

Vice President Wayne Mensinger conducted the meeting in the absence of President Bob Decusky. Wayne opened the meeting with devotions. **Council members present were** Laura Faust, Clarissa Geary, Bill Rudolph, Ron Ferrara, Debbie Shoup, Janice Wasser, Jerid Lindenmuth, Mandy Campbell, Wayne Mensinger, Joan Mensinger, and Pastor Jay. Also in attendance were Marion Chupasco, Judy Rudolph, Gary Schell, and Jewel Herbein. The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved. Treasurers' reports were given, reviewed, approved and filed for audit.

Pastor's report: There were 2 premarital counselings, 2 private counselings, 4 funerals, 8 baptisms, and 24 hospital and nursing home visits, 2 Eagle Eye on Ringtown presentations- one on the Town Social and the second with Wayne and Bob Llewellyn on the progress towards building a new church, attended a Library Board meeting, and conducted the annual joint Old White Church service with both Ringtown and Brandonville congregations. Receiving communion at the end of that service worked very well and we may continue that at future services.

Office report was reviewed.

Committee reports:

Think Tank: Preparing for the Fall Festival to be held on October 9. A painting class open to the community will be held on Sunday, September 19.

Capital Campaign: The committee met twice, once with Gene Musser and once with the committee only. October 3 is the date for the full kick off of the campaign. Brochures and pledge cards are to be given to members and possible other interested parties. The possibility of a second offering envelope to be used just for the capital campaign was discussed.

Building: Met to review work that has been done so far as we head into the capital campaign.

Town Social: Wayne reported that the event was very successful having raised the largest amount of money in the history of the event, even with increased expenses for entertainment and supplies. The approximate net profit was \$6,700. Wayne and Janice also noted we had many volunteers that were appreciated.

Old Business: The clean up around the church was set for September 26 immediately after the church service. Wear work clothes to church and bring cleaning supplies: rakes, brooms, etc. This event is in coordination with God's Work Our Hands. The building committee plans to paint the design and outline of the proposed new building on the site where it is to be constructed so members can get a feel for what it might be like. The congregational meeting to finish business from the January meeting was held on August 15. We will prepay 4000 gallons of heating oil.

New Business: As of now, organizations and meetings can be held in the church building. We can adjust the policies as any new Covid information is learned. Worship will stay the same with the 1st and 3rd Sunday's inside for communion and other services outside, weather permitting. A motion was made to accept Jim and Sandy Hart as church members. Laura will have devotions for October.

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

Members in Attendance: Pastor Jay, Bob Fritz, Dotsy Fritz, Marie Clark, Debbie Kapusnick, Millie Krupilis, Mario Curreli, Georgette Herring, Marion Chupasco, Joe Cocco. Devotions were given by Pastor Jay.

Secretary's Report: Was approved as read.

Treasurers' Reports: Available for review and sent to audit.

Pastor's Report: Baptisms 8, Hospital visits 24, Private counseling 2, Pre-wedding 2, Funerals 4, Eagle Eye interviews 2, attended Ringtown Library Board meeting, Conducted a service at the Old White Church. Communion followed the service. Everything went smoothly.

Office Report: Available for review.

Old Business: The Mexican restaurant (La Casita de Familia) coupons are still available. The church hoagie sale scheduled for 9/16/2021 has been canceled. We are selling coupons for Redner's hoagies for 5.00\$. A reminder that Sunday's (09/19/2021) service will be held outside at the pavilion, because the motorcycle group will be utilizing the field next to the church. A representative from the elevator company will be coming (09/15/2021) at 09:00 to do final measurements. They will get back to us with an estimate. A suggestion form for the Keller estate will be placed in the bulletins. The worship service for now will be conducted outside. October 3rd is a communion Sunday.

New Business: There is a CD coming due. A motion was made to roll it over for another six months.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer
Marie Clark, secretary

HEATING FUND ENVELOPES

Your donations in this envelope will be used to help defray the rising cost of heating the church building during the winter months. Please be sure to write your name and envelope number on the outside. Envelope may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.

REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH THIS MONTH...



SUNDAY SCHOOL SUN, 10am at Brndvl

Sunday School is a valuable way to nurture our children and help them grow in their Christian faith. All of our young people, as well as adults, are encouraged to attend. Classes are available for age 3 and up. If you know someone who needs transportation, offer them a ride or contact the church office and we will try to provide transportation. Sunday School teachers also play an important role in our children's faith life. Please consider being part of this educational process and sharing your faith with our youth. **Teachers and helpers are needed!**



8th ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL SAT, OCT 9, 11am-5pm, at St. John's, Rngtn

Food, crafts, games. Pick up a vendor application at St. John's Lutheran Church or the Ringtown Library. Call 570-889-5203.

CAMPUS & SERVICE ADDRESS UPDATES

If you know of any member who is attending school away from home or in the service, please notify the church office with their address so they can be included on our mailing list. This is a way to keep our young adults up to date with news and happenings in their church family.

BOSCOV'S "FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS" EVENT WED, OCT 20

...sponsored by St. John's. For \$5 donation you receive a 25% off shopping pass (in store only) and you can register to win prizes. The entire \$5 donation benefits St. John's.

CATECHISM CLASSES SUN, NOV 14, 1pm on Zoom DEC 5, 1pm on Zoom

All 8th & 9th grade members and those eligible who have not been confirmed yet are required to attend classes and fulfill expectations in order to affirm their baptism on the Day of Pentecost, June 5, 2022.

REDNER'S HOAGIE VOUCHER FUNDRAISER

...sponsored by St. John's, Brndvl Cost: \$5 each/6 inch hoagie Vouchers can be used at Redner's deli or Quick Shoppe. Funds raised to benefit the General Fund.

