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# October 2024

**COMING IN OCTOBER:**

**October 4 & 5:** Fall Basket Social

**October 22:** Boscov's Fundraiser

**October 25:** Halloween Hot Dog Stand

**October 27:** 150th Anniversary Celebration  
& Coffee Hour



**LOOKING AHEAD...**

11/2 - Christmas Craft Night

11/8 - Community Free Dinner

11/10 - Congregational Meeting (Budget & Elections)

11/21-24 - Thanksgiving Sides Sale

11/27 - Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service (held here)

Thank you to everyone who completed a “**NEWSLETTER QUESTIONNAIRE**”! If you have already selected your preference, great, if not it is not too late – simply let us know if you wish to receive your copy by email, pick up in the narthex, or continue through postal mail.

*You may change your preference at any time.*



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Dear St. John's Members and Friends,

### **St. John's Lutheran Church 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1874-2024**

I want to highlight, amongst the many activities and events scheduled on the October calendar, 2 major events that has to do with the history of St. John's Lutheran Church.

The first is on Sunday, October 27 - St. John's Lutheran Church celebrates 150 years of ministry. The building's cornerstone was placed on 1874 and dedicated this space to the glory of God for worship and fellowship with one another and our community.

To commemorate St. John's 150 years of ministry a plaque will be placed at the newly acquired 1883 Martin Luther Statue outside the church building.

The second is also on Sunday, October 27, when we celebrate The Protestant Reformation that took place in 1517 in Europe. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther was the first Protestant and instrumental for what became the Protestant Reformation in Christianity. Protestant Christians around the world will celebrate 506 years of Protestantism.

Come join us at St. John's Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for the festivities in a space God has blessed us to worship in with scripture, hymns, and holy meals.

Thanks be to God!  
The Rev. Nelson Quiñones, Pastor



## HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND??

Please be assured that pastoral visitation and Home Communion are always available at St. John's. Contact us if you or a family member desires the sacrament or a visit.

*Contact the church office and/or the pastor when you are hospitalized.  
Thank you to those who have been keeping us updated!*



## Join us for worship!!!

In order to remain in voting status as a member of St. John's we must have record of your communion at least once each year through the completion of a communion card (found in every pew). We ask that you please take a moment to fill out one of these cards if you have not already done so.



**We email readings, prayers, and other resources each Friday so that you may reflect from home. Contact us to be added/removed from this list.**

**Sunday, October 6, 2024 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Genesis 2:18-24** Created for relationship

**Psalms 8** You crown us with glory and honor.

**Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12** God has spoken by a Son

**Mark 10:2-16** Teaching on marriage

**Sunday, October 13, 2024 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Amos 5:6-7, 10-15** Turn from injustice to the poor,  
that you may live

**Psalm 90:12-17** So teach us to number our days that we may  
apply our hearts to wisdom.

**Hebrews 4:12-16** Approach the throne of grace with boldness

**Mark 10:17-31** Teaching on wealth and reward

**Sunday, October 20, 2024 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Isaiah 53:4-12** The suffering servant

**Psalm 91:9-16** You have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most  
High your habitation.

**Hebrews 5:1-10** Through suffering Christ becomes the  
source of salvation

**Mark 10:35-45** Warnings to ambitious disciples

**Sunday, October 27, 2024 – Reformation Sunday**

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Coffee Hour

**Jeremiah 31:31-34** I will write my law in their hearts, says the Lord

**Psalm 46** The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Romans 3:19-28** Justified by God's grace as a gift

**John 8:31-36** Jesus says, continue in my word and you  
will know the truth

October is

**Pastor Appreciation**

Month



Don't forget to thank your Pastor!

## **Council Minutes - August 12, 2024, at 7:00 pm**

Present: Pastor Nelson, Kelsey Burian-Miller, Keri Ann Divers, Mike Divers, Ken Divers, Stacey Divers Neola Geschel, Cindy Graf, Lisa Herman, Mike Herman, Donna Kressin, Matthew Kressin, Curtis White

Absent: Carla Malantonio

Mike Divers called the meeting to order.

Pastor led us in prayer.

### **Council Meeting Minutes** from July 8, 2024

Stacey made a motion, seconded by Neola, to approve the minutes from the July 8th meeting. The motion carried.

### **Treasurer/Finance Report** (June 2024)

- Curtis made a motion, seconded by Mike Herman, to approve the financial reports. The motion carried.
- \$12,000 was transferred from the Helga Howard money market fund to the general fund to cover expenses.

