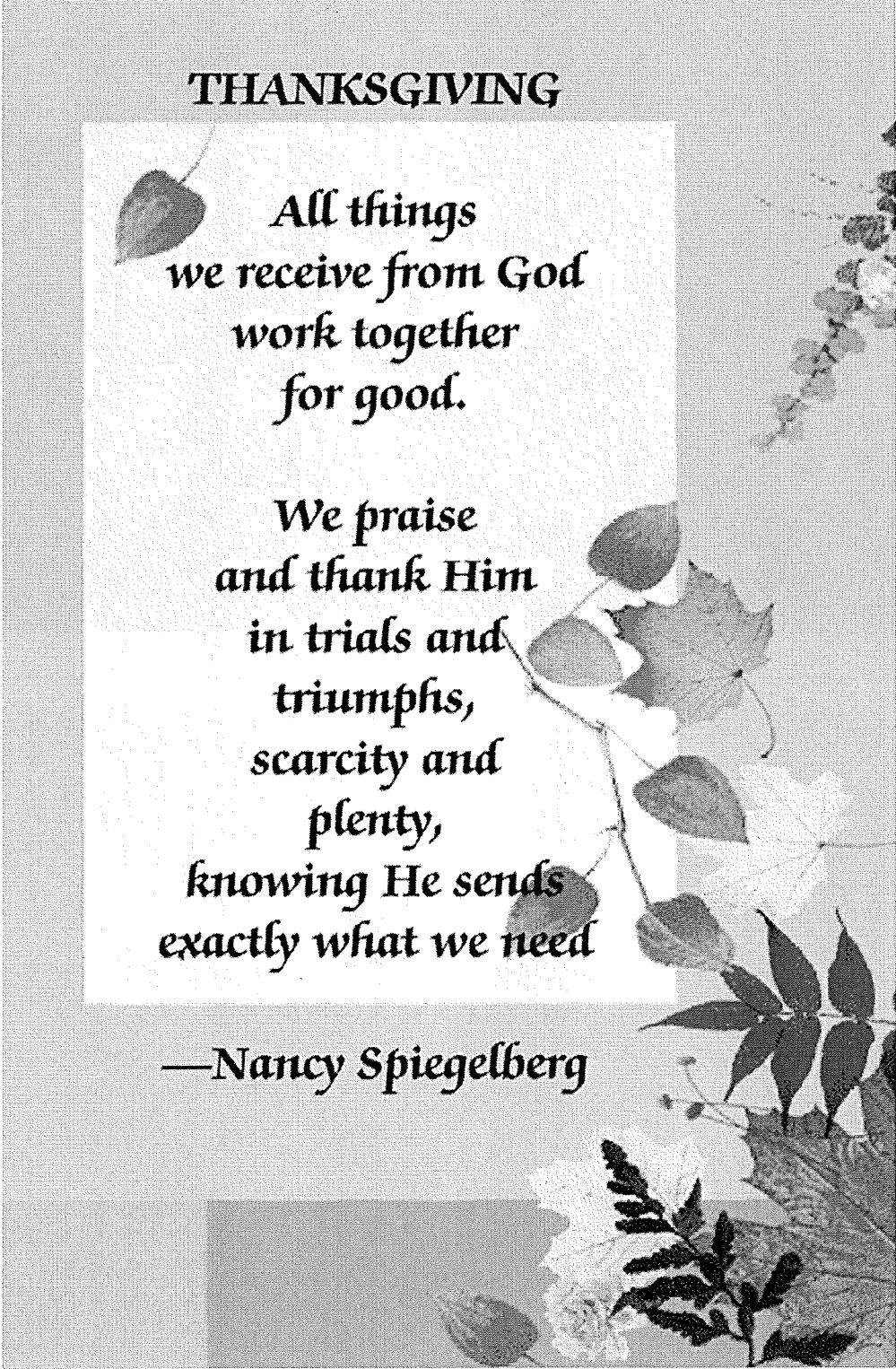


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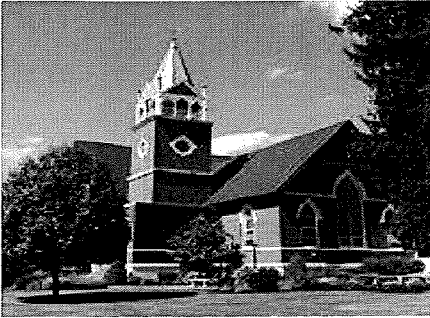
All things
we receive from God
work together
for good.

