

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, RINGTOWN  
COUNCIL MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

**Council members in attendance** were Wayne Mensinger, Joan Mensinger, Laura Faust, Grace Kamarousky, Bill Rudolph, Bob Decusky, Gary Schell, Pastor Jay, Gail Becker, and Clarissa Geary. Also in attendance were Marion Chupasco and Judy Rudolph. Wayne opened the meeting with devotions. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's reports were given and filed for audit.

**Pastor's report:** 1 private communion, 1 private counseling, 1 premarital, Synod zoom meeting, Thursday night zoom prayer chats, 3 funerals, 2 baptisms, 2 confirmations, Library board and basket raffle spectacular meetings. Pastor Jay relayed thanks from the Library for use of tents, parking lot, and tables for the raffle fund raiser. It was a huge success. Sunday services for the remainder of September will be in the parking lot where it will be warmer than under the maple tree. Communion will be held on 9/20. Pastor Jay said that any member willing to, can take the communion elements to members who aren't able to attend for various reasons, and distribute to said members at their homes. Live stream services on You Tube are going well. Pastor Jay noted that he has reached over the 100 page mark of his contributions to Facebook.

**Office report** was reviewed and approved.

**Committee reports:**

**Social Ministry:** The beef bracirole dinner to benefit Ginger Hart was very successful, serving between 340 and 360 dinners.

**Capital Campaign:** Met by phone and are now ready to begin the campaign when it is safe to do so. A letter was drafted and will be sent out to members explaining their progress.

**Property:** Graham Fritz' Eagle Scout project was discussed. Janitor salary was reviewed and interview scheduled.

**Old Business:** Marion still hasn't heard anything on the grant from Schuylkill County for protective equipment. Discussed fundraisers. When services move inside, probably in October, it was decided not to use the hymnals, no singing, and still use the paper handouts with the service printed on it. Masks will also be required and removal of cushions will serve to let people know where seating is allowed. As for meetings, they can be held in the social hall, not the meeting room, with a limit of 25 people, again with masks and social distancing required.

**New Business:** The Bach and Handel Chorale concert has been cancelled for this year. Cub Scout registrations will be outside on 9/21. Permission was given for the Boy Scouts to use the parking lot for Trunk or Treat. The Harvest Home offering of the 9/20 service will go to the food pantry.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
Joan Mensinger, secretary

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BRANDONVILLE  
COUNCIL MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

**Members In Attendance:** Pastor Jay, Mario Curreli, Dotsy Fritz, Bob Fritz, Marie Clark, Millie Krupilis, Judy Kline, Deb Kapusnick, Marion Chupasco

**Secretary' Report:** Approved as read

**Treasurer's Reports:** Available for review and sent to audit.

**Pastor's Report:** Private communions 1, funerals 3 (the services have been conducted outside), premarital 1, confirmation 1 (this was held in the beginning of August and it went well), private counseling 1, baptisms (Ringtown) 2. Pastor Jay continues to do the zoom prayer chats on Thursdays, attended a Synod zoom meeting, and participated in several meetings with the Ringtown library board/basket raffle event.

**Office Report:** Available for review.

**Old Business:** Fundraisers discussed. The web site is up and running. More information has been added to the site. Boscov's "Friends and Family" day will be 2 days this year shop either online or in the store and specify the organization that they are supporting. Five percent will go back to the church. The live stream for the services continues to be a work in progress. Jamie has been working hard to accomplish this. We had our first communion service in August. The wind was an issue. The paper cups were blowing around. We will try to use cupcake trays to hold the cups and wafers. The liturgy did flow well. Our next communion service will be the third Sunday in September (weather pending). Pastor Jay will be asking the congregation if anyone is willing to take the elements of communion following the service to our shutins. The person would just go to the porch and would not enter the home. Wear a mask, and speak through the door. Any confirmed member can do this. The member would read the Eucharistic prayer, say the Lord's Prayer and then give the communion. As we move into the fall, we need to consider where and how our services will be conducted. Pastor Jay would like to continue with the outdoor services for as long as we can. Once we have to go inside things will need to be done differently. As we transition we will need to plan safely. We really do need to be conscious of what and how we are doing things.

**New Business:** There was no new business.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer  
Marie Clark, secretary

**PASTOR JAY AWAY OCT 12-24**

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