### **President's Report**

#### **Pastor's Report:**

- Our welcome bags need to be updated.
- Pastor is covering for St. Johns UCC pastor while she is traveling.
- Report included worship services, funerals, meetings, and visits.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### Finance:

##### Property:

- A working AC unit has been installed in the adult Sunday school room to replace the old one that no longer works.

- Batteries need to be replaced in the hall cameras.  
Some lights in the kitchen are burned out.

Christian Education/Sunday School:

- Sunday school meeting will be held Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30 to plan for the coming year.
- Rally Day is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>
- Blessing of the backpacks is August 25<sup>th</sup>

Youth Ministry:

Worship and Music:

- Choir rehearsals resume Thursdays at 7pm beginning September 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Joint Outdoor Worship on September 8<sup>th</sup> at Breinigsville park. Curtis White coordinating.
- Harvest Home on September 15<sup>th</sup>- no coffee hour
- Worship time returns to 10:30 AM on September 1<sup>st</sup>
- Joint Outdoor worship on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at Breinigsville Park
- Rally Day and Harvest Home on September 15<sup>th</sup>

Staff Support:

Staff reviews coming.

Evangelism:

Stewardship:

- Our next dinner is 9/15/24 sponsored by Ladies Aid.
- Robert Neumoyer to be the next speaker.

Ladies Aid:

- Vince's Cheesesteak Food Truck coming back to St. John's parking lot on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Pies and baked goods are also for sale. Hours: 11:30-6:00
- Basket Social scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. We have letters printed if anyone wants to help solicit local businesses for donations. Basket assembly dates 8/27 and 9/24.

Constitution & Bylaws report:

## Old Business:

- Budget committee needs to set up a meeting date. (The budget must be approved at the October 14<sup>th</sup> council meeting before congregation approval in November)
- Looked over the Funeral Fees and Use of Facilities documents. Non-members will be charged \$400 for use of the room and cleaning. AA group will be charged \$50/month for use of the MP room to cover heating/air conditioning and electricity.

## New Business:

We need to make a list of repairs needed for the church to plan for payment options. These include roof sealing, installing gas shutoffs at each stove, ventilation issues, etc.

Next Council Meeting-September 9th at 7:00 PM

A motion was made by Neola, seconded by Cindy, to close the meeting. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Donna Kressin,  
Council Secretary

*All minutes from past meetings are available in the church office.*



## A Few Things to Keep in Mind:

✦ **Food Card Sales:** ½ of the profit from the food card sales will go towards the Restoration Fund, the other ½ will be sent to Second Harvest Food Bank. Thank you for your continued support of this fundraiser. Please see Dave Neimeyer to buy cards at church (Giant, Weis or Redner's), or stop by the office during the week to make a purchase.

✦ **2024 Address Directories are available in the narthex.** You may also request a PDF copy by email.

✝ **Weekly Email** - If you would like to be added, please send us a note to: stjohns.lutheran@verizon.net.

✝ **Flowers & Bulletins:** Bulletins - \$15.00; Flowers - \$48.00 for two vases (*note the increased price*). Feel free to contact the office with any questions or special requests.

✝ **2024 Offering Envelopes** are still available for pick-up. You may pick up a box (with your assigned number) for the year. Please feel free to take them to friends and family. Envelopes have been moved to the church office.

✝ **Methods of giving** include offering envelopes, bank bill pay, and through our website with credit/debit card. Info about the different forms of donation is on our website.

✝ In order to remain in **voting status as a member of St. John's** we must have record of your communion at least once each year by home communion or at an in-house service. Please fill out a communion card, found in each pew.

✝ **Cookbooks** – now \$5 each, please pick one up in the narthex or Fellowship Hall. The proceeds will benefit the Restoration Fund.

✝ **Redner's Receipts** - We are still participating in the "Sav-A-Tape" program at Redner's Market. Deposit tapes in the narthex.

## Upcoming Events/Opportunities:

**Basket Social** – preview night on Friday, October 4th (6-8pm), event on Saturday, October 5th (10am to 2pm). Tickets may be purchased/placed both days, take-out food items will be available only on the 5th. Ticket pricing (1 sheet = 25 tickets): 1 sheet/\$10, 2 sheets/\$20, 3 sheets/\$25. Winners will be drawn at the end of the event and contacted by phone. A sign-up sheet for baked goods is in the narthex. Monetary donations may be handed to Jeanette Holtzhafer or Carol Moyer.





