

MINISTRY MATTERS

- IN THE CONGREGATION AND BEYOND -

SUPPLY PASTOR SCHEDULE

October 3: Pastor Chip Fairchild -
Communion
October 10: Pastor William Zimmerman -
Communion
October 17: Pastor Chip Fairchild -
Communion

PRAYER CIRCLE

Prayer Circle

Prayer is powerful, especially when done together! Are you interested in being a part of St Johns' Prayer Circle? Anyone can participate because you can pray anywhere on your own time. Please contact Kim Deliman at 570-788-4459 and leave a message with your contact information. You will receive a list of prayer concerns through email or by a phone call if needed.

Prayer Requests

Requests can be submitted by leaving a message with Kim Deliman, calling the church office, or, filling out (all) information on the sheet located in the St. Stephen's Room. Also, there will be prayer request cards in the pews with the pencils. These may be placed in with the offering. Please list what is to be done for the requested name, whether it is to be included during worship, placed on the prayer circle list, or if the person would like to be contacted by Pastor Michele Kaufman. If possible, please indicate the time frame the prayer request should remain active. (Example: indefinitely, weeks, month, etc.)

The help of the church as a whole can keep the Prayer Circle current and enable us to fulfill the needs of the church, community, and world in which we live.

Matthew 21:22 And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith

SCOUTING

SCOUTS BSA and Cub Scouts have resumed in person meetings. If anyone is interested, meetings are Monday nights. For more information, contact Jen Cipriani at 570-578-6952.

Scouting is open to boys and girls ages Kindergarten through High School.

PRAYER REQUEST/CONCERN

If you have a Prayer Request/Concern, contact Kim Deliman. Please provide the following information: The person/people, causes, and concerns in need of prayers. Prayer Circle would like to keep up to date to fulfill the needs of the church, community, and world in which we live.

Request/Concern to be communicated:

I request prayers for:

Name: _____

Concerns: _____

_____ Place on the email Prayer Chain

_____ Include in prayers during worship

_____ Contact me about my request

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER



Altar Flowers

This month's altar flowers are placed to the Glory of God and:

October 3 – In loving memory of John, Grace, and Harry Sharpe by Sylvia, and Don and family

October 10 – In loving memory of James Phile by Pat Phile and family

October 17 – In loving memory of Evelyn Christman

October 24 – In loving memory of Jerry Klick

October 31 – In memory of Edward Jacobus by his daughter Jan Jacobus

* Our 2021 Altar Flower chart in the St. Stephen's Room, is full for the year of 2021. Thanks to all those that sponsored flowers for the year.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer shawl ministry will be continuing at 9:30am at the church. We meet the first and third Wednesday of the month. All are welcome to join us, and we are willing to teach.

PHOTOS, PLEASE



A reminder that we would love to share more photos of our activities in our church newsletter, and both photos and videos on our Facebook page and the church website (with permission). We would appreciate your help. If you have footage from a church event or activity (even if it's just members enjoying fellowship or working around the church), please email to the church office at: stjohns@epix.net or you can download and message them to us through our Facebook page. Thank you!

SECRETARY COMMUNICATIONS

Please make sure anything communicated to the secretary for the bulletin, newsletter, or anything she needs to address, has your contact information on it. Your name, phone number or email address and reason for communication.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School Sunday Morning at 8:45 a.m.

Followed by 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
*CDC guidelines will be followed and closely

monitored moving forward with Sunday School*

Dawn Klick and Sylvia Wenner continue to use the "one room schoolhouse" format for Sunday School. It is our hope that the children are enjoying themselves as they gather together to grow in their faith, learn about God's word and express themselves.

We encourage you and the kids to invite friends to join them on Sunday morning. Introduce someone to Jesus. Reconnect with a child or family that has been missing for a while. Invite them back again. Spread the good news. Share the joy found in the promise of Jesus' sacrifice for us. We have all kinds of friends. Some from school, some from sports, some from clubs. Let us try to make friends in faith.

The Learning Ministry Team is looking forward to an exciting 2021-2022 Sunday

School year. The teachers are preparing their lessons and hoping for participation from the kids and encouragement from the parents, grandparents, and congregation. This will give the teachers a better idea on how they prepare the lessons each week. It would be wonderful to include group activities.

Youth Group????

Remember, the LMT is also considering the startup of a youth group. If there is enough interested youth in the 6th grade and up, we will move forward with planning this endeavor. We would like this to be a collaboration between the youth with the guidance of an adult. They would take an active role in making plans for outings, activities, and meetings. Please contact the church, the Learning Ministry Team, or the SS teachers if interested in a youth group.

