Ganser

To my church family at St. John's,

Thank you so incredibly much for all you have done for me throughout the years. Receiving this scholarship is such a blessing coming from the people who have watched me grow up. I am forever grateful for the love and support from this congregation; you have all played such a crucial part in shaping me into the woman I am today. I cannot thank you enough!

Blessings, Ava Gower

<b>St. John's Lutheran Church, Coplay, PA</b> <b>Council Meeting</b> <b>Date: June 10, 2024</b>	
<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Pastor Tim Garman, Renee Coyle, Ronnie Dech, Joe Danner, Gayle Ganser, Louise Hash, Beth Napoli, Ken Napoli, Greg Miller, Ondie Neifert, Jeff Reinhard, Nancy Recker, Nadine Shull, Jeremy Snyder
<b>Members Unexcused:</b>	Bill Gilfert

<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>
Nadine thanked Louise for taking the council minutes in April and May in her absence.

The monthly meeting was held on **June 10, 2024**. Vice President Joe Danner called the meeting to order at **7:04 PM**.

After minutes from the **May 13, 2024**, meeting was read, **Jeff Reinhard** moved to approve the minutes. **Roni Dech** seconded. All ayes, minutes approved.

Pastor Tim gave an update. He is still settling in. His schedule is not yet set but, if he is not in the office, to call him to touch base. There are times his transportation may be delayed on a Sun and asked that we wait for him which was agreeable to everyone. He thanked Council for their patience as he transitions into his role at St. John's. A few members have contacted him to meet.

<b>REPORTS FROM PERSONNEL</b>			
	<b>Motion to Accept Report Made By</b>	<b>Motion Seconded By</b>	<b>Report Read—Motion Carried—Yes/No</b>
<b>FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:</b>	<b>Jeff Reinhard</b>	<b>Beth Napoli</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>TREASURER'S REPORT:</b>	<b>Jeff Reinhard</b>	<b>Louise Hash</b>	<b>YES</b>

<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>	
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:</b>	Vacation Bible School will be held 4 days this year: July 22, 23, 25, and 26 from 6:30-8. The theme is Take the Plunge! Make a Splash with Jesus.
<b>EVANGELISM:</b>	Discussions held about how to bring members back to in person worship. Pastor Garman had a few suggestions, i.e. Cottage Meetings.

<b>FELLOWSHIP:</b>	Upcoming pickup Sandwich lunch. Fellowship will take the months of July and August off but will be part of the Community Days preparations.
<b>FINANCE &amp; STEWARDSHIP:</b>	Offerings are down \$16,000 when compared to 2023.
<b>PROPERTY:</b>	The women's bathroom toilets are installed and operational. The renovations to the choir room bathroom are complete, painting will occur June 15 <sup>th</sup> . Bathroom renovation at 8 S 3 <sup>rd</sup> St rental unit will begin the week of June 10 <sup>th</sup> . Purchased a window AC unit for Pastor's office will be installed TBD. The building renovation fund is at a dangerously low level. Only emergency repairs/maintenance will be conducted until the fund is healthier. The updated Social Hall rental agreement, with updated pricing is printed and in place for any new rentals
<b>SCHOLARSHIP:</b>	Recommendation made to award Ava Gower, Rachel Ganser, and Jocelyn Werkheiser a scholarship of \$250 each. Also recommended scholarships be awarded on Sun, August 4 <sup>th</sup> as one recipient will be out of town.
<b>SOCIAL MEDIA:</b>	Website updated for June. 3 new phones were purchased for the church office, Pastor's office and the choir room.
<b>SOCIAL MINISTRY:</b>	NO REPORT
<b>WORSHIP AND MUSIC:</b>	NO REPORT
<b>PICNIC:</b>	Planning is moving along. Tickets will be available from Penny, Jeff and Joe.
<b>NOMINATING:</b>	NO REPORT
<b>COPLAY COMM DAYS:</b>	The fire company will be selling Pepsi products this year. The owner of Hot Box offered the use of her equipment to any organization who may need it. Nadine donated a menu board to hang in the stand. Need as many volunteers for the weekend as we can get.
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</b>	Discussion was held about different options for the newsletter instead of mailings. We get quite a few newsletters back as undeliverable each month. Options to email, website, copies in narthex and only mail to people who request it be mailed. A cost analysis will be done.
<b>NEW BUSINESS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion held about how to collect offerings when worship is inside during the summer. Decision made to have people drop offerings in the bucket instead of doing a collection.</li> <li>• Vote taken on recommendation from the Scholarship Committee to award 3 scholarships at \$250 each and present on Sun, 8/4. All ayes-recommendation passed.</li> <li>• Suggestion made to use advertisements of local businesses in the bulletin or dinner flyers. Beth is going to contact churches who use ads to find out the cost</li> </ul>
<b>FOR THE GOOD OF ST. JOHN'S:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question of Pastor Garman if his 2-year contract can be extended if we do not have a Pastor at that time. He said it is possible.</li> <li>• Call Committee discussion will be held at August meeting.</li> </ul> <p>There will be no council meeting in July. We will have some type of summer "picnic" with our August meeting.</p>