We praise
and thank Him
in trials and
triumphs,
scarcity and
plenty,
knowing He sends
exactly what we need

—Nancy Spiegelberg

“On Wings Like Eagles”

...but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength
They shall mount up with *wings like eagles*,
They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
Isaiah 40:31



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Organist: Arlene Poltrock
Church Secretary: Rose Fox
Phone: 570-788-2685

Office Hours: M-W 9 am to 1 pm; F – 9 am to 12 pm

Our Purpose

(Our sense of what God is calling us to be and do in the mission of the Church)

God's purpose for our congregation is to be a Christ-centered community, glorifying God and sharing the gospel and blessings with our neighbors.

Sunday Mornings

Youth Sunday School 8:45 am

Coffee Hour following Worship first Sunday of the month

Catechism Classes

Catechism Classes for youth in grades 6, 7, and 8th grades is available.

Parents and P. Kaufman agree to a schedule that is compatible for all.

All are invited to join us for our worship/fellowship opportunities



PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Almighty God,

My parish family is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a parish with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, and filled with these same qualities.

Therefore, with the help of God-

I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish family to be.

Bless my journey Lord God, that I might build the Church through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Contact Information

Pastor Michele Kaufman – Pastor Designate

Phone Number: 570-881-2371

If you have a pastoral need such as a request for a hospital visit, pastoral care need, or spiritual counseling, please contact P. Kaufman.

For other requests such as a baptism, funeral, or wedding, please contact the church office @ 570.788.2685. If necessary, please leave a message including your full name, phone number, the reason for your call, and the best time to contact you.

2022 Church Council Officers/Members

Melody Hinderer – President	Janet Brady
– Vice President	Jim Cassarella
Carolyn Kuehn – Secretary	Kim Deliman
Donna Cassarella – Assistant Secretary	Jan Jacobus
Jennifer Cipriani – Treasurer	Sheila Maslo
Sherry Grenzberg – Assistant Treasurer	

Church Ministries – See Calendar for Scheduled Meetings/Events

Finance Team – To be named, Chairperson

Knot-A-Quilt – Theresa Steinman

Lay Eucharistic Ministry Team: Melody Hinderer, Judy Mundie

Learning Ministry Team: Kim Deliman, Chairperson

Lutheran Church Women (LCW): Mary Ellen Sims, President

Prayer Circle Ministry: Kim Deliman, Chairperson

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Peggy Hawk

Property Team: Jim Cassarella, Chairperson

S.E.R.V.E. Ministry: Donna Cassarella, Melody Hinderer, Co-Chairpersons

Worship and Music Ministry Team: Arlene Poltrock, Chairperson

We offer many opportunities for ministry. If interested, please contact the church office, a council member, or the chairperson(s) listed above.

Our Guiding Principles #1

We proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

From Pastor Michele Kaufman

Reformation Day isn't just an anniversary or just a remembrance of what God has done in the past. It is a reminder that God is working among us now, in the present; that God is calling us forward into the future. God is reforming us now, beckoning us back to the truth, back to hope and life and forgiveness we can never earn. God is sending us out to live and speak life. Through Jesus Christ, God forgives and re-forms you and calls you to be his body, his church. Through the Holy Spirit, God reforms and holds the church. And through the church, God announces the good news and reforms the world.

Most Protestant Christians observe Reformation Day in honor of Martin Luther and other Christians who removed false doctrine and destructive practices from the Christian church. Because the Roman Catholic Church was desperate to raise money to complete St. Peter's in Rome during the Middle Ages, many clergy used fear as a tool to obtain money from poor and unsophisticated people. They told the people that they had to pay money to the church so that their sins and the sins of their families might be forgiven. The people bought pieces of paper called ***pardons*** and ***indulgences*** from the church so that they could believe that they would go to heaven when they died.

Luther was deeply disturbed by these and other abuses in the church. At the same time he was aware of his own sins and imperfections, and he tried very hard to make himself into a person that he thought God would like. The harder he tried, the worse he felt. He thought he was growing farther and farther away from God, and that it was becoming impossible for God to like him at all.

In despair, he began a deep study of the Bible, especially the letters in the New Testament that were written by Paul, most of all the letter to the Romans, and he began to understand what Paul had told the early Christians over a thousand years before.

