

News from the Pews

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A Word From The Pastor...

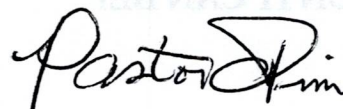
RALLYING IN OUR 150th!

Endless Summer? Wouldn't it be nice! Continuous vacation time away from the hustle-bustle of life — it seems too good to be true. And it would be! When would the work get done; how would we afford all that time off; where would the purpose and meaning be, that make life fulfilling and more than just self-serving? No, endless Summer would be like Christmas every day: fun for a while, but soon completely meaningless, purposeless, and unfulfilling.

That's why I hope you'll join me in welcoming Fall! As we celebrate our 150th Anniversary, we welcome the third of five Sons of St. John's — The Rev. Cody Danner will preach for us on Labor Day weekend, Sunday, September 3rd. Then comes Rally Sunday, marking our renewal and recommitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ. This year, Rally Sunday is on September 10th, beginning with a new year of Sunday School at 9:00 AM. Worship moves to 10:30 AM, and we'll have our annual Hot Dog Social afterward, downstairs in the social hall. St. John's Youth Group Kick-off, Confirmation and First Communion Classes, St. John's Bible Study resuming Revelation, Harvest Home, and more, will continue St. John's 150th celebration.

Please see inside for details on these and all the ministries happening on Rally Sunday, our 150th Anniversary, and beyond at your beloved St. John's! Endless Summer? I'd rather have endless joy — in the Lord!

In His Name,



St. John's Lutheran Church

Coplay, Pennsylvania

The Rev. Timothy D. Boyer, Pastor

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SING UNTO THE LORD!!!

**SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS WILL
RESUME ON WEDNESDAY SEPT. 6, 2023
AT 7 P.M. SHARP!**

**WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF
ADDDITIONAL VOICES**



**HELP OUR DEDICATED MEMBERS COMPLETE
OUR 150th ANNIVERSARY YEAR WITH A BANG**

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

**Ruthann M. Brandt
Organist & Choir Director**

Mission Possible: SAVE THE KING!

Our Young at Heart class has enjoyed discussing the first five books in the series The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis.

In September we'll start talking about the sixth book — The Silver Chair. This adventure describes the children's rescue mission to save the Narnian King Rilian, who is under an evil queen's enchantment. Aslan has given them four signs to assist them in their quest, which they must memorize and think about every day. However, as they become tired, they start to forget what he has told them. The story reminds us all to remember the guidance God gives us in the Bible and to actively think about His Word every day.

You can find a copy at the library (or purchase one at a bookstore) and read about this new adventure in Narnia! Then join us on Rally Sunday for more discussions about the Christian inspiration found in these delightful books!

Young at Heart

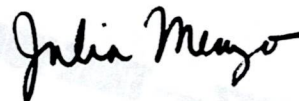
("Sunday School" for teens and adults)

Thank you

for your gift of \$ 133.33 on 6-15-23

Your gift helps strengthen relationships and build capacity to serve the most vulnerable in our midst. Together we build the resiliency of the Gospel so that our congregations proclaim clearly that God is always bringing forth renewal and hope.

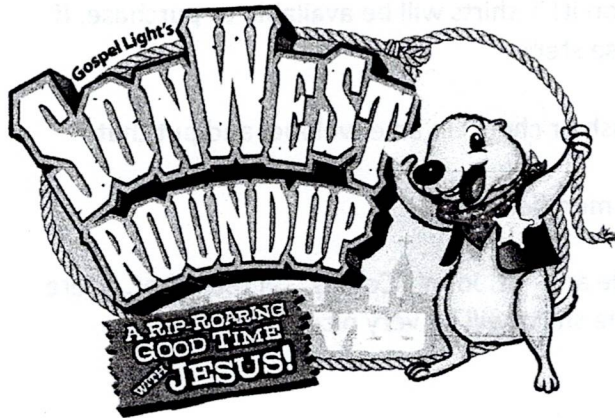
Gratefully Yours,



Julia Menzo, Director of Community Outreach

Please note that Lutheran Congregational Services will mail you a receipt in January of your total gifts for the year.

***Put on your hats and give us
a "YEE-HAW" for...***



***Rally
Sunday
2023***

Sunday, September 10th, 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!!!



Recently confirmed teenagers and all adults are encouraged to come and join the lively discussions about the C.S. Lewis book The Silver Chair with our Young at Heart group in the rear Sunday School room.

