

Council members present either in person or via Zoom were Clarissa Geary, Bob Decusky, Bill Rudolph, Janice Wasser, Deb Shoup, Gary Schell, Tracy Laudeman, Laura Faust, Mandy Campbell Wayne Mensinger, Jared Lindenmuth and Pastor Jay. Also present were Marion Chupasco, and Judy Rudolph. The meeting was opened with Bill reading devotions. The January minutes were read and approved. Treasurers' reports were given, reviewed, approved, and filed for audit.

Pastor's report: 5 Hospital visits, 2 Private Communion, 2 private counseling sessions, and 2 funerals. Pastor Jay also attended 1 Ringtown Library Board meeting and helped with the Christian Unity Service held at the Methodist Church on Jan 16th. The Mid-week Lenten theme will be the 5 great sagas of the Bible.

Office report was reviewed.

Committee reports:

Capital Campaign – Mandy Campbell gave a report at the congregational meeting held Jan 30th. Bill made a very nice display that is located in the back of the church to show pledges and donations. The church has received 29% of monies pledged to date.

Youth Group – The ELCA youth gathering was cancelled and will not take place for 2 years. The mission district \$2,400 grant will be returned and the ELCA will refund our \$1,200 registration fee.

Old Business: Once the new contract for the Stained Glass Window is received it will be signed and deposit given to Cumberland Stained Glass Inc. The window will be in until after Easter. The Roast Pork dinner will be cancelled, but two Chicken Dinners will be planned in the future. The ELW hymnal Liturgy will start being introduced after Easter. The current janitor has resigned. Landon Ferrara was hired as the janitor.

New Business: Synod Assembly will take place June 10th and 11th and will be online only. SARC was permitted use of the building as a place to meet with persons who need services and have travel limitations. Vacation was granted to Pastor Jay. Bear Creek camp early registration deadline is March 31st. There is not a discount this year, but kids receive a special T-shirt.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Laura Faust, secretary

**2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES &
2021 CONTRIBUTOR STATEMENTS**

...on the front pew at Brndvl Pick yours up today.
...in the SS area at Rngtn

See Bob Llewellyn for Rngtn statements.
Capital Campaign envelopes are also available for pickup at Ringtown.

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

Secretary' Report: Marion read the notes from the prior meeting.

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

Pastor's Report: hospital visits 5, private communions 2, private counseling 2, funerals 2, Pastor Jay preached at the Prayer for Christian Unity service at the Methodist church and attended the Ringtown Library Board meeting via zoom. The National Youth Gathering has been cancelled. The Synod Assembly is online this year.

Office Report: Available for review. Lenten services this year- three will be at Ringtown and two at Brandonville. Last year all of the services were available online. The theme this year will be five foundational stories from the Bible. Pastor Jay will explore the foundational roots. The Stories will consist of Abraham, Moses, David, Paul, and Jesus. The stories will be about the characters and events of what God called them to do.

Old Business: Fundraisers: we are still selling Redner's hoagie coupons and the La Casita De Familia coupons. At the annual congregational meeting the budget was amended to increase the Sunday school rent by 100.00\$/month (total 7200.00\$). The hymnals: there was discussion regarding the new ones. We will discuss this further at our next meeting in March. The elevator: there was an increase in the proposal price. The increase was 2000.00\$.This was increase of 2%. Bob Fritz has a new contract to review. Council needs to review how to proceed with the proposal and how to implement the signing of the contract. A motion was made for the President, Pastor Jay, the Vice President, Bob Fritz, and the Secretary, Marie Clark, to sign the contract. Bob will contact the bank and the company in order to lock in the price. The parking lot: we will wait until after the elevator is finalized. There was discussion regarding ice on the ramp, how to do the lot, tank, stone, and to have the water run away from the building. A drainage engineer will need to be consulted. The signs out front: Bob Fritz will work on this project.

New Business: Pastor Jay requested vacation for a couple of days. The vacation days would not include a Sunday. He plans to do this before Lent.

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.

CATECHISM CLASS SUN, MAR 13 & 27, 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.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

MAR & APR Signup sheets are available on the counter at Brndvl and on the SS area table at Rngtn. If you signed up as a communion assistant, lay reader, or usher on the Time & Talent sheets, please add your name and choose the dates you would like to serve. For those who are reading lessons, the Celebrate inserts are also there to take.

RINGTOWN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND

The Ringtown Church Council has set up a "Capital Campaign Fund" with the goal of moving forward toward a new church building. "Capital Campaign" envelopes are available in the pew if you would like to make a contribution toward this building project. Member envelopes are in the SS area near the 2022 offering envelopes. Please pick yours up today.

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.

ST. JOHN'S HELPING HANDS CARD SALE

Just a reminder about the ongoing card sale sponsored by St. John's Helping Hands. Get Well, Sympathy, Birthday, and All Occasion cards are available. If you are interested in cards, please see Eileen Teter.



LENTEN SELF DENIAL ENVELOPES

Write your name and "My Lenten World Hunger Offering" on an envelope and mail it to the church office or place it in the offering plate during Holy Week or on Easter Sunday.