In his preaching and writing, Luther began to emphasize two main points: ***justification by faith*** and ***the priesthood of all believers***.

Justification by faith means that Christians can never earn God's love or forgiveness. All that Christians must do is to accept God as God, and God will love and forgive and cherish them.

The priesthood of all believers means that every Christian has his or her own personal relationship with God, reading the Bible and worshiping in his or her own language, and praying directly to God without anyone's going in between.

So Protestant Christians give thanks to God on this day for the opportunity to lead lives of faith, instead of lives of fear.

Highlights from the Church Council Meeting October 13th, 2022

Excused Absences: Pastor Michele Kaufman, Sheila Maslo, Sherry Grenzberg

Council minutes from Sept 15th, 2022, approved.

Treasurer's Report for Sept 2022 approved. CDs for the Walter and Alverna Snyder Ministerial Scholarship Fund and George and Jennie Reisenweaver Memorial Fund were renewed for 6 years.

Pastor's Report/Mileage: Aug 2022 Mileage 298 miles and 40.25 hours approved.

Team Reports

Worship Team: The piano in choir rehearsal room needs to be tuned.

SERVE Team:

- Boscov's vouchers are available to purchase for \$ 5.00, vouchers are a 25% discount shopping pass on all purchases made at Boscov's on Oct. 19th. Our church receives ALL proceeds from the sale of the vouchers.
- Spring: possibility of having community vendor and craft show held inside
- Member directory is still being worked on.
- Movie "I Heard the Bells" – see newsletter article
- Discussed library/video rental possibility
- Discussed adding coffee mugs to Welcome bags
- Community Outreach: Meal for first responders, health fair, show movies

Property Team:

- Sausage Supper tickets are available for \$13.00 for adults. The supper is once again a drive-thru and meals may be picked up from 1 to 5 pm on October 29th.
- Mountain Top Paving is behind schedule due to rain. Will pave the handicap area as soon as they can.
- Microphones for pastors are not working consistently, the issue is being addressed.

LCW:

- Congregation Christmas Dinner is Dec 4th @ 12:30 at Tom's Kitchen. Members MUST prepay by Nov. 27th, costs per person is \$ 15.00. Children will be half-price. Please contact Mary Ellen Sims if you would like to attend the dinner. Menu: salad, rolls and butter, roast beef, turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, vegetable, dessert (cookies), coffee, and tea. The LCW will pay for the desserts, taxes, and tip.

Finance Team:

- Chairperson needed. Budget meeting for 2023 to be held in Nov, purposed budget to be presented to church council at Dec 8th council meeting.

Carillon Team: No report (new system is very expensive)

Old Business:

- Synod church membership update needs to be completed.
- IPAD for the organ is not working.
- No response from UCC concerning a joint Christmas Eve service
- Lockbox will be closed as soon as it is feasible for the bank
- No update from the scouts concerning a pavilion
- Anchor church – no update
- Ministry Grant Applications are still open until the end of the year.
- Interfaith Community Meal – to be held Oct 21st @ Christ Lutheran-Conyngham

Continuation of Highlights of Church Council Meeting...

New Business:

- General Information sheet to be included in the Nov newsletter.
- All Saints Sunday-Nov 6th, letters have been sent to families who have lost loved ones and to the families of those who have had a baptism since our last All Saints Sunday.
- Nominating team will be established to oversee the ballots for council seats that will be available for 2023. There will be six open seats: Four – 3-year terms, One – 2-year term, One – 1 year term. Nominating ballots will be distributed the first three weeks in December before the church service. Jennifer Cipriani and Kim Deliman have served two full terms (6 years) and cannot be re-elected for 2023.
- 40 Advent calendars and 40 Advent Studies are ordered. One calendar and study will be given to each family.
- Advent Giving: **Monetary donations are also accepted for any of the Sundays below.**
- Nov 27th: White Gifts for St. Luke's Manor (Kleenex, socks, perfume, lotion, etc.)
Dec 4th: Salvation Army – NEW hats, scarves, and gloves for adults and children. Need someone to take items to Salvation army on Nov 28th.
Dec 11th: Head Start – new toys
Dec 18th: Donations to the Cemetery Fund
- **Annual reports are due by January 8th.**
- Community News – sharing other churches' fundraisers to be included in the newsletter
- Highlights from the Hazleton-Lehigh Mission District Meeting held Oct 6th. Melody Hinderer is on the council and made the following report: 16 churches in the Hazleton area, and only 3 of the 16 churches have an FT pastor. There are 37 churches in our district. 2 churches have closed: Grace in Lehigh and St. John's in Shenandoah. Christ Lutheran Church in Hazleton is in discussions with a pastor from Alaska. Our church had someone interested for a PT call; to create a FT call, the candidate interviewed for a chaplaincy call, but the candidate felt that the chaplaincy position was not viable, so the candidate said no to the chaplaincy position, which meant that the candidate needed a FT call, so the interest in our church then did not come to fruition because the candidate needed FT.
- The SALM (Synodical Authorized Lay Minister) synod ministry is a possibility for us to utilize. More information is forthcoming.
- Joining with another church for a FT call was discussed.
- The number of people entering the seminary has increased.
- Our synod met with the bishop's equivalents in the UCC, Episcopal, and Presbyterian denominations and there is a shortage of pastors for them as well.
- Church council approved (with regrets) Sheila Maslo's resignation from council.
- Levi, Boy Scouts leader, has offered to buy a new flat-screen TV for Luther Hall.
- The Boy Scouts will be selling Wreaths Across America for Christmas.

