

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, RINGTOWN
COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MAY 2, 2022**

Council members present were Clarissa Geary, Bob Decusky, Bill Rudolph, Deb Shoup, Laura Faust, Wayne Mensinger, Tracy Laudeman, Janice Wasser, Mandy Campbell, Cory Houser, and Pastor Jay. Also present were Marion Chupasco and Judy Rudolph. The meeting was opened with Cory reading devotions. The April minutes were read and approved. Treasurer reports were given, reviewed, approved, and filed for audit.

Pastor's report: 2 private counseling sessions, 6 Private Communion, 10 Hospital/Institutional visits. A motion was made to confirm Lindsay Brouse, Joseph Campbell IV, Hailyana Pritulsky, and Paul Sherakas. Confirmation will be held June 5th.

Office report was reviewed.

Committee reports:

New Hymnal Committee: The congregation started learning the new liturgy May 1st. Everyone should be comfortable by June 12th to switch over completely.

Town Social: Due to a cancellation, Saturday night entertainment is needed.

Property: Furnace will be turned off for the summer and hot water heater started.

Old Business: The contract and check were sent in for the stained glass window. Chicken BBQ tickets will be \$12. The workmen's comp is straightened out and we do not owe anything else. The borough looked at water usage and it is still being monitored. A discussion was held about the new treasurer guidelines and will be discussed further at the next council meeting.

New Business: The wood behind the shed will be burned by a neighbor.

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

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

JUN, JUL, & AUG 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.

**Remember your church
while on vacation...**



**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BRANDONVILLE
COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MAY 3, 2022**

Members in attendance: Pastor Jay, Dotsy Fritz, Bob Fritz, Joe Cocco, Marie Clark, Deb Kapusnick, Georgette Herring, Marion Chupasco

Secretary's Report: The minutes were approved as read.

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

Pastor's Report: Hospital visits 10, private counseling 2, private communions 6, during Holy Week Pastor Jay conducted two services on Palm Sunday, two on Maundy Thursday (Ringtown), one on Good Friday (Brandonville), and two on Easter Sunday. Affirmation of Baptism is coming up. Paul Petrylak is eligible to receive Confirmation. A motion was made to approve his confirmation. A card of thanks from Jamie for the surprise birthday gathering was read by Pastor Jay. Thank you to Bob Fritz for doing the service on April 24th while Pastor Jay was on vacation.

Office Report: Available for review. Ascension Day is May 26, 2022 10am at the Old White Church.

Old Business: Elevator: Bob Fritz met with the company representative. Final measurements were taken. Water needs to be diverted away from the building. The time frame still needs to be discussed. Everything is in the hands of the architect and the permit process. The parking lot continues to be a work in progress. The sign out front continues to be a work in progress. The Memorial Fund treasurer has been transitioned. The new ELW hymnals: a committee from both congregations met. There was a unanimous decision to use setting ten. We did start to practice in the new hymnal as of May 1, 2022. We will move to the new hymnal June 12, 2022. Policies: The procedure for memorial funds/contributions and guidance for treasurers were reviewed. The policies will be publicly posted. Policies for the general fund treasurer and the general guidance for handling money were reviewed. These policies have been developed to protect the congregation and the treasurers. Fund raisers: the Redner's hoagie coupons and the La Casita de Familia coupons are still available.

New Business: Insurances were discussed.

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

**SYNOD ASSEMBLY ONLINE
FRI-SAT, JUN 10-11**

1 male and 1 female delegate are needed to represent each congregation. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Jay or the church office for information. This is a great opportunity to experience the work of our church at large---beyond the Ringtown Valley.

**ST. JOHN'S, BRANDONVILLE
WORSHIP & COVERED DISH PICNIC
SUN, JULY 31, 4pm, at the Sekula pavilion**

Worship to be held outside (weather permitting). You are asked to bring a covered dish as suggested by the first letter of your last name:

A-L Desserts M-S Casseroles T-Z Salads & Vegetables

**BRANDONVILLE UNION
SUNDAY SCHOOL KNOEBELS TRIP
SAT, JUN 4
Meet at pavilion 5**

**BRANDONVILLE UNION
SUNDAY SCHOOL & CEMETERY ANNUAL
MEETING
MON, JUN 6, 7:30pm**

**MR. STICKY STICKY BUN SALE
pickup JUN 8, 3-5:30pm**

...sponsored by St. John's, Rngtn Think Tank Readers on the Grow program. Signup sheets are on the SS area table.
Cost: \$21/half doz
Funds raised go toward the stained glass window project.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUN 20-24, 6:30-8pm**

Mark the dates on your calendar now and plan to attend. Teachers and helpers are needed. Please contact the church office if you can help. Won't you consider sharing your faith with our youth? **Registration deadline is JUN 5.** Forms are on the kitchen counter at Brndvl and SS area table at Rngtn.

**ST. JOHN'S, RNGTN CHICKEN BBQ
SUN, JUL 31, 12-2pm**

...in the pavilion – takeout only \$12 each
1/2 BBQ chicken, baked potato, vegetable, cole slaw, roll & butter Bake Sale also available.

