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May 2026

COMING IN MAY:

- May 3:** 3rd Grade Bible
- May 6:** Mother/Daughter Banquet
- May 10:** Mother's Day
- May 15:** Community Free Dinner
- May 17:** Sunday School End-of-the-year Party
& thanking SS Teachers and Helpers
- May 25:** Memorial Day Service
- May 31:** Confirmation



LOOKING AHEAD...

- 6/7 – worship time change,
honoring our graduates & choir
- 6/9 – Beth's student piano recital
- 6/14 – Father's Day Brunch

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 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.

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

Sunday, May 3, 2026 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60 The martyrdom of Stephen

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 Into your hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.

1 Peter 2:2-10 God's people chosen to proclaim God's mighty acts

John 14:1-14 Christ the way, truth, and life

Sunday, May 10, 2026 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31 Paul's message to the Athenians

Psalm 66:8-20 Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.

1 Peter 3:13-22 The days of Noah, a sign of baptism

John 14:15-21 Christ our advocate

Sunday, May 17, 2026 – 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14 Jesus' companions at prayer after his departure

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds.

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 God will sustain and restore those who suffer

John 17:1-11 Christ's prayer for his disciples

Sunday, May 24, 2026 – Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21 Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Send forth your Spirit and renew
the face of the earth.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 Varieties of gifts from the same Spirit

John 20:19-23 The Spirit poured out

Monday, May 25, 2026 – Memorial Day

Worship at 10:00 a.m.
at the Fogelsville Union Cemetery

The service will be led by Pr. Denise, and assisted by the Breinigsville VFW and Boy Scouts. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, May 31, 2026 – Holy Trinity

CONFIRMATION

Genesis 1:1—2:4a The creation of the heavens and the earth

Psalms 8 How majestic is your name in all the earth!

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Paul's farewell to the church at Corinth

Matthew 28:16-20 Living in the community of the Trinity

**REMINDER...worship time will change to 9:30 AM
beginning June 7th!!!**

Council Minutes - March 9, 2026, at 7:00 pm

Present: Pastor Wimmer, Keri Ann Divers, Ken Divers, Lynn McMillen, Mike Divers, Donna Kressin, Matthew Kressin, Bob Neumoyer, and Doug Moyer

Absent: Sara Kleba, Stacey Divers

Call to order: President Mike Divers called the meeting to order
Pastor Wimmer led us in prayer.

Council Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2026

Doug made a motion, seconded by Ken, to approve the minutes of the February 9th meeting. The motion carried.

Treasurer/Finance Report (January 2026)

Mike made a motion, seconded by Bob, to approve the financial reports. The motion carried.

Guest- Carla Malantonio

A discussion was held regarding the 2 confirmands. Since Brady Sell has completed all the requirements for confirmation, and there being no other first year students, Carla recommended that he be confirmed this year with Cole Moyer. Ken made a motion, seconded by Lynn, to confirm both boys this year. The motion carried.

President's Report:

Nothing to report

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Wimmer updated us on progress looking for buying pastoral time from another church. He created a preaching schedule through June. Pastor Lichner will be retiring on April 19th and no longer available.

Committee Reports:

Finance:

- A 1099 form for Pastor Lichner was completed and filed by Paychex at no charge to us.

Property:

- Paneling is being installed in the downstairs bathrooms thanks to Curtis and Carl White. This will alleviate the moisture issue.

Christian Education/Sunday School:

- We will be participating in UMT Bunny Hop again this year on March 28th. Donations and volunteers needed. Sign up in the narthex. Egg filling night is on March 24th at 7 PM.

Youth Ministry:

Worship and Music:

- Palm Sunday (3/29/26) 10:30 AM worship
- Maudy Thursday (3/2/26) 7PM worship
- Good Friday (4/3/26) 7 PM worship
- Easter Sunday (4/5/26) 7 & 10:30 worship, No Sunday School

Staff Support:

- Reviews upcoming.

Evangelism:

Stewardship:

- 2026 Community Free Dinner schedule was posted for 2026. March 20th is sponsored by the Bob and Becky Neumoyer. (Ham and string beans) Sign up in the narthex for items still needed.