Next council meeting is November 10th @ 7 pm, meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm, and closed meeting by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Supply Pastor Schedule

November 6 – Pastor Melvin Mundie
November 13 - Pastor Melvin Mundie

November 20 - Pastor Chip Fairchild
November 27 – Pastor Chip Fairchild

Altar Flowers

In Loving Memory of Tom Kushner by Kushner Family
In Loving Memory of Donnie Wenner III
by Mom & Dad, John, Josh
In Loving Memory of Loved Ones by Janet Brady
In Memory of Mary Wrazen by Joe & Kim Washko
Flowers on the piano in Loving Memory of our Father,
Dale Schell, and In honor of our Mother, Lorraine Schell
by Schell and Howley Families

Bulletin Sponsor for all weeks in November

In Loving Memory of our Father, Dale Schell, and In Honor of our Mother, Lorraine Schell
by Schell and Howley Families.

November Birthday/Baptism/Anniversary Celebrations:

We publish these celebrations with permission and information given by our members. If your celebration is missing from our list, please call the church secretary with the information and your information will be updated. Thank you!



November 2 – Edna Maslo
November 8 – Savannah Heckman
November 9 – David Cunfer
November 15 – Jared Crawford
November 19 – Melody Hinderer
November 23 – Dawn Wagner
November 23 – Steven Janso



November 7 – Gene Steinman
November 7 – Lucas Leitner
November 8 – Lorraine Schell
November 10 – Mary Ellen Sims
November 10 – Korrie Cipriani
November 18 – Janet Brady

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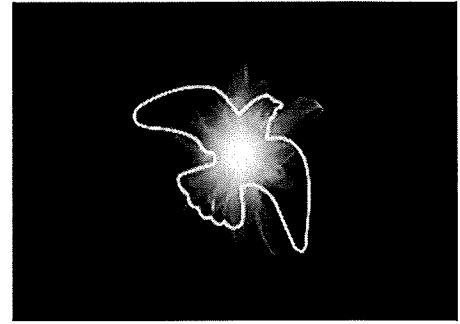
Church members have the opportunity to sponsor our weekly church bulletins for 2023. Sponsorship is full for the rest of 2022! The cost for one week is \$10.00. Available Dates Chart and forms are available in the St. Stephen's room. Please fill out the form along with your check payable to St. John's Lutheran Church and return it to Rose Fox, our church secretary.

NOVEMBER 6th ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints' Sunday is a day to celebrate baptism – incorporating new members into the mystical body of Christ. Today we celebrate the baptisms of:

Kaciana Rae Lindsey

Madison Marie Mumie



All Saints' Day celebration has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. It began as a commemoration of the martyrs who had died for the faith, and it has since become a day when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ. We remember with gratitude those members of St. John's who died in the past year, and others who received pastoral care through this congregation as they finished their earthly journey:

Barbara Billig Thelma Dietrich

Irene Hoch Carol Horlacher

John Koch Mary Kromis

Robert Reed Nancy J. Tedone

John Zamba

**Following worship, the families of those remembered may take the candle lit in memory of their loved one, and the families of those baptized may take home a white flower from the vase.*

Worship Service Volunteers Needed



Since the Covid restrictions have been lifted, we are reverting back to our “normal” worship services which include coming forward for communion and offering collection. There is a sign-up sheet in the St. Stephen’s room for volunteers to fill the following responsibilities for our Sunday worship services:

Head Usher/Building Attendant, Assistant Minister/Wine Pourer, Altar Guild (fold bulletins, etc.), Altar Guild (set up the altar for communion, etc.), Greeters, Crucifer (if needed), Acolyte, Communion Bread Provider, Bring Wine and Bread forward, Communion Ushers, Collection Ushers.