*Joint Communion Worship
at the Old White Church
Sun, Aug 14, 10:30am*

Mark the date and come join in celebrating Holy Communion in this historical landmark.

Old White Church Special Offering Appeal

The church councils have designated the month of August for our annual appeal to raise funds for the Old White Church. Please write your name and "Old White Church" on an envelope and place it in the offering plate or mail to the church office: PO Box 261, Ringtown, PA 17967 Your donations in this envelope will be presented to the Old White Church Preservation Fund on behalf of our congregations to help with the maintenance, upkeep, and finances of this historical landmark. Extra envelopes will be available on the table in the SS area.

ELW HYMNAL

After weeks of practice, both of our congregations will be moving completely to the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal (cranberry color) starting on Sunday, June 12. We will be using Setting 10 in the hymnal, which provides familiar hymn tunes matched to the several parts of the liturgy. While it will take a bit of time to get used to this new service, we believe that, in just a few weeks, we will be familiar enough with the liturgy and hymnal setup that it will flow easily. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jay.

ELW HYMNAL DONATIONS

If you would like to donate one of the new ELW hymnals for \$25 each, please write your name and memorial information (in honor or memory of someone or presented by) on an envelope with your \$25 enclosed, and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. A bookplate will be placed inside the front cover of a hymnal.



CELEBRATING 90+ BIRTHDAY!

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

6-7 Margaret Muhaw
92 Shenandoah Rd.
Ringtown, PA 17967

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.



JULY PRAYER LIST NOTE: If you are aware of anyone who should remain on our prayer list, please contact the church office. All other names will be removed in July.

23rd ANNUAL TOWN SOCIAL FRI & SAT, AUG 19 & 20 DONATIONS REQUESTED...

It's time once again to prepare for our Town Social by asking for your help with designated Sunday donations:
JUN 5: soda-12 oz cans (Coke, Pepsi, Mt. Dew, Root Beer, Sprite, Ginger Ale) Also diet & caffeine free in each brand
JUN 12: bottled water (16 ounce bottles)
JUN 19: hot cups (8 ounce)
JUN 26: paper towels
JUL 3: heavy duty plastic forks
JUL10: napkins
JUL17: 9 & 10 inch heavy duty paper plates (no styrofoam)

Signup sheets will be available on the table in the SS area for other donations needed for our Town Social. Donations of baked goods should be brought on FRI & SAT, AUG 19 & 20.

We will once again have the theme basket auction. Donations of **new items** to be used to assemble theme baskets are requested (i.e. baby items, fishing, car care, baking, gardening, hair/body care, gift certificates, etc.). If you would like to donate a completed theme basket, please contact Jamie Serafin and let her know what type it would be. Theme basket donations are accepted at the discretion of the committee.

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.

2022 FLOWER & BULLETIN CHARTS ...are in the narthex. If you would like to provide flowers or bulletins for any Sunday in 2022, please specify which one you are providing, flowers or bulletins.

Bulletin prices: regular Sundays \$5.00-B \$10.00-R
Christmas & Easter festivals \$10.00-B \$20.00-R

ALTERNATIVE "GREEN" CHOICES FOR ALTAR VASES

In an effort to promote "greening" the church, to be more environmentally friendly, some alternative suggestions are being provided to use when you sign up to sponsor altar flowers. In addition to using flowers from a florist, you might consider garden flowers (when in season); 6-8 inch potted plants (i.e. mums, daisies, daffodils, lilies, etc.); greens (i.e. fresh holly sprigs, pine, curly willow, etc). If in doubt, please check with the church office. This is a way to praise God through nature. **No artificial/silk greens or flowers are permitted.**

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.

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

6-3 5pm Library Book Bingo & Food Sale at Sr. Citizen

6-4 BUSS Knoebels trip

6-5 Day of Pentecost – Affirmation of Baptism

6-8 Think Tank Mr. Sticky sale

6-10,11 NEP Synod Assembly online St. Mary's Block Party

6-12 11:30am-2pm Mt Zion Chicken BBQ \$12 each prepay ticket

See Gary Schell. Funds raised to benefit area fire halls

6-14 Ringtown Rotary Kauffman's Chicken BBQ dinner, \$11 for take-out only. 4pm-6pm at Union Twp bldg.

See Susie Drukker at 570-889-3755.

6-18 4pm-? Mt. Zion Annual Strawberry Festival

6-(20-24) 6:30-8pm Vacation Bible School

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

7-10 4-7pm AMUMC Strawberry Social

7-16 Ringtown Library Yard Sale Day & Booksale 7-15,16,17

7-31 4pm St. John's, Brndvl Worship & Covered Dish picnic

7-31 St. John's, Rngtn Chicken BBQ

8-14 10am Old White Church Joint service AMUMC Peach Social

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

8-28 Rotary Pig Roast

10-1 AMUMC Soup Sale

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

10-23 St. John's, Rngtn Chicken BBQ

12-4 St. Paul's Hanging of the Greens

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

Fire Company Breakfast - 2nd SUN, SEP-APR

Fire Company Pizza Sales - 3rd FRI, SEP-MAY

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