

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, RINGTOWN  
COUNCIL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 4, 2021

Pastor Jay opened the meeting with a prayer. **Those council members present were** Jerid Lindenmuth, Debbie Shoup, Wayne Mensinger, Joan Mensinger, Bob Decusky, Bill Rudolph, Clarissa Geary, and Pastor Jay. Also attending were Marion Chupasco, Judy Rudolph, and Gary Schell. The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's reports were given, reviewed, approved, and filed for audit.

**Pastor's report:** There were 4 baptisms, 12 hospital and institutional visits, 3 private communions, 1 new member visit, 2 weddings, 1 Eagle Eye on Ringtown presentation on the Boy Scouts, and a meeting of the Library Board. Also God's Work Our Hands workday was held, trimming shrubs and clean up around the grounds of the church as well as some cleanup inside the building.

**Office report** was reviewed.

**Committee reports:**

**Youth Group:** 6 youth are interested in attending the Youth Gathering in Minnesota next summer. 2 additional youth may be interested. They did fill out an application for financial assistance from the Mission District

**Think Tank:** Work continues on the Fall Festival applications. Set up will be at 5:30 on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Most of the food vendors will be back but the craft vendor numbers have declined some.

**Social Ministry:** The beef bracirole dinner was served during a monsoon but went well. It was decided to purchase gift cards for our college students instead of sending care packages. A presentation on Elder Law will be given by Attorney Mika's office at the senior citizens center on October 7 at 6:30.

**Capital Campaign:** Met with Gene Musser. Also held events explaining the capital campaign. Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> was the official kick off. Gene Musser gave a presentation during the church service and pledge cards were distributed. The last Sunday in September church service was held in the parking lot "inside" the outline of the new church that the building committee painted. After the kickoff service, congregants gathered in the same spot to have a picture taken.

**Town Social:** Blue River Soul is booked for next year's social along with a tentative booking of Ozcoustic.

**Property:** The mower is being worked on.

**Old Business:** Church services will all be held inside as of October 10. The hymnals will be used in place of the bulletin inserts. We will continue to sing only the last hymn. Masks will be encouraged, but remain optional.

**New Business:** The stained glass window in the front of the church needs some attention. It was agreed to have it looked at. We will keep the same Lion's Club dates for the chicken BBQ dinners in July and October. The money from Harvest Home offerings will go to the Food Pantry. Council will sell drinks again for the Fall Festival with the profits going to the ROTG program. Granted permission to the Boy Scouts to hold Trunk or Treat in our parking lot on October 31 from 6 til 8. Pr. Jay requested vacation November 2 thru 6 and December 26 thru 31.

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

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BRANDONVILLE  
COUNCIL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 5, 2021

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

**Secretary's Report:** Was approved as read.

**Treasurers' Reports:** The treasurer's reports were reviewed and sent to audit.

**Pastor's Report:** Baptisms 4, Hospital visits 12, private counseling 2, officiated for 2 weddings, private communions 3, new member visit (Ringtown) 1, Eagle Eye interviews 1, attended Ringtown Library Board meeting. Pastor Jay had vacation during the month of September. The youth group had a meeting. They discussed the ECLA youth gathering for next year. We have six to eight youth interested in attending, one youth from Brandonville.

**Office Report:** Available for review.

**Old Business:** The La Casita de Familia coupons are still available. We are selling coupons for Redner's hoagies for 5.00\$. We received a quote for the elevator. Mario will get a quote regarding paving/grading/drainage for the parking area. Recommendations and a motion from council regarding the Keller estate will be addressed at the annual congregational meeting. At next month's meeting we will formalize all the suggestions received regarding the Keller estate. Next Sunday's (10/10/2021) service will be held indoors. Ringtown has decided to do the same. We will need to have adequate ventilation. We will still only sing the last hymn. Communion will be served from the table up front. Masks are suggested, but optional.

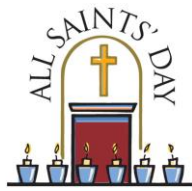
**New Business:** Pastor Jay requested vacation 11/02/2021-11/06/2021 and 12/26/2021-12/31/2021. Next month's council meeting is moved to 11/09/2021. We will have the meeting upstairs in the sanctuary.

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.





**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY  
SUN, NOV 7**

During worship that day we will celebrate communion and also remember those from our parish who have died in the past year. As their names are read, a candle will be lit in each person's memory and the church bell tolled. In addition, the Paschal Candle will be lit in memory of all our loved ones as their names are shared out loud by the congregation. This is a day to celebrate and remember our loved ones who have entered the Church Triumphant.

**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!**

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

All 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Pretzel Sandwich \$5 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.

**The Apple Dumplings will be PRE ORDER ONLY**



**THANKSGIVING EVE  
COMMUNITY WORSHIP  
WED, NOV 24, 7:30pm  
at St. Paul's**

**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.



## 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

2<sup>nd</sup> SAT of month, 9-11am at Ringtown

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

What  
ARE ..... You  
Thankful  
for?

## SOCIAL MINISTRY ENVELOPES

Please write your name and "St. John's Local Social Ministry" on an envelope and place it in the offering plate or mail to the church office: PO Box 261, Ringtown, PA 17967 Your donations will be used for our local Social Ministry programs here at St. John's to provide gifts for our shut in members at Christmas and Easter, and for our other Social Ministry projects.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

11-13 4-7pm Mt. Zion Ham & Chicken Dinner

Adults \$10 age 12 & under \$5 see Gary Schell or call  
570-889-5401, 570-384-3067, 570-889-3200

11-14 Poinsettia order deadline

11-21 Church Council elections

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

11-25 1-4:30pm St. Paul's free Thanksgiving dinner

RSVP by 11-15 570-205-5736 or 570-889-5039

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

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

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

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

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