If you have any questions about any of the responsibilities above, please see a council member. We need volunteers in all areas, thank you.

Luther Hall

As a member of our congregation, Luther Hall is available to you if you need a place to hold a function such as a birthday party, baptism celebrations, first communion celebrations, confirmation celebrations, anniversary parties, and funeral dinners. For non-members, our hall is available for certain functions (funeral dinners not included) and there may be a fee depending on the usage of the hall (kitchen, etc.). All requests from members or non-members will have to be approved by the church council. If you are interested in reserving Luther Hall, please contact Jim Cassarella or Melody Hinderer.



Church Member Directory

There have been many requests to publish a church member directory. Our last directory is outdated and much of our member’s information has changed. Our church secretary, Rose Fox, will be contacting our members to get permission to have your information published. The information we are seeking is a current mailing address, current phone number, and email. We will not publish any information that you do not want published. As before, our directory will only be given to our members to use for sending cards for lifetime events such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc. This will be a time-consuming project and if you want to call the church office and give your information before Rose calls you, please do so as that will move this project along more quickly. Thank you for your cooperation.

Monthly Coffee Hour

On November 6th, after church, the November birthdays will be celebrated with a coffee hour sponsored by the Mundie Family. Each first Sunday of the month Coffee Hour will be observed. There is a sign-up sheet in the St. Stephen’s room for members/church teams to sponsor.



Valley Food Pantry

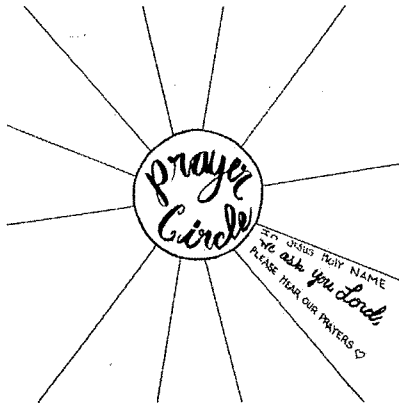


As we do every year, our churches, together with the Valley Food Pantry distributes special "Holiday" food boxes. This Thanksgiving, our church will sponsor boxes of stuffing mix. Any donation of regular or decaf tea or coffee is appreciated. Donations must be in by November 17th.

Besides the "Holiday" food boxes, the food pantry is in need of tomato products (sauce, paste, diced, stewed, crushed) and bar soap. No expired food, please.

THANK YOU in advance for your generosity.

Prayer Circle



If you have a prayer request for yourself, or someone else, or would like to join the Prayer Circle and receive the list of prayer concerns; please contact Kim Deliman at 570-788-4459. Leave a message with your contact information, prayer request and if possible, the duration of the prayer request will be needed. (Example: indefinitely, week(s), month(s), etc.) Let me know what is to be done for the requested name, whether it is to be included in the bulletin, placed on the prayer circle list, or if the person would like to be contacted by Pastor Michele Kaufman. You may also call the church office; fill out a prayer request card and place it in with the offering or, sign the Prayer Request list located on the table in the St. Stephen's Room.

* I have not been receiving any information regarding the names to be added or removed from the Prayer List. Please keep me personally informed. *

Say a prayer for the suffering as well as the rejoicing. Reach out to someone. Share a smile, hug, or kind words with them. Invite them to church. You never know how one small act can impact a day or a life for someone. With your help, the members of the church can keep the Prayer Circle current and enable us to fulfill the needs of the church, community, and the world in which we live.

ROMANS 12:12 "Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer."

Annual Reports

Team chairpersons and other leaders are asked to submit their reports covering the year 2022 **no later than January 8th** so that they can be included in the bulletin of reports to be distributed ahead of the annual congregational meeting. Your reports can be emailed to the church or placed in the secretary's mailbox outside the office.