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 2023!

St. John's Coplay 150th Anniversary T-Shirt

You requested it, and the committee is working on it! T-shirts will be available to purchase. If you would like to buy a t-shirt, please follow these steps:

1. Fill out the order form below
2. Put the order form and your payment (cash or check) in an envelope, and put that envelope in the offering plate
3. Receive your t-shirt(s) from a committee member! Yay!

The shirts will say "150th Anniversary" on one side and "St. John's Coplay" on the other. There might be a nice image. We aren't sure yet. But the shirts will be very nice. Trust us.

T-shirts are \$9 each.

Contact Britt Yenser with any questions: brittyenser@gmail.com | (475) 243-4031

Order Form

Name	Contact Info	Size (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, Youth)

LAST CHANCE — Order on or before RALLY SUNDAY, September 10th
Help us get St. John's name out there!

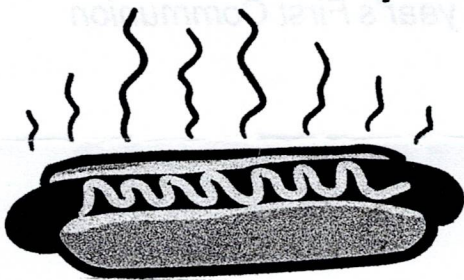
SENIOR CHOIR DEBUT, CHILDREN'S SERMONS RESUME, and TEACHER INSTALLATION AT WORSHIP; HOT DOG SOCIAL AFTER WORSHIP

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 2023-2024.



***Join us after Sunday School for
Rally Sunday worship,
September 10th, at 10:30 AM!***

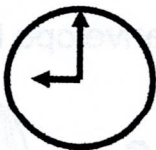


Please stay after worship for our annual Hot Dog Social, downstairs in the Social Hall, to greet each other!

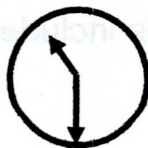
SUNDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES on September 10th

Our Sunday mornings will resume the "fall-winter-spring" schedule on September 10th.

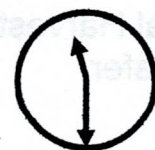
Rally Sunday festivities will begin with Sunday School and Young at Heart at 9:00 AM, followed by a celebratory worship service at 10:30 AM.



9:00 AM
*Sunday School
Young at Heart*

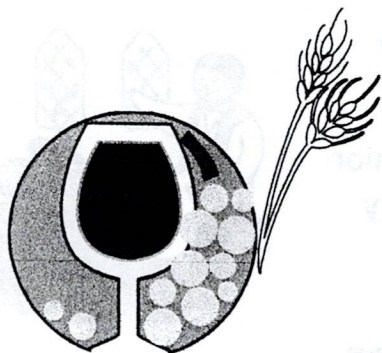


10:30 AM
Worship



11:30 AM
*Hot Dog Social
(Rally Sunday Only!)*

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 (610-704-2845) 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 29th**.

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 24th. 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!***



St. John's Bible Study

WE ENJOYED our Summer Cookout and Movie Nights at the parsonage. If you haven't seen Netflix' series "The Chosen," you'll want to check it out—an inspirational and thought-provoking presentation of Jesus and his disciples. Thanks to Cathy and Pastor Tim for hosting over the summer, and to Pat Schadt for providing the supper in August. Now, in September...

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to give our ongoing study of Revelation a try, and see how, despite the unsettling images, we need not be afraid, only endure. First up in the Fall is Sunday night, September 24th, in the social hall, beginning at 6:30 PM with light supper. All are welcome!



St. John's Bible Study in the Social Hall

beginning with light supper at 6:30 PM,

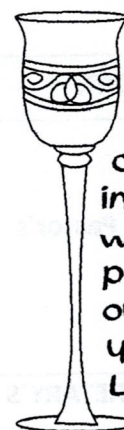
Sunday night, September 24th, 2023

ALL WELCOME!



Pew Communion NEWS

The need for our monthly brief informal service of Holy Communion has currently been fulfilled, so Pew Communion is on hold for now. If you or your loved one find that you are unable to attend the regular hour of worship, but would still like to have a brief Communion worship in the sanctuary, don't hesitate to let Pastor Tim know at 610-704-2845. He'll be happy to celebrate Pew Communion with you!