Submitted by Kim Deliman: LMT Chair on behalf of the LMT

Learning Ministry Team: Janet Brady, Jennifer Cipriani, Donna Cassarella, Kim Deliman, Melody Hinderer, Dawn Klick, Patty Phile

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

We have heard time & time again about how beautiful and well-kept our cemetery is. We often take for granted the hard work and endless hours that go into keeping our cemetery beautiful year after year. ***To help with the upkeep, please consider giving a monetary donation "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" a loved one.*** Checks can be made payable to "St. John's Lutheran & Reformed Cemetery Association" or included with your weekly offering (please include a notation with your offering).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for you to come join one or several of our Church Ministry Teams! Be a part of the many opportunities these teams provide. We want and need you to join us in serving God's calling with your time and talents to help our church continue to grow in making this place to share and express his love. Please contact the church office if you are interested. Worship & Music, Learning Ministry, Stewardship, Finance Team, Property Team, Altar Guild, Assistant Ministers, Lay Eucharistic, Quilting, and Prayer Shawl.

YARD SALE

1st Outdoor Community Yard & Bake Sale

In celebration of "GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS Sunday, the Stewardship committee planned a yard & bake sale which was held on the South Lawn parking area. This was an Outreach Project and all Spot Rents, Food Sales and Bake Sale proceeds went to "The Valley Food Pantry. 26 Vendors set up their yard sale treasures, and craft items ready to start at 8:00 in the morning.

Scout Troops (Pac 63 & Pac 772) provided coffee. The church provided food & beverages next to our wonderful Bake Sale. There was a display of the afghans & shawls that were done by the "Prayer Shawl Ministry" group, plus free t-shirts & free gift bags for the kids. Even our cardboard Jesus was there for photo shoots! Thank you to all that participated and volunteered their valuable help in any way! You made this a very successful event that helped not only the Valley Food Pantry but many others that you touched with your kindness and generous hearts.



NEED NEW

PRESIDENTS DESK

Presidents Corner

Stewardship Committee is hosting The Living Generously Program which will be held on Sunday, October 17th at 11:30 am. A luncheon will be served by the Stewardship Committee. Time and Talents and Pledge cards will be available.

The Community Yard and Bake Sale was a huge success. \$1,450.00 was collected for the Valley Food Pantry and \$38.00 was collected for the Cemetery Association. Thanks to everyone who helped out.

Sunday School started on September 12th, with three students in class.

Property – The mason work on the front steps and sidewalk will start around the 15th of September. So please follow the signs to avoid any danger areas. George Hess is donating the cement for this project. Thanks George!

We did not have a quorum on Sunday, August 29th to vote on the steeple. Council set Sunday, October 17th to have the congregational meeting immediately after church. Then head down to The Living Generously Program and lunch.

The LCW will have had their meeting by time this goes to print on September 14th at 1:00 pm.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day is Wednesday, October 20th. The passes are \$5.00 each.

The church air conditioning system needs repair.

Unfortunately, Bishop DeForest cancelled his visit to Pastor Michele's church on Sunday, September 26th.

Covid 19 restrictions will stay the way they are now.

Council discussed doing a fundraiser for the family of Kaylee Barbush. For the interim donations can be made by writing Kaylee on an envelope and putting it in the offering box.

Don Wenner, Jr. will check the phone messages in the church office when the secretary is on vacation, etc.

Godspeed,

Don Jr.



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.

To search for our organization, enter St Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church.
You will see a listing of churches with this name. Scroll down until you find:

St Johns 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.

If you need assistance or help in setting up your purchases for AmazonSmile to benefit our church, feel free to contact the church office. **HAPPY SHOPPING!**

BOSCOV'S FRIENDS



Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

One day only – Wednesday - Oct.20th

Shop 8:00am 11:00am

- **Donate \$5.00 for your * 25% off discount shopping pass!!**
- **Register to WIN a \$100.00 Boscov's Gift Card**

Be sure to fill out the bottom portion of your discount pass & drop in the registration boxes while at the store to be eligible to win.

100% of your donation goes to our church!

Contact any Council Member or Team Leader for your Discount Shopping Pass

OUR CHURCH CONTINUES TO LIVE THROUGH THE COVID PANDEMIC. PHYSICAL DISTANCING HAS CHANGED THE WAY WE WORSHIP AND SERV, BUT THE NEED IS GREAT, AND GOD'S CHURCH IS AT WORK.