	Motion Made By:	Motion Seconded By:	Meeting End Time:
Motion for Adjournment			
	Ondie Neifert	Beth Napoli	8:35pm

Meeting ended with the council praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Nadine Shull*

Nadine Shull

Council Secretary



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

<b>INTERIM PASTOR</b>	<b>The Rev. Timothy Garman</b>	510 East 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Apt. 207 Bethlehem, PA 18015	(cell) 484-794-0418 <i>tbrg27@gmail.com</i>
<b>COUNCIL PRESIDENT</b>	<b>Ken Napoli</b>	345 Calvert Street Whitehall, PA 18052	(cell) 484-225-2611 <i>knapoli84@gmail.com</i>
<b>ORGANIST</b>	<b>Ruthann Brandt</b>	157 S. Second St. Coplay, PA 18037	610-262-3304 <i>Rmusic@ptd.net</i>
<b>SEXTON</b>	<b>Thomas Gartner</b>	10 S. Third St. Coplay, PA 18037	484-860-7410 <i>fordstepside2@aol.com</i>
<b>PARISH SECRETARY</b>	<b>Jane Gillespie</b>	3352 Gail Lane Whitehall, PA 18052	610-264-1111 <i>stjohnscoplay@rcn.com</i>
<b>FINANCIAL SECRETARY</b>	<b>Ondrea Neifert</b>	4410 Henry Street Easton, PA 18045	(home) 610-253-3994 (cell) 610-216-9216 <i>oneifert@rcn.com</i>
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>Nancy Recker</b>	1344 Stewart St. Northampton, PA 18067	(cell) 484-788-2917 <i>nancy_recker@yahoo.com</i>

# Many Thanks...

- ...to all our Vacation Bible School “preparation night” volunteers for their creativity in transforming the social hall for VBS.
- ...to all our members who volunteered on Sunday mornings to make summer worship possible.
- ...to Council Secretary Nadine Shull for the monthly Church Council minutes, and to all our Committee secretaries.
- ...to VBS Coordinator Gail Yudt and our dedicated Vacation Bible School staff for VBS 2024 “Take the Plunge! Make a Splash with Jesus!”
- ...to Joe Danner, Bill Gilfert, DJ Helmut Fried, the entire Picnic Committee, and all who made this year’s Summer Congregational Worship and Picnic a success at the American Club Pavilion.
- ...to all the people who gave so generously to support this year’s VBS program.
- ... to all who baked or purchased Vince’s Cheesesteaks and baked goods for our first food truck fundraiser.
- ...to Gayle Ganser and the Scholarship Committee for coordinating this year’s three presentations!
- ...to Nadine Shull and crew for our congregation’s presence at Coplay Community Days.
- ...to all our sponsors of our Sunday altar flowers and worship bulletins.

## **SUNDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES on September 8<sup>th</sup>**

Our Sunday mornings will resume the “fall-winter-spring” schedule on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Rally Sunday festivities will begin with Sunday School at 9:00 AM, followed by a celebratory worship service at 10:30 AM.

**9:00 AM**

*Sunday School*

**10:30 AM**

*Worship*

**11:30 AM**

*Hot Dog Social  
(Rally Sunday Only!)*



# A LITTLE R & R (Reminders & Recipes)



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

Please have all articles for the October newsletter in the Newsletter "mailbox" outside the church office by Sunday, September 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.

## APPLE WALNUT CAKE

4 cups coarsely cut apples  
2 cups sugar  
2 eggs  
½ cup vegetable oil  
2 tsps vanilla

2 cups flour  
2 tsps baking soda  
½ tsp cinnamon  
1 tsp salt  
1 cup walnuts, chopped

1. Combine apples and sugar, let stand until sugar gets moist.
2. Beat eggs slightly; beat in oil and vanilla in small bowl.
3. Mix flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt in a bowl.
4. Add egg mixture and flour mixture together.
5. Stir in apple-sugar mixture and walnuts.
6. Pour into greased and floured 9 x 13 in. pan.  
Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.  
Let stand in pan until quite cool. Turn onto rack to complete cooling.  
Enjoy!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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



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

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COPLAY, PENNSYLVANIA  
2024 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Rev. Timothy R. Garman <b>Interim Pastor</b>	510 East 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Apt. 207 Bethlehem, PA 18015	(cell) 484-794-0418 <a href="mailto:tbrg27@gmail.com">tbrg27@gmail.com</a>
Nancy Recker <b>Treasurer</b>	1344 Stewart Street Northampton, PA 18067	(cell) 484-788-2917 <a href="mailto:nancy_recker@yahoo.com">nancy_recker@yahoo.com</a>
Ondrea Neifert <b>Financial Secretary</b>	4410 Henry Street Easton, PA 18045	(home) 610-253-3994 (cell) 610-216-9216 <a href="mailto:oneifert@rcn.com">oneifert@rcn.com</a>

**Members of Council elected by the Congregation whose terms expire at the end of 2024:**

Louise Hash (2)	4823 Hillside Road Northampton, PA 18067	(home) 610-261-2746 (cell) 484-294-6456 <a href="mailto:lhash51@msn.com">lhash51@msn.com</a>
Jeffrey Reinhard (1)	123 Orchard Drive, Apt. 6 Whitehall, PA 18052	(cell) 484-201-8459 <a href="mailto:reinhardwhi4@aol.com">reinhardwhi4@aol.com</a>
Nadine Shull (1) <b>Council Secretary</b>	1438 Washington Avenue Northampton, PA 18067	(cell) 610-393-4115 <a href="mailto:nshull@rcn.com">nshull@rcn.com</a>
Renee Coyle	3081 Jordan Road Orefield, PA 18069	(cell) 610-216-4553 <a href="mailto:frodie@hotmail.com">frodie@hotmail.com</a>

**Members of Council elected by the Congregation whose terms expire at the end of 2025:**

Joseph Danner, Jr. (1) <b>Vice President</b>	566 East Eighth Street Northampton, PA 18067	(cell) 484-788-9792 <a href="mailto:jedanner71@outlook.com">jedanner71@outlook.com</a>
Gayle Ganser (1)	3194 Park Street Whitehall, PA 18052	(home) 610-502-0297 (cell) 484-695-3696 <a href="mailto:pochron5@aol.com">pochron5@aol.com</a>
William Gilfert (2)	3311 South Front Street Whitehall, PA 18052	(cell) 610-657-0078 <a href="mailto:wngenter@gmail.com">wngenter@gmail.com</a>
Jeremy Snyder (2)	413 Buckingham Drive Northampton, PA 18067	(cell) 484-767-6277 <a href="mailto:jsnyder227@gmail.com">jsnyder227@gmail.com</a>

**Members of Council elected by the Congregation whose terms will expire at the end of 2026:**

Veronica Dech (1)	7091 Copenhagen Square Bethlehem, PA 18017	(cell) 484-264-3173 <a href="mailto:vdech68@gmail.com">vdech68@gmail.com</a>
Gregory Miller (1)	5996 Coplay Road, Apt. 8 Coplay, PA 18037	(cell) 610-393-9421 <a href="mailto:millergrp@rcn.com">millergrp@rcn.com</a>
Elizabeth Napoli (2)	345 Calvert Street Whitehall, PA 18052	(cell) 484-225-2634 <a href="mailto:enapo6@gmail.com">enapo6@gmail.com</a>
Kenneth Napoli (2) <b>President</b>	345 Calvert Street Whitehall, PA 18052	(cell) 484-225-2611 <a href="mailto:kn Napoli84@gmail.com">kn Napoli84@gmail.com</a>

## SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### SEPTEMBER 1 – HOLY COMMUNION

Lector – Gayle Ganser  
Ushers – Jeremy Snyder\*, Kathleen Sandner  
and Jane Correll  
Communion Assistant – Antoinette Sehar

### SEPTEMBER 8 – RALLY SUNDAY

Acolyte – Eli Tomecek  
Lector – Gail Yudt  
Ushers – Jeremy Snyder\*, Kathleen Sandner  
and Jane Correll

### SEPTEMBER 15

Acolyte – Mackenzie Culver  
Lector – Bill Gilfert  
Ushers – Jeremy Snyder\*, Kathleen Sandner  
and Jane Correll

### SEPTEMBER 22

Acolyte – Hailey Correll  
Lector – Cindy Zwetolitz  
Ushers – Jeremy Snyder\*, Kathleen Sandner  
and Jane Correll

### SEPTEMBER 29

Acolyte – Michael Ganser  
Lector – Renee Coyle  
Ushers – Jeremy Snyder\*, Kathleen Sandner  
and Jane Correll



## OCTOBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### OCTOBER 6 – HOLY COMMUNION

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

### OCTOBER 13

Acolyte – to be announced  
Lector – Suzette Terfinko  
Ushers – Louise Hash\*, Beth Napoli  
and Ken Napoli

### OCTOBER 20

Acolyte – to be announced  
Lector – Sandy Tapler  
Ushers – Louise Hash\*, Beth Napoli  
and Ken Napoli




### OCTOBER 27 – REFORMATION SUNDAY

Acolyte – to be announced  
Lector – Joe Danner  
Ushers – Louise Hash\*, Beth Napoli  
and Ken Napoli  
Communion Assistant – Joe Danner

Facebook: St.John'sLutheranCoplay

# Calendar for September 2024

**FALL SCHEDULE RESUMES  
on SEPTEMBER 8TH**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Come back to</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <h2>Rally Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup></h2> <p>Our Sunday School will resume promptly at 9 AM ! Our teachers and staff will be installed during 10:30 AM worship. We will celebrate with a Hot Dog Social after worship.</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>CALL PASTOR ABOUT CONFIRMATION, FIRST COMMUNION</b></p> </div> </div>						
<p><b>1</b>      <b>LABOR DAY EMPHASIS</b> 9:15 AM: PENTECOST XV HOLY COMMUNION 10:15 AM: Worship and Music Committee</p>	<p><b>2</b>  <b>Have a safe and happy LABOR DAY!</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 6:30 PM: Evangelism Committee 7:00 PM: Social Media Committee 7:30 PM: Property Committee</p>	<p><b>4</b> 6:00 PM: Finance and Stewardship Committee 7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b>  </p>
<p><b>8</b>      <b>RALLY SUNDAY!</b> 9:00 AM: Sunday School Special Kickoff Event: <b>Take the Plunge</b> 10:30 AM: PENTECOST XVI WORSHIP SERVICE: Sunday School Installation; Senior Choir debut 11:30 AM: Hot Dog Social 11:30 AM – Fellowship Committee 3:00 PM: St. John's Youth Group Fall Kick-off at church; then Mini Golf and Pizza</p>	<p><b>9</b> 7:00 PM: Church Council</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> 7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b>  * <b>PICK-UP BAKED ZITI PRE-ORDERS DUE</b> *</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b>      <b>Pentecost XVII</b> 9:00 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: PENTECOST XVII WORSHIP SERVICE</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> 7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b>  4 - 5:30 PM: <b>BAKED ZITI PICK-UPS</b></p>
<p><b>22</b>      <b>Pentecost XVIII</b> 9:00 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: PENTECOST XVIII WORSHIP SERVICE</p>	<p><b>23</b> 7:00 PM: Christian Education Committee</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> 7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>26</b> 7:00 PM: Coplay Garden Club</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b>      <b>Harvest Home</b> 9:00 AM: Sunday School 10:30 AM: PENTECOST XIX WORSHIP SERVICE: Harvest Home emphasis</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>Please bring food offerings for the Coplay Food Bank!</b></p>  <p><b>Harvest Home</b> Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup></p> </div>		<div style="border: 2px dashed black; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS</b> Sunday, October 6<sup>st</sup>, 2 PM</p> </div>		