

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, RINGTOWN
COUNCIL MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 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, Jared Lindenmuth, and Gary Schell. Also present were Pastor Smith, Marion Chupasco, and Judy Rudolph. The meeting was opened with Pastor Smith saying a prayer. The August minutes were read and approved.

Treasurers' reports were given, reviewed, approved, and filed for audit.

Pastor's Report: The contract for Pastor Smith needs to be reviewed and then Pastor Smith will sign it.

Office report was reviewed.

Committee reports:

Town Social: Profit from the Town Social was \$7,696.90 which is an increase from the last few years. All went smooth even with the entertainment obstacles.

Property: The tree branch was removed.

Think Tank: Think Tank is finalizing plans for the Fall Festival being held October 8th. Council members will have the drink stand selling apple cider slushies, soda, and water.

Capital Campaign: The committee has reached \$294,600 in pledges and \$123,374 in contributions as of August 31st.

Sunday School: Sunday school is looking to reorganize and is looking for teachers.

Old Business: The furnace in parsonage should stay on but turned down since vacant. A walk thru will be done by 1 or 2 people to look for anything that may need repair. The freezer Pastor Jay and Jamie donated needs to be moved from the parsonage basement into the garage. A special service will be planned for the Sunday before the Stained Glass window is removed. Staci Fetterman took photos of the window with different sun angles, and we will have some items available with these in the future.

New Business: Three people from each church (Ringtown and Brandonville) will be asked to serve on the Call Committee to start the process of looking for a new pastor. Communion procedure will return to the way we used to have it before all the Covid restrictions were implemented, starting in October. The cushions will be placed back on the pews. The hymnals will be handed out with the bulletins as we do not have enough hymnals for all rows. The Boy Scouts asked to use the parking lot for Trunk or Treat on October 30th. Tickets were passed out for the next Chicken BBQ dinner on October 23rd. Ticket sales are due back to Deb Shoup by October 9th. First Communion and Confirmation classes to be organized with initial meeting times set up by Pastor Smith. Parsonage expenses were discussed. Synod Assembly will be held June 1,2,3 in-person, therefore Pastor Smith's churches, Ringtown, and Brandonville can combine towards cost.

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

WORSHIP LEADERS NEEDED!

...for non-communion Sundays when there is no supply pastor available. Please let Marion know if you are willing to help out. Synod will supply a sermon if needed.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BRANDONVILLE
COUNCIL MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

Members In Attendance: Pastor Philip Smith, Marie Clark, Millie Krupilis, Debbie Kapusnick, Joe Cocco, Bob Fritz, Dotsy Fritz

Secretary' Report: Was approved as read.

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

Pastor's Report: The celebration/reception/ farewell picnic for Pastor Jay and Jamie was held at the Ringtown pavilion on August 27, 2022. Everyone had an enjoyable time and enjoyed the good food. Some members took the opportunity to express their fond memories over the years, and they wished Pastor Jay and Jamie all the best in their future endeavors.

Office Report: Available for review.

Old Business: Elevator: There has been some progress. The white lines are on the ground to mark the location. The "one call" has been made. This is a call to the utilities company before any digging is started. This assessment may take place this coming week. **Sign:** The sign has been installed and looks great. **Parking Lot:** This continues to be a work in progress. **Renter's Insurance:** This is a work in progress. We are hoping to have a representative from the insurance company to attend our October meeting. **General Fund Treasurer:** A motion was made to approve Barbara Kawa as the treasurer and to be supported by Billie Jo Grohol as assistant with full treasurer's capability. Bob Fritz would be the third sign on the account. The motion carried. **Treasurer Funds:** The discussion continues to be a work in progress.

New Business: Call Committee: Several people have been asked if they would be willing to participate on the call committee. It has been strongly expressed to all asked that all information regarding the call committee needs to be kept confidential. Pastor Phil offered a fun opportunity for anyone who would be interested in a local train rides. More information can be found on the web site www.RBMNRR.com click on passenger. These train rides are available for the fall season through the Christmas season.

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

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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 this month _____

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.



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 CLASS SUN, OCT 2, 1pm at St. John's, Rngtn

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. 2nd year students will be confirmed on the Day of Pentecost, May 28, 2023.

RINGTOWN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND

Our pledge total is now \$294,060, toward our \$300,000 goal! There's still time to make a pledge! Please contact the church office for a pledge card.

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.

ELW HYMNAL DONATIONS

If you would like to donate one of the new ELW hymnals for \$25 each, please write Memorial Fund, your name, and 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.



9th ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL SAT, OCT 8, 11am-4pm, 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.

BOSCOV'S "FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS" EVENT WED, OCT 19

...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.

ST. JOHN'S, RNGTN CHICKEN BBQ SUN, OCT 23, 11:30am-1:30pm

...in the pavilion – takeout only Tickets: \$12 each
½ BBQ chicken, baked potato, vegetable, cole slaw, roll, butter, dessert **Signup sheet to provide cookies for dessert is on the SS area table. Deadline: OCT 9**



BUSS HALLOWEEN PARTY SUN, OCT 30, 4pm

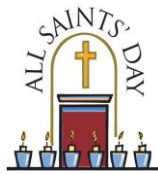
Come & join us for a spoooooooktacular time!

**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 farmer's 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.





ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ***SUN, NOV 6***

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.

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.

ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON & BAKE SALE TUE, NOV 8 at St. John's, Brandonville ...sponsored by the Brandonville Union Sunday School (pre-order quarts of soup)

Your donations of baked goods will be appreciated. In addition to baked goods, soup, hot dogs, BBQ, and other luncheon items will be available. Please bring containers for takeouts.

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

10-1 AMUMC Soup Sale pickup 11:30am-1:30pm

Veg Beef, Ham & Bean and Creekside Chicken Noodle & Italian Wedding soups. \$7/quart

10-4 St. Mary's Shoo fly pie & crust pickup 10am-noon

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

10-19 3-5:30pm Ringtown Library Pot Pie dinner pickup in St.

John's pavilion Ham or Chicken \$11/quart w/2 bread & 2 desserts

10-22 St. Paul's Lasagna order deadline for 11-3 pickup, 4-6pm

\$12 Lasagna, salad, bread & butter, dessert takeout only
570-889-3494, 570-590-9572

10-23 11:30am-1:30pm St. John's, Rngtn Chicken BBQ

10-26 St. Paul's Chili order deadline for 10-29 pickup 2-4pm

\$8.50/quart 570-889-3494, 570-889-3074, 570-889-5912

10-30 6-8pm Trick or Treat night

10-30 6-8pm Trunk or Treat in St. John's lot

11-8 Election Day Luncheon & Bake Sale at Brndvl

11-12 4-7pm Mt. Zion Ham & Chicken dinner \$12

Ham, Chicken, Potato filling, gravy, vegetable, cole slaw, bread, dessert Dine in or Take Out - no ticket needed

11-23 7:30pm Community Thanksgiving Eve service at St. John's, Rng

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?*