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March 2026

COMING IN MARCH:

All of March: Mary Ann Donut fundraiser

March 20: Community Free Dinner

March 24: Egg Filling Night

March 28: Upper Macungie Township Bunny Hop



LOOKING AHEAD...

4/2 – Maundy Thursday

4/3 – Good Friday

4/5 – Easter Sunday

4/12-14 – Cinnamon Bun Bake Sale

4/19 – Coffee Hour

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.

Mission Statement

We, the members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Fogelsville, desiring to be blessed together with Word and Sacrament and to become more perfectly the Body of Christ in the world, do hereby commit ourselves to a mission which involves: increasingly creative and meaningful worship; developing additional opportunities for Christian Education; intentional witnessing to our congregation and community; Christ-centered social ministries and; promoting a more effective stewardship program which helps people to become better aware of what we have to offer and where we have needs.

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but shall have everlasting life."
John 3:16*

HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND??

Please be assured that 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 when you are hospitalized.
Thank you to those who have been keeping us updated!*





REMINDER!!! Church cancellations will be displayed on WFMZ TV (or wfmz.com) on mornings of bad weather. You can also call the church office and listen to the answering machine, it will relay cancellations.



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.

**Catechetical Class at 9 AM, Sunday School class at 9:30 AM
In-house services begin at 10:30 AM**

Facebook Live broadcasts have been paused until further notice.

Sunday, March 1, 2026 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a The blessing of God upon Abram

Psalms 121 I lift up my eyes to the hills;
my help comes from the Lord.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 The promise to those who share Abraham's faith

John 3:1-17 The mission of Christ: to save the world

Sunday, March 8, 2026 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7 Water from the rock in the wilderness
Psalms 95 Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Romans 5:1-11 Reconciled to God by Christ's death
John 4:5-42 Baptismal image: the woman at the well

Sunday, March 15, 2026 – 4th Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13 David is chosen and anointed
Psalms 23 You anoint my head with oil.
Ephesians 5:8-14 Awake from sleep, live as children of light
John 9:1-41 Baptismal image: the man born blind

Sunday, March 22, 2026 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14 The dry bones of Israel brought to life
Psalms 130 I wait for you, O Lord; in your word is my hope.
Romans 8:6-11 Life in the Spirit
John 11:1-45 Baptismal image: the raising of Lazarus

Sunday, March 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday
Sunday of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a The servant of the Lord submits to suffering
Psalms 31:9-16 Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Philippians 2:5-11 Humbled to the point of death on a cross
Matthew 27:11-54 The passion of the Lord



Council Minutes January 12, 2026, at 7:00 pm

Present: Pastor Wimmer, Keri Ann Divers, Ken Divers, Stacey Divers, Mike Divers, Sara Kleba, Donna Kressin, Matthew Kressin, Lynn McMillen, and Doug Moyer

Absent: Bob Neumoyer and Curtis White

VP Sara Kleba called the meeting to order. She called an election for president of council. Sara made a motion, seconded by Doug Moyer, to nominate Mike Divers. The motion passed. She turned the meeting over to Mike.

Pastor Wimmer led us in prayer.

Council Meeting Minutes of November 10th

Lynn made a motion, seconded by Mike, to approve the minutes of the November 10th meeting. The motion carried.

Congregational meeting minutes were reviewed but will be approved at the next congregational meeting.

Treasurer/Finance Report (November and December 2025)

Ken made a motion, seconded by Stacey, to approve the financial reports. The motion carried.

President's Report:

Mike thanked the council for their leadership for a successful year of 2025.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Wimmer will stay through Easter to assist us to the next steps. He will preach three weeks with Pastor Lichner preaching once each month. February 1st Pastor Werley will preach as neither of them is available.
- Our rate for supply pastors has not changed for quite some time. He recommended a stipend of \$200. On a motion by Ken, seconded by Doug, the new stipend be changed to \$200 for the service. The motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Finance:

- Members of the audit committee are Beth Kressin, Jessica Moyer, and Cindy Graf. They will meet on January 11th after worship.
- A 1099 is needed for Pastor Lichner. We will need to complete and submit it. We need to check with Paychex to find out the cost.
- A discussion was held on how to line item our payments to bridge pastor, supply pastor, etc.

Property:

- The furnace was repaired and cleaned by Deiter Bros. The total bill has arrived and will be paid from the Building Fund. 12/6/25 \$3,784.00. More heating issues over the weekend, Deiter Bros. was contacted again on 1/12/26.
- Water testing through the township scheduled for August
- Leaking valve in the basement piping. Apollo has been contacted for repairs. Leak worsened and Everett Plumbing was called out for repairs on 1/10/26. Job completed.

Christian Education/Sunday School:

- Souper Bowl of caring on February 8th
- We will be participating in UMT Bunny Hop again this year on March 28th. Donations and volunteers needed.

Youth Ministry:

Worship and Music:

- Ash Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00 led by Pastor Wimmer
- We need pastoral coverage on February 1 and March 8
- Holy Week and Easter services discussed. Pastor Wimmer will lead Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Easter Dawn service pending.

