

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, RINGTOWN
COUNCIL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 7, 2024**

Council members present were Clarissa Geary, Joan Mensinger, Cory Houser, Jewel Tuberty, Gary Williams, Gary Schell, Jerid Lindenmuth, Wayne Mensinger, Janice Wasser, Jim Hart, and Tracy Laudeman. Also present were Pastor Smith, Judy Rudolph, and Marion Chupasco. The meeting was opened with Joan Mensinger reading the devotions. Minutes from last month were read and approved.

Treasurer reports were reviewed and filed for audit.

Pastor's report: First communion students were instructed and are ready for First Communion. There were no Confirmation students. Ham and Chicken dinner will be held at Mt. Zion Church in Zion Grove on November 9th, 2024.

Office report was reviewed. Take and Bake Filling Sale was added for November 27th from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

Committee reports:

Town Social – profit was \$7,637.72. No Post Town Social meeting scheduled yet.

Sunday School – Tracy and Jerid will hold a special event Sunday Oct. 20th for the kids to carve pumpkins, etc. for Halloween.

AED Committee needed. Discussion about starting this committee took place.

Helping Hands – Fellowship Lunch and Info Session was successful. Discussion to hold another Fellowship Lunch on the last Sunday in January. Thank you to all who helped.

Old Business:

A thank you letter was written by Marion for the donated fryers and was read and approved by council. Cutting down the tree and possible dates were discussed. A church cleanup was discussed and about getting a dumpster. Building committee is going to take a tour of the church in Oneida.

New Business:

Ron Brown will lead church service on Christmas Eve. Nancy Terry to spearhead new mission statement and assemble a committee. Organists are limited coming up in the next couple months. First Communion reception is being organized. We will be donating shirts for the hurricane support drive. Council member terms were discussed. Council addressed most of the questions about the new building at the fellowship luncheon. Harvest home donations will go to the Food Pantry. Social Ministry donated \$500 to the new AED cost. Miss You cards to be sent out. Trunk or Treat was approved by the council. Highlights were given by Wayne Mensinger about the Council Presidents meeting with synod.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Jerid Lindenmuth, secretary with help from
Joan Mensinger



**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BRANDONVILLE
COUNCIL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 1, 2024**

Members In Attendance: Pastor Phil Smith, Bob Fritz, Marie Clark, Millie Krupilis, Deb Kapusnick, Joe Cocco, Donna Anthony, Georgette Herring, Marion Chupasco

Secretary's Report: Approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: There was no report available.

Pastor's Report: There are six students for First Holy Communion classes. The first class was held on 09/29/2024. The students will be ready for 10/13/2024. Pastor Phil did a home visit. There were no catechism students. A copy of Pastor Phil's expenses was given.

Office Report: Available for review. A baptism is scheduled for 11/17/2024.

Old Business: We have not received any updates on the Christmas concert. The wooden doors at the bottom of the stairs continue to be a work in progress. The outside enclosure for the elevator is almost complete.

New Business: Church council elections: terms ending are Donna Anthony, Deb Kapusnick, and Millie Krupilis. Billie Jo Grohol is continuing to move forward with the LLM certification. She needs to complete all the requirements in order to complete her certification.

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

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS
SUN, NOV 24**

...called by the church councils at Brandonville and Ringtown for the expressed purpose of electing church council members whose term would begin JAN 2025.

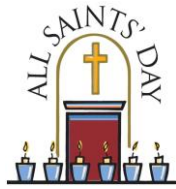
WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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 greeter 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 NEWS!

Pledge monies received to date: \$255,721 toward the \$300,060 goal. "Capital Campaign" envelopes are available in the pew if you would like to make a contribution toward this building project. We continue to ask you to prayerfully consider how you might help contribute financially to our Capital Campaign as we move forward in our new church building project. Help make our ministry happen!





ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
SUN, NOV 3

During worship that day we will 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, NOV 3&17, 9:30am at Rngtn
Every 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. 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!**
A nursery class for 3-5yr olds may be offered during worship once or twice a month at Rngtn if there is enough interest.

RINGTOWN BIBLE STUDY
NOV 10&24, DEC 8&22

...9:15am in the nursery room. We will meet twice a month and will discuss "Seamless", a 7 session book, beginning with the Old Testament. See Laura Faust for more information. High School to Adults welcome.