This cup
is the new
covenant
in my blood,
which is
poured
out for
you.
Luke 22:20



Facebook: St.John'sLutheranCoplay

St. John's Lutheran Church, Coplay, PA Council Meeting Date: June 12, 2023	
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Pastor Tim Boyer, Gayle Ganser, Bill Gilfert, Louise Hash, Ken Napoli, Ondie Neifert, Nancy Recker, Nadine Shull, Jeremy Snyder
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Joe Danner, Roni Dech, Beth Napoli, Susie Rape, Jeff Reinhard, Britt Yenser

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
Ondie received a letter from The Church Budget Envelope Company apologizing for the delay with last year's envelope order and listing the many upgrades they have done to avoid the same issue.

The monthly meeting was held on **June 12, 2023**. Council Vice President Ken Napoli called the meeting to order at **7:07 PM.**

Pastor Tim led the Council in opening prayer.

After minutes from the **May 8, 2023**, meeting was read, **Nancy Recker** moved to approve the minutes as corrected. **Jeremy Snyder seconded**. All ayes, minutes approved.

	Motion to Accept Report Made By	Motion Seconded By	Report Read—Motion Carried—Yes/No
PASTOR'S REPORT:	Nadine Shull	Bill Gilfert	YES
Summary from Pastor's Report:	Confirmation blessings to Kiersten Haskey and Eli Tomecek; condolences to the family of Sharlyn Alvarnaz; thanks to all leaders, members, and friends for your ongoing weekly attendance and offerings, and for your participation in our 150 th Anniversary "Main Event" worship and luncheon with Bishop deForest, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Sunday School Appreciation and Awards Breakfast, Primary voting, Daybreak, and more, all in May!		
FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:	Pastor Tim	Louise Hash	YES

	August. 8 ayes and 1 abstention. Recommendation approved. *Pastor Tim made a motion to increase the Pastor Supply fee to the Synod recommended amount of \$175. Ondie seconded. All ayes-Motion approved.		
FOR THE GOOD OF ST. JOHN'S	None		
Motion for Adjournment	Motion Made By:	Motion Seconded By:	Meeting End Time:
	Nancy Recker	Ondie Neifert	8:06

Meeting ended with Council praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nadine Shull

Nadine Shull, Council Secretary

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ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP

Sunday
September 17th
Meet at church
at 3:00 PM



ANNUAL FALL KICK-OFF
Devotions Planning
Mini-Golf at ROLLING HILLS
then Dinner at SCHNECKSVILLE DINER

Come and help plan our Fall events,
especially our participation in this year's

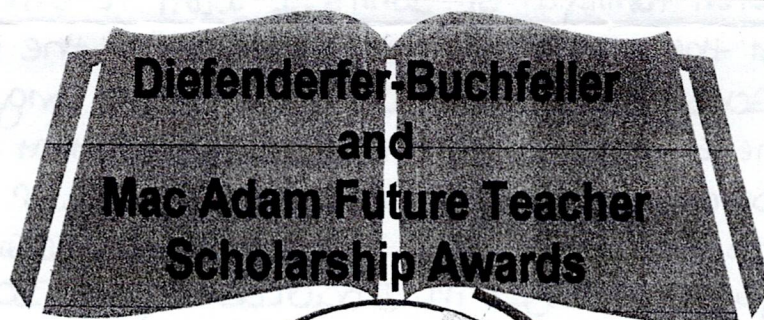
Coplay Halloween Parade!



NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT,
SO BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Note: We're starting at 3 PM in order to be home early on this "school night."

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



During our worship service on August 13th, the Scholarship Committee presented the Diefenderfer-Buchfeller Scholarships to Rachel Ganser and Ava Gower.

Rachel is a rising freshman and will be attending Gettysburg College in the fall as a double major in public policy and political science with a possible minor in economics. Once she finishes her undergraduate degree, she plans to either pursue a career in the policy analysis field as a legislative assistant or attend law school to pursue a career in business law.

Ava is a rising freshman and will be attending Messiah University in the fall as a broadcasting and journalism major with a minor in biblical studies. After graduation, Ava wants to pursue a career in newscasting.

Please keep both Rachel and Ava in your prayers as they continue their studies. May God continue to guide and inspire them both to achieve their dreams!

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.

