

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, RINGTOWN
COUNCIL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 3, 2022**

Council members present were Clarissa Geary, Bob Decusky, Bill Rudolph, Deb Shoup, Laura Faust, Wayne Mensinger, Cory Houser, Jerid Lindenmuth, and Gary Schell. Also present were Pastor Smith, Marion Chupasco, and Judy Rudolph.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Pastor Smith. Nancy Terry spoke to us prior to the meeting concerning the Old White Church's basement and foundation.

The September minutes were read and approved. Treasurers' reports were given, reviewed, approved, and filed for audit.

Pastor's Report: Confirmation class has one person and will meet every Sunday until the studies are complete. There are 3 inquiries for First Holy Communion and class will be held October 16th at 2:30 pm.

Office report was reviewed.

Old Business: The furnace in parsonage will be cleaned the week of October 10th.

New Business: A Thank You note was read from Pastor Jay and Jamie thanking the congregation for the dinner and gift. A thank you note was also read from the Library thanking the church for the donation to the Basket Raffle/Slow Pitch Softball Event. Grape juice will now be an alternative to wine during communion. The money collected for Harvest Home will be donated to the Food Pantry. A motion was made to place \$200 into the Thrivent Money Market account from Gary's donation of his treasurer's pay. Three people have agreed to serve on the Call Committee from Ringtown, they are Jewel Tuberty, Judy Llewellyn, and Jamie Anczarski. Marion will also serve as a representative from both churches.

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 OCTOBER 4, 2022**

Members in attendance: Pastor Philip Smith, Dotsy Fritz, Bob Fritz, Marie Clark, Millie Krupilis, Joe Cocco, Debbie Kapusnick, Georgette Herring, Donna Anthony, Marion Chupasco, Bob Novatnak, Robbie Novatnak. During our monthly meeting we scheduled time for a representative from Church Mutual Insurance to speak to us regarding insurance coverage. An Insurance review was prepared and made available for the council.

Secretary's Report: Was approved as read.

Treasurers' Reports: Those available were reviewed and sent to audit.

Pastor's Report: A First Holy Communion class has been scheduled for October 16, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. There are three eligible youth.

Office Report: Available for review. We still have openings for worship leader volunteers. On October 30, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. the Brandonville Union Sunday School is hosting a Halloween party. Everyone is invited.

Old Business: The elevator construction has started and is progressing. The parking lot continues to be a work in progress. The Call Committee for Brandonville will be Marie Clark, Gail Pretko, and Larry Grohol. Marion Chupasco will be a part of both committees. Redner's hoagie coupons and La Casita gift certificates are available for purchase.

New Business: Joe Cocco made a motion to appoint Donna Anthony for one of the open council positions. Joe Cocco made a request that moving forward could a roll call be made prior to the start of the council meetings. As the secretary, I have always documented those individuals attending the meetings. I will have a sign in sheet available for the members of council to sign at the meetings. We received a thank-you card from Pastor Jay and Jamie.

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.



**THANKSGIVING EVE
COMMUNITY WORSHIP
WED, NOV 23, 7:30pm
at St. John's**

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!**

RINGTOWN SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTE

All parents of children age 3 and up are asked to contact the church office by email or leave a message with your child's name, age, and grade so that we can try and get the Sunday program started again. **Teachers and helpers are needed!**

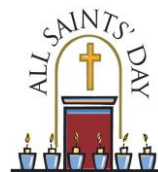
SOCIAL MINISTRY ENVELOPES

Write your name and "St. John's Local Social Ministry" on an envelope and mail it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Your donations in this envelope 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.

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.



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.

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.

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.

**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.

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.

Give
THANKS
WITH A GRATEFUL
HEART 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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

11-6 All Saints' Sunday w/Candlelighting Ceremony & First Communion w/reception

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

11-13 Poinsettia order deadline.

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

12-4 4pm BUSS Christmas program

12-4 7:30pm St. Paul's Hanging of the Greens

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?*