Advent Season begins November 27th

Below is the list for our Advent Giving. Monetary donations are accepted. Make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. In the memo section, state which organization you are giving a donation to.

Do not wrap the donations.

November 27th: White Gifts for St. Luke's Manor : Socks, tissues, perfume, cologne, lotion, for men and women

December 4th: Salvation Army : (NEW) Gloves, hats, scarves for men, women, and children

December 11th: Head Start : Books, games, toys, socks, sweatshirts, and sweatpants suitable for children ages 3 & 4

December 18th: Monetary donations to St. John's Cemetery (make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church)

"I Heard the Bells"

Sight and Sound have produced a Christmas film called "I Heard the Bells". There are only certain movie theaters in our area that will be showing this film nationwide. The closest theater in our area is in Moosic and there will only be three available dates: December 1, 3rd and 4th beginning at 7 pm. The movie is 1 hour and 50 minutes. You may reserve a seat online@cinemark.com, tickets are \$ 12.50. If interested in attending and would need a ride, please call the church office. If you are willing to drive, please call the church office as well.

The movie is a true story behind the Christmas carol and its author, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Henry's family life is torn apart due to the Civil War. Due to Henry's grief, he wrote this song as he discovers renewed hope of rekindled faith.

Congregation Christmas Dinner – December 4th

All members are invited to the Congregation Christmas Dinner on December 4th at 12:30 pm at Tom's Kitchen.

Members **MUST** prepay by November 27th.

Your reservation will not be made without prepayment.

The cost is \$ 15.00 per adult and \$ 7.50 per child.



If you plan to attend, please contact Mary Ellen Sims after the church services on Sunday or call 570-788-2866.

The menu is: salad, rolls and butter, roast beef, turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, vegetable, dessert (cookies), coffee, and tea.

To offset the cost LCW will pay for the desserts, taxes, and tip.

Please join us for this time of fellowship as we celebrate the "Reason for the Season"

Nominations for 2023 Council



The nominating ballots for the 2023 Church Council will be distributed on December 4, 11, and 18th prior to the start of the worship service.

The current members of Church Council are: Jennifer Cipriani, Kimberly Deliman, Melody Hinderer, Carolyn Kuehn, Janet Brady, Jan Jacobus, Donna Cassarella, Jim Cassarella, and Sherry Grenzberg. The three members of council whose terms end January 2023 are: Jennifer Cipriani, Kimberly Deliman, and Melody Hinderer.

Voting members of the congregation (confirmed members who have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year) are encouraged to participate. Any voting member who is 18-years-old or older may be nominated, except for Jennifer Cipriani and Kimberly Deliman, who have completed six consecutive years of service on council and is, therefore, constitutionally mandated not to serve another consecutive term. You may nominate up to six (6) eligible members.

There are six (6) council seats open for 2023: 4 (3-year terms) , 1 (2-year term), and 1 (1- year term).

At the close of nominations, a Nominating Team will tally the ballots and list the eligible names in order, from the person receiving the highest number of votes to the least number of votes. These persons will be contacted in that order to request permission to place their names on the election ballot for the congregational meeting in January. When eight persons have given their permission, the election ballot is full. Please approach this process with prayer asking God for guidance.

Thank you for all the donations for God's Work, Our Hands.
Donations were delivered and very much
appreciated at the Shine Women's Center.



HOLIDAY SHOPPING OPPORTUNITIES THAT CAN BENEFIT OUR CHURCH

AMAZON SMILE



We are reminding our members, and their families and friends to participate in the AmazonSmile program. There is no cost to participate. To participate enter the website below:

smile.amazon.com

Just a reminder that the AmazonSmile program is always a way to do online shopping which benefits our church.

- a. If you are a member of AmazonSmile and have an organization already chosen to which your donations presently go to, you can change the organization to our church by selecting *Change* which is located by your present organization. You can then select our church (see below).
- b. Depending on your computer or phone, you can find Amazon Smile by either selecting the 3 bars by the Amazon logo and scroll down until you find AmazonSmile, or you can select to See All Programs, and scroll until you see AmazonSmile. Select AmazonSmile.
- c. To search for our organization, enter St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. You will see a listing of churches with this name. Scroll down until you find:

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Location: Saint Johns, PA

You will select our church as your charitable organization, and you may begin shopping. If your purchase is eligible for the 0.5% donation, you will be able to see the amount of your charitable donation once the purchases have shipped.