Vickie McKee, Chairperson
Scholarship Committee

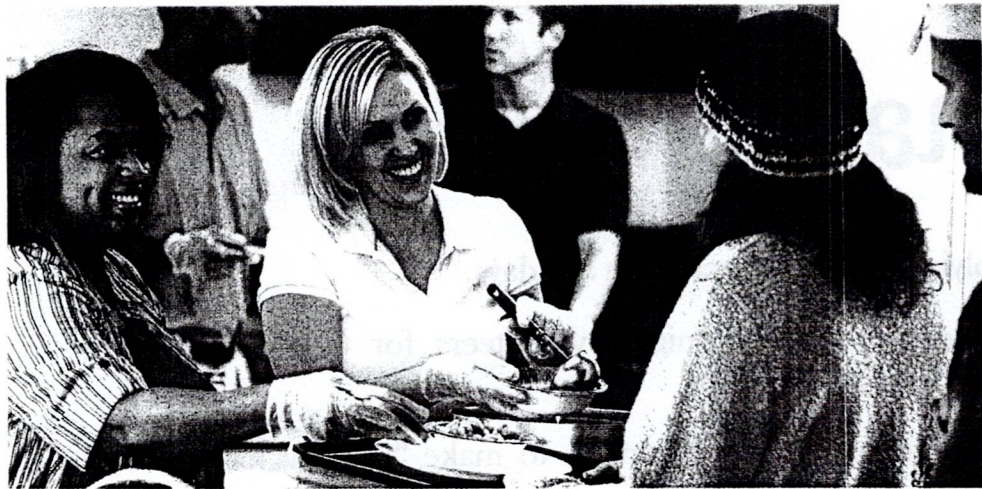
Greetings and Thank Yous

Hello! My name is Rachel Ganser, and I was a recipient of the 2023 St. John's college scholarship. I am heading into my first year at Gettysburg College, majoring in political science. Following graduation, I plan to either attend law school or pursue a career in government. I sincerely appreciate this award and the congregation's support as I further my education.

Thank you, Rachel Ganser

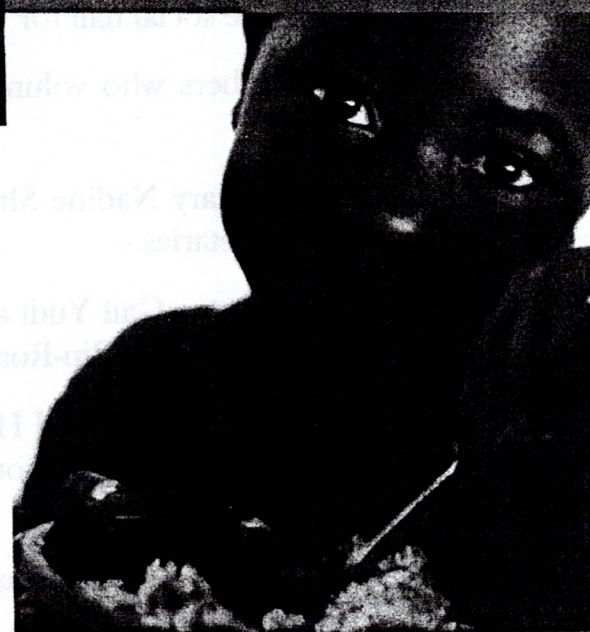
To my church family at St. John's, I want to extend my utmost thanks for selecting me as one of the recipients of their scholarship. High school has been a long journey, to say the least, but with the foundation that this church provided me with, I never once felt as if I had anything to worry about. I am attending Messiah University with a major in Broadcasting and Journalism and a minor in Biblical Studies, which piqued my interest more and more over the years. I attribute my passion for public speaking and faith-based studies to growing up at St. John's. My participation in the Christmas pageants, junior choir, solo opportunities, VBS, and the youth led church services built my confidence and comfortability with being in front of crowds, as well as provided me with the reassurance I needed to commit to this next chapter of my life. I am truly blessed to have grown up in this church and will forever call it my home. Thank you, once again, for awarding me the St. John's Scholarship and helping me to feel that much more secure in my college decision! Psalm 9:1 ☺