WORSHIP COMMITTEES FOR NOVEMBER 2024
Brandonville
Altar- Joe Cocco & Donna Anthony

Ringtown
Altar: Ann Brown, Joan Mensinger
Ushers: Tracy Laudeman, Joan Mensinger
Communion Glass Usher: Joan Mensinger
Greeters: Volunteers

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

ELECTION DAY
LUNCHEONS & BAKE SALES
TUE, NOV 5

at St. John's, Brandonville...11am-sellout
sponsored by Brandonville Union Sunday School
(pre-order quarts of soup)

at St. John's, Ringtown...11am-6pm
sponsored by Helping Hands
4-6pm dinner available: Mac & Cheese or
Ham, Mac & Cheese, & green bean platter
available till sellout

Your donations of baked goods will be appreciated. In addition to baked goods, soup, hot dogs, BBQ, and other luncheon items will be available. Rngtn signup sheet for baked goods is on the SS table.

THANKSGIVING EVE
COMMUNITY WORSHIP
WED, NOV 27, 6pm at St. Mary's

HELPING HANDS
TAKE & BAKE FILLING SALE
WED, NOV 27

3:30-6pm pickup in the church basement
potato and bread filling **freezable**
2 lb pan (4 1/2 cups) \$9.00 each
See Helping Hands members for tickets.

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.

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 project

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA
ORDER DEADLINE NOV 12

Forms are available on the SS table or bulletin stand.

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.

READERS ON THE GROW PROGRAM NOTE

Think Tank would like to remind families receiving books to please notify the church office of any address change to avoid paying a return postage fee and your child missing a book delivery.

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION OFFERING ENVELOPES

Cemetery Association offering envelopes are now available in the pew pockets and on the SS area table for your use if you would like to help with cemetery maintenance, upkeep, and finances.

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.

ST. JOHN'S, RINGTOWN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

5inch Family Tree Ornament \$10 (apprx 10 names)
12inch Family Tree Wall Hanger \$35 (apprx 20 names)
Order forms are on the SS area table at Ringtown along with sample pictures of each. All orders to be prepaid: No personal checks. Cash or Money Order made out to: CASH. Rentschlers is also taking orders.

2024 FLOWER & BULLETIN CHARTS

...are in the narthex. If you would like to provide flowers or bulletins for any Sunday in 2024, 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

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 Shirley Troy.

ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER?

So far this year we have received \$1,324 in Choice Dollars. If you are a Thrivent member and qualify to apply for a \$250 Thrivent Action Team Project seed money gift card, please contact the church office. We have several upcoming events at Brandonville and Ringtown. These gift cards help purchase supplies for our events and add to the profits raised. You either qualify for 1 or 2 projects. If you are not sure, contact Thrivent to see if your products qualify. Organizations registered in our area are both St. John's, Brandonville and Ringtown and the Ringtown Area Library. You can direct Choice Dollars by going online to your account or calling 1-800-847-4836; press 1 and follow the directions. Your help is greatly appreciated!

YOUR SISTER'S CLOSET

The YSC shop is open TUE, THR, and SAT, 10am to 2pm. "Your Sister's Closet" is available to help women in need with clothes and a lot more. Volunteer help is always needed. Call Donna or Peggy. The office cell phone is 570-487-9977. Like their Facebook page for events, news and YSC updates!

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 & HELPING HARVEST

2nd SAT of month, 9-11am at Ringtown
3rd SAT of month, 9-11am, FEB, APR, JUN, AUG, OCT, DEC at Nuremberg
4th FRI of month 2-3:30pm Helping Harvest at Ringtown
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 to purchase cards for \$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.

NOTE: REDNERS TAPES OLDER THAN 3 YEARS ARE REJECTED.

UPCOMING EVENTS

11-2 10am-Noon St. Paul's Chili order pickup
11-5 Election Day Luncheons & Bake Sales
B-11am-5pm R-11am-6pm
11-9 4-7pm Mt. Zion Ham & Chicken Dinner
Adults \$15 Children 12&under \$7
11-27 3:30-5:30pm Take & Bake Filling order pickup
11-27 6pm Community Thanksgiving Eve worship at St. Mary's
12-1 4pm BUSS Christmas program
12-8 7pm St. Paul's Hanging of the Greens
12-14 3pm Schuylkill Chorale Society Christmas concert
at St. John's, Ringtown
12-21 4-7pm Ringtown Library Winter Solstice Luminary Walk
at the Union Township trail Luminary deadline is DEC 16
Luminary sponsorship is \$10 each
Fire Company Breakfast-2nd SUN, OCT-APR
Pizza Sales-3rd FRI, OCT-MAY