

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, RINGTOWN  
COUNCIL MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2025**

**Council members present** were Gary Williams, Jerid Lindenmuth, Wayne Mensinger, Jim Hart, Tracy Laudeman, Jewel Tuberty, Laura Rusinko, Bruce Hart, Pastor Michelle, Sandy Hart, and Joan Mensinger. Also present were Clarissa Geary and Marion Chupasco. The meeting was opened with Jerid Lindenmuth reading the devotions. Minutes from last month were read and approved.

**Treasurer reports** were reviewed, approved, and filed for audit.

**Pastor's report:** Worship services - 4 Sunday Services (Old White Church), Meetings : 4 Councils (2) Town Social, worship and music, Funerals 3 - Marie Shoup, Shirley Aldrich, Donald Williams, Wedding - 1 Rosemary Tambasco & Francis Arburshites, Meetings with other pastors - 1, Visits - home, hospital, etc. (including funeral and wedding prep 18) Town Social, Snack and chats 5 (one more scheduled), Racial Justice Team -1, FLA - 2 meetings (one mentor, 1 cohort), Bible Studies - will begin on Sept 15, Breakfast with the Bible to begin 10-4, Lunch with the pastor to begin in October. The FLA teams will begin meeting as soon as FLA session has finished.

**Office report** was reviewed.

**Committee reports:**

**Helping Hands** – Hoagie Sale set for Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. It was discussed to have more distance between events. Issues with the refrigerator in the garage were mentioned. Luncheon dates were discussed. The pastor's installation is set for Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup> with a dinner at 4pm.

**Town Social**- The town social was a big success this year. Both food and entertainment went really well. The bounce house was a hit with the children. We are looking at getting new tickets for next year with price amounts. Jewel will organize supplies next year due to issues during the take down. New signs will need to be ordered next year as well.

**Worship & Music** – Hymns have been chosen along with Advent preparation service being discussed.

**Building & Maintenance** – Building plans discussed. Gary Williams fixed the outdoor faucet. Parsonage discussed. Pastor Michelle is going to attend a webinar on renting and selling parsonages.

**Old Business:**

The Old White Church service went really well. Pastor Michelle did a wonderful job. Emmanuel Church will be holding their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The installation dinner is set with everyone bringing a covered dish on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>. Church insurance discussed.

**New Business:**

Pastor Michelle was approved for a vacation from Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>. Starting Sunday school Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> but so far we have no teachers. Discussed upcoming church council elections. Time & Talent forms updated. Talking about having fresh bread again for Holy Communion.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
Jerid Lindenmuth, secretary

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BRANDONVILLE  
COUNCIL MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**

**Members in Attendance:** Pastor Michelle Beissel, Bob Fritz, Millie Krupilis, Patricia Krupilis, Donna Anthony, Marion Chupasco. Pastor Michelle opened with devotions.

**Secretary's Report:** The report approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Not available.

**Pastor's Report:** 4 Sunday services including Old White Church; 4 meetings: 2 church council, Town Social, Worship & Music; 3 funerals- Marie Shoup, Shirley Aldrich, Donald Williams; 1 wedding- Rosemary Tambasco & Francis Arburshites; 1 meeting with other pastors; 18 visits: home, hospital, etc. (including funeral and wedding prep); Town Social; 5 Snack & Chats (one more scheduled); 1 Racial Justice Team meeting; 2 Financial Leadership Academy meetings (1 mentor, 1 cohort) Bible Study will begin SEPT 15, Breakfast with the Bible to begin OCT 4. Lunch with the pastor to begin in OCT. The Financial Leadership Academy teams will begin meeting as soon as the FLA Session has finished. Pastor Michelle will be away SEPT 29-OCT 1 for FLA. She will take vacation OCT 7-13. OCT Church Council meeting is moved to OCT 5, 4:30pm.