Love, Ava Gower



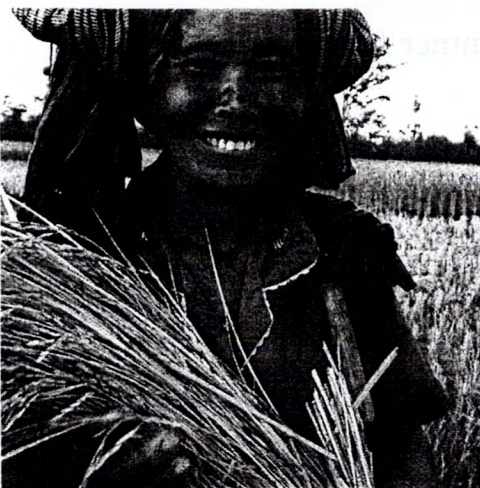
A portion of ELCA World Hunger funds are working hard to fight hunger and poverty right here in the United States. Your gifts support hundreds of food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and community programs tackling hunger and its causes. Many of these ministries are organized by Lutheran organizations and congregations.

RELIEF



ELCA World Hunger provides individuals and communities with immediate access to food, shelter, clothing, medical supplies and care. Whether providing meals to people who are homeless in New York City or providing survival kits to refugees in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, this work ensures that the most basic of human needs are met.

Thanks for using your
little World Hunger
envelope!



Agriculture and Livestock

Small-scale farmers improve agricultural production and start raising animals, fruits and vegetables to nourish their families and communities.

Health Care

Hospitals, clinics and community health programs provide medical care for the poor and combat epidemics like HIV and AIDS, malaria and water-borne diseases.

Water

Water projects provide clean, safe water for drinking, washing and irrigating crops.



DEVELOPMENT

Ending hunger is about more than providing food. ELCA World Hunger supports programs, projects and micro-enterprises that help communities lift themselves out of poverty for the long-term. Cornerstones of our sustainable development work include:



Education and Training

Children and adults receive basic education and training to make long-term, positive change in their lives.

Peace and Human Rights

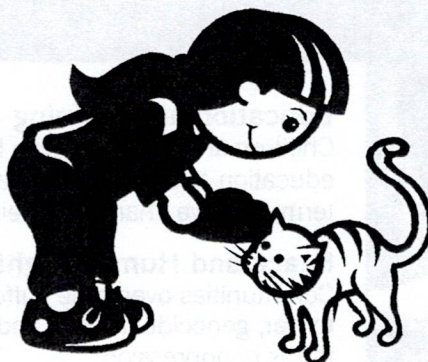
Communities overcome suffering due to war, genocide, racism and other forms of oppression.

Many Thanks...

- ...to Pastor Manny Stivers for supplying on Pastor's vacation Sundays.
- ...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 "parking lot" 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 2023 "SonWest Roundup: A Rip-Roaring Good Time 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 Coplay American Club for our 150th!
- ...to all the people who gave so generously to support this year's VBS program.
- ...to Vickie McKee and the Scholarship Committee for coordinating this year's two presentations!
- ...to Cathy and Pastor Tim for hosting St. John's Bible Study's Summer Cookouts and Movie Nights.
- ...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.
- ...to Gail and Rollie Yudt for hosting another wonderful Christian Education Committee summer's-end cookout and meeting at their home.

Blessing of the Animals!

AT OUR NEW TIME OF 2:00 PM (INSTEAD OF 3)



St. John's will once again host a service of Blessing of the Animals in our parking lot on Sunday afternoon, October 1st beginning at 2 PM (rain date is the following Sunday, October 8th).

So, bring your pets for a blessing!



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:

Christian Education (Gail Yudt—484-788-9791)

Teaching/substitute teaching Sunday School
Keeping attendance and offering records
Helping with Vacation Bible School
Helping with parties and special events

Finance and Stewardship

(Ondie Neifert—610-216-9216)

Counting and recording the offerings
Taking care of the finances of the church
Encouraging members in their giving

Senior Choir (Ruthann Brandt—610-262-3304)

Singing on Sundays
Singing for festival worship services
Singing solos or small groups

Social Ministry (Patricia Schadt—610-799-2580)

Visiting our shut-in members
Visiting our hospitalized members
Preparing holiday gifts for our shut-in members

Altar Guild (Tom Gartner—484-860-7410)

Caring for and displaying seasonal paraments and altar linens
Setting up and cleaning up Holy Communion

Worship and Music

(William Gilfert—610-657-0078)

Enhancing our worship experience
Logistics for communion, etc.
Worship volunteers

Nursery Volunteers (Joe Danner—484-788-9792)

Caring for young children during worship

Community Days (Nadine Shull—610-393-4115)

Plan and staff St. John's food stand at Coplay Park
(last weekend in August)