**Bosco's Friends Helping Friends** shopping passes are now available for Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8 AM-11 PM (IN-STORE ONLY). Your donation of \$5 to St. John's Ladies Aid will entitle you to receive 25% off most items purchased that day. This is a great way to begin holiday shopping! See any Ladies Aid member.

St. John's will be hosting their usual **Halloween Hot Dog Stand** on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 PM (*raindate: 10/26/24*). More details will follow as Halloween approaches. For now, mark your calendars and let Dave Neimeyer know if you can help (484-378-2725 or [dave@neimeyer.org](mailto:dave@neimeyer.org)). A sign-up list for supplies will be posted in the narthex soon.



**Christmas Craft Night** – Join us on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Invite your friends and family for an evening of craft making. All ages are welcome. Bring your favorite snacks, we will provide the soda/drinks. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those who are interested.

**All Saints Sunday** will be celebrated on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will remember by name those from our congregation who have died since November 5, 2023 and also celebrate the newest members of St. John's who were baptized this past year. If you would like to remember loved ones in either the video or bulletin, please contact the church office no later than October 27<sup>th</sup>.



**Community Free Dinners** – The last dinner of 2024 will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> (sponsored by Sharon & Bob Snyder) from 5PM - ?, while supplies last. Anyone interested in volunteering please call the church or contact Dave Neimeyer ([dave@neimeyer.org](mailto:dave@neimeyer.org) or 484-378-2725) or Bob Neumoyer (570-386-3045 or [nrich14@ptd.net](mailto:nrich14@ptd.net)). *Cash donations or purchased items will be gladly accepted from donors and members who possibly would like to help but are unavailable to attend for preparation and serving.*





## Homemade Thanksgiving Sides Sale - Looking to add some St.



John's favorites to your meal? Place your orders for the following: 3lbs. potato filling in a conveniently packaged, oven ready aluminum baking pan for \$10.00. (Remove the lid, put the container in the oven, bake, and enjoy!) Homemade applesauce will be available in quarts for \$8.00 each. Bacon dressing is available to order in a pint for \$6.00 or a quart for \$8.00. We will be taking orders from October 13<sup>th</sup> thru November 3<sup>rd</sup>, or until orders are filled - see Carol Moyer. We can use help to prep/cook/package orders on November 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 8:00 AM. PICK UP: Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 AM to 12 PM. Church members may also pick up their orders after worship on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Pines Dinner Theater** – We have 25 seats reserved for December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM – “White Christmas” *Please note the new location: Shops at Cedar Point, 315 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown.* Tickets are \$70 each (includes dinner, show and gratuity). Contact Neola Geschel with any questions or to make reservations.

## Thank You...

-  To everyone who contributed towards the Harvest Home display and to all of those who helped set up the altar. Produce and perishables items were sold after worship. Together we collected \$110 to donate to Lowhill Food Bank.
-  To all who helped with Rally Day and to our Sunday School teachers and helpers for 2024-25. We are looking forward to another great year.
-  To everyone who helped with the September Community Free Dinner, and to all who donated. This continues to be a successful outreach to the community due to all your hard work.
-  To Curtis White for coordinating our Annual Picnic. And a big thanks to all who attended and brought food.

- ✎ To Lisa Herman, Kyle Seyler, Keri-Ann Divers, Mike Divers and Pastor Nelson for preparing the 2025 Budget (which will be presented to the congregation on 11/10/24). Watch for a letter with details.
- ✎ To Beth Furman for collecting and delivering all the garden donations for Plant-A-Row... and to all who brought their extra produce this season!
- ✎ To all our volunteers who continue to help during Sunday in-house services acolyting, welcoming visitors, reading, etc.
- ✎ To everyone who continues to support St. John's by donating online, through Simply Giving, or with your checks/envelopes!
- ✎ To everyone who is supporting the Restoration Fund and the Food Bank through the purchase of food cards.
- ✎ To all who have designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John's Church.



## Youth Plate

- ✚ We are still looking for any youth that may be interested in serving as **bell ringers, acolytes, or crucifers**. You can use SignUp Genius to chose a date to serve. Speak with Pastor Nelson if you are interested or contact the office for more info.
- ✚ **Thank you to everyone who joined us for Rally Day!** All are welcome to join Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM. We have classes for toddlers through adults. Please speak with Pastor Nelson if you need information about the Catechetical Class (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students).
- ✚ Don't forget to visit us at the **Hot Dog Stand** located in front of Strohl's Automotive on Main Street. Everyone is invited to stop by during trick-or-treat hours (6-8 PM) on Friday, October 25th.

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