Ladies Aid:

- Cinnamon bun sale is April 12-14. Orders are due by March 29. Contact Carol Moyer. Cost \$10 each
- Mary Ann Donuts postponed – date TBA
- Kuhnsville Car Wash.- April 26 – May 24. Tickets cost \$10 and can be applied to any car wash. (We get to keep half of the money.)

Constitution & Bylaws report:

- On hold for the present time.

Other Reports:

Endowment Fund:

Old Business:

- Inactive member list reviewed by council. We will send letters to inactive members and invite them to Easter services.

New Business:

- We are looking for a female from the congregation to represent St. John's at the upcoming assemblies. Rich Ludwig-Dicus has volunteered as our male delegate.

Lehigh Mission district spring Assembly- Sunday May 3 at 4:00 at the Lutheran Center (register by 4/15)

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly on June 4-6 at Split Rock Resort (registration open between 4/7 and 5/11)

- Welcome bags need to be updated.

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

Next council meeting: Monday, April 13, 2026 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 helped with and supported the Cinnamon Bun Bake Sale. We appreciate all of those who help make this annual fundraiser as success!
- 🌿 To the volunteers who donated and helped fill eggs, and to those who volunteered at the UMT Bunny Hop Event.
- 🌿 To everyone who continues to help with the Community Free Dinners – to those who coordinate, sponsor, donate items and volunteer their time. Special thanks for free-will donations from our dinner visitors and financial support from Keller Funeral Home, DBI Stiches and Thrivent.
- 🌿 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.



A restoration project at the Fogelsville Union Cemetery is underway! Crews will be at the cemetery straightening headstones and working on areas in need of repair. Please be aware of the work being done during this time. Thank you.

Upcoming Events/Opportunities:

Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 6th at 6:30 PM, here at St. John's. Enjoy a fun filled evening for women and their guests. Family and friends are welcome. Dinner will be served as a family-style buffet, all you can eat. We can seat approx. 90 people. Prices: 3 & under are free, ages 4-10 are \$8.50, 11 & older are \$17. See Jeanette Holtzhafer for reservations by 4/26.



Geraniums are on sale now (to be displayed on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th). Cost - \$5 each. If you do not want any to take home, please consider buying one to be planted around the outside of the church! Sign-up in the narthex, deadline for orders is May 10th.

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 May 15th, sponsored by a generous financial gift from DBI Stiches. 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 nrnich14@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.*



Sunday School End-of-Year Party: May 17th at 9:30 AM



Community Memorial Day Service at the Fogelsville Union Cemetery - Monday, May 25th at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome, please join us.

Summer Worship Time Change – Please note that we will be changing to our summer worship schedule (9:30 AM worship June-August, NO Sunday School) on June 7th.

Pines Dinner Theater – We have seats reserved for the following dates. Dinner begins at 6 PM, the show is at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$70 each - includes dinner, show and gratuity. BYOB no longer permitted. See Neola Geschel (610-395-1774) with any questions or to make reservations.

- Friday, May 8th to see “The Marvelous Wonderettes” as they tell a story with 28 songs from 1958-1968. (**reservations and \$ due 4/26**)
- Friday, December 11th to see “Christmas at the Pines: Up on the Housetop” (reservations and \$ due 11/22)



Muhlenberg Summer Institute
June 28 - July 11

This summer, Muhlenberg College will offer a two-week, on-campus pre-college program for rising sophomore, junior, and senior high-school students – the 2026 **Muhlenberg Summer Institute**. The Muhlenberg Summer Institute will provide hands-on, project-based opportunities in a variety of subjects including new media and journalism, entrepreneurship and economics, theatre, political science, and psychology. The program also includes a half-day Career Accelerator session aimed at translating the summer experience into future opportunities.

Full program details and registration For more information, contact:
summerinstitute@muhlenberg.edu



Youth Update

- ✚ 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).
- ✚ **Sunday School End-of-the-Year Party:** Sunday, May 17th
- ✚ **UPDATE:** There will be **NO Vacation Bible School** held here this year. Everyone is invited to join St. John's UCC across the street for their VBS program. Check their website for dates and details, coming soon!

Also, check out the "Youth Page" on our website!!!



ATTENTION GRADUATES...

Please let us know if you are graduating from high school, college, business or technical school. We would like to honor all our graduates on Sunday, June 7th. Please call the office or email your info (let us know your name, name of the school you are graduating from, and your future plans).

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