Newsletter Volunteers

(Jane Gillespie—610-264-1111)

Monthly collating of "News From the Pews" and preparing for bulk mailing

Fellowship (Karen Haines—610-653-2816)

Receptions after worship services (prepare, set-up, serve, and/or clean-up)
Church dinners
Funeral receptions

Youth Group (Pastor Tim—610-704-2845)

Social and devotional activities for youth, 10 and up
Community outreach activities (food bank, Halloween parade, and many more)
Christmas caroling to our shut-ins

Bible Study (Pastor Tim—610-704-2845)

Studying the Bible and other studies
Applying scripture to our daily lives
Discussing current events in the context of our faith

Property (Jeff Reinhard—484-201-8459)

Caring for our church-owned properties
Minor maintenance and repairs
Church "work days"

Evangelism (Louise Hash—484-294-6456)

Community outreach
Membership updating
Ordering nametags for our new members

Picnic (Joe Danner—484-788-9792;

Jeff Reinhard—484-201-8459)

Planning all aspects of the Summer Picnic at Coplay Park
Setting up and cleaning up on Picnic Day

Scholarship (Gayle Ganser—484-695-3696)

Awarding scholarships for students in higher education

Social Media (Joe Danner—484-788-9792)

Communicating our ministry via website, Facebook, and more

Lectors (William Gilfert—610-657-0078)

Reading scripture and leading psalms during worship

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!

DAYBREAK News

St. John's has been a presence at Daybreak in Allentown since April 23, 2010, when we served meatballs, pasta salad and fruit to 42 hungry and grateful people. Since then, over 30 members and friends of St. John's have been part of this worthy experience on an almost-monthly basis. We have purchased, prepared, and served meals to the Daybreak clientele, receiving unbelievable gratitude and love in return.

However, in the fullness of time, all good things must end, and so we are ending our time at Daybreak, effective December 31, 2023. Thankfully, Daybreak's ministry will continue unabated.

I would like to give one last shout out of "THANK YOU" to all the volunteers at St. John's who helped, including Gayle Ganser, baker extraordinaire, and our awesome and dependable bakers and volunteers:

Thom Balliett
Connie Beidleman
Bill Betz
Nancy Betz
Cathy Boyer
Pastor Tim Boyer
Rhonda Burian
Sharon Burian
Josh Cortright
Lois Drendall
Gayle Ganser
Bill Gilfert
Cindy Gilfert
Jane Gillespie
Betty Gombotsh
Susan Grol

Karen Haines
Louise Hash
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Kelly Hildebrand
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Brenda Humanick
Kaitlyn Korsak
Karl Korsak
Keri Kromer
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Anita Moyer
Damian Moyer
Ruth Ann Parker
Elise Paulson

Charlene Piskula
Linda Pollitt
Kathy Rape
Sue Rape
Linda Saeger
Kathleen Sandner
Lance Sandner
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Judy Yost
Theresa Yost
Gail Yudt
Rollie Yudt

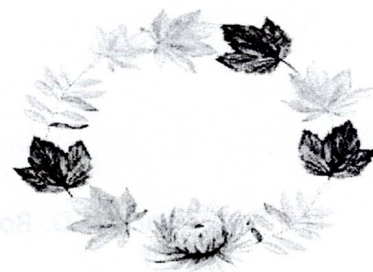
Forgive me if I overlooked anyone's name. Oh, and most importantly, thank you to my sister Sue for being Co-Coordinator, and to Pastor Tim, who led our prayers, and liked to serve Kraft macaroni and cheese as well as dishing out desserts.



Sincerely,

Sandy Tapler
Daybreak Coordinator

A LITTLE R & R (Reminders & Recipes)



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 17TH!

Please have all articles for the October newsletter in the Newsletter "mailbox" outside the church office by Sunday, September 17th. 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 Tim (610-704-2845) or Council President Joe Danner (484-788-9792) for prayer. This will also ensure that we know and can visit you.

Lemonade with iced tea cubes

8 bags black tea
1 cup sugar
1 ½ cups fresh lemon juice
Lemon slices for serving
Fresh mint for serving

Bring 4 cups water to boil in medium saucepan. Remove from heat, add tea bags, and let steep, stirring twice, 4 minutes. Discard tea bags and let tea cool.

Divide tea among ice cube trays. Freeze until solid, at least 8 hours.