2022
**ASH WEDNESDAY
HOLY COMMUNION
w/IMPOSITION OF ASHES
WED, MAR 2
12noon at Rngtn 7pm at Brndvl**

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP "Five Foundational Bible Sagas"

Midweek worship following this schedule:
7pm Worship
MAR 9, 23, & 4-6 at Rngtn
MAR 16 & 30 at Brndvl

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUN, APR 10 - Passion Palm Sunday Holy Communion
& Procession with Palms 9am-B 10:30am-R
THR, APR 14 - Maundy Thursday Communion
12noon & 7pm at Rngtn
FRI, APR 15 - 7pm Good Friday Tenebrae at Brndvl
SUN, APR 17 - The Resurrection of Our Lord
Holy Communion
9am-B 10:30am-R

EASTER FLOWERS & MEMORIALS

Signup sheets for Easter memorials and flowers not ordered through Cerebral Palsy are on the table in the SS area at Ringtown and in the narthex at Brandonville.

Please note the use of different funds:

General: day to day operating expenses

Memorial: worship supplies (altarware, candles, paraments, linens, music, etc.)

Capital Campaign (Rngtn): toward new church building

Endowment (Rngtn): savings for future needs

Cemetery: upkeep of cemetery

Deadline: APR 10 to be included in the Easter bulletin.



CELEBRATING 90+ BIRTHDAY

Please send your birthday wishes to our members celebrating 90+ birthdays this month:

3-30 Marie Shoup
101 E. Washington St.
Shenandoah, PA 17976

SOCIAL MINISTRY

R&K SUB & PRETZEL SANDWICH SALE

Order deadline **SUN, MAR 20** for **MON, MAR 28** pickup
3:30-5:30pm in St. John's, Rngtn pavilion.

Subs \$7 Pretzel Sandwich \$6 See order form for varieties.
...to raise funds for the Ringtown Fire victims. Signup sheet available on SS area table at Rngtn or call 889-5164, 889-5309

THRIVENT MEMBERS

If you are a Thrivent member and any of your Thrivent products earned Choice Dollars in 2021, you have until March 31 of this year to direct the money to any nonprofit organization registered with Thrivent. Organizations registered in our area are both St. John's, Brandonville and Ringtown and the Ringtown Area Library. Any dollars not directed by March 31 by the member will no longer be available for designation. You can direct Choice Dollars by going online to your account or by calling 1-800-847-4836; press 1 and follow the directions.

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.

CEMETERY REMINDER

Flowers, potted plants, floral arrangements, or other decorations on the cemetery must be removed within 14 days following each holiday or the cemetery caretaker has permission to remove them, especially during grass mowing season.

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

SOCIAL MINISTRY "PERSONAL CARE KIT" PROJECT

The Social Ministry Committee will continue our project of assembling Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief during the Lenten and Easter seasons. In these times when people are fleeing their homes for reasons of personal safety, famine, natural disasters, etc. Personal Care items are rarely taken with them. These kits provide much needed self-care items and the chance to regain dignity.

The following items can be dropped off at the church or you can make a monetary donation for the purchase of these items. Please designate for care kits.

- 1 Lightweight, dark colored bath towels
- 2 Bath size bars of soap (no mini bars)
- 3 Adult size toothbrush
- 4 Sturdy combs (no fine tooth or pocket)
- 5 Metal nail clippers

Please be generous as we assist our neighbors in need. Your hands doing God's work.

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

3-2 Ash Wednesday Communion w/Imposition of Ashes
12noon-R 7pm-B

3-6 Boy Scout banquet

3-20 R&K Sub & Pretzel sandwich order deadline for
3-28 pickup 3:30-5:30pm in St. John's, Rngtn pavilion

3-23 St. Mary's Shoo-fly pie \$8 or crust \$3 order deadline
for 3-29 pickup, 10am-12noon Call 570-889-3850 to order.

4-10 Passion Palm Sunday Holy Communion
& Procession w/Palms 9am-B 10:30am-R

4-10 BUSS Seder during regular SS time

4-14 Maundy Thursday Communion 12noon & 7pm at Rngtn

4-15 7pm Good Friday at Brndvl

4-17 The Resurrection of Our Lord Communion 9am-B 10:30am-R

4-23 4:30-6:30pm St. Paul's Chicken&Waffle Dinner-takeout \$12.50

5-15 Recognition of Graduates 5-7pm St. Paul's Ice Cream Social

5-17 BUSS Election Day Luncheon & Bake Sale

5-26 10am Annual Ascension Day Worship at Old White Church

6-5 Day of Pentecost - Affirmation of Baptism

6-10,11 NEP Synod Assembly online

6-25 St. Paul's 65th UCC Anniversary Community picnic 4-7pm

7-31 4pm Brndvl Worship & Covered Dish picnic

8-19&20 4-9pm 23rd Annual Town Social

10-8 11am-4pm 9th Annual Fall Festival

12-10 3pm Bach & Handel Chorale Christmas Concert - tentative