Keep in mind that this fundraising event is ongoing and has no expiration date.

Upcoming **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Homemade Sticky Bun Sale

Trinity Lutheran Church located on Church and Hemlock Streets is having a "homemade sticky bun" sale on November 18th. Pick-up will be from 4 to 6:30 pm.

YOU MUST PRE-ORDER BY November 13th. by calling Betty Lou Utt at 570.788.1333

NO orders will be taken after this date and NO walk-ins will be accepted.

World Community Day

World Community Day will be held on Friday, November 4, 2022, at Christ Lutheran Church at 1 pm followed by coffee, tea, and dessert. The theme for World Community Day is "A Call to Pray". All are invited; if interested in attending, call Cindy Derr by Monday October 31st @ 570.788.1572 or 570.788.3708.

In December 1992 in Harrington, Maine, when wreath maker Morrill Worcester found himself with a surplus of 5,000 wreaths during the holiday season. Worcester saw the surplus as an opportunity to pay tribute to our country's veterans and with the help of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, arranged for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington National Cemetery. This annual tribute to our country's veterans has continued ever since, touching the lives of millions of veterans' families and volunteers and growing in scope through the years.



In 2007, the Worcester family along with veterans and volunteers formed the non-profit organization Wreaths Across America to continue and expand their efforts at Arlington National Cemetery and to support those around the country who wished to do the same. Wreaths Across America's mission is simple: **Remember** the fallen, **Honor** those that serve, and **Teach** the next generation about the value of freedom. Morrill's wife, Karen, has served as the organization's volunteer Executive Director since the non-profit was created and today oversees what has become a massive volunteer organization that continues to grow. In 2021 alone, Wreaths Across America and its national network of volunteers placed over 2.4 million veterans' wreaths at over 3,100 locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad.

This year, National Wreaths Across America day will be held on Saturday, December 17th, 2022. Locally, a ceremony will begin at noon followed by the placement of wreaths at St. John's Lutheran & Reformed Cemetery located at 772 St. John's Road where approximately 330 local veterans are laid to rest. This is open to anyone who would like to attend.

This is the first year wreaths will be placed at this location. This year our goal is to place 330 wreaths. With your generosity, we are hoping to meet this goal and ensure no veteran is forgotten. Each hand made, fresh, live wreath cost \$15 to sponsor and is made in the United States with Maine balsam. If you'd like to make a grave specific wreath sponsorship, please contact Jennifer Cipriani 570-578-6952.

On behalf of the volunteers and military families looking to honor all the veterans laid to rest at St. John's Lutheran & Reformed Cemetery and the Wreaths Across America extended family, we thank you for your consideration of this patriotic cause. I'll be in touch to determine your interest in supporting the mission to Remember, Honor, Teach.

Respectfully,

Cub Scout Pack 63
Troop 63
Troop 772

You can also order online at <https://wreathsasscrossamerica.org/pages/167755>

Location ID: PASJLRC
Group ID: PA0596P



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Wreath Sponsorship Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local, community cemeteries each December. For quicker processing and the convenience of paying with a credit card, debit card, Google Pay, or PayPal, wreaths may be sponsored as grave specific requests online by visiting <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/167755>. If you prefer to pay with a check, please complete this form and mail it along with your check to the address in the box on the right. Thank you for your support!

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Please make checks payable to:

Wreaths Across America

PO Box 249

Columbia Falls, ME 04623

Call 877-385-9504 with any questions.

Thank you for your sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

Sponsorship Type	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Mailed "In Honor" card = If you wish to send a physical honor card telling someone of your sponsorship, please see "In Honor" section below. The \$2 fee is required for this mailing.	\$2.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,500.00		
		Grand Total	

GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED ON THIS FORM

In Honor of:

Below, please provide email or mailing address of "In Honor of" recipient so we can notify them of your sponsorship in their honor. If you have a specific message, please write it on the back of this sheet.

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

In Memory of:

This name will be listed on our online memory wall. Below, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided.

Branch of Service: _____

Rank: _____

State: _____

Please note, **ALL** sponsored wreaths are shipped directly to the location and **NO** wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Location ID: PAJLC Sponsorship Group ID: PA0596P

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash: _____ Total: _____ Date Received: _____

Total No. Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____

MO: _____

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GEN: _____

Please keep for your reference!