Meanwhile, in small saucepan, combine sugar and 1 cup water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until sugar dissolves, 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from heat; let cool.

In large pitcher, stir together lemon juice, cooled syrup, and 4 cups cold water. If it's too tart, add 1 to 2 cups more cold water.

Fill glasses with tea cubes and lemon slices, then top with lemonade. Serve with mint if desired.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

to Everyone Celebrating
their Birthday in

SEPTEMBER!



**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

SEPTEMBER 3

Lector – Bill Gilfert
 Ushers – Jeremy Snyder*, Jane Correll and
 Kathleen Sandner
 Communion Assistant – Antoinette Sehar

SEPTEMBER 10

Acolyte – to be announced
 Lector – Cindy Zwetolitz
 Ushers – Jeremy Snyder*, Jane Correll and
 Kathleen Sandner

SEPTEMBER 17

Acolyte – to be announced
 Lector – Cathy Boyer
 Ushers – Jeremy Snyder*, Jane Correll and
 Kathleen Sandner

SEPTEMBER 24

Acolyte – to be announced
 Lector – Sandy Tapler
 Ushers – Jeremy Snyder*, Jane Correll and
 Kathleen Sandner



OCTOBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

OCTOBER 1

Acolyte – to be announced
 Lector – Charlene Piskula
 Ushers – Louise Hash*, Beth Napoli
 and Ken Napoli
 Communion Assistant – Penny Lahue

OCTOBER 8

Acolyte – to be announced
 Lector – Renee Coyle
 Ushers – Louise Hash*, Beth Napoli
 and Ken Napoli

OCTOBER 15

Acolyte – to be announced
 Lector – Sheila Yudt-Gower
 Ushers – Louise Hash*, Beth Napoli
 and Ken Napoli

OCTOBER 22

Acolyte – to be announced
 Lector – Penny Lahue
 Ushers – Louise Hash*, Beth Napoli
 and Ken Napoli

OCTOBER 29

Acolyte – to be announced
 Lector – Jeff Reinhard
 Ushers – Louise Hash*, Beth Napoli
 and Ken Napoli
 Communion Assistant – to be announced

FALL SCHEDULE RESUMES on SEPTEMBER 10TH

Calendar for September 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<div> <div> </div> <div> Come back to Rally Sunday, September 10th 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. </div> </div>						
3 LABOR DAY EMPHASIS 9:15 AM: PENTECOST XIV HOLY COMMUNION: THE REV. CODY M. DANNER, preach	4 Have a safe and happy LABOR DAY!	5 6:30 PM: Evangelism Committee 7:00 PM: Social Media Committee 7:30 PM: Property Committee	6 6:00 PM: 150 th Anniversary Committee 6:00 PM: Finance and Stewardship Committee 7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal	7 7:00 PM: Worship and Music Committee	8	9
DEADLINE TO TAKE YOUR FAVORITE BOOKS!!!						
10 RALLY SUNDAY! 9:00 AM: Sunday School Special Kickoff Event: <i>JanWest Roundup!</i> 9:00 AM: Young at Heart 10:30 AM: PENTECOST XV WORSHIP SERVICE: Sunday School Installation, Senior Choir debut 11:30 AM: Hot Dog Social	11 7:00 PM: Church Council	12	13 7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal	14	15	16 <div> <p> please bring food offerings for the Coplay Food Bank! <i>Harvest Home</i> Sunday, September 24th </p> </div>
DEADLINE FOR T-SHIRT ORDERS!!!						
17 Pentecost XVI 9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:00 AM: Young at Heart 10:30 AM: PENTECOST XVI WORSHIP SERVICE 3:00 PM: St. John's Youth Group Fall Kick-off at church; then Rolling Hills mini-golf and Schnecksville Diner	18 7:00 PM: Fellowship Committee	19	20 7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal	21	22 2:30 PM: Meet at church for DAYBREAK !	23
24 Harvest Home 9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:00 AM: Young at Heart 10:30 AM: PENTECOST XVII WORSHIP SERVICE: Harvest Home emphasis 6:30 PM: St. John's Bible Study (resume Revelation)	25 7:00 PM: Christian Education Committee	26	27 7:00 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal	28 7:00 PM: Coplay Garden Club	29	30 <div> <p> BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Sunday, October 1st, 2 PM </p> </div>

150th CELEBRATION CONTINUES — CODY DANNER PREACHING ON SEPTEMBER 3rd