**LA CASITA DE FAMILIA RESTAURANT
GIFT CERTIFICAT FUNDRAISER...**sponsored by St. John's, Brndvl. Cost: \$15 each The \$15 certificate will be deducted from the total of your food purchase. Funds raised go to the General Fund. Certificates can be used at both locations in Shenandoah and the Hometown farmers market.

ROCK YOUTH GROUP R & K SUB & PRETZEL SANDWICH & APPLE DUMPLINGS SALE ELECTION DAY, NOV 2 pickup 10am-?

Subs \$6.00 Pretzel Sandwich \$5.00 See order form for varieties ... Apple Dumplings \$4...to raise funds for the ELCA Youth Gathering and youth activities. We will take pre orders for subs and sandwiches but have extra of these on election day. **Order deadline: OCT 23**
The Apple Dumplings will be PRE ORDER ONLY

ROCK YOUTH GROUP BUY A MILE

Each mile you would like to buy is \$1.00 and will help ROCK get to the 2022 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Envelopes are located in the narthex at Brndvl and on the SS area table at Rngtn or write your name and "ROCK YOUTH GROUP BUY A MILE" on an envelope. Envelopes can be given to Laura Faust or Jamie Serafin or mailed to the church office PO Box 261, Ringtown, PA 17967 Thank you for continuing to support ROCK.

INTERESTED IN HELPING TO RECORD WORSHIP SERVICES?

...see Jamie Serafin for more information about this opportunity.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As we begin to transition into more worship participation, there are sign-up sheets available for greeters, communion ushers, lay readers, or communion assistants.

*What in the world is God doing?
How can I help?*

RINGTOWN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

On Sunday, October 3, St. John's, Ringtown will kick off in earnest the congregation's Capital Fund Campaign. This campaign is designed to raise finances for the construction of a new church facility which will be located in the back parking lot of the current property. At our worship service on October 3, we will present information to the congregation about the building project, the Capital Campaign and how our members and friends can support our effort to build a facility that will enable us to minister effectively into the future. In addition to the information, members will be asked to consider prayerfully how each can be a part of the Capital Fund Campaign and will receive a pledge card to use to express financial support for the project. Following the service, we will continue to reach out to our members and friends to ask for prayers, support and commitment to this project which will enable us to meet the challenges and opportunities future years and situations will present. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Jay.

What will be your legacy! **ELDER LAW/ESTATE SEMINAR** **THR, OCT 7, 6:30pm**

...at the Ringtown Senior Center, sponsored by St. John's Social Ministry Committee. Come and learn how to best manage your estate. Presenter: Atty Eric M. Mika, Board Certified Elder Law Attorney – Wills, Trusts, Real Estate, Life Insurance, Powers of Attorney
More info? 570-889-5164



BUSS HALLOWEEN PARTY **SUN, OCT 24, 4pm**

Come & join us for a spooooooktacular time!

Donating through a QCD

If you are age 70 ½ or older, IRS rules may allow you to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts (IRAs, 401(k)s, 403(b)s, 457(b)s, inherited IRA plans, etc.). If you take the RMD as income, it will count as taxable income. This additional taxable income may push you into a high tax bracket and may also reduce your eligibility for certain tax credits and deductions. To eliminate or reduce the impact of RMD income, instead consider making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) to St. John's Lutheran. Please speak with your financial advisor before taking any funds from your tax Deferred retirement account.

FOOD PANTRY-REDNERS GIFT CARDS

2nd SAT of month, 9-11am at Ringtown

3rd SAT of month, 9-11am, FEB, APR, JUN, AUG, OCT, DEC at Nuremberg

REDNERS GIFT CARDS are available for purchase to help fund the Ringtown Food Pantry. The pantry receives 5% on gift card sales. Contact Susie Drukker 889-3755 or Ann O'Boyle 889-5305 to purchase cards for \$20, \$25, or \$50. Use your card at Redners and the church or Brandonville Union Sunday School will receive 1% for all receipts submitted through them, helping fund another organization, too.

NOTE: All eligible area residents may file papers to choose to go to either the Ringtown or Nuremberg Food Pantry. You must choose one or the other, you cannot go to both.

A Food Pantry is available at the Ringtown Union Twp. building and at the North Union Twp. building in Nuremberg for all area residents of Ringtown Borough, North Union, East Union, and Union Twp. Donations of non-perishable food items are requested to help stock them. Please bring your donations to the church or other designated collection sites. Ringtown area clergy will refer people to the pantry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

10-2 11am-sellout AMUMC Soup Sale (preorder 9-7to24

Louise 570-889-5925)

10-7 6:30pm Estate Seminar w/Attorney Eric Mika at Sr. Citizen's

10-9 11am-5pm 8th Annual Fall Festival

10-11 order deadline Ringtown Library Mac & Cheese/Pot Pie Sale

for 10-20 pickup 3-5:30pm in St. John's pavilion take out only
chicken or ham pot pie \$9/quart

mac & cheese \$7/quart w/sweetie tomatoes \$8/quart

10-19 3-6pm St. Paul's Salisbury Steak or Roasted Chicken Dinner

\$10 each Take out only

Call 570- 889-5912, 570-889-3494, 570-889-3074 to order

10-20 Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event (in store only)

10-24 4pm BUSS Halloween Party

11-2 BUSS Election Day Luncheon & Bake Sale at Brndvl

11-2 ROCK R&K Sub & Pretzel Sandwich & Apple Dumpling sale

11-24 7:30pm Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship at St. Paul's

11-28 7:30pm Bell Choir at St. Paul's

12-5 7pm St. Paul's Hanging of the Greens

12-11 3pm Bach&Handel ChoraleChristmas concert, St.John's,Rng

7-(24-28)-2022 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN