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Church E-mail: stjohs@epix.net
Website: www.sjlutheran.org
FB: SJELC.StJohnsPA

Cemetery Assoc. 570.788.3662 (building in cemetery) Secretary of Cemetery: Sherry Castrine 570.401.4314

Pastor Designate: Pastor Michele Kaufman E-Mail: kaufman19@verizon.net
Home: 570.443.0832 Cell: 570.881.2371 Office: 570.474.6616

WORSHIP SERVICES: Sunday School 8:45 am Church Service is 10:00 a.m.

PASTORAL CARE & HOSPITALIZATIONS: In the event of an urgent need, call Pastor Michele Kaufman. Please leave a message on the church voicemail for other needs.

NURSING/PERSONAL CARE HOMES & AT HOME SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Available for those unable to participate in public worship. Please speak with Melody Hinderer (570-956-5709) to schedule a visit from our Lay Eucharistic ministers.

PRAYER CIRCLE: Please contact Kim Deliman (570-788-4459) for anyone who is sick, hospitalized, or in need of prayers and we will add their name to our prayer list. Also, notify Kim when we can remove the name(s) from our prayer list.

ALTAR FLOWERS: May be sponsored to honor or remember family or friends for \$ 24.00. Your donation can be placed in the offering plate specifying the donation is for altar flowers. Include your name and the date for which you are sponsoring flowers and to whom the flowers are for. The flower sign-up sheet is in the St. Stephen's Room.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Are provided as a tool to keep us faithful and regular in our giving. They are put in the St. Stephen's Room in early December. A statement of your annual giving is available in January. If you have any questions about your statement or need envelopes, please contact Jennifer Cipriani, Treasurer (570-578-6952).

HANDICAPPED ACCESS: To the nave and Sunday School building is available through either Sunday School door. There is handicapped access to Luther Hall; enter through cemetery side door entrance for lift.

DEATH OF A CONGREGATIONAL MEMBER: If Pastor Michele Kaufman cannot be reached, contact the office secretary immediately and she will be in touch with Pastor. **Do not** schedule the funeral without consulting Pastor. Calling hours and funeral service may be held in the church. Lutheran Church Women can serve a funeral dinner to the family of a deceased member; contact Mary Ellen Sims (570-788-2866).

BAPTISMS: Are administered within a regularly scheduled service. Contact the office to schedule a baptism and a meeting with Pastor Kaufman.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES: Are held for 2nd graders and older. Please contact the church office to register for the next class. Watch the newsletter for schedule information.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Are held for 6th and 7th graders; 8th graders receive Confirmation on the Day of Pentecost. Requirements for confirmation are available from Pastor Kaufman.

WEDDINGS: Contact Pastor Kaufman or the church office to plan a wedding.

VOLUNTEERS: Much help is needed in the life of the church. If you have a special talent or desire to help in a particular area, please contact the church office. God has given us many talents. Wouldn't it be wonderful to share them with others!

November



- ❖ November 2nd – Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 9:30 am; Choir @ 2 pm
- ❖ November 3rd – Boy Scouts Parent/Committee Meeting

- ❖ November 6th – All Saints Sunday; Sunday School @ 8:45 am; Church @ 10 am; Coffee Hour
- ❖ November 7th – Boy Scouts @ 6 pm
- ❖ November 9th – Choir @ 2 pm
- ❖ November 10th – Martin Luther's Birthday; Church Council Meeting @ 7 pm
- ❖ November 11th – Veterans Day

- ❖ November 13th – Sunday School @ 8:45 am; Church @ 10 am
- ❖ November 14th – Boy Scouts @ 6 pm
- ❖ November 15th – December Newsletter deadline
- ❖ November 16th – Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 9:30 am; Choir @ 2 pm
- ❖ November 19th – Divine Providence Meal

- ❖ November 20th – Christ the King Sunday; Sunday School @ 8:45 am; Church @ 10 am
- ❖ November 21st – Boy Scouts @ 6 pm
- ❖ November 23rd – Choir @ 2 pm
- ❖ November 24th – Thanksgiving Day

- ❖ November 27th – 1st Sunday of Advent; Sunday School @ 8:45 am; Church @ 10 am;
Registration deadline for Annual Christmas Dinner at Tom's Kitchen;
White Gifts are being accepted for St. Luke's Manor
- ❖ November 28th – Music and Worship Meeting @ 10:30 am; Boy Scouts @ 6pm