**Office Report:** Available for review.

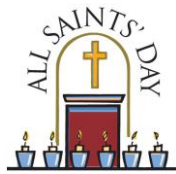
**Old Business:** Altar Ware: will check with Bergers, Almy, and Augsburg Fortress. Installation: SEPT 21, 4pm. Tents will be used for the covered dish (weather permitting), several congregational members will be contacted to participate; Helping Hands will make 2 meats (turkey and beef), Bishop deForest and Pastor Ken Melber will participate, Pastor Brian Beissel will preach, Timmy will acolyte, and there will be a joint choir. Area clergy have also been invited. Hospitality tour: to be scheduled

**New Business:** A Snack & Chat will take place WED, SEPT 3, 4:30pm at the Sekula pavilion. 2 people expressed interest in joining. FLA team: 3 to 4 people to form team to discuss financial goals, etc. How does the community see our church (viewed as or known for)? We will establish our theme statement and say it at the end of the service to reinforce it. There are 3 upcoming workshops on Mission, Parsonage, and Stewardship. Church Council elections are coming up in NOV with 2 vacancies to be filled. Discussed adding sidewalk greeters to the Time & Talent form (to help with doors, steps, elevator, walkers, etc.).

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
Marion Chupasco, acting secretary

Remember your church this month...





## ***ALL SAINTS SUNDAY SUN, NOV 2***

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, 9:30am at Rngtn 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!**

## **FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION SAT, OCT 25, 9am at Brndvl**

All members in 1<sup>st</sup> grade or those who have not yet received prior instruction are required to complete these classes in order to receive communion. If you are aware of any member who should attend, please contact the church office with their name or bring them to this class.

## **CATECHISM INSTRUCTION class date to be announced**

All 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade members and those eligible who have not been confirmed yet are asked to attend these classes. If you are aware of any member who should attend, please contact the church office with their name or bring them to these classes.



## **BIBLE STUDY**

**MON, OCT 6, 20, 27, 11am at Rngtn**

Bring your bible and a bag lunch or snack and join Pastor Michelle for a bible study about "the Bad Girls of the Bible". See Pastor Michelle for more information. All are welcome.

## **"Seamless"**

## **BIBLE STUDY**

**SUN, OCT 12&26, NOV 9&23**

...9:15am in the nursery room. We will meet twice a month and continue discussing "Seamless". See Laura Rusinko for more information. High School to Adults welcome.

## **LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR**

**WED, OCT 15, 12noon**

**at Rngtn Luna's Pizza**

See Pastor Michelle for more information.

## **BREAKFAST WITH THE BIBLE**

**SAT, OCT 18, 9am**

**at the Dutch Kitchen in Frackville.**

Bring your bible. See Pastor Michelle for more information. Watch your bulletin for the next location.

## **ST. JOHN'S, RNGTN CHICKEN BBQ**

**SUN, OCT 19, 11:30am-1:30pm**

...in the pavilion – takeout only

\$14-each meal \$8-½ chicken only

meal includes: 1/2 BBQ chicken, baked potato, vegetable, cole slaw, roll & butter, dessert

See church council for tickets.

**Signup sheet to provide cookies for dessert is on the SS area table.**

## **RINGTOWN FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**

**SUN, OCT 26**

...following worship. A signup sheet will be available, but no one will be turned away.

## **BRANDONVILLE UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL**

## **HALLOWEEN PARTY**

**SUN, OCT 26 4pm**

Come & join us for a spooooooktacular time!

## **ST. JOHN'S, RINGTOWN "TRICK OR TREAT" NIGHT HOT CHOCOLATE STAND**

**SAT, NOV 1, 6-8pm**

We are once again sponsoring a hot chocolate stand and donations of hot chocolate mix canisters, snack size candy, or monetary donations toward milk and supplies would be appreciated. You are also invited to join us in front of the church to hand out your "treats" and share a hoooooowling good time!

## HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands would like to thank all those who supported us with purchases of Hoagies, the many members who helped with the Hoagie assembly, Installation Covered Dish, and Fellowship Lunch. Your ongoing support means very much to us! A special thank you to those who donated for these events: Diane Rumbel, Linda and Smokey Shoup, Gary Schell, Gary Williams, and Marie Clark.