Staff Support:

- Reviews upcoming.

Evangelism:

Stewardship:

- 2026 Community Free Dinner schedule was posted for 2026. January is sponsored by the Furman family. (Chili)

Ladies Aid:

- Ladies will be meeting this month to plan for the year.

Constitution & Bylaws report:

- On hold for the present time.

Other Reports:

Endowment Fund:

- 2025 Earnings- Council needs to make a decision to present at the annual congregational meeting. The total net earnings were \$8,546.43. \$5954.61 from the managed account and \$2,561.82 from the non-managed account. Sara made a motion, seconded by Stacey, to recommend that the entire amount be put into the general fund. The motion passed.

Old Business:

- Council elections were finalized.
- Usher schedule and contact information was updated.
- Discussed need for a retreat in the future.

New Business:

- Annual Congregational Meeting after worship on 1/25/26
- Updated Council contacts to include in the Annual Report
- New member request- Barry and Carol Moyer by transfer from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Bath, PA

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

Next council meeting: Monday February 9th at 7 pm

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. Stop by the office during the week to make a purchase (Giant, Weis or Redner's).

✝ **2026 Address Directories are available in the narthex.** You may also request a PDF copy by calling the church office.

✝ **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 - \$50.00 for two vases. Feel free to contact the office with any questions or special requests. Charts are posted in the narthex.

✝ **2026 Offering Envelopes** - You will again be able to pick up a box (with your assigned number) for the year. Envelopes have been moved outside the office door.

✝ **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** – \$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.

🌿 Thank You... 🌿

- 🌿 To everyone who contributed towards the \$153.00 and 50 lbs of non-perishable items collected for Souper Bowl Sunday. Special thanks to the youth who helped with the collection, and to Dave Neimeyer for delivering to St. Paul's Food Pantry.
- 🌿 To Curtis White, Carl White and Kyle Seyler for helping to fix the lights inside our outdoor sign!
- 🌿 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 all who have designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John's Church.

Upcoming Events/Opportunities:

During the month of March we will be having a Mary Ann Donut Kitchen fundraiser. Keep watching for more details in the bulletin and weekly emails, coming soon!

Community Free Dinners – The 2026 schedule is set, dinners



will continue on the 3rd Friday, every other month (except November- 2nd Friday). The next dinner will be held on March 20th, sponsored by Bob & Becky Neumoyer. We are in need of dinner sponsors and

volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering please call the church or contact Bob Neumoyer (570-386-3045 or 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.*

On Saturday, March 28th we will again be participating in the **Upper Macungie Township Bunny Hop** at Grange Park from 10



AM-2 PM. We are looking for donations of plastic eggs, small goodies to place inside, and small stuffed animals. Cash donations may be handed to Cindy Graf. Speak with Cindy if you are interested in

helping hand out items at the event. Sign-up in the narthex!

Join us for the egg-filling event on Tuesday, March 24th at 7 PM!

Keep watching the narthex for the flower order chart for Easter Sunday, April 5th – COMING SOON!!!



Youth Palate

- ✠ 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.
- ✠ **Join us for Sunday School!** Everyone is welcome to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM. We have classes for toddlers through 6th grade. Please speak with Carla Malantonio if you need information about the Catechetical Class (7th & 8th grade students).
- ✠ On Saturday, March 28th we will again be participating in the **UMT Bunny Hop** at Grange Park from 10 AM-2 PM. Sign-up for needed items in the narthex. We could also use volunteers to help us stuff the eggs on Tuesday, March 24th at 7 PM!

Also, check out the “Youth Page” on our website!!!

LENTEN SERIES 2026

Walking Wet



	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Bible text:	Matt 6:1-6, 16-21	John 13:31-35	Matt 14:13-21	Luke 18:35-43	Mark 10:35-45	Jonah 3:10-4:11
Baptismal Theme:	Overview	Promise 1: Live among God's faithful people	Promise 2: Hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper	Promise 3: Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed	Promise 4: Serve all people, following the example of Jesus	Promise 5: Strive for justice and peace in all the earth
Diaconal Image:	Prayer	Footwashing	Setting the Table	Storytelling	Bridge-building	Bearing the Light
Watchword:	Listen	Community	Sacrament	Story	Compassion	Witness
Daily Practices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Prayer • Listening Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community prayer walk • Foot-washing or hand anointing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bake bread • Connect to local feeding ministry • Lectio divina 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read a healing story each day • Tell a Story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who are your neighbors? • Practicing accompaniment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptismal Rite • Paschal candle • Advocacy

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Lenten Video Reflections with Bishop Chris deForest

“Walking Wet” is the new Lenten Series developed by Pastor John Wertz, Jr, Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM) for the Virginia Synod; and by Deacon Kat Tigerman, DEM for our own Northeastern PA Synod. Week by week, join Bishop Chris deForest as he follows the series and posts a new video for each Wednesday through Lent.

Visit godslove.org/walkingwet to view videos as they become available.

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