

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, RINGTOWN
COUNCIL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 3, 2020

Council members in attendance were Laura Faust, Bill Rudolph, Gail Becker, Wayne Mensinger, Joan Mensinger, Gary Schell, Grace Kamarousky, and Pastor Jay. Also in attendance were Marion Chupasco and Judy Rudolph. Pastor Jay opened the meeting with a prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved with a correction. Treasurers' reports were given and filed for audit.

Pastor's report: 2 pre baptisms, 2 private counseling sessions, Library board meetings, 1 funeral. Pastor Jay apologized for the scheduling and canceling of the August 2 worship service, with the weather causing confusion. Both Brandonville and Ringtown services were recorded for YouTube. Pastor Jay will check on prices of microphones and cameras that could possibly be used with the computer to do live services. The worship services under the Maple tree have helped during the hot weather. Baptisms are now being done with several to occur in August. Communion is scheduled for August 16 with precautions in place and using 2 communion assistants. Synod held a zoom meeting pertaining to Synod Assembly which will be held online on October 16, 18, 23, & 24. The main business will be electing a new bishop. 2 delegates, 1 male and 1 female are needed. There will be a registration fee to help defray the technological costs. As of now, the 2021 Synod Assembly will be held at Kalahari Resort.

Office report was reviewed.

Committee reports:

Capital Campaign: Met by phone conference.

Reviewed the proposed brochure and pledge cards.

Building Committee: Bob Llewellyn reported to Pastor Jay that the perk test passed and that Dave Rentschler of JMR is working on the storm water runoff testing.

Youth Group: The National Youth Gathering has been moved from late July of 2021 to July of 2022. The kids going from our churches should all still be eligible.

Old Business: The website is up and running. The Apostle will be downloaded to the website. Financial reports for the general fund will be available if requested. The Fireman's Convention has been cancelled.

New Business: The Library Food and Wine Gala has been canceled and in its place will be a basket extravaganza. The date will remain the same, 9/12/2020, and the time will be from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. The Library asked permission to use the church parking lot and to borrow tents and tables to be set up and taken down by their committees. Permission was granted. The Boy Scout Spaghetti dinner was canceled. C J Oslar's Eagle Scout Project was approved. Discussion was held on the possibility of a takeout only dinner to be held. Marion thanked council on behalf of her and Sandy for allowing them to sell masks and towels with proceeds going to the church. Council in turn thanked Marion and Sandy for doing the preparations and sale. Marion said she applied for a grant from Schuylkill County to help defray costs of cleaning supplies and things needed due to Covid 19. She hasn't heard back from anyone yet.

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

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BRANDONVILLE
COUNCIL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 4, 2020

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

Secretary' Report: Approved as read

Treasurers' Reports: Reviewed and sent to audit.

Pastor's Report: Funerals 1, Private counseling 2, Pre-baptism meetings with the family 2. Pastor Jay attended a meeting with the Ringtown Library Board regarding the food and wine gala, participated in a zoom meeting with the Synod for discussions regarding the Synod Assembly to be held online this fall. A new Bishop will be elected. The dates for the assembly are 10/16, 10/18, 10/23, 10/24. Individuals will receive an ID# to vote once you are registered. The individual is then a valid voter. We need two delegates from our congregation. Please let Pastor Jay know if you are willing to be a delegate so you can be registered. The registration is fee is less because the Kalahari Resort was canceled. The Synod Assembly will be held at the Kalahari Resort next year. Pastor Jay has been working out the kinks in order to do a live stream of the Sunday service via Facebook. However, this did not happen. In order to do this on YouTube we would need camera and a microphone. We may be able to do a live service on Facebook in the near future. The drawback to this is that not everyone subscribes to Facebook. Pastor Jay will continue to record the services. We are trying to do different things with the Facebook page. On 07/13/2020 our new website was launched. The website is ringtownlutheran.org. The website is up and running and looks good. The newsletter will be on the website. We will be backing off on the e-mails.

Office Report: Available for review. The town social has been canceled. The fireman's convention has been canceled. The Library Food and Wine Gala has been changed 09/12/2020. It will be a basket raffle. The Boy Scout spaghetti dinner on 09/17/2020 has been canceled. There has been no decision made regarding the Fall festival. The movie night at Ringtown 08/07/2020 will be held in the parking lot. St. Paul's UCC is having a Kauffman chicken dinner on 10/06/2020. The Boscov's friends and family day is still on.

Old Business: Fundraisers were discussed. A communion service will be held on 08/16/2020 as long as the weather cooperates. The hoagie sale was cancelled: there is concern with the assembly processing how we could make it work given our current situation with social distancing.

New Business: Joe Cocco and Donna Anthony have asked to join the congregation. The fundraisers that we do should be something that is take out only. This is the safest option. Pastor Jay reached out to an epidemiologist for the Geisinger Health System asking questions regarding COVID-19 with relation to the logistics at both churches in reference to indoor worship/meetings.

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



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