Fall Festival at Smokey Hollow Winery October 4+5

Pasta Dinner November 15

Fellowship Lunch October 26, November 30

## LA CASITA DE FAMILIA RESTAURANT

**GIFT CERTIFICATE 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.

## RINGTOWN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS!

**Pledge monies received to date: \$278,164 toward the \$300,060 goal.**

**Please submit your pledges to help reach our 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!

## BOSCOV'S

### "FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS" EVENT

**WED, OCT 22**

...sponsored by St. John's. For a \$5 donation you receive a 25% off shopping pass (**in store & online**) and you can register to win prizes. The entire \$5 donation benefits St. John's.

## ELECTION DAY

### LUNCHEONS & BAKE SALES

**TUE, NOV 4**

**at St. John's, Brandonville....11am-sellout**

**sponsored by Brandonville Union Sunday School  
(pre-order quarts of soup)**

**at St. John's, Ringtown....11am-2pm**

**sponsored by Helping Hands**

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

## 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.

## 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.

## 2025 FLOWER & BULLETIN CHARTS

...are in the narthex. If you would like to provide flowers or bulletins for any Sunday in 2025, 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

## 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.

## WALK -IN FLU SHOT CLINIC

**TUE, OCT 7, 10am - 1pm**

...at the Ringtown Valley Senior Citizens Bldg  
All ages, all insurances. No appointment needed. Bring ID and insurance card. Hosted by RVSC, Provided by Valley Pharmacy, Drums.

Call Diane Rumbel with questions 570-590-1566.

## YOUR SISTER'S CLOSET

The YSC shop is open TUE & THR from 11am to 4pm, and SAT from 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 Peggy. The office cell phone is 570-497-9977. Like their Facebook page for events, news and YSC updates!

## WORSHIP COMMITTEES FOR OCTOBER 2025

### Brandonville

Altar: Kawa Family

### Ringtown

Altar: Choir

Ushers: Laura Rusinko, Janice Wasser

Communion Glass Usher: Volunteer

Greeters: Volunteers

## UPCOMING EVENTS

10-4 11:30am-2pm AMUMC Annual Soup Sale order pickup

10-7 10am-1pm Walk-in Flu Shot clinic at the Rngtn Sr. Citizen bldg

10-8 St. Mary's Shoo-fly pie \$9 or crust \$3 order deadline  
for 10-14 pickup, 10am-12noon Call 570-889-3850 to order.

10-19 11:30am-1:30pm St. John's Chicken BBQ

10-19 St. Paul's Chili order deadline for 10-25, 10am-noon pickup  
\$10/quart 570-889-3494 or 570-889-3074 to order

10-26 & 11-30 Fellowship Luncheons at St. John's, Rngtn

10-26 4pm BUSS Halloween Party

11-1 6-8pm Trick or Treat Night & St. John's Hot Chocolate stand

11-4 Election Day Luncheons & Bake Sales

B-11am-sellout R-11am-2pm

11-9 2pm Your Sisters Closet Fashion Show at Methodist Church

11-15 Helping Hands Pasta Dinner

11-26 7pm Community Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. Paul's UCC

12-7 4pm BUSS Christmas program

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

12-14 3pm Schuylkill Choral Society Ensemble Christmas  
concert at St. John's

12-21 Ringtown Library Luminary Walk

Fire Company Breakfast-3rd SUN, OCT-APR

Pizza Sales-3rd FRI, OCT-MAY

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

The LIGHT of  
GOD  
Surrounds Me

The LOVE of  
GOD  
Enfolds Me

The POWER of  
GOD  
Protects Me

The PRESENCE of  
GOD  
Watches Over Me

Wherever I Am  
GOD IS

## ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER?

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!

## FOOD PANTRY-REDNERS GIFT CARDS HELPING HARVEST

2<sup>nd</sup> SAT of month, 9-11am at Ringtown

3<sup>rd</sup> SAT of month, 9-11am, FEB, APR, JUN, AUG, OCT, DEC  
at Nuremberg

4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

Happy Moments  
PRAISE GOD

Difficult Moments  
SEEK GOD

Quiet Moments  
WORSHIP GOD

Painful Moments  
TRUST GOD

Every Moment  
THANK GOD